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STAR CALENDAR

Closed for Labor Day

The Dakota County Star's offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

We will be open for business on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 8:30 a.m. and will resume normal hours.

If you have a news tip or question over the holiday weekend, call Mike at (402) 660-9682 or e-mail mike@dak-

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

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

County board meeting

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their first September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse. The meeting is moved from its regular Monday time slot due to the Labor Day

A current agenda is available on the Dakota County website at www.dakotacountyne.org.

Got an event?

If your school, church or nonprofit has an upcoming event that you'd like to promote, send the information to the Dakota County Star at least two weeks ahead of time.

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The newspaper also has space on Facebook — search for "Dakota County Star" and look for the Star logo as the icon for the page. "Like" the page to stay up to date on local news and in-

LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF AUG. 29-SEPT. 4, 2024

THURSDAY

Good chance for storms.



55 Mostly sunny.

56

56

SATURDAY



Mainly sunny.

A few passing clouds.



Partly cloudy.



56 Mostly sunny.

WEDNESDAY



58

City Council approves 1-6 yr. road plan

By MICHAEL CARNES Star Publisher

More than 20 projects on the South Sioux City road plan for fiscal year 2024-25 are listed on the one-year plan approved by the City Council at Monday's meeting.

Another 20-plus plans are on the agenda for the six-year part of the plan, which the Council had to approve before the end of the August as required by state law.

Most of the 21 projects on the one-year plan involve milling and asphalt overlay, along with draining improvements and removal and replacement of concrete paving. Included in the plans are the construction of a quiet zone on the BNSF railroad intersection at 39th Street and a 10-foot concrete installment of the Westside Trail from the intersection of Highway 77 and 21st Street to one-half block east of Third Avenue on 21st Street.

City Administrator Lance Hedquist said that projects listed on the six-year plan can

be moved to the one-year plan if it is deemed Netsys Plus at \$43,356.30). to be necessary and is approved by the City

Also at Monday's meeting, the Council approved the last of a series of ARPA projects that the city has undertaken with federal money that was given to city and county governments during the recent pandemic. Government entities have until the end of this year to commit the funds to projects, and those funds must be spent by the end of 2026.

'Our goal is to have everything committed by the end of September so we can get Walsh. "We don't want to have to try to do at \$145.56). it in December when everybody is using that portal."

The ARPA-related items that were approved at Monday's meeting on a 5-0 vote (Carol Schuldt, Rick Bosquet and Jason Bowman were absent) include:

OLD-FASHIONED A.C. FOR OLD-FASHIONED VESPER SERVICE

Replacement of patron computers at the city library (Low bid to Marco at \$12,181.86). A 2024 Ford Maverick for the City Parks Department (State contract bid of \$26,922).

Cameras for pickleball courts and Scenic Park (Low bid to Thompson Solutions Group for \$11,840.35).

Library project (CMBA Architechts,

Replace pool deck lights (Stateline Electric, \$6,800).

 Printer/copier for fire station (Century) them into the system," said City Clerk Nanci Link, \$71,31.94 purchase or 60-month lease

In other action, the Council:

held a public hearing on an extreme blight designation on a portion of the west side of the city along Old Highway 20 and 29th Street. The hearing was held as part of a process that would allow the city to poten-— Network switch bids (Lowest bid to tially carry on urban redevelopment projects

- approved a subaward agreement to improve the lighting at one of the softball fields just east of Scenic Park.

 approved an ordinance to update the National Electric Code.

— approved a \$22.5 million promissory note that will assist in the construction of improvements to the city's wastewater treatment plant, allowing the city to construct a northsouth line that will allow the plant to take in residential and commercial wastewater.

 approved a plan to install drainage under West 29th Street to move water away from the Senior Citizen Center.

- approved the acceptance of engineering bids to replace the Timberline Lift Station, which is rusting out.

- approved a request by First Serve Tennis Center to install a sign on the east side of the building that will be visible from Inter-

Local woman waives

hearing

A South Sioux City woman who is charged with helping her estranged husband avoid arrest waived her right to a preliminary hearing last week in Dakota County District Court. Reyna Castellanos, 36, is alleged to

have picked up her estranged husband, Alfredo Castellanos-Rosales at a gas station near the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Dakota City and driven him to a

Sioux City credit union and then to a home in Jackson, before later driving him to another home in Sioux City.

Castellanos-Rosales was wanted as a suspect in the April 25, 2023 stabbing death of his ex-girlfriend, Jordan Beardshear, at her

Castellanos apartment in Dakota Dunes, S.D. After the stabbing, he called Castel-

lanos and asked her to pick him up. Castellanos initially denied any knowledge of the murder, but later admitted to

picking her estranged husband up at the Pony Express gas station near the Tyson plant, taking him to a bank and then leaving him on a highway in Sioux City. She denied having any other contact with him.

After a search of her cell phone that she consented to, investigators found informa-

SEE **HEARING**, 2A

A Sunday tradition in D.C.

Fans -- electric and hand-operated -- were the order of the day as the annual Vesper Service was held in the "Old" Emmanuel Lutheran Church

in Dakota City. With afternoon temperatures in the 90's, the lack of air conditioning made Sunday's service a steamy one for those in attendance

Vesper Service looks back at church history

By MICHAEL CARNES Star Publisher

DAKOTA CITY — How did our

forefathers do it? Sitting in the "Old" Emmanuel

as United Methodist Pastor Julie Raridan delivers the sermon.

Lutheran Church for the annual Vesper Service on one of the hottest Sundays of the summer, the question was asked — silently — as the sweat rolled off the brows of the two dozen who were in attendance at the oldest wood-framed church still standing in

The church's long history, which dates back to 1860 (seven years before Nebraska officially became a state), was evident as a cooler full of bottled water and several strategically-placed fans tried in vain to keep cool those in attendance.

The church, which is cared for by the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS), was built only 58 years after Lewis and Clark trudged through the area on their way west in their discovery of America in the early 19th century. It has seen quite a bit in its 164 years at its location at 1500 Hickory Street in Dakota City, and every summer the Dakota County Historical Society opens its doors for a "Vesper Service," which is a regular worship service held in the late afternoon or evening.

The church was the first Lutheran church building constructed in the

state and is the oldest building of its type still standing in Nebraska. An older building that had been built in Bellevue several years earlier burned down about a decade ago, according to Dennis Reiner, president of the

The current structure came after plans to move a building to the location from South Sioux City went up in smoke — literally "The Lutherans in the area back

in the 1850's had found a building somewhere in South Sioux City and were in the process of moving it to Dakota City," he said. "Prairie fires were common back in those days, and about halfway into its move a prairie fire came through and burned the building down.

According to the DCHS' website, the congregation was first served by Rev. Henry W. Kuhns, a missionary sent by the Allegheny Synod to the Nebraska Territory. Kuhns preached his first sermon in the front room of the old Bates House (hotel) in November 1850 and formally organized the church on July 22, 1859. The membership immediately

made plans to move an abandoned building from the long since-abandoned town of Pacific City, but those plans were thwarted when the struc-

SEE VESPER, 2A



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

A cooler holds ice-cold bottled water while a fan tries in vain to keep parishoners cool during Sunday's Vesper Service at the "Old" Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dakota City.

Homicide charge tossed in 2023 crash

A Hooper man who was driving a truck involved in a 2023 crash that killed a Dakota City teenager will not be charged with vehicular homicide at this time.

Chad Bundy, 50, was bound over to district court last week on a felony charge of leaving the scene of a fatal accident. Two misdemeanor charges vehicular homicide and a load violation — were dismissed without prejudice, leaving open the possibility that charge could be refiled



Nebraska Highway 35 regarding an accident that killed Kassandra Claassen, 17, of Dakota CIty. It is believed a pipe fell from a straight truck Bundy was driving and the pipe went through the front windshield of Claasen's Jeep, hitting her in the chest. Her vehicle left the road in the 500 block of Highway 35 and rolled. During the investigation, Dakota County Sheriff's deputies found a round metal pipe near the

Bundy was arrested in July in connec-

tion with an April 27, 2023 accident on

SEE HOMICIDE, 2A



Friends of Faith set

Emerson News

Friends of Faith, the after-school program, will start in September at St. Luke Lutheran Church. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ashley Lacy. There are sign-up sheets at both St. Luke and St Paul's Lutheran

E-H elects class officers

Class officers have been elected at Emerson-Hubbard middle school and high school

Seniors: (Sponsor: Matthews) President- Jackson Belt; Vice President- AJ Usngan; Secretary- Frank Lopez. Juniors: (Sponsor: Lieber) President- Rachael Bous-

quet; Vice President- Thatcher Lamp; Secretary- Alejandra Hermosillo. Sophomores: (Sponsor: Braun) President- Ivy Mar-

tinek; Vice President- Joslyn Mackling; Secretary- Jamil Freshmen: (Sponsor: Nielsen) President- Ally Belt;

Vice President- Chloe Peters; Secretary- Logan Morgan. 8th Grade: (Sponsor: Griesel) President- Benjamin Bousquet; Vice President- Kash Mackling; Secretary-DeLaney Fuchser.

7th Grade: (Sponsor: Huber) President- Grayson Anderson; Vice President- Madyx Beacom; Secretary- Pax-

6th Grade: (Sponsor: Beckwith) President- Jack Steele; Vice President- Naya Schultz; Secretary- Jayden Wilcox.

ACT tests encouraged

All college-bound students are encouraged to take the ACT tests during the fall semester.

The registration deadline for the October test is Sept. 20, and the October test is Oct. 29. For more information you may contact Mrs, Sandy Ahlers.

Labor Day Monday

No school on Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day.



Resources District, presents a check to Tarry Daum, chairman of the Village of Emerson Board, for partnering with the Community Forestry Incentive Project. The trees from this project were planted in our Emerson City Park. The Village of Emerson would like to thank the Lower Elkhorn NRD for their continued support of keeping our parks beautiful in Emerson. The Lower Elkhorn NRD works closely with the people across a 15-county district, providing funding for a wide variety of projects. Projects and programs include flood reduction projects, tree planting projects, decommissioning of wells, soil conservation, water quality, recreation facilities and wildlife habitat.

Emerson-Hubbard Schools

JH football will be Tuesday, Sept. 3 with Homer at Emerson; and Monday, Sept. 9 at Hartington; JH Volleyball is Tuesday, Sept. 3 vs. Winnebago at Emerson.

(PHOTO BY LULENE SEBADE) Roger Gustafson, President of the Lower Elkhorn Natural

Every Tuesday

Friday, Aug. 30 — EH Football vs. Bancroft Rosalie

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Nebraska renters: Help is available for past-due payments

The Nebraska Emergency Rental Assistance program helps income-qualified renters outside of Douglas and Lancaster counties with:

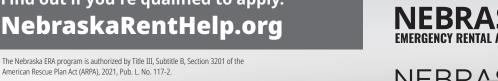
- Past-due and future rent payments
- Past-due, renter-paid utility and internet payments

Funds do not need to be paid back.

Find out if you're qualified to apply.







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Dianna Spirk sings "He Lives" as Benita Yacevich plays an old pump organ that has been in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church for more than a century. The music came during the annual Vesper Service at the church in Dakota City.

VESPER: Sultry Sunday heat part of oldtime service

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ture was destroyed by a prairie fire while being moved to Dakota City.

The church that stands today was designed and built by Augustus T. Haase, a local carpenter and a member of the congregation. Built of redwood, the cost of the new wood-framed building was \$2,000.

that stands today, and the church has seen a lot more than the usual Sunday services, weddings and funerals. "It was a land office at one time, it was used as a courthouse," Reinert said. "We probably only know half of

Locals put together some money to build the structure

what's gone on in that church over the last 160 years." And it was good timing that got the church built — it opened its doors one year before the Civil War that ravaged America from 1861-1865.

"Had they delayed it, they would have never gotten it days, but they toughed it out."

the church built just in time."

of Historic Places on Aug. 14, 1973, traditionally opens twice during the year — for tours during the city's Cottonwood Days celebration and the last Sunday in August for the annual Vesper Service, a tradition more than three decades old, according to Reinert. About two dozen people were in attendance for the

built because of the Civil War," Reinert said. "They got

The church, which was added to the National Register

Vesper Service, with United Methodist Pastor Julie Raridan delivering the sermon with music provided by Benita Yacevich on the pump organ and singing by Dianna Spirk, both Dakota City residents.

And while most were able to make it through a Sunday afternoon service with temperatures in the 90's, still the question was asked.

"The heat was pretty tough Sunday," Reinert admitted. "It makes you wonder h ow they handled it in the old

50 percent.

process

funding allotted to grants from 25 to

you either need to be an agricultural

producer which would be involved

in the day-to-day operations of the

farm production and at least 50 per-

cent of their income would come

from that, or be a rural small busi-

ness and be in a population area of

Darr Grain in Cozad is building

two wind turbines with the help of

funding from the program which

could save the company as much as

\$10,000 a year in electricity costs.

Faber pointed out free grant-writ-

ing assistance is available for those

wanting help with the application

Funding from the program al-

lowed fourth-generation farmer and

rancher Alan Koelling in Ord to pur-

chase a new centrifuge for his fam-

ily's sunflower oil company, Simply Sunflowers. Koelling said not only is

the centrifuge more energy efficient,

it was instrumental in growing their

trifuge was a big help in speeding

Koelling explained. "As we can in-

crease production, we can naturally

have been years before they were able to purchase the centrifuge. The

funding allowed them to increase

production at a time when there was

a void in the supply of sunflower oil. He added it also made it possible for

them to employ several people parttime, which was one of their goals. "Because it's really challenging in

rural Nebraska to make ends meet

with one income, and this gives fam-

ilies a chance for a supplemental income," Koelling noted. "Sometimes

that's just enough to make life easier

Rural Energy for America Pro-

gram funding is part of the Biden-

and better for a family.

Harris Justice 40 İnitiative.

Koelling acknowledged it might

increase our sales.'

up our process of cleaning our oil,

'We hit a bottleneck, and the cen-

less than 50,000," Faber explained.

To be eligible for those projects,

Federal funds back renewable energy

By DEBORAH VAN FLEET

Nebraska News Connection

Nebraska ag producers and small businesses have until Sept. 30 to apply for the latest funding round of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program, part of the Farm Bill providing grants

energy systems or energy efficiency improvements.

The Inflation Reduction Act included nearly \$2 billion for projects under the program.

Christopher Faber, state energy coordinator for Nebraska USDA

Rural Development, said the legislaand guaranteed loans for renewable tion also increased the percentage of

HEARING: Local woman waives right Union County Jail in South Dakota

Sioux City.

Castellanos-Rosales fled the coun-United States. He is currently in day, Oct. 4.

awaiting charges of first-degree murtion that indicated Castellanos had der, contributing to the neglect of a told her about the stabbing. She later child and contributing to the abuse admitted to taking him to Jackson of a child. His trail in Union County before eventually transporting him to Circuit Court is scheduled for Oct.

Castellanos is being held on a \$1

try and was eventually arrested in million bond and will next appear in Mexico and brought back to the Dakota County District Court on Fri-

HOMICIDE: Event center to expand

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Jeep with blood on one end.

Suveillance video from a nearby farm showed Claassen's vehicle traveling west on Highway, with an eastbound truck turning off the hightruck turned the vehicle around and began traveling west.

Bundy told investigators he had turned around because he thought he had forgotten his phone at the Dakota City American Underground Supply office, but found it in his truck and turned around. He said he did not realize an accident had occurred, way into a farm lot. The driver of the but said he saw emergency vehicles when he drove east.

Northeast Nebraska Senior Center Menu

1501 W. 29th St.

Luncheon meals served Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Coffee and socializing will be served Mondays from 9-11 a.m. Please call the day before to reserve a lunch — (402) 494-1500

Thursday, Aug. 29 — Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, creamed peas, cranberry salad, broccoli

Friday, Aug. 30 — Tuna and noodles, peas, diced beets, mixed fruit

Monday, Sept. 2 — Closed, Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 3 — Taverns, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, pears

Wednesday, Sept. 4 — Spaghetti and meatballs, lettuce salad, green beans, garlic bread, sliced oranges

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Special session wraps up

Last Tuesday, Aug. 20, we finished up the special session Sine Die after passing property tax legislation along with the two budget bills making adjustments to the biennial budget and approving the bill to fund the special When we passed LB1107 in 2020,

t was to help with property tax relief. It created a refundable income tax credit based on the amount an eligible taxpayer paid in property taxes to their school district during the previous year, not including those amounts levied for bonds or levy overrides. The credit is allowed to each individual, business, or other entity that pays school district taxes. In 2022 we added credit for both school district and community college property taxes paid. As we approached special session, we found out that 40-45% of Nebraskans were not claiming this property tax credit on their income tax return and determined that it would be a good idea to frontload the property tax credit so you would see it on your property tax statement. (Portions taken from "Tax package clears final round after cloture vote". Unicameral Update. 13 August, 2020. https://update.legislature.ne.gov/?p=28523)

LB34 passed with an emergency clause 40-3. Governor Pillen then signed it into law on Aug. 20. Under LB34, introduced by Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon, a city, county, or village may increase its property tax request authority. This bill is quite simple and does two things:

— It puts a cap on property taxes levied by cities, counties, and villages at 0 percent or the inflation rate determined by the State and Local Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment rate for a prior year, whichever is greater.

— Frontloads the refundable income tax credit so you will see it on your property tax statement rather than claim it the following year on your income tax return.

Exemptions to this include:

- approved bonds,

— response to a declared emer-

— amount of unused property tax request authority that may be carried forward to future budget years, increase in property tax request

authority approved by voters, -amount of property taxes bud-

geted for public safety services (crime prevention, offender detention, and firefighter, police, medical, ambulance or other emergency services), and

geted for public safety services, county attorneys, and public defend-

LB34 requires the state treasurer to transfer \$750 million in general funds — including the approximately \$565 million allocated to the re-

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht **District 17**



to the new program in fiscal year 2024-2025. If the General Fund net receipts increase by more than 3 percent annually, the excess amount will be transferred to the new program's

Following the passage of these bills, Governor Pillen hosted a press conference and bill signing with invited state senators who supported passage of legislative initiatives introduced during the special session aimed at fixing the state's rising property tax crisis. "LB34 is an important step forward," said Governor Pillen. "I appreciate the efforts of Senator Lou Ann Linehan, members of the Revenue and Appropriations committees and the other senators here today who brought substantive ideas and fought hard on behalf of Nebraskans. This is not a one-and-done issue. It's the top concern that Nebraskans talk to me about wherever I go, flaggers. Anticipated completion is and it needs to be addressed so we mid-summer 2025. Motorists are are no longer chasing seniors out of reminded to drive cautiously in and their homes and killing the dream of home ownership for young people.'

Senator Linehan touted the significities and counties year-over-year to the greater of inflation or 0 percent and Prairie Street (Emerson). Bridge saying, "Putting caps on spending is the only real answer to fixing this. The reason our property taxes are high is because we have too many in effect. taxing authorities spending too much money. Finally, anything that is over and school starting up, please make 3 percent in revenue growth can go to

property tax relief.' State Treasurer Tom Briese congratulated his former legislative colleagues for their work, but echoed sentiments that the pursuit for more substantive property tax relief was far from over. He pointed to LB1, which he said would have significantly addressed the property tax issue and was almost unanimously approved by the Governor's working Days by being in the parade and takgroup. "Unfortunately, lobbyists and special interests got in the way. Going forward, they will need to decide attending Wakefest in Wakefield as I if they are serious about property tax relief, or they just want to talk about

us in order to keep their exemptions. They fought against adding any sales

On a positive note — we answered the call Governor Pillen set forth in his proclamation declaring a special session. Even though the final product didn't look like what we wanted, we were able to help get the process started. I know the new group of State Senators can continue pursuing property tax relief. I am sure we will see many bills introduced in 2025 that will address ways to work toward property tax relief.

NDOT current road construction update

Work began on Friday, Aug. 23, on US Highway 77 between Lyons and Walthill. Work will include asphalt overlay, concrete pavement repair, and culvert work. Traffic will be maintained with a pilot car and near work zones, to buckle up, and to

Work is continuing on Nebraska cance of limiting taxing authority by Highway 9 in both directions between Willis Street (near Pender) construction. A lane is closed intermittently. Look out for temporary traffic lights. There is a 12-foot width

> With road construction going on sure you keep your eyes open for students and school buses as school gets into full swing as well as the road construction workers working on the roads in our area. Just a reminder that fines for speeding are doubled for exceeding the posted speed limit in construction zones and in school crossing zones.

> This past weekend, I enjoyed participating in the Hubbard Hoot Owl ing in the many activities going on. The previous weekend, Mike enjoyed was in special session in Lincoln. It has been nice to attend and participate in the many community celebrapast several weeks. I have enjoyed seeing many familiar faces. There is terim as I finish up my time as your

> As always, I invite you to let me

The political matrix sustains the illusion of freedom

"When a population becomes distracted by trivia, when cultural life is redefined as a perpetual round of entertainments, when serious public conversation becomes a form of baby-talk, when, in short, a people become an audience, and their public business a vaudeville act, then a nation finds itself at risk; culturedeath is a clear possibility." — Neil Postman

What you smell is the stench of a dying republic.

Our dying republic.

We are trapped in a political matrix intended to sustain the illusion that we are citizens of a constitutional re-

In reality, we are caught somewhere between a kleptocracy (a government ruled by thieves) and a kakistocracy (a government run by unprincipled career politicians, corporations and thieves that panders to the worst vices in our nature and has little regard for the rights of American citizens).

For years now, the government has been playing a cat-and-mouse game with the American people, letting us enjoy just enough freedom to think we are free but not enough to actually allow us to live as a free people.

In other words, we're allowed to bask in the illusion of freedom while we're being stripped of the very rights intended to ensure that we can hold the government accountable to abiding by the rule of law, the U.S. Constitution.

We're in trouble, folks.

This is no longer America, land of the free, where the government is of the people, by the people and for the people.

Rather, this is Amerika, where fascism, totalitarianism and militarism go hand in hand.

Freedom no longer means what it

This holds true whether you're talking about the right to criticize the government in word or deed, the right to be free from government surveillance, the right to not have your person or your property subjected to warrantless searches by government agents, the right to due process, the right to be safe from militarized police invading your home, the right to be innocent until proven guilty and every other right that once reinforced the founders' commitment to the American experiment in freedom.

Not only do we no longer have dominion over our bodies, our families, our property and our lives, but the government continues to chip away at what few rights we still have to speak freely and think for ourselves. My friends, we're being played for

On paper, we may be technically

free. In reality, however, we are only as free as a government official may al-

We only think we live in a constitutional republic, governed by just laws created for our benefit.

Truth be told, we live in a dictatorship disguised as a democracy where all that we own, all that we earn, all that we say and do — our very lives

depends on the benevolence of government agents and corporate shareholders for whom profit and power will always trump principle. And now the government is litigating and legislating its way into a new framework where the dictates of petty bureaucrats carry greater weight than the inalienable rights of

With every court ruling that allows the government to operate above the rule of law, every piece of legislation that limits our freedoms, and every act of government wrongdoing that goes unpunished, we're slowly being conditioned to a society in which we have little real control over our lives.

As Rod Serling, creator of the Twilight Zone and an insightful commentator on human nature, once observed, "We're developing a new citizenry. One that will be very selective about cereals and automobiles, but won't be able to think.

Indeed, not only are we developing a new citizenry incapable of thinking for themselves, but we're also instilling in them a complete and utter reliance on the government and its corporate partners to do everything for them — tell them what to eat, what to wear, how to think, what to believe, how long to sleep, who to vote for, whom to associate with, and on and

In this way, we have created a welfare state, a nanny state, a police state, a surveillance state, an electronic concentration camp — call it what you will, the meaning is the same: in our quest for less personal responsibility, a greater sense of security, and no burdensome obligations to each other or to future generations, we have created a society in which we have no true freedom.

abuse, SWAT team raids, economic corporate elite. instability, asset forfeiture schemes,

Guest Column

By John and Nisha Whitehead

pork barrel legislation, militarized police, drones, endless wars, private prisons, involuntary detentions, biometrics databases, free speech zones, etc.: these are mile markers on the road to a fascist state where citizens are treated like cattle, to be branded and eventually led to the slaughter-

Freedom, or what's left of it, is being threatened from every direction.

The threats are of many kinds: political, cultural, educational, media, and psychological. However, as history shows us, freedom is not, on the whole, wrested from a citizenry. It is all too often given over voluntarily and for such a cheap price: safety, security, bread, and circuses.

This is part and parcel of the propaganda churned out by the government machine.

That said, what we face today mind manipulation and systemic violence — is not new. What is different are the techniques used and the large-scale control of mass humanity, coercive police tactics and pervasive surveillance.

We are overdue for a systemic check on the government's overreaches and power grabs.

By "government," I'm not referring to the highly partisan, two-party bureaucracy of the Republicans and Democrats. Rather, I'm referring to 'government" with a capital "G," the entrenched Deep State that is unaffected by elections, unaltered by populist movements, and has set itself beyond the reach of the law.

For years now, we have suffered the injustices, cruelties, corruption and abuse of an entrenched government bureaucracy that has no regard for the Constitution or the rights of the citizenry.

We have lingered too long in this strange twilight zone where ego trumps justice, propaganda perverts truth, and imperial presidents — empowered to indulge their authoritarian tendencies by legalistic courts, corrupt legislatures and a disinterested, distracted populace — rule by fiat rather than by the rule of law.

Where we find ourselves now is in the unenviable position of needing to rein in all three branches of government — the Executive, the Judicial, and the Legislative ___ that have ev. ceeded their authority and grown drunk on power.

We are the unwitting victims of a system so corrupt that those who stand up for the rule of law and aspire to transparency in government are in the minority. This corruption is so vast it spans all branches of gov-

The predators of the police state are wreaking havoc on our freedoms, our communities, and our lives. The government doesn't listen to the citizenry, it refuses to abide by the Constitution, which is our rule of law, and it treats the citizenry as a source of funding and little else.

The American kleptocracy has sucked the American people down a rabbit hole into a parallel universe in which the Constitution is meaningless, the government is all-powerful, and the citizenry is powerless to defend itself against government agents who steal, spy, lie, plunder, kill, abuse and generally inflict mayhem and sow madness on everyone and everything in their sphere.

This dissolution of that sacred covenant between the citizenry and the government — establishing "we the people" as the masters and the government as the servant — didn't happen overnight. It didn't happen because of one particular incident or one particular president. It is a process, one that began long ago and continues in the present day, aided and abetted by politicians who have mastered the polarizing art of how to 'divide and conquer.'

Unfortunately, there is no magic spell to transport us back to a place and time where "we the people" weren't merely fodder for a corporate gristmill, operated by government hired hands, whose priorities are money and power.

Our freedoms have become casualties in an all-out war on the American people.

Through every fault of our own - our apathy, our ignorance, our intolerance, our disinclination to do the hard work of holding government leaders accountable to the rule of law, our inclination to let politics trump longstanding constitutional principles — we have been reduced to this sorry state in which we are little more than shackled inmates in Government surveillance, police a prison operated for the profit of a

If we continue down this road,

there can be no surprise about what awaits us at the end.

For there to be any hope of real change, we must change how we think about ourselves, our fellow human beings, freedom, society, and

The following principles may help any budding freedom fighters in the struggle to liberate themselves and our society.

First, we must come to grips with the reality that the present system does not foster freedom. The government's primary purpose is maintaining power and control. It's an oligarchy composed of corporate giants wedded to government officials who benefit from the relationship. In other words, it is motivated by greed and exists to perpetuate itself.

Second, voting is no guarantee of liberty. Voting is a way to keep the citizenry pacified. That's why the government places so much emphasis on the reassurance ritual of voting. It provides the illusion of participation while maintaining the status quo. As Jordan Michael Smith, writing for the Boston Globe, concludes about the American government, "There's the one we elect, and then there's the one behind it, steering huge swaths of policy almost unchecked. Elected officials end up serving as mere cover for the real decisions made by the bureaucracy.'

Third, question everything. Don't assume anything the government does is for the good of the citizenry. As James Madison warned, "All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree." Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts abso-

Fourth, there is little hope for any true resistance if you are mindlessly connected to the electronic concentration camp. Remember, what you're being electronically fed by those in power is meant to pacify, distract, and control you.

Fifth, be wise and realize that there is power in numbers. Networks. coalitions, and movements can accomplish much — especially if their objectives are focused, practical and nonviolent — and they are very much feared by government authorities.

Sixth, as always, change must start with "we the people." I've always advised people to think nationally, but act locally. Yet it can be hard to make a difference locally when the local government is as deaf, dumb and blind to the needs of its constituents as the national government.

Seventh, local towns, cities and states can nullify or say "no" to federal laws that violate the rights and freedoms of the citizenry. When and if you see such federal laws passed gather your coalition of citizens and demand that your local town council nullify such laws. If enough towns and cities across the country would speak truth to power in this way, we might see some positive movement from the federal governmental ma-

Clearly, it's time to clean house at

all levels of government. We have been saddled with the wreckage of a government at all levels that no longer represents the citizenry, serves the citizenry, or is accountable to the citizenry.

"We the people" are not the mas-

It doesn't matter whether you're talking about the federal government, state governments, or local governing bodies: at all ends of the spectrum and every point in between a shift has taken place.

"We the people" are not being seen, heard or valued.

We no longer count for much of anything beyond an occasional electoral vote and as a source of income for the government's ever-burgeoning financial needs.

Everything happening at the national level is playing out at the local level, as well: the violence, the militarization, the intolerance, the lopsided governance, and an uneasy awareness that the citizenry have no say in how their communities are be-

So, what's the answer?

For starters, stop tolerating corruption, graft, intolerance, greed, incompetence, ineptitude, militarism, lawlessness, ignorance, brutality, deceit, collusion, corpulence, bureaucracy, immorality, depravity, censorship, cruelty, violence, mediocrity, and tyranny. These are the hallmarks of an institution that is rotten through and through.

Stop holding your nose in order to block out the stench of a rotting institution.

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South Sioux City sophomore Lindsey Loos takes a swing during Thursday's season-opener at home against Omaha

Lady Cards start softball season 1-3

After losing their home opener on Γhursday, the South Sioux City softball team posted a 1-2 finish in the Lincoln Public Schools Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Cards opened the season Thursday with a 12-2 loss to Omaha

The visitors scored first in the opening frame, but SSC quickly tied the score thanks to a steal of home by Izzie Tranmer after a dropped third

Mercy took control of the game with four runs in the third inning and scored six more in the fourth.

Cheyane Torticil had an RBI and Tranmer and Keyanna Weaver both had hits to lead the offense. Tranmer stole two bases in the game. Khenzie Rager took the pitching loss.

SSC opened play Saturday with a 12-2 loss to Freeman, as the Falcons took control early with two in the first and five more in the second.

Tranmer, Rager and Laela Montes each had hits in the losing effort, with Rager and Paizley Aldrich both

driving in a run. SSC out-hit Raymond Central 7-6 but came away on the short end of a high-scoring 11-8 affair in the second

game of the day. SSC scored six runs on three hits in the second inning to take a 6-4

lead, highlighted by a two-run single Raymond Central responded with

seven in the fourth to take the lead for good. Torticil was 2-for-3 with two RBI's in the losing effort while Tranmer

had two stolen bases. The Lady Cards ended the day on



South Sioux City pitcher Khenzie Reger has her focus on home plate as she

fires a pitch during last Thursday's season opener.

18-3 with the help of a 16-run second Ross each recording three hits. Traninning that saw the Lady Cards bat mer, Torticil, Keyanna Weaver and twice through the lineup.

a good note, blowing out Falls City the win, with Tranmer and Paisyn victory.

Montes had two hits apiece. Ross SSC had a season-high 17 hits in got the win for her first career varsity

Lady Card linksters open at Beemer

South Sioux City's girls golf team hit the links for the first time Thursday, competing in the West Point-Beemer Invitational at Indian Trails Golf Club near Beemer.

The always-challenging course left golfers with some challenges throughout the day, but the Lady Cards did come away with one individual medal as junior Madelynn Bohnet placed 12th with a 102.

Abigail Anderson followed with a 113, with Melany Lopez shooting a 152 and Lula Garvey finishing with a

Tri County Northeast also competed in the tournament. Kim Ahlers shot a 125 and Grace Ankeny carded a 135. South Sioux city is back in action Friday with the Wayne Invitational at the Wayne Country Club.

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Ponca junior Lyndsee Waldee fires a pitch home during action at Saturday's Wayne Invitational.

Ponca softball stumbles to 0-4 start

The Ponca softball team got the season off on the wrong foot, losing its home opener and going 0-3 in the Wayne Invitational.

On Thursday, the Lady Indians were throttled by visiting Pierce, who punched out 21 hits on their way to a

Ponca was within one at 3-2 after two innings before the visitors broke it open with six runs in the third. Ponca would get one of the runs back in the bottom of the inning, but Pierce exploded for 11 in the fifth to come away with the one-sided win.

Jocelyn Kastning and Cora Jackson both had RBI's, Lilly Egdorf added a double and Lyndsee Waldee, Jaeden Hughes, Kora Bruening and Jordyn Fleury each had hits. Waldee and Hughes combined in the pitchers circle in the losing effort.

On Saturday, Ponca lost all three games in the Wayne Invitational, falling to Arlington (4-0), Ord (18-4) and Pierce (9-1).

After falling victim to a perfect game in the opener against Arlington, Ponca ran into an Ord team that scored six in the first and 12 in the second to take the win.

Coughlin had a two-run double to highlight Ponca's three-hit effort. Rruening and Fleury also had hits in the game and Bruening had an RBI.

In their second matchup with Pierce, Ponca had four hits in the contest. Coughlin, Bruening, Fleury and Sophia Cleveland all had hits. Waldee went the distance in

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a slave.

You've got rights. We've all got rights. This is our country. This is our government. No one can take it away from us unless we make it easy for

You've got a better chance of mak-Stop letting the government and ing your displeasure seen and felt its agents treat you like a servant or and heard within your own commuand heard within your own community. But it will take perseverance and unity and a commitment to finding common ground with your fellow citizens.

As I make clear in my book Battle- murder of the American republic.

field America: The War on the American People and in its fictional counterpart The Erik Blair Diaries, we're making it way too easy for the police state to take over.

So, stop being an accessory to the



10 YEARS AGO

AUG. 28, 2014

Monitoring test well drilled near Jackson

The University of Nebraska Conservation and Survey Division and the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, drill a monitoring test well on the Clair and Vera Hamar farm west of Jackson. This project is part of the groundwater monitoring network to support the District's Groundwater Management Plan in understanding quality, quantity and hydrogeology of the aquifer systems within the district. The NRD currently utilizes 15 dedicated water quality monitoring sites for its groundwater quality monitoring sites for its groundwater quality sampling program and supplements those sampling program and supplements those dedicated wells with approximately 30 privately owned domestic or irrigation wells to complete the Network. Groundwater is the primary source for drinking water for the majority of residents of Nebraska.

20 YEARS AGO

AUG. 26, 2004

Bogus concert promoter singing a different tune

What do a reggae band, a local motel and a concert in Sioux City have to do with South Sioux City Police Department? plenty, especially after the South Sioux City Police Department arrested a bogus concert promoter at the Regency Inn last week. With the help from authorities in Fargo, N.D., which issued a warrant for 31 year-old Scott Elkins, and Elkins himself, who absent-mindedly used prehended the man that's wanted on bachelor of arts degree in civil entheft by deception, a felony in North Dakota, for allegedly stealing more than \$10,000 from Fargo businesses.

30 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 1, 1994

Walthill center receives **FARM AID grant**

The Walthill-based Center for Rural Affairs, announced that they have received a grant of \$7,500 from FARM AID to support the Center for Rural Affairs work to keep family farmers on the land. In a letter announcing the grant, FARM AID President Willie Nelson said, "We are grateful for the efforts of the Center for Rural Affairs in serving farmers and farm communities.

Tribe receives \$18,500 grant to fight abuse

The Winnebago Indian Tribe of Thurston County has been selected to receive an \$18,500 grant to attempt to solve problems of substance abuse in grades K-12. Governor Ben Nelson last week announced that, and a number of other awards totaling \$3.3 million to improve the health of mothers and children in Nebraska. The money is part of a maternal and child block form the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

40 YEARS AGO

AUG. 30, 1984

Deputy county attorney relieved of duties

Harry Moore, 34, Dakota County Deputy Attorney, who replaced Beth Heier Lurz the first week of June, was dismissed from his duties Monday by Dakota County Attorney Bruce Smith. Moore is a 1983 graduate of Regency Inn, South Sioux Police ap- of Law in Lincoln. He received his proved popular.

gineering from Princeton University in Princeton, N.J. A bachelor, he has been residing in South Sioux City. Lurz was deputy county attorney under Smith for a year and a half before moving to Louisville, Ky., in May where her husband, Dr. Neal Lurz, began a residency in family practice.

SSC native new principal

Steven K. Rector, a South Sioux native and 1972 graduate of South Sioux City High School, was introduced to the senior high faculty at Friday 's teacher's workshop session. Rector is the new senior high principal replacing Donald Kuchel, who resigned in July after four years in the position. Rector taught English at East High School in Lincoln from 1976-1982 and more recently was secondary principal of Geneva High School.

50 YEARS AGO

AUG. 29, 1974

Edger Bergen appears at fair

Edgar Bergen, 71, who has been in the performance world for 50 years, was Master of Ceremonies at the Sunday afternoon grandstand entertainment at the Dakota-Thurston County Fair. His famous ventriloquist show featuring Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd followed a balance act and an acrobatics act.

Estimate 37,800 came to fair

The attendance at the 1974 Dakota-Thurston County Fair was the largest ever, according to Fair Board Secretary Mel Beermann of Dakota City. The crowd estimate for the four days was 37,800. The estimate is based on paid attendance and the number of season tickets sold. The a credit card that was traced to the the University of Nebraska School \$3 per car gate charge apparently

Celebrating Labor Day with the SSC Public Library

created by the labor movement and

is dedicated to the social and economic achievements American workers. This guide provides materials related to "Labor Day." In Sept. 1882, the first Labor Day holiday, planned by of the Central Labor Union, is celebrated



Dan Nieman

on a Tuesday in New York City. On June 28, 1894, Congress enacts a law to make Labor Day a national holiday, to be observed the first Monday in September. (guides.loc.gov/chronicling-america-labor-day)

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"Start Before You're Ready: The Young Entrepreneurs Guide to Extraordinary Success in Work and Life," by Mick Spencer (e-audiobook), offers entrepreneurs an inspiring new roadmap to success-one that runs against nearly everything you've ever been taught about business. Author Mick Spencer is living proof that success doesn't always

brary of Congress, Labor Day was the age of twenty-two, with nothing to his name, he founded ONTHEGO Custom Apparel (otgcustom.com),

company. Since then he has built a worldwide network of movers and shakers and raised millions in venture capital. His company is now a multi-million-dollar player on the international stage, disrupting the slow-moving industry with a modern blend of technological disruptions and social responsibility. In this book, he presents a solid case that analysis paralysis and endless "preparation" won't get you anywhere-you have to take that leap and do what you really want to do. Indeed, start before you're ready. Spencer challenges you to get outside your comfort zone and, although intimidating, his approach forces you to learn "on the go" and focus on what you can do rather than what you can't. Engrossing personal anecdotes coach you through the frustrations and challenges, while vi-

"The Crazy Careers of Video Game Designers," by Arie Kaplain (e-Audiobook). You might think that working in the video game industry is all fun and, well...games. Jobs like combat designer and animator sound pretty exciting. But do you know what it really takes to do one of these jobs? Do you have the skills? The knowledge? Are you ready to work hard? Game designers create the images, sounds, and action that gamers enjoy. Find out if you can handle a job in this fast-paced industry.

tal tools and clear strategies give you

a concrete plan for making every day

Bestsellers Currently Available: The following books are on the shelf at the library: Fiction: "Shadow of Doubt," by Brad Thor (FIC THO); "Hard to Kill," by James Patterson (LPFIC PAT),

Library Book Sale is on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 1-4 p.m. The book sale will be held on the last Saturday of each month. Check or cash is acceptrest down the traditional path of for- ed. Books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl, audio- books.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Tangled Yarns meets on Tuesday, Sept. 3 from 6-8 p.m. Tangled Yarns is a time for anyone to come work on a customized apparel and uniform or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you.

Resume Prep is held on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 6-8 p.m. Registration is required. All ages interested are welcome to attend. Reference personnel leads a resume workshop, we will learn about everything that must be included on your resume, where to find free templates and so much more. Join us for this step by step workshop. Laptops will be provided for hands on experience. This program will be repeated on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Job Search Resources: The library website is loaded with resources to help you find a job.

Search for a job powered by Monster, by using AtoZDatabases. Search for a job. Get help with writing a resume and cover letter. You may also research companies who are recruiting for jobs.

Develop your basic life skills, sharpen your career goals, and discover career paths that you may not have considered by using Learning Express with Job and Career Accel-

If you need college or career preparation you will find Peterson's Testing and Career Prep database. This tool will allow you to study for the EMT, Civil Service jobs and others, this took is essential for preparing for

In other labor news, the Nebraska Department of Labor will not be in the library on Sept. 4. They are having some scheduling difficulties, but they will be back to the library as soon as they are able.

Goodwill of the Great Plains Career Cruiser will be here on Friday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., instead of Sept. 6. Please notice the time change.

Have a great week and read good

Firomsa Ziad Mehamed, 24, South Sioux City, and

Paul Wesley Blye Davis, 32, Sioux City, Iowa and

Luis Armando Magallon Izarraraz, 20, South Sioux

City, and Gail Soledad Sandoval, South Sioux City

Abshiro Shanker Silidow, 25, South Sioux City

Carly May Torno, 31, Sioux City, Iowa

OBITUARIES

William Henry "Bill" Miller, 85

William Henry "Bill" Miller, 85, of South Sioux Church president for several years. He enjoyed fish-City, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. Abiding by making of chocolate malts, coffee with

family wishes, cremation has taken place, and a Memorial Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Nebraska with Reverend Michael Awe officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation, with the family present, will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be offered at www. meyerbroschapels.com.

Bill was born on March 1, 1939, in South Miller Sioux City, to Henry B. and Lillie (Laird) Miller. He's been a lifelong resident of South Sioux City, and an entrepreneur of many businesses including a gas station, pizza joint, auto parts, and groceries. He retired from owning Bill's World in Sioux City in the early 2010's.

Bill was a faithful Lutheran, belonging to Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, having married his wife Jane Cameron on Nov. 28, 1958, at the church, teaching Sunday School, along with being win Miller of Bloomington, Minn.

friends, donuts, and especially spending time with family.

Bill is survived by his wife Jane of South Sioux City; children Rick (Tammy) Miller of Kingsley, Iowa, Billy (Lisa) Miller of Forest Lake, Minn., and Darren (Jenni) Miller of South Sioux City; grandchildren Ashley Miller, Shelby Miller, Andrew Miller, Nichole (Robert) Sigafus, Victoria (Nick) Epps, Justin Miller, Cassandra Miller, Brandon Miller, and Tanner Miller; and great-grand-children Kaden Anton, Addie Anton,

Izaiah Anton, Bella Anton, Tempest Anton, Rowan Anton, Madison Miller, Justin Jr. Miller, Benny Miller, Ivory Miller, and Houston Miller.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, eldest sister Darlene Smith of Midland, Texas, brother Marvin Miller of South Sioux City, and brother Melvin

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Ivan P Cloud, 50, Lake Delton, Wisc.; defendant failed to appear

Jasmyne T Collins, 28, Winnebago; no operator's license fine \$300 Deng Dol, 20, Sioux City, Iowa;

defendant failed to appear Iyania Fox, 19, Walhill; defendant failed to appear

Dulce G Gonzalez Medina, 33, South Sioux City; use caution pass stopped emerge vehicle 1st offense, fine \$100, no operator's license fine

\$300, jail 14 days Ricky K James, 49, South Sioux City; no valid registration fine \$150, no proof of insurance fine \$50, fail to appear fine \$150

Tony M Legore, Sioux City, Iowa; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$300

Maria T Quintero Gonzalez, 38, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance fine \$150, no operator's license fine \$150

Abdullahi A Salat, 21, South Sioux City; defendant failed to ap-

Mohamed S Wehliye, 40, South Sioux City; defendant failed to ap-Felipe Perez Matias, 25, Sioux

City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30day immunity fine \$500, speeding 6-10 mph fine \$25

Pedro Cabrera Martinez, 39, South Sioux City; DUI.15+ fine \$500, jail 2 days, probation 9 months, revoked license 1 years

David A Deleon Topete, 30, South Sioux City; defendant failed to

Jason Syhavong, 27, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; DUI.15+ or refuse, (1 prior conviction) fine \$1000, jail 30 days, revoked license 18 months, probation 18 months

Shaun J Fourcloud, 21, Winnebago; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, jail 14 days

Tyran J Saunsoci, 33, Macy; obstruct a peace officer, jail 90 days

Darvl W Taylor, 38, Dakota City: waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

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Marco Antonio Figueroa, 27, Sioux City, Iowa, and

Iowa, and Rosalinda Grisel Godinez Ambrocio, 41, Sioux

Elder Augusto Arias Lima, 25, Dakota City, and An-

William Manolo Orosco Fuentes, 37, Sioux City,

Daniela Hernandez Garcia, 32, Sioux City, Iowa

gelica Lira, 23, Dakota City

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 9 to discuss "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout. The group will be reading "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmes during the month of September.

September Story Hour will have a guest speaker from the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. September's theme will be "Bee a Reader" and the children will learn about bee keeping. Story Hours are on the third Thursday of each month during the school year from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All area school age children are invited to participate.

The Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. Times for the Board meetings have been moved up one hour and will now be at 5 p.m. on the last Monday of the month, every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November).

New items added; "The Quilt of Life" by Mary Tatem, "The Hellion" by LaVyrle Spencer, "North to Alaska" by Debbie Macomber, "Even Now" by Karen Kingsbury, "A Wolf Called Romeo" by Nick Jans, "Out of the Clear Blue Sky" by Kristan Higgins, "A Ray of Sunshine" by Kristan Higgins, "The Life She Wants" by Robyn Carr, "Dogwood Hill" by Sherryl Woods, "If You Tell" by Gregg Olsen, "Don't Stop Believin" by Olivia Newton John, "Fire and Bones" by Kathy Reichs, "The Summer Pact" by Emily Giffin, "The Lost Coast" by Jonathan Kellerman, and "Resurrection" and "Joy" by

Welcome Bailli Meins



Bailli is originally from Homer, Nebraska. She graduated from Homer Community High School in 2014 and attended Wayne State College where she earned a bachelor's degree in life sciences. Bailli received her Mortuary Science degree from Kansas City Kansas Community College. She worked in Omaha as a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for the past three years. Bailli, her spouse, Cody and their two children, Luke and Talon have found their new home in Pender, Nebraska.

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LAURITSEN **INSURANCE**

Spaghetti is served

Homer Fire and Rescue wants to do the cooking Saturday night.

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.

Proceeds go toward purchasing new equipment.

Speaking of new equipment

Even when ambulances and firetrucks are safely parked and doors are shut on the fire hall, rest assured the work goes on protecting our community.

Homer Fire and Rescue are proud to announce and quick to thank for recent equipment acquisitions.

From a \$75,000 grant, procured by the department from the grantwriting hands of Cheryl Ickler, along with monetary support from the Rural Fire Board, the \$131,000 needed to improve an old rig was raised.

The money went into a new chassis and a reconditioned box on the ambulance along with new lighting and back-up cameras.

"Basically made it like it was brand new," said Dale Barclay.

The crew was also able to get grant money for new air packs — self-contained breathing apparatuses — to the tune of \$20,000.

Barclay explained, "We use them to go into a house fire so we don't breathe the toxic smoke and chemi-

The packs, SCBA for short, make the team work more safely and effi-

"They got what you call a buddy talk system on them," said Barclay, making communication between firefighters during an active emergency more effective.

"Our goal is to have six packs, that way if the team is standing outside the house or outside the door, they can hear everything those guys are saying inside," Barclay commented,



Members of Homer Fire and Rescue stand proudly in front of the newlyrefurbished ambulance.

ners for the sake of confidentiality of potential victims.

"Everybody (on the team) outside us safe. knows exactly what's going on inside, and they're ready if something were to take place, if say the roof collapses or they lose communication," Barclay explained. "Right away the team outside will automatically know what's taken place and what needs to happen.'

Currently, Homer Fire and Rescue have four such packs, with the great support from the Village. The ultimate goal is six brand new air packs.

Barclay is grateful.

"We want to thank everybody in the community for their generous donations and supporting us through our fundraisers," said Barclay, a 30-year member of Homer Volunteer.

He and the rest of the crew are quick to show their appreciation for the Village, the Rural Fire Board, and the community of Homer. The consistent support helps them obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and themselves as responders.

The community, in turn, is grateful for people like Dale and Cheryl and the rest who put time, energy, and allowing communication to remain care in keeping us safe. A lot happens

secure from radio broadcasts or scan- in the fire hall that we don't always see, but rest assured there are dozens of men and women working to keep

Book Club at Good Roots

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

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.

Car wash Saturday

The boys from Jr. Knights Athletics look forward to serving all dirty cars at their car wash on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 2-6 p.m. at the fire hall!

Homer welcomes new fifth-grade teacher

One new face will adorn the classroom and halls of Homer Elementary as Aspen Bennier, recent Wayne State College graduate, has been hired to teach fifth grade.

Aspen is not completely new to Homer as she filled in as a long-term substitute teacher while Nicholle Olson was on maternity leave. She takes former teacher Veronica Schmidt's spot as Veronica moves into a new role as elementary counselor.

Aspen has a four-year-old daughter Ainslee who will be attending preschool in Homer this year.

"I am looking forward to meeting everyone this year," she said.

Welcome, Ms. Bennier!

School activities

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

Friday, Aug. 30 - Football at Lyons-Decatur NE, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 31 - JV VB quadrangular at Laurel, 9 a.m.; SB at West Point-Beemer Monday, Sept. 2 - No school Tuesday, Sept. 3 - JH & JV FB vs. Tri

County NE at Emerson, 4 p.m. & 5:45 p.m. VB triangular at Walthill, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 5 - XC at Wisner, Indian Trails CC, 5 p.m.; VB triangular vs. H-LHF 8 Tri County NE, 5:15 p.m.; SB vs. Guardian Angels CC at Ponca, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 6 - SB at Omaha Bryan. 1:30 p.m.; FB vs. Bancroft-Rosalie, 7 p.m.

Wednesday - Beef taco, corn, re-

Thursday - Popcorn chicken,

Friday - Beef Dippers, mashed

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Northeast

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11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

potatoes, green beans, fruit

macaroni and cheese, carrots, jello,

fried beans, fruit

Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

Northeast Corn Growers Association

2024 Grower Appreciation Night is Thursday, Sept. 5 at 55932 857 Road, Randolph. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. All corn growers, members and friends are invited to attend for the 2024 Plot Tour and Hokamp Farms. For questions or to RSVP contact Taylor Nelson at 712-203-

Dakota County Historical Society program set

The Dakota County Historical Society invites you to the Medical Care on the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery by Dr. Richard Fruehling. This event is sponsored by Humanities Nebraska and will be held on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the South Sioux City Public Library.

St. Patrick's CCD

CCD starts in Jackson on September 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 invited to lead the group. Contact Treice if you interested. There is a CCD teacher meeting on Wednesday, August 28 in Providence

Hall at 7 p.m.

Bible Study

Tess Etherington is organizing a Women's Bible Study, Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning on September 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 is you are interested. Everyone is welcome.

Book Club - Book Changes

The group met and discussed: 'Strangers on a Train" by Patricia Highsmith was good but dated and 'Shadows on the Rock" by Willa Cather was also good but hard to keep interested. The September meeting is Sept. 18 at Phyllis Birkley's. September reads are "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt and "The Audacity of Sara Grayson" by Joani Elliott. The big book for this year is "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes.

Jackson Elementary News

Reminder – Every Monday 1 hour

September 2 - Monday - No school – Labor Day

Jackson Elementary lunch

Monday - No School - labor day Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, hash-

for appointments. menu for Sept. 2-6:

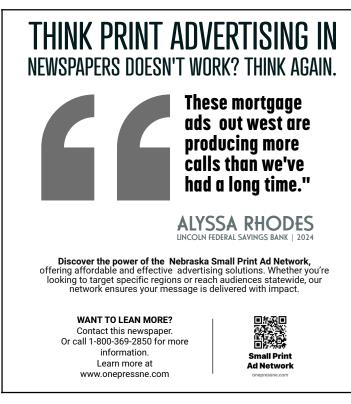
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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Aspen Bennier is one of only a couple new faces in the halls at Homer School. Aspen will be teaching fifth grade this year.













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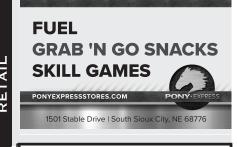


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A map of the proposed area(s) to be redeveloped and the cost-benefit analysis for the redevelopment project set forth in the redevelopment plan is available for review at the office of the City Clerk at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776,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

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

Dated this 19th day of August

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

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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 1510 CST Apt. 5 South Sioux City, NE 6876 773-441-1776

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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 PUBLIC MEETING

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

ley, County Clerk Publish in Dakota County Star Thursday, August 29, 2024 - ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF FATIMAS FLOWERS LLC Notice is hereby given that **FATIMAS FLOWERS LLC**

Legal Notice

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BEERMANN MEADOWVIEW, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incor porator 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 I

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 per-

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 Corpora-

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 V**

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 in-

corporator is: Dave Beermann, 1745 'Ave., Dakota City, NE 68731. Date: August 1, 2024

Dave Beerman, Incorporator Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 22 and 29, 2024 and September 5, 2024. - ZNEZ

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 Rober Ream to Sylvir Meadow Aster.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Bryar Meismer, courtroom No. 1, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska or 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 1012 E. 17th St., Apt. 335 South Sioux City, NE 68776 402-320-1018

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Dakota County Treasurer



Dakota County is taking applications to complete the 4-year term of the **County Treasurer for the appointment** period of October 11, 2024

to December 2026. The 2024 salary is set at \$64,682.73. To submit an application, please contact the

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair, Dakota County Board

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South Sioux City Community Schools SCHOOL BOARD REPORT August 12, 2024

ABANTE LLC IMPRINT VICES 626.00; ACCU-TEMP, INC. EQUIPMENT REPAIR & RENT 255.00; ACE REFRIGERATION CO. ICE MACHINE RENTAL 175.00; AL-VAREZ, MARCY EMPLOYEE RE-IMBURSEMENT 56.62; AMPLIFY EDUCATION, INC CURRICULUM 389.76:

ANGELS PRO FLOOR COV-ERING CONTRACTED FLOOR-ING 12,000.00; A-OX WELDING SUPPLY CO WELDING SUPPLY 715.32; APPTEGY, INC. WESBSITE 18,600.00; AUDIO RESORCES GROUP, INC. INTERPRETATION SYSTEM 5,902.00; AVERY BROTH-ERS SIGN COMPANY SIGNS AND PLAQUES 10,205.00; B R CLEAN-ING SERVICES LLC CONTRACT-ED CLEANING 1,254.40;

PATRICIA BERNSTRAUCH, EMPLOYEE REIMB 500.00; BIG SIOUX DEVELOPMENT CO LLC OUTSOURCED GENERAL CON-TRACTOR 760.00; BIG SIOUX DEVELOPMENT CO LLC OUT-SOURCED GENERAL CONTRAC-TOR 9,005.04; BLOOMERS LAWN & GARDEN CENTER LANDSCAP-ING SUPPLY 43.34; BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE, INC. SOFTWARE 15,738.39; BURKE ENGINEERING SALES DOOR/LOCK SUPPLIES & LABOR 62.00; C.W. SUTER & SON INC CONTRACTED HVAC 450.00;

CAPITAL ONEW A L M A R T 61.93; CAPITAL SUPPLIES ONE CARD SERVICES CRED-IT CARD 81,996.44; CAPITAL ONE CARD SERVICES CREDIT CARD 55,069.21; CDW GOVERN-MENT, INC. TECHNOLOGY SUP-PLIES 4,604.52; CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY RENT, OTHER MISC 740.31; CITY OF SSC-UTILITIES ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWER 53,500.37; CITY OF SSC-UTILITIES ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWER 59,077.04; CLAUSEN, DAVID EM-PLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT 34.97; CNOS, PC. ATHLETIC TRAIN-

ING SERVICE 2,571.02; CNOS, PC. ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICE 2,692.31; COMFORT INN ROOM RESERVATIONS 269.90; CONNEC-TION, INC. COMPUTER EQUIP-MENT, SUPPLIES, SOFTWARE 261,168.00; CONNECTION, INC. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SUP-

PLIES, SOFTWARE 32,450.95; CREATIVE ENTOURAGE AGENCY COMMUNITY **ENGAGEMENT** CONSULTING 7,417.75;

CRISIS PREVENTION STITUTE NONVIOLENT CRISIS TRAINING 1.550.00: CRYSTAL OIL CO FUEL 1,401.14; CRYSTAL OIL CO FUEL 1,769.90; CURRY FLOOR AND ACOUSTICS CARPETING & CEILING TILES 36,093.00; CURRY FLOOR AND ACOUSTICS CARPET-ING & CEILING TILES 67,597.00; DAKOTA CITY UTILITIES WATER & SEWER 178.36; DAKOTA COUNTY STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS 302.47;

DAKOTA COUNTY STAR PUBLI-CATIONS 176.81; DAKOTA PERK, LLC. CATERING 50.00; DECKER SUPPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE 499.43; DK BRAND STRATEGY BRAND CONSULTING 3,333.33; DK BRAND STRATEGY BRAND CONSULTING 3,333.33;

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS SUPPLIES & CUSTODIAL RE-PAIRS 80,009.54; ECKHARDT, REBECCA EMPLOYEE REIM-BURSEMENT 328.70; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP CO 3E MAINTENANCE SUPPLY 4,940.84; **ELECTRONIC** CONTRACTING COMPANY CONTRACTED SER-183.75; ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT LEASED VEHICLE FLEET MGMT 22,660.27;

ERICKSON, **CHRISTOPHER** CONTRACTED MOWING 2,240.00; TELEPHONES/IN-FIBERCOMM TERNET ACCESS (246.08): FIRST STUDENT, INC. CONTRACTED **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION** 24,844.51; FIVE STAR AWARDS & MORE INC AWARDS, SIGNS, CLOCKS 50.00; FOULK BROTH-ERS PLUMBING & HEATING CON-TRACTED PLUMBING 9,356.89;

FREMONT TIRE, INC. TIRES, SERVICING, REPAIRS 160.00; GARCIA GONZALEZ, CESAR MA-RIACHI BAND 1,275.00; GEOTAB USA, Inc. VEHICLE TRACKERS 615.00; GILL HAULING INC TRASH HAULING 10,791.63; H2O4U, INC. SALT, REPAIRS, SOFTNER RENT 1,197.48; HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT PUBLISHINGCURRIC-ULUM & PROFESSIONAL DEVEL-OPMENT 19,998.76; IDEA BANK MARKETING MONTHLY WEB HOSTING/DEDICATED SERVER 134.00; IDEA BANK MARKETING MONTHLY WEB HOSTING/DEDI-

CATED SERVER 134.00;

INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC BOOKS 84.21; ISPIRA FI-NANCIAL 125 PLAN ADMINISTRA-TION 303.80; J.R. INSULATION LLC CONTRACTED INSULATION 5,300.00; JOURNEY ED SOFT-WARE 750.00; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY FIRE ALARM SERVICE 374.00; JUSTIN FISCHER QUALITY ENTERPRISES CONCRETE CON-TRACTOR 27,410.00; KAI RENOVA-TIONS OUTSOURCED GENERAL CONTRACTOR 43,836.00; KARS DETAIL CENTER, LLC VEHICLE DETAILING 2,400.00; KINGSBURY ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INC. AU-DIO SYSTEM 2,670.00; KNOWL-EDGE MATTERS INC ONLINE LI-CENSES 3,400.00;

KOVARNA BROS LAWN SER-VICE, INC. CONTRACTED LAWN SERVICE 2,522.81; KOVARNA BROS LAWN SERVICE, CONTRACTED LAWN SERVICE 2,538.44; KTIV TELEVISION INC ADVERTISING 600.00; KURITA AMERICA INC MAINTENANCE 7.719.76: SUPPLY LARSON, JEANA MARCHING BAND DRILL WRITER 750.00; LEE'S ROOFING, LLC CONTRACTED ROOF REPAIR 1,295.00; LEGO EDUCATION SUP-PLIES 935.35; LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS LLC PROFESSIONAL LEARNING 4,788.00;

LINDBLOM SERVICES, CONTRACTED GARBAGE/TOILET SVC 1,447.20; LINDBLOM SER-VICES, INC. CONTRACTED GAR-BAGE/TOILET SVC 1,405.04; LONG LINES, LLC. CABLE TV/INTERNET 482.82; LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS INC CONTRACTED FOOD SER-VICE 2,066.25; LUNCHTIME SOLU-TIONS INC CONTRACTED FOOD SERVICE 100.00; LYLES GARAGE DOOR SERVICE INC GARAGE DOOR REPAIR 486.50; MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC COPIER SUPPORT/SUPPLIES 826.82:

MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC SUPPORT/SUPPLIES McARTHUR SHEET 50.871.07: METAL WORKS MAINT SUPPLIES/ REPAIRS 775.22; McGRAW HILL EDUCATION, INC. CURRICULUM/ BOOKS/SUPPLIES 712.56; ME-NARD'S SUPPLIES 512.69; MID AMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY NATURAL GAS 10.84; MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES INSPECTION, PARTS 1,075.08; MOZAK'S FUR-

NITURE & FLOORING FLOOR- TENANCE SUPPLY ING 330.00; NACIA MEMBERSHIP DUES 40.00; NCS PEARSON INC. CLASSROOM SUPPLIES/SOFT-WARE 5.50; NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMIN MEMBER-SHIP & PROF DEVELOPMENT 13,158.00; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER ELECTRICITY 1,468.35;

NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER DRIVER TRAINING 250.00; NET-WORK SYSTEMS+, INC COM-SERVICES/EQUIPMENT 7,696.00; NEW SYSTEM JANI-TOR SERVICE LLC CONTRACT-ED CLEANING SERVICE 800.00; NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COL-LEGE POST-SECONDARY ED 3,320.05; ONE SOURCE BACK-GROUND CHECKS 948.95;

PERRY, GUTHERY, HAASE, GESSFORD LEGAL SERVICES 4,716.59; PETTY CASH POSTAGE 460.13; PLANK ROAD PUBLISH-ING INC MUSIC SUPPLIES 155.45; PRESTO-X-COMPANY PEST CON-TROL 699.60; PRESTO-X-COM-PANY PEST CONTROL 1,035.10; PRO-ED INC SPED SUPPLIES 858.00; PROFESSIONAL CON-CRETE, INC. CONTRACTED CON-CRETE WORK 9,791.00; PROJECT LEAD THE WAY PLTW CURRICU-LUM & SUPPLIES 13,021.50;

QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC POSTAGE 1,461.38; QUILL COR-PORATION SUPPLIES 2,331.41; QUILL CORPORATION SUPPLIES 3,659.57; QUIZIZZ INC CLASS-ROOM SOFTWARE 5,605.00; RAS-MUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVIC-ES INC BOILER REPAIRS 1,482.50;

RAY'S MIDBELL MUSIC RE-PAIRS/EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES 3,109.93; REAMS SPRINKLER SUP-PLY CO. SPRINKLER PARTS, RE-PAIRS 396.40; RIVERSIDE TECH-NOLOGIES INC TECHNOLOGY SUPPLY/EQUIP 3,761.27; ROTO-ROOTER CONTRACTED PLUMB-ING 715.00; SAMUEL, STECHER PRESENTATION 2,000.00; SAPP BROS, INC. - SIOUX CITY DIED DIESEL 718.25; SAVVAS LEARN-ING COMPANY LLC CURRICU-LUM 9,249.60; SCHOLASTIC, INC. BOOKS & PERIODICALS 294.19;

SCREENCASTIFY SOFTWARE 2,450.00; SHELEY, MATTHEW REIMBURSEMENT **EMPLOYEE** 2,500.00; SIOUX CITY SHADE COMPANY BLINDS 3,748.66; SIOUX CITY WINNELSONM A I N - SIOUXLAND BANK GTL BUILDING RENT AND UTILITIES 5,440.02; SOFTWARE UNLIMITED, INC. AC-COUNTING SOFTWARE 438.00; SPARKLE & SHINE CLEANING SER-VICES CONTRACTED CLEANING SERVICES 1,170.00; SSC SCHOOL GENERAL FUND TRANSFER 720.00; SSC SCHOOL - HS ACTIV-ITY FUND TRANSFER/EXP RE-IMBURSEMENT 200,000.00; SSC SCHOOL - MS ACTIVITY FUND TRANSFER 20,000.00; STARFALL **EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEM-**BERSHIP 355.00;

STERLING COMPUTERS INC COMPUTERS/COMPUTER EQUIP-MENT 6,720.21; TAYLOR MUSIC, INC. MUSIC 1,538.00; TEACHERS CURRICULUM INSTITUTE CUR-RICULUM 8,667.75; TEACHING STRATEGIES LLC TEACHING SUP-PLIES 2,990.00; TESSIER'S INC CONTRACTED HVAC 8,535.00;

THERMOGENICS DBA PLAINS **MECHANICAL** CONTRACTED BOILER SERVICES 325.00; THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP CONTRACTED TECH REPAIR/ SERVICE 16,423.98; TOSTADO, **BERTHA** EMPLOYEE REIM-BURSEMENT 49.92; TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TECH SUPPLY AND REPAIR 66.00; TRI-STATE PHYSICIANS PHSYCALS 110.00; TRI-STATE SNAPSPORTS SPORT EQUIPMENT 4,875.00; TUCKER GLASS GLASS REPAIRS 750.00; TYSON EVENTS CEN-TER RENTAL OF FACILITY FOR GRADUATION 5,224.23; US OMNI & TSACG COMPLIANCE SERVIC-ES RETIREMENT PLAN ADMIN-ISTRATION 55.11; VERDE OUT-DOOR MEDIA, LLC BILLBOARD ADVERTISING 3,350.00; VERIZON WIRELESS CELL PHONES/INTER-NET 3,561.11; VERIZON WIRE-LESS CELL PHONES/INTERNET 2,125.86;

VISTA HIGHER LEARNING CURRICULUM 5,160.95; WEIS, CINDY EMPLOYEE REIMBURSE-MENT 194.93; WHEELCHAIR DY-NAMICS EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS 1,647.80; WILMES DO IT BEST HARDWARE SUPPLIES 2,574.02; WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING CORP. CURRICULUM & PROFES-SIONAL DEVELOPMENT 9,450.00; WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC NATU-RAL GAS 3,959.33; WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC NATURAL GAS 3,613.00; ZEDIKER, KRISTEN EM-PLOYEE REIMB 36.65 TOTAL CLAIMS: 1,528,012.26

BUILDING FUND:

CONCESSIONS BARCON BUILDING WORK 18,005.00; BE-TON STRUCTURE, LLC. STRUC-TURAL ENGINEERING 6,000.00 CUSTOM BUILDERS CONSTRUC-TION SERVICES 3,125.00; J.C. ROOFING & INSULATING CON-TRACTED ROOFING 14,000.003 LECHNER LUMBER CO. SUPPLIES 12,689.64; LITEFORM TECHNOLO-GIES, LLB CONSTRUCTION SUP-PLY 12,841.85; SIOUXLAND CON-CRETE CO. CONCRETE 10,147.92 WS INSULATION SOLUTIONS IN-SULATION 11,284.00 TOTAL FUND

BUILDING CLAIMS: 88,093.41

DEPRECIATION FUND:

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS SUPPLIES & CUSTODIAL REPAIRS 9,592.78; KINGSBURY ELECTRON-IC SYSTEMS INC. AUDIO SYSTEM 0.00; TRI-STATE SNAPSPORTS SPORT EQUIPMENT 135,911.25 DEPRECIATION SUBTOTAL

FUND CLAIMS: 145,504.03 **GRAND TOTAL DEPRECIATION**

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FOOD SERVICE FUND

ACCU-TEMP, INC. EQUIPMENT REPAIR & RENT 1,411.34; BIG SIOUX DEVELOPMENT CO LLC OUTSOURCED GENERAL CON-TRACTOR 8,668.21; BIG SIOUX DEVELOPMENT CO LLC OUT-SOURCED GENERAL CONTRAC-TOR 2,280.00; CURRY FLOOR AND ACOUSTICS CARPETING & CEILING TILES 4,046.00; FOULK BROTHERS PLUMBING & HEAT-ING CONTRACTED PLUMBING 19,201.43; GILL, JILL EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT 49.25; HEART-LAND SCHOOL SOLUTIONS FOOD SERVICE SOFTWARE/TRAINING 1,984.00; HOBART SALES & SER-VICE FOOD SVC EQUIPMENT 8 REPAIR 341.04; KAI RENOVATIONS OUTSOURCED GENERAL CON-TRACTOR 180.00; LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS INC CONTRACTED FOOD SERVICE 29,676.86; SIOUX CITY WINNELSON MAINTENANCE SUPPLY 2,780.00; SYSCO KITCH-EN EQUIPMENT 4,790.18

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CLAIMS: 85,408.31

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DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dakota County Board of Commissioners Monday, August 19, 2024 at 3 p.m. **County Board Meeting** Room, First Floor Dakota County Courthouse, **Dakota City, Nebraska** Legal Abbreviations for this ad:

the title Commissioner has been omitted before each Commissioner's name, "-" = moved, seconded by: Roll Call Vote Unanimous Motion Carried = RCVUMC Chair Hohenstein called the

meeting to order at 3 p.m. Pledge was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting at 2:45 p.m. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

Giese "-" Love to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes - August 5, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for August 4 to August 17, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims, except Norfolk Contracting; e) Approval of Officials Reports-Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. RCVUMC.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$188,448.08; Net Pay-\$134,968.15; Total Retirement-\$13,402.75; Total FICA-\$13,894.86; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$210.77; Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$19,547.20; Pay-\$13,819.45; Retire-Net ment-\$1,319.40; Total FICA-\$1,390.93; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Health Planning Grant Employer 2502: Gross Salaries-\$1,560.00; Net Pay-\$1,210.15; Retirement-\$105.30; Total FICA-\$119.34; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Health Program Grant Employer 2504: Gross Salaries-\$1,689.60; Net Pay-\$1,309.57; Retirement-\$114.05; Total FICA-\$126.45; Health Plan-\$560.00: Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507: Gross Salaries-\$1,924.00; Net Pay-\$1,536.42; Retirement-\$129.87; Total FICA-\$143.65; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life nsurance-\$2.55;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Co-

premium-\$2,146.00; FSA Dep Care-Health Plan, premium-\$48,800.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$510.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,469.75; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.77; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,090.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,863.09; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,682.28; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,789.72; VSP, premium-\$538.25.

Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$305.00; FSA Medical-\$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,650.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,190.62; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$618.82; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,199.06; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,781.86; VSP, premium-\$80.84; Insurance Fund 1275: Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$105,376.14; US Treasury-PCORI fee - \$98.46; Health Fund 2502: Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$102.47; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.84; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$175.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$238.68; Health Fund 2504: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$93.08; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.81; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$190.08; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$252.90; VSP, premium-\$15.66; Juvenile Services Fund 2507: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$66.81; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$44.29; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$216.45; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$287.30; VSP, premium-\$25.25.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: A Team, bldg repair-\$477.00; Advanced Correctional, prescriptions-\$10,741.08; Angela Abts, reimbur-\$304.18; Angela Espinoza, witness fee, mile-

Ionial Life & Accident, life insurance age-\$53.40; Associated Fire Protecpremium-\$282.18; Dental Account, tion, qrtly inspect-\$747.00; AT&T, phones-\$658.79; Autonomy, fee-\$416.66; FSA Medical-\$975.87; \$9,500.00; Availity, medical-\$128.75; Becky Broer, reimbur-\$130.00; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,932.90; Boatch, srt equip-\$19,715.84; Bob Barker, prisoners supp-\$1.930.91; Brittney Adams, witness

fee, mileage-\$46.80; Bunkers Feed, supp-\$427.17; Cardinal Assessment, reval work-\$18,850.00; Charm-Tex, prisoners supp-\$1,685.55; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$3,439.77; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost fuel-\$56,534.42; CNOS, medical-\$384.00; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$137.96; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,780.60; Dakota County Jail, reimbur-\$500.00; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,642.60;

Dakota County Star, \$1,018.34; DAS State Acct, state printer/tech fees-\$466.00; Data Source Media, toner-\$69.94; Diamond Drug, inmate supp-\$2,805.17; District Court, court fees-\$542.00; Doug Johnson, sheriff's training-\$600.00; Thomas Wente, physician fee-\$250.00; Drain Specialists, repairs-\$150.00; Fett & Kincaid, medical-\$585.00; Eakes, \$4,271.10; Bradley Easland, atty fees-\$1,449.05; Electronic Engineering, monitoring-\$29.95; Farmers Bank, lease pymt-\$26,029.06;

Fibercomm, phones-\$754.10; Luke Henderson, atty fees-\$762.70; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$173.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$554.60; Glover Painting, bldg repair-\$954.05; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$631.80; Groundworks, bldg repair-\$7,334.24; Groves Emergency Lighting, installing equip-\$7,551.28; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Helvig Agricultural, BOE data collect & anal, protests-\$705.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$1,570.14; Hobart Sales & Serv, supp-\$122.00; HolidayInn- Kearney, lodging-\$404.85;

Idemia Identity & Security, serv agmt-\$3,257.00; Innovative Appraisal, BOE data collect & anal, protests-\$3,180.15; J&M Auto Repair, pickup repairs-\$755.93; J.P. Cooke, notary stamp-\$37.85; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,872.55; Jeff's Tree Serv, tree removal-\$4,500.00; Julie Boyle, reimbur-\$57.02; Kate Jorgensen, atty fees-\$3,575.41;

Knoepfler Chevrolet, vehicle repair-\$918.36; Lancaster County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$9.50; Leaf, copier contract-\$617.55; Linda Carson, PYS-\$11.00; Linda Kastning, hearing, mileage-\$108.50; Loffler, copier contract-\$37.34; Maggie Cook, court reporter, mile-

age-\$121.90; Marco, copier contract-\$563.42; Marco Technologies, copier contract- front area-\$257.40; Margie Rahn, PYS-\$12.00; Mark Al-verts-\$1,396.80; Eakes, supp-\$17,229.99; Mullin Awning & Siding, benesious, sand-flooding-\$704.30;

McKesson, medical-\$521.42; Menards, tools-\$149.16; MercyOne, EAP-\$234.84; MercyOne Siouxland Occuational, wellness screenings-\$955.00; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$57.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$687.70; Midwest Alarm, serv call-\$680.00; MIPS, software, real estate receipts-\$4,076.45; Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral, cremation-\$1,800.00; NACO, workshop-\$30.00; Nebraska Cancer Coalition, membership-\$125.00; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$41.50; Nicholas Nieman, reimbur-\$322.94;

Norm Waitt, membership-\$184.50; NPPD. utilities-\$6.091.83: One Office, colored copies, copier contract, supp-\$1,439.74; Phoenix Plumbing, bldg repair-\$1,875.54; PMRNRD, rent-\$750.00; Quadient Leasing, lease pymt-\$782.61; Rohan Electric, bldg repair-\$300.90; Randy Hisey, atty fees-\$1,434.50; Richard Thrammer. attv fees-\$5.533.75: Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$16,711.32; Robyn Newbrey, hearing, mileage-\$108.50; RTI, IT support-\$4,794.90; Scott Stolze, reimbur-\$292.12; Security Shredding, shredding-\$800.00;

Siouxland Federal Credit, supp-\$354.09; Siouxland Urology, medical-\$150.00; Sirchies Acquisition, bldg repair-\$39.50; St. Lukes Dept of Lab, inmate labs-\$212.67; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical-\$321.60; Stanard Appraisal, resid reval-\$20,951.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$1,767.50; Summit Food, food & bev-\$28,375.04; Team Trouble Chaser, decal vehicle-\$850.00; Thurston County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$63.54; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$137.00; Trembly, pest control-\$155.00; Trivew Comm, phones-\$95.00; UNL-Print & Copy Serv, letterheads-\$22.31; US Bank, supp, postage, training, fuel, workshop, research, misc-\$7,062.02; US Postal, postage-\$4,000.00;

Verizon, phones-\$42.90; Visual Edge, copier contract, supp-\$71.44; Walmart, supp-\$44.88; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, supp-\$57.85; Woodbury County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$48.00; Woodhouse, vehicle repair-\$132.05;

0802 Road Improv, general fund inter fund transfers Road Fund: Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$18,939.25; Bomgaars, supp, Pump parts-\$59.91; Bosselman & Pantry, fuel-\$9,441.06; Dakota

Dakota County Star, publi-\$114.69; DSG-Dakota Supply Group, cul-\$41.92; Emerson Manufacturing, shades- county court\$240.00; Pubsupp-\$39.00; Frame Aligners, parts, supp-\$408.29; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$21,455.39; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Graham Tire Sioux City, tires-\$557.40;

Grossenburg Implement, tractor rental-\$800.00; Gworks, simple sign maint-\$519.00; H204U, water-\$52.00; Hansen Electric, bldg repair-\$300.00; Heavy Metal Repair, parts-\$167.71; Interstate All Battery, parts-\$437.50; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$239.25; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, parts-\$40.81; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$426.49; Knife River, supp-\$32.20; Lamp Construction, bathroom installment-\$4,384.50; Marx Distribution, dust control-\$1,800.00;

Matheson. oxv/acetvlene-\$167.80; Arnie Mellick, PYS-\$13.00; Menards, erosion control-\$209.97; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$15.81; Midwest Fence, guardrail m ave, g ave-\$13,500.00; Midwest Svc & Sales, traffic signs-\$2,522.75; Midwest Wheel, supp-\$249.44; Miller Tire, tires-\$542.00; NPPD, utilities-\$113.91; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$122.43; Northeast Power, utilities-\$327.45; Northside Glass, parts-\$155.00; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$1,292.55; Robertson, parts-\$241.51; SAPP BROS, propane-\$7,346.73; Sioux City Truck Sales, shop supp-\$691.00; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$625.00;

Titan Machinery, parts-\$52.65; US Bank, supp, parts, misc-\$488.03; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.91; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$38.96; Oil, diesel-\$8,751.00; Warren Wilmes, supp, tools-\$222.96; Ziegler's, parts-\$70.75;

Road & Bridge Improvement: Veenstra & Kimm, S Bluff Rd culvert extension-\$18,340.11; Visitor Promo: SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$30,010.11; P&M Fund: Microfilm Imaging, scannings-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; Health Grant 2502: US Bank, training-\$600.00; Health Grant 2504: US Bank, misc, supp-\$341.26; Verizon, phones-\$82.91; 2507 Juvenile Grant: Community Monitoring, family support-\$793.00; Language Line, interpretation -\$1.77; DCHD Covid fund 2508: Ford Motor Credit Co, lease pymt-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$102.86; ARPA Fund: Eclipse Pro Painting, painting fire hall and courthouse-\$23,500.00

County Petty Cash, title-\$10.00; 24/7 Locksmith Service, rekey locks on doors-\$540.00; Marx Dust Control, mag water homer bluff roadlic Safety 2960: RFD Sales Tax, tax

> Love "-" Hohenstein to not send a letter to the Law Enforcement Center terminating the current contract as it has been agreed that each party is willing to renegotiate the current contract before budgets are due next year. RCVMC-3 to 2.

month-\$32,653.94

Love "-" Van Berkum to approve the Chair to sign the NIRMA Agreement and Release on the insurance claim occurring on November 7, 2023 involving the deputy vehicle that was totaled due to a fire. RCVUMC.

Chair Hohenstein appointed Commissioner Van Berkum, himself and Chief Deputy County Attorney Deb Fergen to be on the committee to appoint a County Treasurer; the position will be advertised for two weeks and hope to have someone

appointed by October 11, 2024. Love "-" Giese to approve the Midwest Engineering Inc. agreement for construction engineering services for the grading on S Avenue North of Nebraska Highway 35 project

#24053. RCVUMC. Love "-" Van Berkum to approve the Advertisement for Bids for the Likuwanta Drive Improvement project with bid opening on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 10th at 1:30 pm. RCVMC-4-1. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for August 4 to August 17, 2024.

Giese "-" Launsby to approve the request to purchase a semi-load of motor grader blades from Ziegler Cat for \$28,110.40 using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Launsby to approve the Midwest Engineering, Inc. 2024 Road Maintenance engineering and bidding agreement for M Avenue, Hubbard to 270th and 260th and M Avenue to NE Highway 35, approximately 12.5 miles at a cost of not more than \$54,250. RCVMC-4-1.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 19, 2024, at 4:04 p.m. **Dakota County**

Board of Commissioners Martin Hohenstein, Chair Cherie Conley,

County Clerk/Board Secretary Publish in Dakota County Star Thursday, August 29, 2024 - ZNEZ

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

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 par-tial 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,

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 Docu-

ments. This Advertisement is issued

> **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

Total

Thursday, August 29, 2024. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 22 and 29, 2024.

- ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

NORTH RIDGE HOLDINGS, LLC Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:

1-The name of the limited liability company is NORTH RIDGE HOLD-INGS, LLC (the "Company")

2-The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 120 N. Ridge Rd., Homer, NE 68030.

3-The street and mailing address of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.

4-The company was organized and commenced on August 19, 2024, and its duration is perpetual.

NORTH RIDGE HOLDINGS, LLC By: /s/ Billy Rogers, Organizer John C. Ehrich (Bar # 24140) Ehrich Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. 1419 Dakota Ave. P.O. Box 215 South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-412-2080

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State of Nebraska, as follows:

LLC (the "Company").

2-The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 107 Ash Ln., Dakota

of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.

4-The company was organized and commenced on August 19,

FOAM FUN RENTAL, LLC John C. Ehrich (Bar # 24140) Ehrich Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. 1419 Dakota Ave. P.O. Box 215 South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: 402-412-2080 jehrich@ehrichlawoffice.com

Legal Notice

ORGANIZATION OF

Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the

1-The name of the limited liability

City, NE 68731.

3-The street and mailing address

By: /s/ Tyler Lane, Organizer

NOTICE OF

FOAM FUN RENTAL, LLC

company is FOAM FUN RENTAL,

2024, and its duration is perpetual.

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Dakota County, Nebraska

South Sioux City

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

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 4 day of September 2024, at 5:00 o'clock PM, at Council Chambers, South Sioux City Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers

2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers

2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve

2024-2025 Total Resources Available

Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year

\$ 4,362,489.64 Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement \$4,442.62

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes

\$4,362,489.64

-2%

\$55,523,100.31

\$ 63,541,633.25

\$112,304,765.38

\$31,499,252.25

\$143,804,017.63

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 4 day of September 2024, at 5:00 o'clock PM, at Council Chambers, South Sioux City Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax

Change 112,304,765.38 132,489,385.87 Operating Budget -15% Property Tax Request \$4,138,533.03 \$4,362,489.64 5% 1.105.623.061 1,010,878,203 9% Valuation 0.409400 0.394573 Tax Rate -4%

0.374317 Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

South Sioux City Community Schools (22-0011-000) 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 9 day of September, 2024 at 5 o'clock, P.M., at the South Sioux City High School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. 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

Actual Disbursements & Transfers FUNDS 2022-2023 (1)		Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (2)		Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (3)		Necessary Cash Reserve (4)		Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)		Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)		
General	\$ 57,	001,066.38	\$	56,307,050.00	\$	61,263,358.00	\$	4,565,365.82	\$	51,563,275.26	\$	14,409,543.56
Depreciation	\$ 1,	366,436.32	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	3,702,771.97			\$	3,702,771.97		
Employee Benefit	\$	18,177.01	\$	22,000.00	\$	480,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	500,000.00		
Contingency	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-			\$			
Activities	\$	633,109.49	\$	582,000.00	\$	1,125,000.00	\$	32,994.12	\$	1,157,994.12		
School Nutrition	\$ 2,	416,497.68	\$	2,590,000.00	\$	4,103,000.00	\$	508,301.34	\$	4,611,301.34		
Bond	\$ 1,	041,075.00	\$	1,076,430.00	\$	463,505.78	\$	-	\$	463,505.78	\$	-
Special Building Qualified Capital	\$ 1,	117,703.36	\$	95,628.99	\$	376,075.55			\$	376,075.55	\$	-
Purpose Undertaking	\$	199,770.79	\$	144,410.00	\$	195,161.49	\$	-	\$	195,161.49	\$	-
Cooperative	\$	-	\$	-	\$	100,000.00	\$	-	\$	100,000.00		
Student Fee	\$	-	\$	400.00	\$	31,200.00	\$	-	\$	31,200.00		
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
TOTALS	\$ 63,	793,836.03	\$	61,817,918.99	\$	71,840,072.79	\$	5,126,661.28	\$	62,701,285.51	\$	14,409,543.56

	Bond Purposes	Non	-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of				
Property Tax	\$ -	\$	14,409,543.56	\$ 14,409,543.56

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

South Sioux City Community Schools (22-0011-000) in Dakota County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 9 day of, September 2024 at 5 o'clock P.M., at the South Sioux City High School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change
Property Valuations	1,431,159,207	1,582,791,106	11%

2023-2024 Budget Information

2024-2025 Budget Information

Fund	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023- 2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	61,817,328.00	14,666,977.74	1.024832	0.926653	61,263,358.00	14,409,543.56	0.910388	-11%	-1%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	1,076,430.00		0.000000	0.000000	463,505.78	-	0.000000		-57%
Special Building Fund	609,620.00		0.000000	0.000000	376,075.55	-	0.000000		-38%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	144,410.00	94,632.21	0.006612	0.005979	195,161.49	-	0.000000	-100%	35%

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63,647,788.00 | 14,761,609.95 | 1.031444 | 0.932632 | 62,298,100.82 | 14,409,543.56 | 0.910388

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

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

forever barred.

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Legal Notice

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

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska. Estate of JUNE E. TURPEN, De-

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 Represen-

tative 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 SMITH PAULEY LLP 3555 Farnam Street, Suite 1000 Omaha, NE 68131

Telephone: 402-392-0101 sduey@smithpauley.com Attorneys for

Personal Representative Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 22 and 29, 2024

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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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Legal Notice

City of South Sioux City

Notice On the 20th day of August 2024. The Mayor and Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, adopted an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 2024 - 11 AN ORDINANCE REZONING AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, **NEBRASKA LOCATED WITHIN** THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF OLD HWY 20 AND LAKE AVENUE FROM C4 TO R2b

Said ordinance was published by title and posted in pamphlet form at three public places; South Sioux City Public Library, South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and South Sioux City Hall and copies thereof are available at the office of the City

Nanci Walsh, CITY CLERK

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Equalization will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 2:45 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, which said meeting is open to the public. The agendas for these meetings will be kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Cherie Conley, County Clerk Publish in Dakota County Star

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Legal Notice

City of South Sioux City Notice

On the 20th day of August 2024. The Mayor and Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, adopted an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 2024-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY. **NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF** THE SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF THE **REVENUE RECEIVED WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY; PROVIDING A TIME** WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL

BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; AND REPEALING ALL PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

Said ordinance was published by title and posted in pamphlet form at three public places; South Sioux City Public Library, South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and South Sioux City Hall and copies thereof are available at the office of the City

Nanci Walsh, CITY CLERK

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Legal Notice

AMENDED NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Mildred D. Heinemann,

Deceased Estate No. PR 24-48

Notice is hereby given that on August 22, 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 Marvin W. Schincke, whose address is 205 E. 30th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776, 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 29, 2024, or be forever

/s/Kerri L. Wiese **Clerk of the County Court** P.O. Box 385 Dakota City, NE 68731

/s/JOHN C. EHRICH (Bar #24140) Ehrich Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. 1419 Dakota Avenue P.O. Box 215

South Sioux City, NE 68776 Ph: 402-12-2080 Fax: 402-412-2082

jehrich@ehrichlawoffice.com Publish in Dakota County Star Thursday, August 29, 2024 and September 5 and 12, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Harstad Headstone Cleaning & Preservation L.L.C.

Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 149 Rottunda Way, South Sioux City, NE 68776 Name of the initial agent for ser-

vice of process: William C. Harstad Street, mailing address and post office (if any) of the initial agent for

service of process: 149 Rottunda Way, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Effective date if other than the

date filed: 8/18/24

William C. Harstad, Jr.

Name of Organizer Publish in The Dakota County Star Thursday, August 29, 2024 and September 5 and 12, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

Public Hearing Notice COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that on September 9, 2024 in the South Sioux City Hall the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for the Community Development Block Grant. This grant is available to local governments for community/economic development activities.

The City of South Sioux City is requesting \$480,000 for the W 13th Street in South Sioux City from 2nd Avenue to 3rd Avenue. The project will consist of full depth concrete removal and replacement as the present road is in horrific condition and attempts to repair and patch have failed. New storm water inlet where there are existing will be replaced and repaired as they are in horrible condition and contribute to the nature of the problem. Along with the replacement of storm sewer inlets, the project will also work to replace storm sewer lines where they exist on the project. Existing water lines where they cross the project will be replaced and upsized with 8" water lines to help improve the fire flow and water pressure in this location. The city will also install new water field valves and replace existing fire hydrants, will add more additional fire hydrants to increase the fire protection for this area (if needed by city code). For location where necessary, the city will replace sidewalks and install ADA sidewalk ramps markers at all intersections. The total cost for this project is estimated to be \$857,912 of which \$480,000 will be from CDBG funds for construction, \$25,000 will be for grant administration. This project will benefit low and moderate income people, the amount of matching funds contributed by the city will be \$377,912, which will come from water and sewer improvements, city street funds and/or sales tax revenue. No person will be

displaces as a result of this project. The grant application will be available for public inspection at South Sioux City, City Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing schedule for 5 p.m. September 9, 2024 at 1615 1st Avenue in the City Hall Council Chambers. Written comments addressed to Lance Hedquist at 1615 1st Avenue South Sioux City, NE 68776 will be accepted if received on or before September 9, 2024 by

5 p.m. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print, or recorded materials, please contact Nanci Walsh at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 or phone 402-494-7594 no later than September 5, 2024. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that five (5)day notice is received by the City of South Sioux City.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: Property Pros

Name of Applicant: Property Pros, L.L.C

Address: 1114 4th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101

Applicant is a: Limited Liability Company If other than an Individual, State under whose laws entity was formed:

Date of first use of name in Ne-

braska: upon filing hereof General nature of business: all lawful business

Property Pros, L.L.C. by /s/ Christine R. Stultz,

Manager Publish in Dakota County Star Thursday, August 29, 2024 - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSON, NEBRA-SAKA, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS:

You are hereby placed on notice that the Village Board of the Village of Jackson Nebraska, shall hold a public hearing at the Village Hall on the 9th day of September, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to hear testimony in favor of, opposition to, and to answer questions in relation thereto the proposed **Street** Plan and Annual Budget program for the Village of Jackson, Nebraska. A copy of the programs are on file with Donna Hirsch, Village Clerk, and are subject to public review and

> Village of Jackson, Nebraska Stephanie Hirsch Chairman

ATTEST: **Donna Hirsch** Clerk

examination.

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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 regular meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 5:00 P.M. on Monday September 9, 2024, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, this 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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DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Dakota County Board of Equalization Monday, August 19, 2024 2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting **County Board Meeting** Room, First Floor Dakota County Courthouse,

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

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

Giese "-" Launsby, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, meeting. RCVUMC.

Board Member Van Berkum arrived at 2:47 p.m.

Giese "-" Van Berkum to accept

the recommendation of the Treasurer and approve an exemption from motor vehicle taxes for Glad Tidings Lighthouse for their 2018 Chevrolet 3-door (VIN# 1GZAGP FG3J1277083). RCVUMC.

Giese moved, seconded by Board Member Hohenstein to approve the following Tax List Corrections to remove properties from the tax rolls due to the Sheriff's Distress Warrants report given and approved at the August 5, 2024 Board of Commissione meeting: #10046 Parcel 220193266 Yr 2023, #10047 Parcel 220193266 Yr 2023, #10048 Parcel 22016303 Yr 2023, #10049 Parcel 22016303 Y 2022, #10050 Parcel 220274180 Y 2022, #10051 Parcel 220274424 Y 2022, #10052 Parcel 220274424 Y 2023, #10053 Parcel 220274425 Y 2022 and #10054 Parcel 220274425 Yr 2023. RCVUMC.

There were no TERC cases to review.

There was no mail, emergency business or public comment.

Board Member Van Berkum moved to adjourn. Chair Love adjourned the August 19, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting at 2:53 p.m. County Board of Equalization

Scott Love, Chair **Cherie Conley County Clerk**

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DAKOTA COUNTY

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 13-501 to 13-512, R.R.S. 1943, that the governing body will meet on the 3rd day of September 2024 at 5:30 o'clock PM at Dakota County Courthouse-Commissioner's meeting room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Funds	Actual Disbursements 2022-2023 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2023-2024 (2)	Proposed Disbursements 2024-2025 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Requirements (6)			
GENERAL	11,421,848.15	11,460,544.63	14,206,757.89	1,750,000.00	7,631,504.86	8,325,253.03			
ROAD	1,935,852 49	2,067,077.80	2,432,317.35	0.00	2,432,317 35	0.00			
HARD SURFACING FUND	0 00	21,524.14	1,550,000.00	0.00	1,550,000.00	0.00			
FEDERAL AID - ROADS	77,167.50	0.00	680,533.29	0.00	680,533 29	0.00			
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND	34,941 03	0.00	494,951.19	0.00	494,951 19	0.00			
ROAD & BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT	1,124,004.64	546,209.78	* 674,665.00	0 00		0.00			
VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND	267,933.21	274,799.75	295,000.00	0.00		0.00			
REG DEEDS PRESERVATN & MODERNIZATON	9,798.48	9,892 32	20,436.96	0.00		0 00			
INSURANCE FUND	2,371,042.13	1,752,923 43	2,433,403.60	0.00		~ 0.00			
S T.O.P FUND	0.00	0 00	8,831.91	0.00		0.00			
COUNTY DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0 00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000 00	0.00			
FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00		0.00			
HEALTH PLANNING GRANT FUND	55,273.91	81,526 30	133,184.46	0.00		0 00			
HEALTH DISPARITY	52,298.46	60,461 41	27,956.70	0 00	27,956.70	0.00			
HEALTH DEPT PROGRAM GRANTS	134,266.58	186,129 28	390,335.89	0 00	390,335.89	0.00			
L E EQUIPMENT GRANT FUND	0.00	0 00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00			
CRIME COMMISSION ENHANCEMENT FUND	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00			
JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND (LB561)	68,917.82	70,348.73	86,004.02	0 00	86,004.02	0.00			
DCHD COVID 19 ACTIVITIES	132,573.15	64,086.39	86,757.82	0 00	86,757.82	0.00			
COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	1,277,125.32	907,003.84	1,614,286.01	0.00	1,614,286 01	0.00			
INHERITANCE TAX	705,000.00	185,000.00	2,313,380.11	0.00	2,313,380.11	0.00			
SINKING FUND	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00	75,000 00	0.00			
E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	61,945.83	30,933.65	66,098.99	0.00	66,098 99	0.00			
PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX	413,461.36	427,810.15	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00	0.00			
JAIL BOND FUND	279,947 54	452.50	0 00	0 00		0.00			
GRAND TOTAL	20,425,897.60	18,146,724.10	28,124,901.19	1,750,000.00	21,549,648.16	8,325,253.03			
Unused Budget Authority created for next year 198,470.33									

DAKOTA COUNTY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1601.02, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2024 at 3:00 o'clock PM at Dakota County Courthouse-Commissioner's meeting room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	25,371,572.67	28,124,901.19	10.85%
Property Tax Request	7,265,915.40	8,325,253.03	14 58%
Valuation	2,413,264,164.00	2,712,161,771.00	12 39%
Tax Rate	0.301082	0 306960	1.95%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.267901		

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Hootin' it up in Hubbard



There's always a nice lineup of vehicles Sunday morning at the Hubbard Hoot Owl Days car show just outside of St. Mary's Parish Hall.



I just happened to catch Bob Anderson (who wouldn't want any attention drawn to him) at the start of the Madison Avenue concert on Hubbard's main street Saturday night. Bob and his lovely wife Cindy have graciously donated a hog several years to create two fundraisers for the Hubbard Hoot Owl Days. Thanks again!



Larry and Jeannie Grove have been faithfully selling tickets at the door for the Trinity Lutheran Church Community breakfast as long as I've been coming and that's been about 12 years!



Photos by Lori Overfelt



Here's a picture of the Hubbard Hoot Owl Days 5-K Run/ walk first place female and male participants. (Left to right: Dustin Rewinkle, Charlotte Christiansen-first place female, Axel Kramper-first place male, & Stephanie Rewinkle.) Dustin and Stephanie were the chairpersons for the 5-K event.



The Trinity Lutheran Church always makes a wonderful homemade breakfast during the Hoot Owl Days and St. Mary's Catholic Church is kind enough to let them serve it at the Parish Hall to accommodate a larger crowd. I love to see the community working together!



It's seems to becoming more popular every year. Everyone seems to like the change of holding the 5-K the opening night as the glow sticks light up the lakeshore. This is the group picture of the 5-K runners/ walkers before the start of the race around the Kramper Lake just outside of Hubbard. We even had a Kramper take first place this year. Axel Kramper from Hubbard was the first place male to cross the finish line, and the first place female was Charlotte Christensen from Walthill, Ne

Hubbard News By Lori Overfelt

A "hoot" of a good time

What a weekend filled with lots of people doing fun activities in, what seemed to me, very favorable weather. Friday night's 5-K run/walk had the largest turnout they have ever had with 50 participants. This year was a 'Back to the 20s' theme glow run/walk. For those who chose to walk and enjoy the activities along the trail around Kramper Lake there was a selfie station, black-jack/ lawn dice, light-up inflatable airplanes to throw through hula hoops, 1920s slang trivia and a speakeasy at the finish line.

Some came to cheer their family members and friends on as they made their way around Kramper Lake with their glow sticks. I thought it was very fitting that a Kramper was the first to cross the finish line — Axel Kramper, the 10-year-old son of Alex and Emily Kramper, turned in an impressive time of 20:05. (The Homer track coach will be wanting to talk with him soon.) Our first female to cross was Charlotte Christensen from Walthill. I don't have her time, but I was amazed at the young people participating and taking first.

Saturday morning's donuts and coffee was well attended with over 30 people who are former graduates of both Hubbard and the Emerson-Hubbard schools. This year's Parade Marshals were John and Karen Howard, driven around by the distinguished Ray Messerschmidt.

This year we also had the most craft and food vendors that I can recall. People really had a wide variety to choose from. (I like to support them and buy some unique Christmas gifts.) The kids play area is always full. Some of the highlights seem to be the pony rides, the water slide, and the famous money dig. (Too bad they don't look that hard in the couch cushions.) They were busy from the time they opened until they took the last water slide down.

Once again, Tyson donated beef brisket and Dorcey Farms the sweet corn for a freewill offering meal before the evening concert with Madison Avenue. Even though the weather was hot, there seemed to be a cool breeze on Main Street. This year they did both a silent auction and a live auction. I believe they both went well. Madison Avenue performed an amazing concert entertaining a crowd of a large age demographic and many people joined in with dancing till the close at midnight.

Sunday morning was no different, with the Trinity Lutheran Church serving over 200 people a delicious homemade country breakfast. Everyone is grateful for St. Mary's Catholic Church providing the use of their hall to accommodate the large crowd. Many people strolled through the vast variety of old and new vehicles parked outside the hall on the grassy lot next door.

I may have a few more things to mention next week, but this is all I could remember for this week. School has started and fall is just around the corner.

The Hubbard Hoot Owl Days Pickleball tournament
1st place winners are Curt and Michelle Vanlaninghan from Havensville, Kan.
2nd place went to Darrell and Ashley Christiansen from Walthill.
3rd place was Josh Hassler and his daughter, Frankie, from West DesMoines, Iowa
4th place goes to Hudson Watkins and his mom, Maria.



(Left to right: Frankie and Josh Hassler, Michelle and Curt Vanlaninghan, and Darrell and Ashley Christiansen.)

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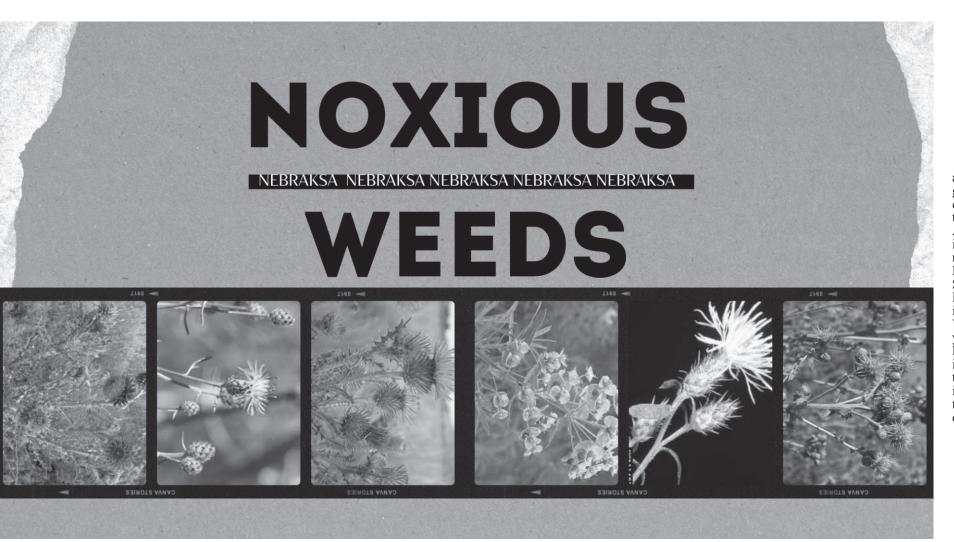
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Weeds

This is the time of year when we take a moment to admire the cornfields in our community. But As we glance at our neighbors' fields, we may notice the presence of Nebraska's noxious weeds. Nebraska is home to twelve weeds listed on the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's noxious weed list. They are the following: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Mush Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Spotted and Diffuse Knapweeds, Saltcedar, Common Reed (Phragmites), Sericea Lespedeza, Japanese Knotweed, Bohemian Knotweed, and Giant Knotweed. Do you think you can identify them all? Here are six. Can you get all correct? You might think some of them are quite pretty, but did you know that weeds designated as "noxious" are ecologically threatening to other plants and animals, so it is critical that they be controlled? For more information about noxious weeds and their control, please get in touch with your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Dakota City for more

A word from the Program Specialist

By Mahkenna Koinzan

Where did this month go? We went to the fair, and then, in a flash, the month is over.

You might be thinking, "What conservation project ideas do you have for us this month, Mahkenna?" Well, I don't have any! Not because I can't talk your ear off about planting trees or creating more pollinator safety zones. This is the time of year you come to us as you go off into the fields to harvest.

As you venture into your fields, you might notice, "I'm not making much money from this corner of my field, and the nearby road is quite busy. Maybe the NRD has

a program for this," or "My field is on a hill, and all my good soil is running down the hill. I wonder if the NRD has any good ideas to help."

Come with your questions and frustrations about your Feilds, CRP and small acreages. We are here to help and want to know how we can assist you!

Thank you and Stay Safe!

Mahkenna Koinzan Program Specialist Dakota City Field Office (402)494-4949

Happy 80th Birthday, Smokey the Bear



Birthday to you, Happy 80th Birthday to Smokey the Bear. Thank you many more. for everything you do!"

The Papio Missouri River Natural Resource Department would like to wish Smokey the Bear a Happy Birthday. You taught us the importance of preventing forest fires by promoting the message, "Only you can prevent forest fires.

You raised awareness about the harmful impact of wildfires and emphasized the need for fire prevention and safety measures to protect our natural resources.

Nebraska has earned the nickname "The Tree Planter's State" due to the dedicated efforts of its residents, who

"Happy Birthday to you, Happy have planted an impressive number of trees and successfully preserved

> The widespread adoption of the phrase "Only you can prevent forest fires" from Smokey the Bear has played a significant role in fostering a culture of environmental stewardship. Presently, Nebraska boasts approximately 3 million acres of lush forests and thriving woodlands, showcasing the enduring commitment to conservation and sustainability of our Natural Resources.

And now – some history

with Jorden Smith

Nebraska's rich forestry history is often overlooked, but it's a captivating tale of pioneers and their determination to transform the landscape.

In the 19th century, settlers ventured into the seemingly barren expanse of the Great American Desert, defying the odds to cultivate crops in the semi-arid land. Surrounded by flat plains, they yearned for the familiar sight of trees and sought to establish windbreaks to protect their crops from erosion.

Capitalizing on timber claim opportunities, they planted trees across 40-acre parcels, shaping Nebraska into the "Tree Planter's State." J. Sterling Morton's establishment of Arbor Day in 1872 further cemented the state's commitment to forestry, leading to the creation of the nation's largest hand-planted

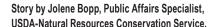
This historical narrative showcases Nebraska's remarkable journey from a perceived treeless landscape to a thriving haven of greenery and natural beauty.

A joke claims that the Nebraska State Tree is a wooden football goalpost.

If you would like another tree joke or have a question about a tree, ask Jorden Smith, our local Forester, at the Dakota City office, 1505 Broadway, Dakota City or call (402)494-4949.



High tunnels and high hopes



Eric Lund's late father introduced him to farming, beginning with a half-acre plot when he was eight years old.

Now, this farmer in Seward County, Nebraska, continues to grow and improve his small-scale operation inspired by tradition, innovation, and community.

We started with local farmers' markets in Seward, then Lincoln. Every year, we expanded a little," he re-

The farm has grown to cover 45 acres, offering a range of produce, plants, and eggs. When his father passed away, it only fueled his ambi-

"I kept expanding and learning. I tried new things every year," he said. Lund's mother, Kathy, became his

right hand. She helps with everything from irrigation systems to harvesting. Together, they've navigated challenges, celebrated reinvesting profits into the business, and watched their small farm grow, all of which have shown their commitment and

One challenge in the beginning was space. Lund decided to start growing flowers and other plants that required starting indoors.

"At the time, I had about 2,000 flowers, vegetables, and herbs growing in a small computer room," Lund said. This led to growing 15,000 pep-

per plants in the basement.

tential programs through friends in his community. He began discussing his options with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to alleviate problems with

The local NRCS team visited with Lund to determine the best programs and practices needed for his plans. He used NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to build high tunnels to extend the growing season and provide better crop quality.

growing starters in the basement.

"The high tunnels have been a game-changer," he noted, while explaining how these structures help in environmental control and disease prevention. Lund is now able to get his products to the market three to four weeks earlier than those not using a high tunnel.

The productivity and health of his crop is highly dependent on Nebraska weather and the amount of growing degree days available," said Nichole Strand, Resource Conservationist in Seward for NRCS. "Due to this resource concern, we were able to help Eric apply for EQIP as a solution.'

This has not been a typical project as Lund grows many different crops and is different from the typical rowcrop agriculture the local NRCS team typically sees. Due to the success of his first contact, Lund is looking to try additional practices, including cover crops for weed control, organic matter growth, erosion control, and

adding irrigation systems. "One successful project has led to While this worked to some extent, a great partnership, where we have

it wasn't ideal. Lund heard about po- been able to address multiple re- teammate's program at the local elsource concerns and put conservation work on the land," Strand said. "He has been awesome to work with and is willing to try new things based on our recommendations while also teaching us in the process. We have all benefited in some way from this.'

> Lund spent a lot of time trying to sell their products at farmers markets when the high tunnel was first built. Unfortunately (and fortunately), they were producing so much they began having a hard time selling it all. Lund started supplying Hy-Vee through building relationships and sheer determination and willingness to experiment. One store grew into another, and now their produce is available at four local Hy-Vees Lund also participates in local initiatives like the farm-to-school program, providing fresh produce to local schools.

"I love giving back. I used to coach invest in your business, and don't basketball and still participate in the rush," he advises.

ementary school," he added.

Despite the farm's growth, challenges remain. Finding reliable labor, managing costs, and dealing with weather uncertainties are constant hurdles. Yet, Lund remains optimistic, fueled by his passion for farming and community engagement.

You have to love this job. It's hard work, but it's rewarding," Lund said.

Looking to the future, Lund envisions further diversification.

"We're considering venturing into berry cultivation." He continues looking for new opportunities to grow and serve the community better. When talking to aspiring farmers.

he stresses starting small and growing gradually. "Understand it's a journey. Re-

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Berly Holes

'Unfortunately, the fair has come to an end, and it's bittersweet for us,' expressed Kaden Kaneifl, the Field Representative in Dakota County. This year, we had an incredible time, from having our foster, Jorden Smith, assist with the chicken show to witnessing our Water Supply Superintendent, Lance Olerich, bravely learning about snakes. If for some reason you didn't come see us, we are always available at the Dakota City and Walthill office.