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STAR CALENDAR

City Council to meet

The City Council of South Sioux City will hold its first meeting of the month on Monday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

An agenda for the meeting is available at www.southsiouxcity.org.

School board meeting

The South Sioux City Community Schools Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. at the high school library.

The board's agenda can be found on the school's website at www.ssc Cardinals.org.

Chamber Coffee Friday

The South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce's Friday Coffee Hour will be held at Siouxland Community Health, located at 3410 Futures Drive in South Sioux City.

The coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program set for 10 a.m.

SSC Teammates to host Trivia Night

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

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

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

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

Star deadlines

These are the deadlines for information to get into the Dakota County Star each week:

- News — 12 p.m. Tuesday
 - Sports — 8 a.m. Tuesday
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LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service
FOR WEEK OF AUG. 8-14, 2024

DAY	TEMP	COND
THURSDAY	73	50
	Partly cloudy.	
FRIDAY	73	50
	Mix of clouds and sun.	
SATURDAY	77	56
	A few clouds.	
SUNDAY	77	60
	Partly cloudy.	
MONDAY	75	62
	Good chance of showers.	
TUESDAY	82	64
	Partly cloudy.	
WEDNESDAY	85	66
	Mix of clouds and sun.	

County: We can't afford Crystal Lake refill

By MICHAEL CARNES

Star Publisher

Getting 5 million gallons of water redirected to help fill a local lake is a great idea — just not one the county feels it can put tax dollars toward.

At Monday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting, ongoing discussions between the county and Walt Beermann — who lives near Crystal Lake and has done extensive research regarding whether or not the lake can be taxed as private property — appeared to be at an impasse after board members said they didn't think the county could afford spending tax dollars on infrastructure that would redirect water used by Emperical to cool its equipment from being dumped into the Missouri River and, instead, be directed in the opposite direction toward Crystal Lake, which could bring more economic benefit to the county through tourism.

Beermann recently received a letter from officials at Emperical that supported an effort to move the 5 million gallons of water they pump daily westward toward Crystal Lake. The water would be gravity-fed toward Rice Lake and would eventually make its way into Crystal Lake.

"Everybody I've talked to thinks it's a fabulous idea to not waste that water," Beermann told the board, adding that he would like to get the issue of who owns the lake bed settled, pointing to century-old laws that indicate that lake beds are not privately owned, but owned by the State of Nebraska.

"I would like to see the county commissioners help us put together a letter as to who owns the lake bed," he said. "There are people who have closed-off gates on it, and that's got to be resolved because we all have

the right to fish on it and take care of it."

Commissioner Bob Giese agreed, noting that it would be up to the county to hire an engineer that would have to determine the water levels.

"We're at a point where the county would have to put money toward an engineer," he said. "We need to decide. We know there is 4-5 million gallons going right to the river each day, so how do we get that to fill up the lake?"

Whether or not the county can afford to get involved with such a project is a big question mark, especially after the county received preliminary budget numbers for the coming fiscal year that show a potential budget shortfall for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

"If we can get 4 1/2 to 5 million gallons a day to the lake, that's great," board chair Martin Hohenstein said. "But the preliminary

numbers we got today show that we'll need to cut \$132,000 out of the budget, and to stay off the mailing card we'll need to cut \$1 million. "If grants are available, then it's a great idea, but I don't know where the money is coming from."

Board member Scott Love also aired concerns.

"There are a lot of unknowns here before we can make a decision," he said, "and with budget cuts, if we throw \$20,000 at it and nothing happens, where do you stop? At the end of the day, we can't say 'X' amount of dollars because this will easily be a six-figure project."

Giese suggested that the Papio-Missouri River NRD be involved with the project, and Love agreed, adding that the group generally

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RACING AS HOT AS THE TEMPS AT D-T COUNTY FAIR



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

The Crazy-Eight Racing was as hot as the temperatures on Friday night during the Dakota-Thurston County Fair. While the temperatures hovered in the 90's, fair goers were able to enjoy themselves during the five-day festival of activities. Check out the 4-H winners in our special section in this week's edition.

New options highlight Cottonwood Days

By MICHAEL CARNES

Star Publisher

A "foam party," a softball game featuring some of the area's first responders, and plenty more activities are on tap for the 2024 edition of the Dakota City Cottonwood Days festival that begins on Friday.

"We're pretty excited this year," he said. "We have some different things with the foam party and a bigger fireworks show, so we're looking forward to this weekend."

Activities begin Friday with a dinner at the Dakota City Fire Hall, hosted by the Dakota City United Methodist Church, from 5-7 p.m. Family Bingo will follow at the Fire Hall at around 5:30 p.m.

New to the Cottonwood Days festival is a Foam Party that will also be at the Fire Hall and is open to all ages.

Highlighting Friday evening's festivities is the "Battle of the Badges" softball game, featuring members of the Dakota City Fire Department playing against deputies from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office. The first pitch is set for 7 p.m. at Lundberg Field, located across the street from the fire department.



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Capping Friday night's festivities is a fireworks display, also at Lundberg Field, put on by Kracklin' Kirk's Fireworks. The display is scheduled for a 9:30 p.m. start.

On Saturday, activities start at 10 a.m. with tours of the historical Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Tours will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, located at 1500 Hickory Street.

The Cottonwood Days Parade begins at 11 a.m. and will go through town, starting at

Gateway 2.0h and running west to the fire hall.

From there, activities move to Cottonwood Cove Park. A vendor fair, craft show and food trucks will run from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. A car show will start at 11 a.m., with a horseshoe tournament to follow at 11:30 a.m. and a bunch of kid-friendly activities, including a fun zone, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, balloon animals, fire prevention and more going from 12-3 p.m.

Saturday evening activities are back at the fire hall, starting with a cornhole tournament at 5:30 p.m. Music from Blynd Ambysion runs from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. (no cover charge, must be 21 and older), and a fireworks display sponsored by O'Dell's Auto Sales an Service firing off at dusk.

The weekend celebration ends Sunday morning with breakfast at the American Legion from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and an outdoor church service in Cottonwood Cover Park that includes a blessing of pets. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for the outdoor service.

NEW SSC TEACHERS READY TO GO FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

The 2024-25 school year gets under way next week. New teachers in the South Sioux City Community Schools system for the coming year include (front) Angela Iversen, Red Calugan, Jezzamae Carter, Derek Anderson, Casey Power, Brooklin Froehlich, Sadie Bottorff, Kendall Gill, Jessica Palmillas, Brooklynn Gall, (second row) Fabricio Hernandez, Raileigh Edwards, Maritza Flores, Jessica Bonds, Jeanine Figueroa, Ally Nearman, Grace Danke, Sydney Chance, Jennifer Clark, Rebecca Back, (third row) Alex Muessigmann, Kayla Nieman, Kristeen Varvais, Ridge Hoffman, Sophia Gapp, Brady Petit, Terry Comstock, Brad Hartnett, (back) Kimberly Heberer, Aaron Christians, Ryan Finley, Tracy Castle, Claire Sells, Tina Noll, Kathleen Keane, Lexa Meehan, Andrew Tostado, Amber Gregg, Katie Larson.



Wehr to miss people, food in South Sioux

By MICHAEL CARNES

Star Publisher

Like it does in the dictionary — family always comes before food.

Aron Wehr said he and his growing family have fallen in love with South Sioux City since he took over as president of the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce a little more than a year ago.

But as their family expanded in recent months, the need to be closer to family has prompted Wehr and his wife, Lauren, to move back to Omaha, meaning he will step down as the Chamber's leader effective this week.

"It's a family decision," Wehr told the Dakota County Star late last week. "My wife and I just had our daughter, Winnie, and it became harder for us to be away from family once we had her."

Wehr, a graduate of Millard North High School and a lifetime Omaha resident, said that having an opportunity to be closer to family was the reason why he will be moving back home to take a job with the Omaha Chamber of Commerce as their vice president of marketing and communications.

"I'm excited to stay in the Chamber world," Wehr said. "It's difficult for me to leave this position, but it's nice knowing I'll be staying in the same industry and will have contact with the South Sioux Chamber going forward."

Wehr worked fast in connecting with South Sioux City when he came on board early in 2023. Having worked for the Omaha Chamber of Commerce in a specialty position before coming here, he said he got his eyes opened to how a successful Chamber of Commerce works.

"Here I really got to know every facet of a Chamber, and I also really got to know this community and why the Chamber here is so successful," he said. "This community embraces it fully, and that was special to see. You don't see that everywhere, and that's why this was a difficult decision."

Working on projects like helping out with the NAIA national women's basketball tournament and the variety of things that Chamber and the

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Wehr

Lead survey nearing completion

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

At Monday's Public Works Committee hearing, the board heard that a study of lead pipes in the city is more than halfway finished, with an Oct. 1 deadline set to complete the work.

Scott Musselman with Olsson and Associates told the four committee members at the meeting that about 45-50 percent of the houses with lead pipes have been identified. This has been done through the mailing out of surveys and going door-to-door, using known construction dates as certification of the homes to look at.

City Administrator Lance Hedquist said that the city is getting funds to replace lead service lines in the city, which will reduce the amount of money the city has to pay to replace these old pipes.

"You see this happening a lot more across the country," he said.

Current data showed that about 3-4 percent of the houses in the city have lead service lines, which is a little lower number than officials expected.

If lead service lines to residential houses are discovered, the city needs to replace that line from the water main to the house, working with homeowners and contractors in replacing what needs to be replaced.

The committee also moved a request to apply for funds that would help create a Creative Arts District in the city that would run along Dakota Avenue between 16th and 29th streets.

Library director Cicely Douglas said a creative arts district would make the area more enticing and bring more

potential attractions as well as economic development.

Once the district is designated, the city can apply for up to \$250,000 in grant funding for a project in the district.

City officials originally were looking at an area between the movie wall at Dible Soccer Complex to Freedom Park, but the idea was rejected because it was considered to be "not walkable," prompting local officials to decide on the Dakota Avenue route.

In other action that will be forwarded to the City Council for discussion at Monday's 5 p.m. meeting, the committee:

— authorized the City Council to ask for quotes on a drainage project near the Senior Citizen Center that would put a pipe below the street that would allow water to flow across the street into the ditch near Great West Casualty.

— recommended to deny a claim regarding a city snow plow that went on to the grass of a resident's home.

— approved the purchase of a new flow meter at the River Lift Station.

— approved a memorandum of understanding between the South Sioux City Police Department and the Siouxland Mental Health Center.

— approved a CDA rezoning request to change a commercial designation to a residential single-family.

— approved a request to look at updating signal crossings on Dakota Avenue.

— approved the acceptance of the updated National Electric Code.

— move the 1/6-year road plan to the Council for discussion at a future meeting.

BEAUTIFUL EVENING FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES)
A more picture-perfect night could not be expected than the one that greeted those who took part in the annual National Night Out event at South Sioux City Middle School. Local, county and state law enforcement, along with the South Sioux City Fire Department and a variety of local and regional health-related organizations, were joined by several hundred area families for an evening that included hot dogs, games and opportunities to check out some of the new equipment used by our local and area first-responders. Residents got to meet with the leaders of the local police and fire departments and there were plenty of activities for the kids as well. (clockwise from top) Matthew Prichardo, 4, looks like he's a future firefighter as he learns how to hold a fire hose with South Sioux City fireman Humberto Camacho. Axel Thoene throws rings for a chance at a free pop. South Sioux City Police Officer Leo Davalos chats with Eli Magana and his family.



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over effort coming up

The South Sioux City Police Department, with grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Transportation- Highway Safety Office (NDOT), will be working alongside NDOT and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the Drive Sober or get Pulled Over enforcement campaign.

This campaign will run from Friday, Aug. 16 through Monday, Sept. 2, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend.

During the 2022 Labor Day holiday, there were 490 crash fatalities nationwide. Of these 490 traffic

crash fatalities, 39 percent (190) involved a drunk driver, and a quarter (25 percent) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit (.15+ BAC). Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday in 2022, 47 percent of those drivers were drunk, with BACs of .08 or higher.

If you choose to go out and drink call a cab, call an Uber, or have a designated driver. Your life, and the lives of other motorists could depend on it.

Historic marker to be unveiled in Ponca Aug. 18

The Ponca Historical Society is holding a special ceremony to unveil a new Nebraska historic marker on Sunday, Aug. 18 at Ponca State Park.

In coordination with Nebraska Game and Parks/Ponca State Park, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and History Nebraska, the ceremony will honor the location of the First Village of the Ponca Tribe (cir 1650's to 1700), in the beautiful rolling hills of Northeast Nebraska. This site is a sacred and ceremonial place of the tribe's history.

A Prayer Song and Flag Song will be sung by members of the Tribe of Ponca. After the ceremony, a reception will be held in the River Bluff Room at the Main Center of Ponca State Park.

Among the guest speakers expected to be at the event are:

— Angie Starkel, vice chairwoman of the Ponca Tribe

— Jeff Fields, Nebraska Game and Parks Division Administrator

— Autumn Langmeier, historic marker program coordinator for History Nebraska

— State Sen. Barry DeKay, Nebraska Legislative Dist. 40.

Since the event is being held in the state park, all guests must display a valid park entry permit upon entering.

Perez is NAHESP grad

The Nebraska Area Health Education Center Scholars Program, based at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, recently graduated 58 students.

The 2024 class of AHESP Scholars includes health professions students in such fields as community health, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, nursing and radiological technician programs.

Graduating from the College of Dentistry program was Gisselle Perez of South Sioux City.

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Convention Visitors Bureau does were exciting, but Wehr's favorite activity was the weekly Coffee Hour events.

"That was my favorite part of the job," he said. "It's a weekly thing where business happens and where a lot of networking happens. It's a great go-to spot every Friday and it was always special being part of that."

And while he'll miss the people of the community, the one thing he's going to miss the most is — the food. "South Sioux City has an amazing food scene, and I will sorely miss the food," he said. "My wife and I are foodies, and that's something we both really enjoyed here."

South Sioux City Chamber Executive Board Chair Mike LaCroix could not be reached at press time for comment on the Chamber's plans to hire Wehr's replacement.

Bousquet stepping down as County Treasurer

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Dakota County will be looking for a new treasurer after Dawn Bousquet announced during Monday's County Commissioner meeting that she is stepping down.



Bousquet

Bousquet, who moved into the position after Bob Giese moved on to the county board in 2021, was elected to the position in 2022 and has served as the county treasurer since that time. Her last day in this position will be Oct. 11.

Bousquet said her decision to step down was personal, and she is planning on moving out of the county

later this fall.

"I have friends who have cancer and some other things going on, and it's just time for me to retire," she told the Star prior to Monday's meeting.

"It was a big decision," she told the board during the meeting. "I'm going to be 66 and am looking at some life changes and putting priorities in place. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here."

The county board has 45 days to find a replacement and will advertise for applications before making a decision. Whoever takes the position will serve the remaining time of her position, which runs out in 2026.

Board chair Martin Hohenstein and board member Brian VanBerkum will lead the committee that will search for Bousquet's replacement.

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plans projects years in advance."

Beermann asked the county to put a letter of support together, but county board members would not commit to the idea. Hohenstein said he would have to abstain, since he lives in the area."

In other action, the county board:

— approve the South Bluff Road culvert extension project, accepting

the low bid of \$55,659.06 by Steve Harris Construction.

— received the Sheriff's Office distress warrant reports from deputy Randy Walsh. A total of \$114,684.21 was collected from 130 distress notices, 122 of which were satisfied by collection, with three paid after, two sold at a sheriff's sale and three removed from the list.

The County Board's next meeting is set for Monday, Aug. 19 at 3 p.m.

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. 8 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, cole slaw, pears, green beans

Friday, Aug. 9 — Grilled ham and cheese, tomato soup, broccoli, peaches

Monday, Aug. 12 (Evening meal) — BBQ ribs, Au gratin potatoes, lettuce salad, baked beans, applesauce

Tuesday, Aug. 13 — Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pineapple

Wednesday, Aug. 14 — BLT sandwiches, cottage cheese, fresh oranges



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Cardiology - PHI	Dr. Martin	Aug. 6, 9, 16, 20, 23, 30
Dermatology	Baker NP	Aug. 5, 12, 19
Endocrinology	Dr. Enas	Aug. 13
ENT	Dr. Denman	Aug. 13, 27
G.I. Clinic	Dr. Felber	July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28
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General Surgery	Dr. Volz	Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
GYN	Dr. Heidrick	Aug. 13, 27
GYN	Dr. Avery	Aug. 14
Hearing Specialist	M. Sternberg	Aug. 14, 28
Mammograms	Medical Imaging	Mon. - Fri.
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Ortho	Dr. Carreau	Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26
Ortho	Dr. Deans	Aug. 14, 28
Pain Clinic	Dr. Price	Aug. 13, 28
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Podiatry	Dr. Shumway	Aug. 9, 23
Pulmonology	Camille Kantai, NP	Aug. 1
Pulmonology	Ridder, PA	Aug. 7, 21
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Ultrasound	Medical Imaging	Mon. - Fri.
Urology	Dr. Brush	Aug. 22
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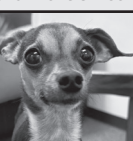
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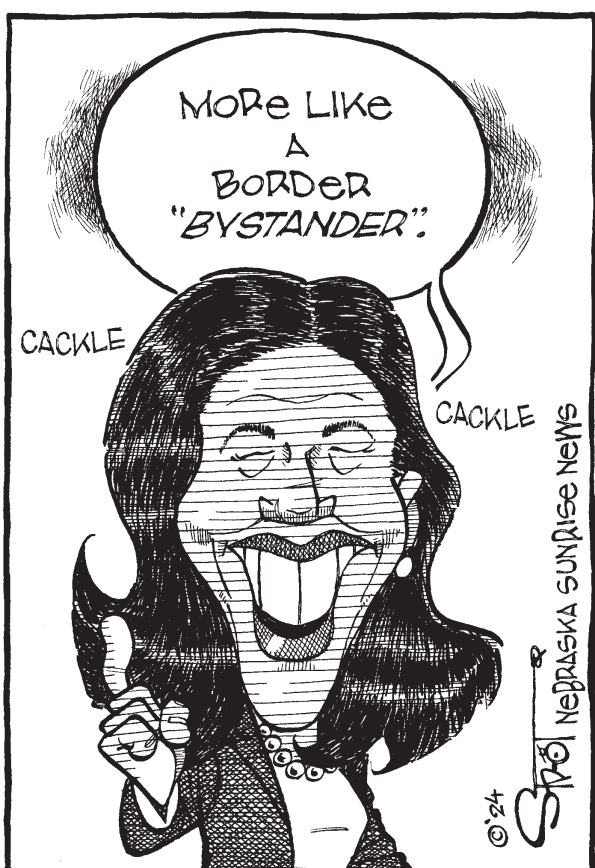
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The 3rd Rail



Special session sees 105 bills

This past week we had our first full week of Special Session. There were 81 legislative bills (LB) introduced and 24 legislative resolutions proposing constitutional amendments (LRCA) for a total of 105 bills, setting a record for number of bills introduced during a special session.

Rule 9, which governs special sessions, indicated that all public hearings during a special session must be held within five calendar days after the date the bill, resolution, or gubernatorial appointment has been referred to the committee. Pursuant to this rule, committees had to complete their public hearings by Sunday, Aug. 4. The Revenue Committee had 68 bills referenced to them and we had to meet on Saturday in order to complete public hearings on all 68 bills.

Governor Pilleen called this special session because he realizes this is a critical time for Nebraska and is bringing transformative property tax relief to all Nebraskans. This has been the number one issue in the state for the past 50 years and needs to be addressed now before it is too late. "Since the last legislative session, I have toured the state and held 26 town halls to hear directly from Nebraskans. The message is clear, Nebraskans are struggling to balance a checkbook and continue to afford these tax increases," said Governor Pilleen.

Over the past week we have listened to many ideas of how to address this issue including a bill on the EPIC option where there were only two opponents testifying in the hearing. We heard ways to address the issues with education funding where our main goal is taking care of teachers and educating our children. We are taking what we have learned in our committee hearings and are trying to enhance what Governor Pilleen put in The Nebraska Plan to Cut Property Taxes, the Playbook. There is much more to come as we work together to address this important issue.

Monday and Tuesday, the Revenue Committee, of which I am a member, regrouped and put together a package for consideration by the full Legisla-

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht
District 17



ture. Wednesday, we will convene at 1 p.m. and take up the gubernatorial confirmation reports that were advanced by their respective committees. Thursday, Aug. 8, debate begins on the property tax package from the Revenue Committee and the funding components from the Appropriations Committee. Late nights are scheduled for Thursday and Friday evenings with the potential to work a full day on Saturday.

News from the Governor's Office

From July 15-24, Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly and a 20-plus member team traveled to Indonesia for a trade mission. Indonesia is Southeast Asia's largest economy, the world's fourth-most populous country, and offers substantial market opportunities for Nebraska products. Indonesia is one of the top 10 export markets for Nebraska at \$139 million and has a rapidly rising GDP (gross domestic product) and growing population. Top exports from Nebraska include soybeans/soybean meal, corn, wheat, and beef.

The group's robust 10-day itinerary included meetings with the U.S. Grains Council, beef import associations and visits to a feed mill, a fueling station that utilizes ethanol and a tempeh factory. Tempeh is a very popular dish in Indonesia and representatives of the Nebraska Soybean Board said they were excited to explore opportunities to increase exports.

"Importers are very interested to know about how our products are grown and raised. They value family connections and sustainability — all things that are important in Nebraska agriculture — and makes our state a standout in the food products we

have to offer," said Lt. Gov. Kelly. With that in mind, he and Director Sherry Vinton from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture spoke frequently about the quality of family farming operations and the pride that goes into raising the best Nebraska products possible.

Lt. Gov. Kelly said all aspects of the trade mission were productive, with plenty of opportunities for Nebraska, considering Indonesia's growing population of 270 million people.

"Nebraska helps to feed the world and their customers are demanding higher quality meat products, which is where we fit right in," said Lt. Gov. Kelly.

Dakota-Thurston County Fair another success

The Dakota-Thurston County Fair Parade on Thursday, Aug. 1 was a great success. It was so nice to have great weather to watch or participate in the parade. Turnout for the parade was incredible. Hats off to those who organized the parade and helped it run smoothly.

I was honored to stand with generations of Albrechts at the Extreme Bull Riding event on Saturday as they received the Aksarben Farm Family Award, in partnership with the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Aksarben Association of Fair Managers, celebrating Nebraska's agricultural heritage by awarding the Albrecht family with the Pioneer Award for owning land in Thurston County for 100 years.

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

A little calm — before the next storm

It's long been said that there's no rest for the weary.

Same goes for anyone who's been working for a community newspaper in these parts.

Now mind you, I'm not complaining here. Having stuff to write about every week is definitely a must when you're a small-town newspaper that doesn't have sister newspapers writing stories that you can just copy and paste whenever the need to fill a space arises.

To say this past week has been busy would be like saying it got a little breezy in Omaha last week. The four days of chaos that you know as the Dakota-Thurston County Fair was a non-stop barrage of entertainment, activities and watching young people bust their tails while they showed their various animal projects, from cats to cattle, goats to horses and all the pigs, chicken and sheep you could handle without a barbecue being involved.

It was so busy, in fact, that my office turned into a mini-hotel for the weekend, with me taking advantage of the office couch to catch a few winks and nash on a variety of fruits, veggies and microwaved mac and cheese.

And while it seemed busy in my world, it was nothing compared to the folks who make the fair go every year, from the fair board to the 4-H and Extension leaders to the young people participating in the variety of animal shows.

City folk may think that showing a farm animal is no big deal, but let me tell you something — the time and effort these kids put in to get ready for the show is something else, and to bring that animal in and show it to a judge that's looking for any single thing that might be wrong with that sheep, pig or cat (yep, they show cats AND dogs in 4-H... I'll try to remember sharing my dog showing experience sometime down the road), you have to be on your toes and at the ready to make any little adjustment to an animal who, quite frankly, would rather be ANYWHERE but in that little fenced-in area.

A lot of time and effort goes into planning for, and then executing,

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher

everything that takes place during a county fair, and our fair here is unique — of the 93 counties in Nebraska, Dakota and Thurston County are the only ones who share county fairs, something that's been going on now for more than half a century. The people from the two county fair boards do a great job collaborating and communicating on everything that makes this fair possible. Next time you see one of the fair board members, give them a pat on the back for another fantastic fair this year.

And now, with nothing more than a few days to recharge, it's on to what will be a busy month of August, starting with this weekend's Cottonwood Days festival in Dakota City and ending with the Hoot Owl Daysx in Hubbard and the start of the 2024-25 high school sports calendar.

We also have our annual Fall Sports Preview tab that I'll not only be doing my usual stuff with photos, stories and schedules, but will be laying out and selling ads for as well. If ever there were a time for someone to have Multiple Personality Disorder and have that be a good thing, this would be that time.

Of course, with the start of high school sports comes the start of the school year itself, and we'll be looking forward to covering all four of our area school districts (South Sioux, Homer, Emerson-Hubbard and Ponca) and featuring some of the cool things students in those schools are doing — not only in the athletic arena, but in other areas as well such as music, drama and education-related activities.

If you're wondering how I'm going to be able to juggle all of this without losing what little sanity I still have left after all these years — welcome to the club. Sit down and I'll

pour you a drink and we can watch this together.

Yes, there ARE plans to add to the Star staff and I'm hoping to have that rolling before the year is out. There are three spots that I'm hoping to fill — news/sports, advertising and internet/social media — and when that time comes my hopes are to hire a Murderer's Row type of staff (that's a reference to the great New York Yankees teams of the early 20th century, not a Who's Who of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list, in case you're not up on your history) that will make this newspaper not only the best in Siouxland, but the best in Nebraska.

There isn't much calm before the next storm here at the Dakota County Star office.

A few local items from the "Bits and Pieces" file to share this week:

-- We mentioned it earlier here, but a big round of applause for Lisa Bouquet and the gang with the Dakota-Thurston County Fair for putting together a fantastic weekend's worth of activities.

The weather was a little on the steamy side, but other than that it was a great five days of entertainment and activities, and it takes a lot of people doing a lot of work to make something like this happen.

-- Congratulations to the South Sioux City Little League Majors on winning the state title and getting a chance to compete for a trip to the world-famous Little League World Series.

Although it didn't end the way we had hoped, the kids represented themselves, this community and the state well during their stay in Indiana.

The only bad thing about coming home -- school starts next week.



10 YEARS AGO

AUG. 7, 2014

Concern led to Atokad Trail project

The need for the Atokad Trail is being rediscovered with the beginning of the school year approaching. The 2016 project will provide students a safe, direct route between West 39th Street and Atokad Drive as a part of the Nebraska Department of Roads safe route to school program. "They are currently walking along the street and cut across an area underneath that first overpass that currently runs through a tall grass area. They have kind of worn a path in it," said Gene Maffit, South Sioux City Parks Director. On May 22, 2013, it was announced the Atokad Trail was one of three projects approved for funding, out of nine submissions, for the 2014-year.

Sheriff may move from LEC

The County Board of Commissioners on Monday discussed the feasibility of moving the Dakota County Sheriff's Department from the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) in South Sioux City to Dakota City. Currently, the county and city cost-share services at the LEC, with the county roughly paying \$400,000 a year, this according to commissioner Rick Bousquet and LEC Director Pat Foust. Sheriff Chris Kleinberg said Monday while he nor his deputies have any problems working at the LEC, being housed at the courthouse makes sense as it houses county officials and the county attorney's office.

20 YEARS AGO

AUG. 5, 2004

Martin's Airfield expands

It's been more than 40 years since Martin's Airfield located just west of South Sioux City on Old Highway 20 has seen any kind of growth onsite. Last month construction started on a brand new hangar facility that is going to be the new home of seven airplanes and two offices. A hangar that holds 10 planes was built in the early 1960s, but no additional ones have

been built since then. There's been a need for it for a long time, said Gene Martin.

Hubbard artist lets paint brush do the talking

The eyes "speak" to you. You consider reaching over and stroking the furry coat. You know something you're looking at yet another of the award-winning works of art by Deb Gengler-Copple. The Purchase Award winner of this year's Nebraska State Art Show, "All Tucked In," is a pastel painting of a young gray wolf seen in Yellowstone and now becomes part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Nebraska Art in Kearney. The honor is the second state recognition the Hubbard artist has received this year. Gengler-Copple's painting of an elk was named earlier as the 2004 Nebraska Habitat Stamp winner.

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 11, 1994

Nelson named parade marshal

Neal Nelson of Winnebago will be the grand marshal of the Greater Siouxland Fair and Rodeo parade. Nelson has been an active fair worker for many years. He is currently serving as president of the Thurston County Agricultural Society Board, of which he's been a member for 26 years. He's been president for 20 years, and was chairman of the Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board for five years, from 1988 through 1993. He remains a member of that board.

Cause of plane crash investigated

The Federal Aviation Administration in Lincoln and the National Transportation Safety Board in Chicago are conducting an investigation to determine the cause of a single-engine airplane crash near Decatur Tuesday that claimed the lives of a 12-year-old area youth and the plane's pilot.

Williams named Star editor

Peggy Williams has been named

editor at the South Sioux City Star. Williams brings nearly 20 years of newspaper experience to the Star office, most recently being managing editor of a daily newspaper in Gallup, N.M. Williams is a graduate of Kearney State College and holds a bachelor of science degree in journalism.

40 YEARS AGO

AUG. 9, 1984

Luft ends duty with City

Robert "Bob" Luft, water and sewer department supervisor for the City of South Sioux City, checks some fixtures at the new Riverview Water Treatment Plant. Luft submitted his resignation effective July 31 after working for the city for 27 years. He will continue to work part time for the city in the parts department. City officials presented him with a special plaque at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

50 YEARS AGO

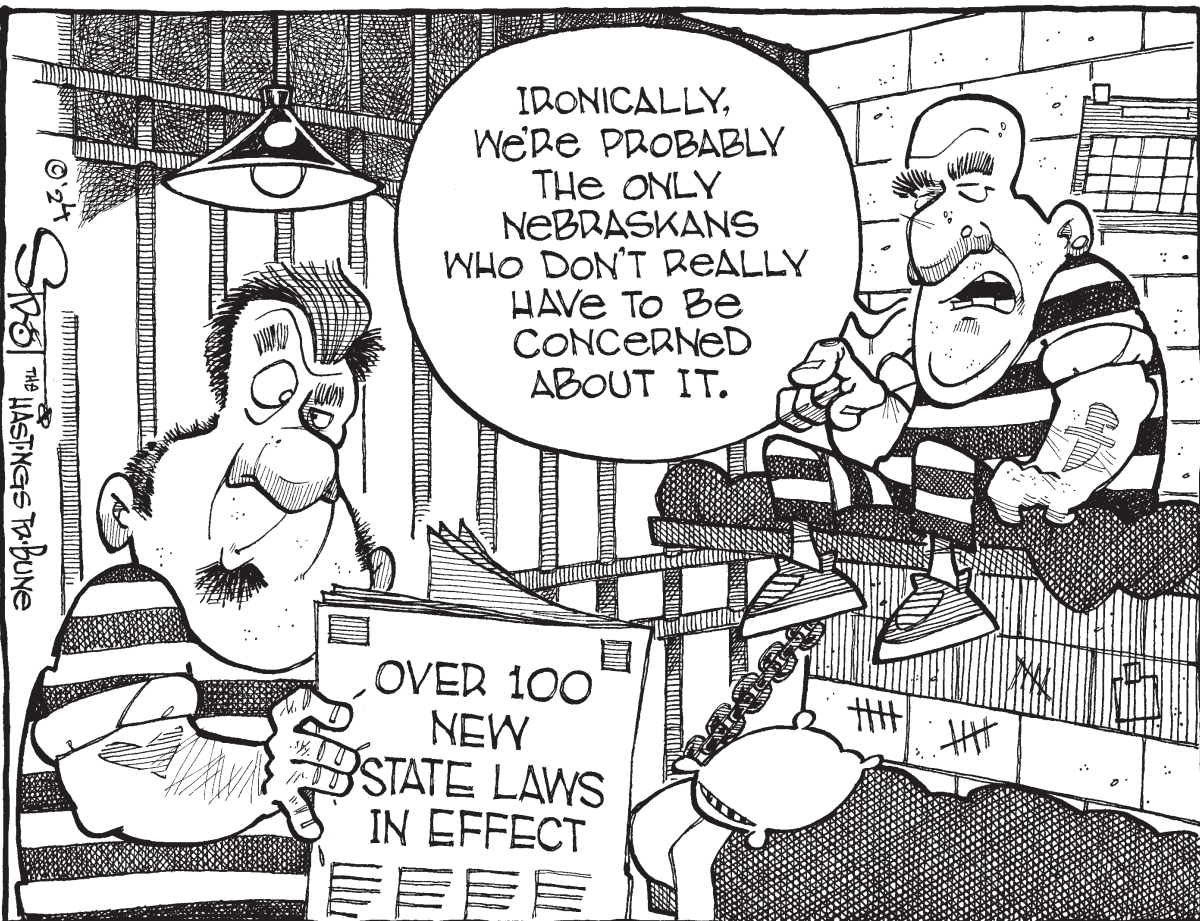
AUG. 8, 1974

Johanson is deputy

Dakota County Sheriff Allan Bligh has named Ted Johanson, 49, of Dakota City as his new chief deputy. Johanson, the former Police Chief of Dakota City Police department for eight years, took over earlier this month. Johanson replaces Harvey Bates, who resigned as Dakota County Deputy to take a position as Homer Police Chief. Johanson and his wife Nadine have two children, one in Rapid City, S.D. and his son Robert is still in Dakota City. Johanson has been a Dakota County resident most of his life.

Hamm horse show winner

Lisa Hamm, 17, is receiving the first place trophy in the pole-bending or youth state competition at Sunday's Appaloosa Horse Show at Atokad. Presenting the trophy is Barb Carr, 17, queen of the show. The Appaloosa Horse Show, sponsored by the Missouri River Valley Appaloosa Association, is expected to become an annual event at Atokad.



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An unforgettable trip



Ian Hernandez slides into third base as the tag by the Kansas player is a little too late.



Axton Davis shows some good stuff while pitching for the South Sioux City Little League Majors.



Evan Thoene makes an incredible catch out in left field to prevent a big play in first-round action.

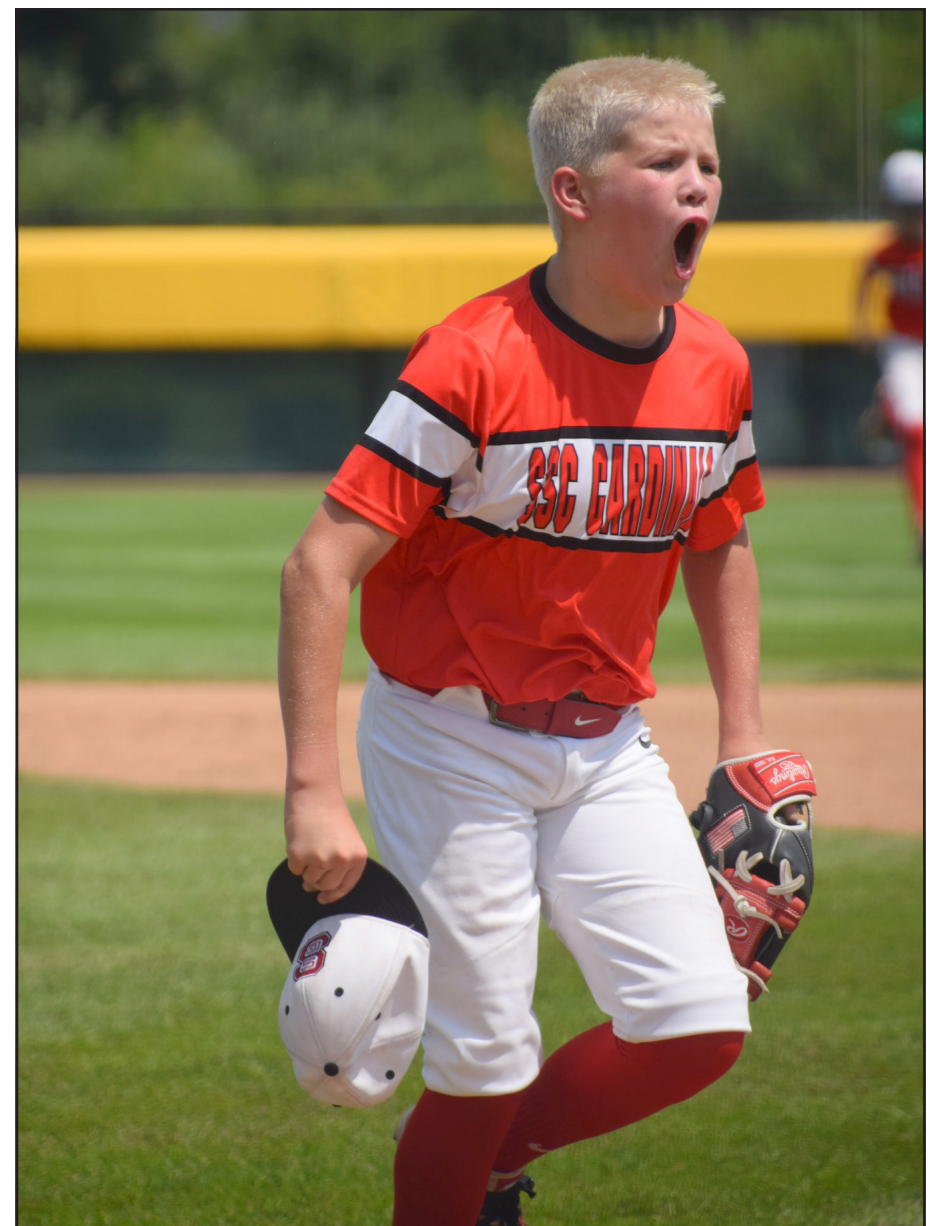
Photos courtesy
Emily Cain



TJ Martinez gives a fist-pump after hitting a double for the South Sioux City boys.



Mac VanWyk is charged up after hitting a triple for the South Sioux City Majors.



Trey Langel is all fired up after the South Sioux City Majors ends the inning.



South Sioux City's coaches get the kids fired up before taking the field for their first game in the Midwest Regional in Whitestown, Ind.

SSC Little League Majors go 0-2, but make memories

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

WHITESTOWN, Ind. — It was a trip they'll never forget, even if the final outcome wasn't what they wanted.

The South Sioux City Little League Majors' first trip to the Little League Midwest Regional ended almost as quickly as it began, with the local 11- and 12-year olds losing to Webb City, Mo., on Friday and dropping a heart-breaker to the team from Riverton, Kan., in Sunday's losers bracket matchup.

Still, the opportunity to represent Nebraska for the first time in the worldwide tournament was something manager Chris Krueger and his team won't soon forget. "That first game was just the nerves getting to us being on that big of a stage for the first time, but this was something we won't ever forget and I think it will be a huge advantage for us if we can get back here next year."

The South Sioux boys, who had relied on solid defense in winning its first state title two weeks earlier, fell apart early and allowed the Missouri team to build a 7-0 lead after three innings on their way to a 14-3 win.

In the second inning, a wild pitch and an error on the throw back in allowed two runners to score and help Missouri get a big advantage early.

The Nebraska boys were able to cut into the seven-run deficit and make a game of it in the fourth inning. Mac VanWyk came home on a passed ball and Davien Ortiz followed with a two-RBI single that scored Thomas Trammer and Axton Davis to make it a 7-3 game.

Missouri, which outthit Nebraska 14-4 in the opening-day contest, put the game out of reach with a run in the fifth and six more in the sixth to go on to the win.

The South Sioux team had eight recorded errors in the contest, which Krueger said was out of character for this team.

"You can't win when you have that many errors and the reason we got there was because we played good defense all tournament," he said.

The loss gave the team a chance to unwind a little bit, and Krueger said the team that came back to play in Sunday's losers bracket matchup with Riverton, Kan., played a much different game.

"After the game Friday, we just blew off some steam and had some fun, then had a fun practice on Saturday and came back ready to go on Sunday," he said.

The matchup with the Kansas team was a back-and-forth affair from the beginning.

South Sioux City got on the board with a Cameron Krueger sacrifice fly before Kansas responded with two

runs in the bottom of the first to take a 2-1 lead.

Taylor Martinez stroked a two-out RBI double to tie the game in the top of the second, but Kansas regained the lead with two runs in the bottom of the inning to make it 4-2.

South Sioux City scored twice in the fourth, loading the bases before Davien Ortiz scored on a wild pitch. Trey Langel followed with an RBI single to make it 4-4.

Kansas came back again in the bottom of the fifth with two more runs to take the lead for good, but the South Sioux boys did not go quietly.

In their final at bat, Evan Thoene scored on an Ian Hernandez single and Hernandez represented the tying run, but the Kansas team's defense was able to keep him from coming home as the locals suffered the heartbreaking and season-ending loss.

Krueger said the defense was much better in the loss to Kansas as only two errors were committed. Walks and three hit batters gave the Riverton team some advantages that they were able to cash in.

"We outthit them 10-3 in the game, so we were in a position to win and if we'd less of the walks and hit batters, we might still be playing," the South Sioux City coach said.

"It was an emotional loss," Krueger added. "I think if

we had gotten blown out in both games, it might have been different. We had eight errors that first game, and being able to follow that up and playing as well as they did Sunday, I think the kids knew they belonged at that level so they were very devastated when they lost."

The team and their families had an enjoyable journey on the 625-mile ride to the tournament, and Krueger said this first-time effort is something that won't be forgotten anytime soon, especially when they try to defend their state title next summer.

"I think this will be a huge advantage for us," he said. "We can build on this experience next year, and we have several kids who will be back in this age group and we'll share that with the kids who are moving up. Going through these experiences for the first time, it gives us some big learning points that we can take away from this."

Team members were Mac VanWyk, Brody Barnett, Trey Langel, Tommy Trammer, TJ Martinez, Ian Hernandez, Evan Thoene, Braxstyn Reidmann, Axton Davis, Davien Ortiz, Cam Krueger and Carlos Romero. Coaches were Chris Krueger, Buzz Trammer and Brendon VanWyk.

Back to school, down to business at the SSC Library

During the summer we focused on travel and adventure; as the children go back to school, we get down to business of work and learning.

Trivia Night: English for Spanish Speakers is on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. Reference is hosting a night of trivia centered around English Language for Spanish Speakers. Join us if you are constantly looking for ways to sharpen up your English speaking skills by practicing in fun and exciting ways. Prizes will be available.



Dan Nieman

Wild Cards is at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. This week we will learn how to play spades.

Cover to Cover book club will discuss "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict on Monday, Aug. 12 at 3:30 p.m. Hired by J.P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library, Belle da Costa Greene becomes one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she keeps.

The following are a few related books that you will enjoy.

"Dominicana," by Angie Cruz (FIC CRU). Fifteen-year-old Ana Canción never dreamed of moving to America, the way the girls she grew up with in the Dominican countryside did. But when Juan Ruiz proposes and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. Their marriage is an opportunity for her entire close-knit family to eventually immigrate. So on New Year's Day, 1965, Ana leaves behind everything she knows and becomes Ana Ruiz, a wife confined to a cold six-floor walk-up in Washington Heights. Lonely and miserable, Ana hatches a reckless plan to escape. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by César, Juan's free-spirited younger brother, who convinces her to stay. As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan returns to protect his family's assets, leaving César to take care of Ana. Suddenly, Ana is free to take English lessons at a local church, lie on the beach at Coney Island, see a movie at Radio City

Music Hall, go dancing with César, and imagine the possibility of a different kind of life in America. When Juan returns, Ana must decide once again between her heart and her duty to her family.

"The Mirror & the Light," by Hilary Mantel (FIC MAN). "England, 1536. In the wake of Anne Boleyn's execution, Thomas Cromwell continues his climb to power and wealth. Meanwhile, Henry VIII settles into brief happiness with Queen Jane Seymour. With no family or private army backing him, Cromwell must rely upon his wits. Despite rebellion at home, traitors plotting abroad, and the threat of invasion, Cromwell imagines a new country in the mirror of the future. But can a nation, or a person, shed the past like a skin? Do the dead unbury themselves? And, as the Spanish ambassador asks Cromwell, what will you do when the king, as is his wont, eventually turns on you?" — Page 4 of cover

"Three-fifths: a novel," by John Vercher (FIC VER). "Pittsburgh, 1995. The son of a black father he's never known, and a white mother he sometimes wishes he didn't, 22-year-old Bobby Saraceno has passed for white his entire life. Raised by his bigoted maternal grandfather, Bobby has hidden the truth about his identity from everyone, even his best friend and fellow comic-book geek, Aaron, who has just returned home from prison a newly radicalized white supremacist. Bobby's disparate worlds crash when, during the night of their reunion, Bobby witnesses Aaron mercilessly assault a young black man with a brick. Fearing for his safety and his freedom, Bobby must keep the secret of his mixed race from Aaron and conceal his unwitting involvement in the crime from the police. But Bobby's delicate house of cards crumbles when his father enters his life after more than twenty years, forcing his past to collide with his present." — Amazon.

Tech Help Monday is on Aug. 12 from 5-8 p.m. Tech Help Mondays with Reenie offers anyone the opportunity to have their tech questions answered. Mobile device help, computer information, streaming devices, and more

Tangled Yarns meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. This is a time for anyone to come work on or ask ques-

tions about crafting projects that can be carried with you.

April Showers Bring Book Mark Flowers is on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. — back by popular demand. We will be making book marks by utilizing pressed flowers as the focus of our pieces. We will also learn about the various ways to press flowers so as to preserve them.

Peterson's Test Prep: School is starting, and with it concern for good grades and long term success for your student. Peterson's Test Prep offers practice tests in foundational skills, high school preparation, career preparation and much more. Go to libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity/resources/ then go to Peterson's Test Prep to find the tools you will need to have educational success.

Take a look at some of the titles you may have missed this summer.

"Give a F*ck Actually; reclaim yourself with the 5 Steps of radical emotional acceptance" / Alex Willis (152.4 WIL). Stop battling your emotions and engage them to live a better life.

"You're Not Crazy — You're Grieving: 6 steps for surviving loss" by Alan Wolfelt (155 WOL), takes a close look at the relationship between mental health and grief.

"There is no Ethan: how three women caught America's biggest catfish" by Anna Akbari, (306.730285 AKB). "There is no Ethan" catalogues Akbari's experiences as both victim and investigator of a catfishing scheme to emotionally con women. She joins with two other women to track down the perpetrator and explores what it means to live in a world where technology mediates relationships and truth, reality, and identity have become slippery terms.

"A Brain of My Own; A Memoir about Dissociation Dissolved" by Wendy Hoffman (364 HOF). This is a story of ritual abuse and rehabilitation.

"A death in Malta: an assassination and a family's quest for justice" by Paul Caruana Galizia. (364.13 CAR). "A journalist's spellbinding account of the shocking murder of his muckraking mother and a quest for justice that has reverberated far beyond their tiny homeland" — Provided by publisher.

Have a great week and read good books.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Sarah A Froid, 31, Hubbard; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, probation 11 months
Kevin Cinto Hernandez, 19, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear
Kervens Dessources, 29, South Sioux City; no operator's license fine \$50, no proof of insurance fine \$50, following to close, fine \$50
Antrell D Harlan, 18, Winnebago; plates not clear, fine \$25, possess marijuana 1 oz or less 1st offense, fine \$300, no operator's license fine \$150
Kayden A Hochstein, 26, Sioux City, Iowa; no proof of insurance fine \$150, no valid registration fine \$150, fail to appear fine \$300, jail 1 day
Wilmer Mendez Hernandez, 24, Defendant failed to appear
Yenner A Mendez Perez, 29, South Sioux City; no operator's license fine \$500
Brian T Quinn, 63, Dakota City; theft-shoplifting, \$0-

500, fine \$500
Caleb D Williams, 25, North Las Vegas, N.V.; speeding 36+ mph, fine \$300
Wil J Bia, 22, South Sioux City; DUI-alcohol-1st offense fine \$500, revoked license 60 days, probation 6 months
Gavin I Farmer, 23, Winnebago; DUI-Alcohol 1st offense fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days
Terry N Jones 2nd, 33, South Sioux City; no operator's license jail 3 days. Drive under suspension/before reinstated jail 3 days
Jose I Rodriguez, 23, South Sioux City; assault 3rd degree, fine \$500, jail 14 days
Melissa Sue Miller, 45, South Sioux City; drive under suspension/before reinstated jail 30 days, no operator's license jail 30 days

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Bousquet Thomas D, Bousquet Diane M, to Bousquet Thomas D Trustee, Bousquet Diane M Trustee, Thomas D & Diane M Bousquet, Revocable Living Trust, S-T-R 35-29-8 E PT SW 1/4 NE 1/4,
Howieson Matthew D, Howieson Esther E, to Hurtado Alberto, Hurtado Jose A, S-T-R 36-89-48 W Gov Lot Part 9
Hermosillo Omar, to Hermosillo Elizabeth, Pt lot 7,8,9 in block 277, Dakota City
Steffen Rick, Steffen Jodi aka Jodi Kirkholm Steffen, to Kirkholm Tyler N, Kirkholm Natalie A, S-T-R 25-28-8 E S 1/2 E 1/2
RBS Enterprises LLC, to Smith Bradley W Joint Personal Representative, Winter Stacey L Joint Personal

Representative Smith-Larson Kelley R Joint Personal Representative Richard B Smith Estate, Lot 12 and Pt Lot 11 in block 143, Dakota City
Smith Bradley William Joint Personal Representative Winter Stacey Lynn Joint Personal Representative, Smith -Larson Kelley Rhena Joint Personal Representative Richard B Smith Estate, to Chicoine Lori, Chicoine Chad, Lot 12 and PT Lot 11 in block 143, Dakota City
Iseminger Marci L Successor Trustee, to Siouxland Federal Credit Union, Lot 42 South Ridge Estates Second Filing of South Sioux City
Freeman Jackie, to Mendez Felix, Part of E 1/2 of Block 86, Covington Addition of South Sioux City

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edwar Jose Santizo Mendez, 24, Sioux City, Iowa and Katherin Melissa Ramirez Pena, 22, Sioux City, Iowa
Keith Paul O'Dell, 27, South Sioux City, and Kimberly Delao, 25, South Sioux City
Justin Daniel Bellman, 34, Dakota City, and Tonya Joy Masquat, 49, Dakota City
Trenton Wayne Brazzell, 24, Dakota Dunes, S.D. and Brittany Suzan Vial, 25, Dakota Dunes, S.D.
Ethan Allen Sorenson, 23, Sioux City, Iowa and Makayla Marie Mozak, 22, Sioux City, Iowa
Gerald Mendoza Coria, 26, South Sioux City, and Rub Guadalupe Cancino, 27, South Sioux City

ALBRECHT FAMILY RECEIVES PIONEER FARM AWARD



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES)
George and Rose Albrecht first began farming in Thurston County in 1923, and the family was honored with the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award, sponsored by Ak-Sar-Ben and the Nebraska Farm Bureau, before Saturday night's extreme bull-riding competition. In the photo above, the Albrecht family gathers as a group and are recognized by the crowd. At right, Robert Albrecht receives the award from Dakota-Thurston County Board member Mary Paepfer.



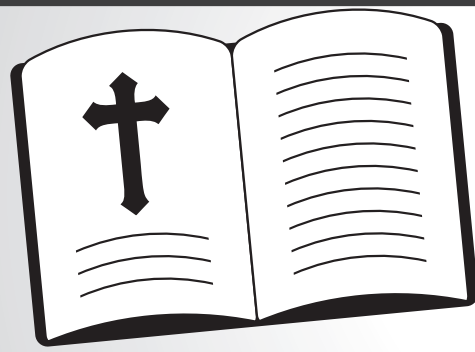
BRICK AND MORTAR GRANT TO D-T FAIR BOARD



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The South Sioux City Convention and Visitors Bureau recently presented a \$10,000 check to the Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board as part of a brick and mortar grant that was given to the fair, which allowed them to do some updates to the campground in preparation for the 2024 Dakota-Thurston County Fair. On hand for the check presentation were (from left) Scot Bousquet, Sam Heikes, Elizabeth McManigal, Laurel DeRoin, Greg Utech, Cherie Conley, Lisa Bousquet, SSC Chamber President Aron Wehr, Robert McFee and Derick Lux.

CHURCH DIRECTORY



2024

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELCA
3601 Dakota Avenue
402-494-5461
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Patti Meyer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21st & A Street, South Sioux City
402-494-1868
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Beth Hamilton

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2003 A Street • 402-494-4138
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Julie Raridan

SIouxLAND COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
17th & B Street
402-241-0744
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:35 a.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

"Reformed by His Grace"
"Reforming for His Glory"
Pastor Richard Peralez

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
218 West 18th Street
402-494-1847
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, Adult Bible Class and Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael Awe

RIVER HILLS CHURCH
1101 5th Avenue
402-494-1852
Sundays
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays
Family Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Kevin Roach

GLAD TIDINGS LIGHTHOUSE
410 East 10th Street
402-494-2185
Sunday Worship Services:
10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Night Family Night: 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Michael R. Ring

Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



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Half-birthday celebration

Good Roots Coffee Company celebrates six months of sharing their love of good coffee and good vibes this Thursday, Aug. 8 with a 5-9 p.m. open house featuring FineLine Tattoos with Marilyn, Permanent Jewelry with Shanna, and Fine Line Tattoos with Anna.

Spread the word and bring your friends and family. Enjoy the best drinks, delicious snacks, and a cozy atmosphere.

Amber says, "Let's brew some more memories together!"

Glow Run and more

The fourth-annual Glow Run this Saturday, Aug. 10 will begin at the Homer school track. Day of registration (\$25) is available at 8 p.m. prior to the 8:45 p.m. race start time.

More from the Knights Cross Country corner, courtesy of the Siouxland Community Health Center: "The results are in! Congratulations to Homer for coming in first place at our 14th annual 5K Challenge Run and Fun Walk!"

Homer beat out second place Dakota, with 52 participants.

Cottonwood Days

If you didn't get enough outdoor fun with the fair last week, Dakota City Cottonwood Days are for you!

On Friday head to the D.C. Fire Hall for family bingo at 5:30 p.m., a foam party at 7 p.m., capped off with Kracklin' Kirk's fireworks at 9:30 p.m. The Dakota City United Methodist Church will be hosting a Cottonwood Days Dinner at the hall from 5-7 p.m.

If bingo isn't your thing, head to Lundberg Field across from the hall at 7 p.m. for the Battle of the Badges softball game. Dakota County Depu-

ties will take on the Dakota City Fire Department.

Saturday events include a parade down Broadway at 11 a.m., followed by all kinds of kid-friendly activity at Cottonwood Park. Obstacle courses, face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, inflatable basketball and snow cones are on the agenda.

A vendor/craft fair will be on hand in the park from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with food available from Gateway 2.OH and Jimmy Z's. Also in the park will be a car show beginning at 11 a.m.

Historical Emmanuel Lutheran Church tours will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adults can head to the fire hall Saturday evening for the Nighttime Cornhole Tournament at 5:30 p.m. and Blynd Admission Band from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. No cover charge, but you must be 21 or older.

Fireworks at dusk cap off the night.

Sunday events include breakfast at the American Legion from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., an outdoor church service at Cottonwood Cove park. Blessing of pets. Bring a lawn chair. The horse-shoe tournament will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Mother Nature must be looking forward to the weekend as the forecast looks great with temps in the 70's for this Dakota City celebration!

School physicals needed

All Homer students in grades 7-12 who plan on participating in school athletics in the 2024-2025 school year must get a physical and submit physical forms before they will be allowed to practice.

All seventh-grade students must have a physical prior to the start of school even if they do not plan to participate in school sports.

VBS cancelled

Homer United Methodist Church regretfully cancelled the vacation Bible school previously scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024, due to lack of interest.

School registration dates

New-student registration at Homer Community School will be held on one of the following days: Monday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m., or Wednesday, Aug. 14 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Homer Fire Hall heads up

Reminder that the Homer Fire Hall will host a spaghetti feed on Sept. 7 from 5-8 p.m.

Also just posted with plenty of time to prepare, Homer Volunteer will be raffling off not one, but two halves of beef! Two winners will be drawn at their Halloween event. Contact any Homer firefighter for tickets — \$25 for one ticket or \$40 for two tickets.

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

DCHS September plans

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

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



(PHOTO BY STACIE JOHNSON)

Tommy Reed takes a big bite of juicy sweet corn at the Corn and Sausage Feed Monday night.



(PHOTO BY CASSIE SPURRELL)

Homer cheerleaders helped out at the Little Prince and Princess contest at the fair last Wednesday. Little Princess 2024 is Homer student Loella Bousquet.

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Concentrated animal feeding operations are a concern

By DEBORAH VAN FLEET
Nebraska News Service

Iowa has thousands fewer square miles than Nebraska but it has almost 3,000 more concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs.

Opponents of the giant facilities argue there are enough. The increase in CAFOs nationwide has fueled opposition from nearby residents, along with environmental and animal rights groups.

In Iowa, one grassroots group has prevented around 100 of them from being built. Barb Kalbach, president of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, attributes Iowa's dismal water quality in large part to runoff from animal waste, applied to farm

fields along with commercial fertilizer. Kalbach thinks rural Nebraska communities should also oppose such developments.

"That manure has to go somewhere," Kalbach pointed out. "It's not a question of, 'Well, should I, or I shouldn't I, put it on the ground,' you know? It's got to go. They've got to empty the pit, and so it's going to go. And if you have any kind of water issues whatsoever, people need to organize immediately."

The Environmental Protection Agency calls animal manure "a primary source of nitrogen and phosphorus to surface and groundwater." Roughly 20 percent of public water supplies and private wells in Nebras-

ka test above recommended nitrate and nitrogen levels.

Jonathan Leo, a Nebraska environmental and land-use attorney, said CAFO owners usually contract with local farmers to use the animal waste. He noted for the largest operations, the massive amount of waste makes a methane digester system imperative.

"It breaks down manure into methane, which is a major greenhouse gas, for sale as an energy source to third parties," Leo explained. "And digestate, which is sold to off-site farmers as a nutrient additive to soil."

Leo and others helped residents of a small Nebraska town prevent development of a CAFO by an Iowa producer for more than 6,000 head of swine. Leo pointed out many who opposed it were farmers themselves.

"We worked with them about how to organize and understand their county's ordinance, with respect to CAFO permitting," Leo recounted. "And they appeared before their county board and their planning commission in a way that their own supervisors said, 'We've never seen this kind of citizen activism before.'"

The defeated operation would have been about a half-mile uphill from a stream which feeds a state recreation area lake used for swimming, boating and fishing.

As a result of a lawsuit by Food and Water Watch, the Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to begin studying the polluting effects of CAFOs, after years of being urged to do so.

Emerson News

By *Luene Sebade*

EBC Tractor Ride Aug. 17

The Emerson Betterment Committee (EBC) is planning a tractor ride on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 10 a.m. Please meet at the Emerson ball field. At the end of the ride there will be a meal for the participants at the ball field.

Reservations are needed for the meal count by calling Ben Bonderson at 402-750-0645. Other information needed for the tractor ride includes your name, the tractor you are driving and its top speed.

Rules include passengers in cab allowed, no passengers on fenders and no passing. Three-point carriers hooked onto the tractor allowed. Make sure the fuel tank is full and rear view mirror is not required.

There will be a hayrack pulled that will be able to hold approximately 30 people. Riders are advised they are riding at their own risk and the tractor driver is not responsible for injuries.

There will be three stops — Chopper's Bar in Thurston, Bonanza Bar in Homer and Krueger's Bar in Hubbard with the last stop being at the Emerson ball fields for the meal.

After School program set

Friends of Faith, the after-school program will begin in September at St. Luke Lutheran Church. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ashley Lacy.

Church photo directory

St. Luke and St. Paul's Lutheran churches are working on a new photo directory. Please send a recent photo to your church office or contact Pastor Jim to take your picture.

Village Coffee next week

Post 60 Market will host the August Village Coffee on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. Post 60 will also be observing their second anniversary.

Village Board to meet

Emerson Village Board meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Plants being collected

Pastor Jim is collecting small potted plants/succulants that he can give college students at Wayne State College. He would like the plants in time for the give away on Wednesday, Aug. 21. You may bring your plants to either church office.

School starts next week

Emerson-Hubbard schools start next week. Monday and Tuesday are teacher workdays and Wednesday is the first day for students.

School starts at 8:15 a.m. daily. Dismissal time is 3:30 p.m. at the Elementary and 3:40 p.m. at the MS/HS. Wednesday, Aug. 14, school will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

New teachers this year are:

Elementary
Mrs. Kami Murphy, 2nd grade; Miss Sydney Hughes, 3rd grade; Mrs. Payton (Blanke) Saunders, Elementary Special Education.

MS/HS
Mr. Lowell Brown, Science; Mrs. Olivia Lieber, Social Studies; Blake Eriksen, Industrial Technology; Mr. Dalton Waterman, Physical Education; Miss Hailee Brentlinger and Mrs. Katie Sullivan, Elementary paraprofessionals.

Mrs. Willa Saltzman will be teaching Pre K-12 Vocal and Instrumental Music for the first semester. Kelsy Moeller will come to Emerson-Hubbard for the second semester as a music instructor. Tammy Mohnson is the Kindergarten substitute and Patti Flores is the MS/HS Ag substitute.

School open house

There will be an open house at the elementary school on Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for students to meet their teacher and parents to get acquainted with the classroom. There will be an open house at the MS/HS lunchroom at 6 p.m. for incoming sixth-graders. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and fill out any forms that need to be filled out.

Electronic device update

Emerson-Hubbard has updated their electronic device policy. This policy aims to foster a productive learning environment and ensure that all students can focus on their education without unnecessary distractions. Please check newsletter for all rules.

Pathways 2 Tomorrow

Pathways 2 Tomorrow program offers career and technical education classes in West Point at the Nielsen Community Center. They offer classes in health, science, welding and transportation, building construction, computer science and education. Junior and senior students are encouraged to apply. Classes start on Thursday, Aug. 15. Please contact Guidance Counselor Sandy Ahlers at the High school for more information at 402-695-2636.

Hubbard News

By *Lori Overfelt*

Hoot Owl Days coming

August has arrived, and Hubbard's biggest weekend of the year is fast approaching. Everyone is gearing up for the Hubbard Hoot Owl days held on Aug. 23-25.

Last weekend, they moved the annual Corn Hole Tournament to the Dakota-Thurston County Fair. This year, there were 14 teams in attendance on Saturday, the hottest day of the fair. The temperatures reached into the 90's as Cody Bleil and Mark Martindale were declared the winners. A big thank you goes out to Justin Corkin for heading up the event.

The team of volunteers are also out actively selling the raffle tickets once again for the half-a-hog prize. Bob and Cindy Anderson have once again graciously donated a hog which will be processed at the B&B Locker. There will be two chances to win — tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Aug. 24 during the pulled pork supper with music. You need not be present to win, but it might be a lot more fun!

Also, on the 24th, they will be hosting a pickleball tournament at 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 per team, and you do need to pre-register. The deadline to pre-register is Aug. 18. Please contact Trudy Jepsen at 712-490-0950.

The other event that you must pre-register for is the Hubbard Hoot Owl Day 5K glow-in-the-dark run on Friday night, Aug. 23. You must sign up by Aug. 11 to receive the T-shirt and the bag filled with goodies. The theme this year is the roaring 20's. There will be prizes for the first man and first woman to cross the finish line as well as a prize for best theme dressed. Check-in is at 7:45 p.m. and they will start at 8:15 p.m. Contact Stephanie Rewinkel at 402-319-2776 or e-mail stephanierewinkel@yahoo.com. You can complete the race at any speed you like — all are welcome to come out and enjoy the event.

Should be a busy month.

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club met Monday, Aug 5 to discuss "Women Who Built Omaha" by Eileen Wirth. Books for August were distributed. The group will read "Anything is Possible" by Elizabeth Strout during the month of August and discuss it at their meeting, Sept. 9. New members are welcome to join anytime.

The Dakota City Public Library will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the Dakota City Fire Hall. Activities will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program in June are invited to walk in the Cottonwood Days Parade on Saturday, Aug. 10. Those participating are asked to please wear a Summer Reading Program t-shirt and gather at Gateway 2.0h around 10:45 a.m.

Library Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7. Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 will be discussed.

Thank you to all the patrons who are using the Nebraska Library Overdrive System/Libby App! In July, we reached our highest check out amount since joining the program in 2019. Keep On Reading!!!

New items added; Picture books—"Chez Bob" by Bob Shea, "Dragonboy" by Fabio Napoleoni, "Star of Class Play" by Margaret McNamara, and "Adventure Awaits" by Natasha Bouchard. J-Fic—"How to Promenade With a Python" by Rachel Poliquin, "The Fabled Staplets" by Jonathan Auxler, "Seekers of the Wild Realm" by Alexander Ott, "Strange Worlds Travel Agency" by L. D. Papinski, "Donut Dreams #6 and #7" by Simon Spotlight, "Thursday War of the Water Slides" by Ralph Lazer, and "Diary of Roblox Pro; Lava Chase" and "Diary of Roblox Pro; Obby Challenge" by Ari Avatar.

Cottonwood Days Breakfast

Come enjoy Sunday breakfast at the Dakota City American Legion Post 376, located at South 21st and Walnut streets. Pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, eggs and sausage will be available. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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County joins in Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over effort

Due to a grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, deputies with the Dakota County Sheriff's Office are participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over impaired driving awareness campaign, which runs from Aug. 16-Sept. 2.

In support of the law enforcement community's dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, you'll see officers from various local law enforcement agencies working together during this time to take drunk drivers off the roads. These expanded efforts to protect people against impaired driving will be conducted in

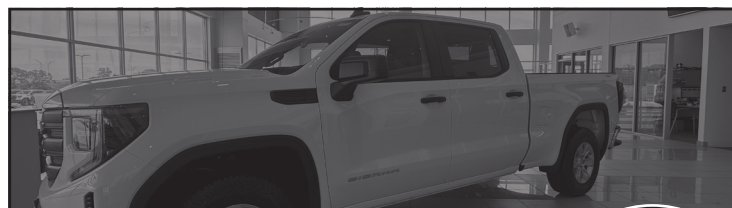
a fair and equitable way.

"We want our communities' members to understand that it's our priority to keep people safe, so we are asking everyone to plan if they know they will be out drinking," Dakota County Sheriff Chris Kleinberg said. "This is a campaign to get the message out that drunk driving is illegal, and it takes lives. Let's make this a partnership between local law enforcement and drivers. Help us protect the communities we live in and put an end to this senseless behavior."

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and

driving:

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive.
- Designate a sober driver, even if you have only had one drink.
- Use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
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In the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

Lindsay O'Dell vs. Austin Smith. Case No. CI 24-32 To: Austin Smith, address unknown

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NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, to receive public comment, consider, and possibly take action on a redevelopment plan entitled: "Redevelopment Plan for the Gerkin Drainage Redevelopment Project," for redevelopment pursuant to the Community Development Law, Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 18-2101, et seq., within a blighted and substandard area of South Sioux City, Nebraska, approximately located to the southwest of the intersection of Hwy 77 and Futures Drive. A map of the proposed area(s) to be redeveloped and the cost-benefit analysis for the redevelopment project set forth in the redevelopment plan is available for review at the office of the City Clerk at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, telephone number 402-494-7504. At said time and place, all interested parties may appear and be heard. Dated this 29th day of July 2024.

City of South Sioux City, Nebraska By: Nancy Walsh City Clerk Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 1 and 8, 2024. - ZNEZ

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NOTICE OF HEARING One and Six Year Street Improvement Program City of South Sioux City

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS:

You are hereby placed on notice that the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, shall hold a public hearing at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1615 1st Ave., South Sioux City, NE on the 26th day of August 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to hear testimony in favor of, opposition to, and to answer questions in relation thereto the proposed one year and six year street improvement program for the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska. A copy of the programs are on file with South Sioux City, City Clerk, and are subject to public review and examination.

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY Nanci Walsh, City Clerk Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 1 and 8, 2024. - ZNEZ

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NOTICE

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

Estate No. PR 24-42 Notice is hereby given that on July 29, 2024, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Randall R. Hegge, whose address is 923 Ithaca Way, Dakota City, NE 68731, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 8, 2024, or be forever barred.

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

/s/ John C. Ehrich 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: 402-412-2080 Fax: 402-412-2082 jehrich@ehrichlawoffice.com Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 8, 15 and 22, 2024. - ZNEZ

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In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

Estate of Stephen Mahnke, Deceased.

Estate No. PR 24-36 Notice is hereby given that on July 21, 2024 in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative in Intestacy of said Decedent and that Jason A. Mahnke, 508 Pelletier Dr., Sioux City, Iowa 51104 was informally appointed by the registrar as personal representative of the estate. Creditors of the estate must file their claims with this court on or before October 1, 2024, or be forever barred.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALL ORDER: 305 CONTRACT ID: 32377 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. NH-HSIP-75-4(116) LOCATION: US-75, HOMER NORTH IN COUNTY: DAKOTA

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

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

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

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

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

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City of South Sioux City, Nebraska By: Nancy Walsh City Clerk Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, August 1 and 8, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE

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

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

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

Ws/Robert N. Stewart Robert N. Stewart, #24759 Cray Huff, P.C. 329 Pierce Street, Suite 200 Sioux City, IA 51101 712-277-4561 ATTORNEYS FOR THE PETITIONER Publish Dakota County Star Thursday, August 1, 8 and 22, 2024. -ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Housing Agency of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the SSC Housing Agency Conference Room, 118 East 21st Street, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting kept continuously current is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Director during normal business hours.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SOUTH SIOUX CITY HOUSING AGENCY Publish Dakota County Star Thursday, August 8, 2024. -ZNEZ

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VILLAGE OF HOMER

Village of Homer Public Meeting July 30, 2024

A public meeting consisting of the Chairman and the Village of Homer, Nebraska, was held Tuesday, July 30 at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall in said Village.

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

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

Present at the meeting were Trustees Cain, A Barclay, Utemark, Eriksen

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

Barclay called the meeting to order.

Board discussed budget for the year fiscal year 2023-2024.

Cain motioned, 2nd Utemark, for the approach to tracks get work done during current construction not to exceed \$29,999. Motion carried 4-0-1abstain.

Utemark motioned, 2nd Barclay, to stop current contract and restart with Century Link and drop call forwarding features and fax line. Motion carried 5-0.

Eriksen motioned, 2nd Cain, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:

I, the undersigned Village Clerk for the Village of Homer, Nebraska, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy had and done by the Chairman and Board of Trustees July 30, 2024; that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours of said meeting; that the said minutes of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting.

IN WITNESS HERETO, I have here unto set my hand July 31, 2024.

Melissa Rushing, Village Clerk
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Legal Notice

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) For South Sioux City Flood Protection For South Sioux City and Surrounding Areas
RE: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – South Sioux City BRIC Grant Application.

Project Background/Description: The City of South Sioux City is seeking qualifications from firms to provide design and construction engineering services for Flood Protection for South Sioux City and surrounding areas.

The scope of work for this project shall be for Engineering Services for developing a BRIC Grant Application, which includes an Engineering Evaluation, Design and Construction Services.

Qualification Based Selection Criteria: The City of South Sioux City will utilize a qualifications-based selection process for this project. The evaluation criteria shall consist of a letter of interest for this project with outlining your team's unique capabilities and technical competence to successfully complete this project in the timeframe outlined below.

Questions: Project specific inquiries will only be accepted via email to lhedquist@southsiouxcity.org through Wednesday, September 4, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. (local time).

Deadline and Delivery of Material: Completed qualifications are due to South Sioux City Clerk's Office no later than 1 p.m. (local time) on Monday, September 16, 2024. The city office is located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Your response may be mailed, emailed or hand delivered.

Sincerely,
Lance Hedquist
City Administrator
City of South Sioux City
402-494-7517
lhedquist@southsiouxcity.org
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Legal Notice

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

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

Kerri L. Wiese
Clerk of the Dakota County Court

Prepared and Submitted by:
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SOUTH SIOUX CITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, June 10, 2024 5:00 PM High School Library 3301 G Street South Sioux City, NE 68776

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM.
Matt Aitken: Present
Pamela Camarillo: Absent
Marla Grier: Present
Chris Krueger: Present
Shawna Messerlie: Absent
Robert Rapp: Present

Excuse a Board Member(s): The board moved to excuse Pam Camarillo and Shawna Messerlie from the meeting. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.

Consent Agenda: The May 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the May 28, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, the Claims and Accounts, and the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Marla Grier, Passed. Appointment(s): The board moved to approve the appointment of Brady Petit, beginning the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Marla Grier and seconded by Robert Rapp, Passed. Rescind prior agreement dated April 12, 2024 with Assistant Superintendent: The board moved to rescind the agreement dated April 12, 2024 with the Assistant Superintendent. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Ait-

ken, Passed, with Marla Grier voting Nay.

New Agreement/Short-Term Contract with Assistant Superintendent: The board moved to approve the new agreement/short-term contract with the Assistant Superintendent. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.

Adjourn: At 5:49 p.m. the board moved to adjourn. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.

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Committee of the Whole Monday, June 24, 2024 4:00 PM High School Library 3301 G Street South Sioux City, NE 68776

Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM.
Matt Aitken: Present
Pamela Camarillo: Absent
Marla Grier: Present
Chris Krueger: Present
Shawna Messerlie: Absent
Robert Rapp: Present
Excuse a Board Member: The board moved to excuse Pam Camarillo and Shawna Messerlie from the board meeting. Passed with a motion by Marla Grier and a second by Robert Rapp.

Adjourn: At 4:50 p.m. the board moved to adjourn. Passed with a motion by Robert Rapp and a second by Marla Grier.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Laws 243, that the Board of Education for Homer Public Schools will meet on the 14th day of August, 2024, at 7:05 p.m. in the school library to discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve an increase to the school district's property tax request authority by an additional seven percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING HOMER BOARD OF EDUCATION HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Homer Community School will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School. An agenda for such meeting is kept continuously current and available at the office of the Superintendent of Schools; however, the agenda may be modified at such meeting.

Amy Brand
School Secretary
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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 heard.

Dated this 29th day of July 2024.

City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
By: **Nancy Walsh**
City Clerk

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS

IN THE COURT (PROBATE DIVISION) OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

To: Any interested party with respect to the Petition for Appointment of Permanent Guardianship filed by the Petitioner, Fernando Hermitane Cabrera Morales, for appointment as permanent Guardian of Daniela Sofia Morales Perez, case PR 24-33

You are hereby notified that on June 28, 2024, a Petition was filed to appoint a Permanent Guardian for Fernando Cabrera Morales, that the hearing on appointment of a permanent guardian will take place on September 10, 2024 at 9 a.m. in Dakota County Court, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, the object of which is to have Petitioner appointed as the Permanent Guardian of Daniela Morales-Perez. You are required to answer this Petition on or before that date or the Court will proceed with the appointment of the permanent guardian.

Fernando Cabrera-Morales,
Petitioner

/s/ Tyler McIntosh
By: **Tyler McIntosh, #27426**
ROTH WEINSTEIN, LLC
1213 Jones Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Ph: 402-800-6690
Attorney for Petitioner
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City of Dakota City of Dakota City Salary List 2024 (NRS 19-1102)

Employee, Hourly: Maintenance Worker I \$21.00; Maintenance Worker I (Probationary) \$20.50; Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant Operator, \$26.00; Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator \$27.00; Office Manager, \$25.24; General Maintenance Worker, \$21.00 Employee, Bi-Weekly: City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer, \$2,403.85; Fire Chief: \$305.73; Part-Time Employee, Hourly: Seasonal Maintenance: \$15.50; Part-Time, Administrative Assistant: \$16.00; Part-Time, Head Librarian: \$14.65; Part-Time, Library Aide: \$12.75; Part-Time, Quarterly: Mayor, \$525.00; City Council Members, \$300.00.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING HOMER BOARD OF EDUCATION HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Amy Brand
School Secretary
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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 August 12, 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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Legal Notice

MEETING NOTICE DAKOTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Dakota County Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 PM Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the Dakota County Road Department, Hubbard, NE. An Agenda for this meeting kept continuously current is available for public inspection at the Office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

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Legal Notice

Notice to Bidders for Network Switches
The City of South Sioux City, NE is requesting sealed bids for network switches with the following specifications:

Equipment Description	Quantity
Ruckus ICX8200 - 24 x 10/100/1000Mbps. Class 4 PoE, 370W budget. 4 x 1/10/25GbE SFP28	6
Ruckus ICX8200 - 48 x 10/100/1000Mbps. Class 4 PoE, 740W budget. 4 x 1/10/25GbE SFP28	5
Ruckus ICX 7550 24-port 10/100/1000 Mbps with 2-ports 40 Gbps Uplink/Stack QSFP+, module slot, three fans, two AC power supplies with exhaust airflow installed. Transceivers sold separately.	2
Ruckus 10GBASE-LR, SFP SMF (LC), for up to 10km over SMF, standard temperature (0 C to 70 C)	10
Ruckus 40GbE Direct Attach QSFP+ to QSFP+ Active Copper cable, 1 m,	2
Ruckus POWER CORD, USA, NEMA5-15/C13, 13A, 125V	15
Ruckus - ICX7650 4-port 1/10GbE SFP+ Module	2
Ruckus Watchdog Remote Support, ICX7550-24; 48; 24P; 48P SKUs Only; 3Yr duration	2

Alternate to the specifications will only be considered as pre-approved by the Director. Please contact Matt Andrews Technology Director with the City of South Sioux City NE at 402.494.7533 for questions.

Bids will be selected based on the following criteria: 1) Equipment specifications, and 2) Cost.

Sealed bids must be received by 2 p.m. August 20, 2024 and addressed to Nanci Walsh, City Clerk at City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City NE. Bids will be reviewed at that time and bidder selection recommendation to the Finance Committee on August 21, 2024 with Council approval on August 26, 2024.

The City of South Sioux City reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and the right to reject any and/or all bids. Minority companies are encouraged to submit bids.

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- **Speech Therapist** (PRN or part-time)
- **Sleep Services Tech** (PRN)
- **Respiratory Therapist** (PRN)
- **Clinic RN/LPN/CMA** (PRN)
- **Patient Service Representative** (PRN)





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