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Wolfpack pull away for first win. Page 1B

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### STAR CALENDAR

#### City Council meeting

The City Council of South Sioux City will meet Monday, Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall. A current agenda for the meeting is available at [www.southsiouxcity.org](http://www.southsiouxcity.org).

#### Freedom Park golf event

A fundraising golf tournament for Siouxland Freedom Park will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 at 12 p.m. at Covington Links Golf Course.

The tournament is a four-person best-ball format. Cost is \$150 per person or \$600 for a team of four.

For more information or to register, go to [www.siouxlandfreedompark.org/golf](http://www.siouxlandfreedompark.org/golf).

#### Old Dirt Road program

The Dakota County Historical Society and the South Sioux City Public Library present stories and of Dakota County and surrounding areas told through historical maps.

This program will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the South Sioux City Public Library, 2121 Dakota Avenue.

The presenter for this event is Mike Huber, of North Sioux City, S.D., who will share the history and stories of the area in over 175 years of maps. He will share stories of the old towns you never knew had existed.

This event is organized by the Dakota County Historical Society.

#### Autumn Fair Sept. 28

The South Sioux City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 307 will host an Autumn Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The fair will be located at the American Legion Hall at 109 East 19th St., and will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free.

#### Alzheimer's Walk Oct. 5

The area Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held Saturday, Oct. 5 at Morningside University in Sioux City.

Registrations are being taken at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk). Pre-registration is required.

#### Chamber Coffee Friday

This week's Chamber Coffee will be held at the Northeast Community College CDL Training Facility, which will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The facility is located at 418 Golf Road in South Sioux City.

Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program starting at 10 a.m.

### LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 19-25, 2024

THURSDAY	88	56
	88	56
Mostly sunny.		
FRIDAY	84	59
	84	59
Mix of clouds and sun.		
SATURDAY	77	60
	77	60
Scattered thunderstorms.		
SUNDAY	77	56
	77	56
A few showers.		
MONDAY	75	54
	75	54
Mix of clouds and sun.		
TUESDAY	75	54
	75	54
Partly cloudy.		
WEDNESDAY	76	56
	76	56
Mix of clouds and sun.		

## Elderly residents express dog concerns

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

A resident in the Autumn Olive Lane elderly community spoke on behalf of several residents at Monday's Public Works Committee meeting about vicious dogs that are terrorizing people and their pets.

Marge Peterson spoke to the committee on behalf of a neighbor whose dog was killed by two vicious dogs owned by a neighbor in the area.

"I live in an elderly community with a lot of little dogs, and we don't feel safe because these dogs keep coming back and they are scary."

She shared pictures of the neighbor's dog, Sissy, a white toy poodle that was attacked and killed by the neighbor's two dogs, a Mikita and Mikita-Rottweiler mix. One of the

pictures showed wounds near the belly area that the smaller dog received that ultimately ended her life.

"I have a little dog and I'm scared to let him outside to go potty, and I have no idea what to do about it," she said. "These dogs hit so fast that the lady and her daughter weren't able to get out of their chairs fast enough to catch them, and one of them was also attacked."

Peterson said that the owner of the two dogs lives around the corner and claimed to have just come home from the dog park. They were unleashed and "got away from her."

Committee member Rick Bousquet asked if the city has a vicious dog ordinance and was told that the city and the state both have laws on the books. Police Chief Ed Mahon said that there is pending criminal action that has been taken, and assured Peterson that they would do what they can to make sure the

neighborhood is safe.

"We will do everything we can to take care of you guys. We're doing right now what we can legally do, and our animal control knows the situation and are doing what they can," he said.

Early details of the proposed expansion of the city's wastewater treatment plant were shared by Ethan Joy of JEO Consulting Group.

The plans include running a line from the north end of town south to the treatment plant, which is located just east of the Tyson Foods complex. A lifting station on the north side would also be included in the project, which has an early cost estimate of between \$42 million and \$46.5 million.

Once the go-ahead is given by the City Council, Joy expects the project to take about six months to go through the bidding process

and another 18 months for construction.

It is expected that local ratepayers would see a slight decrease in their current sewer rates, which have gone up significantly since the City of Sioux City imposed a double-digit increase in what they were charging the City of South Sioux City to handle their residential and commercial wastewater.

Joy said the project would include a 16-inch diameter, high-quality PVC piping that would last for 80-100 years. Pumps in the project would have a 15-20 year life and electrical components would be about 20-30 years.

The project was favorably moved to the City Council by the committee.

All items move to Monday's City Council meeting for final consideration and approval. The Council meets Monday at 5 p.m. in its chambers at City Hall.



The burning of more than 5,000 retired American flags sends a dark cloud of smoke into the sky during the end of the annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Siouxland Freedom Park last Wednesday evening.

(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

## Remembering 9/11, 23 years later

### Freedom Park ceremony looks back on fateful day in history

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

We remember -- we won't forget.

The oft-repeated phrase rang out as the sun slowly set on the annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony held Wednesday evening on the east side of Freedom Park in South Sioux City.

A gathering of veterans, fire and law enforcement officials, families and friends enjoyed the ceremony, held here every Sept. 11 in honor of the 2,977 people who lost their lives in the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 in New York City, Washington, D.C. and in Pennsylvania.

Representatives of law enforcement, public safety and

American Legions around the area, along with VFW and Legion Riders members, were recognized for their service to the community and country during the 45-minute-long ceremony.

"We live in a different world since that day, but are blessed to still live in a land that is free due to the sacrifice of the brave men and women of the armed services," said Bob Kratky, second assistant chief of the Dakota City Fire Department, who conducted part of Wednesday's program.

Part of Wednesday's presentation included chilling recordings of conversations between airport control tower staff, pilots and

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Bob Kratky, second assistant chief of the Dakota City Fire Department, delivered remarks during last Wednesday's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Siouxland Freedom Park.

(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

## County board approves budget

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

Dakota County Board of Commissioner chairman Martin Hohenstein said the county's tax asking for the 2024-25 fiscal year took a lot of work to get to.

The county board approved its \$28.1 million budget for the coming fiscal year at Monday's meeting, which calls for a 10.53 percent increase in taxes for the coming year, a number that took a lot of work to get down to.

"We met with the department heads in getting ready for this budget, and they did a really good job of trying to hold the asking to a minimum, so I was happy with how the process went," he told the Star.

Increased costs made it tough in trying to get to the final number, and the goal to cut the budget by as much as \$1 million just couldn't be reached.

"If we wanted to stay off the 'pink card' we would have had to cut \$1 million, and with the cost of goods going up so much and the increase in health insurance costs, there was just no way," he said. "We ended up cutting about \$400,000, but there was no way we could get beyond that."

The county's tax rate went up by about one-half of one cent, an in-

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## Local man gets 30-year sentence

A local man with a history of past sexually-related crimes was sent to federal prison last week on another sexually-related charge.

Clifford Halverson, 57, will spend 30 years in federal prison after pleading guilty in June in U.S. District Court on a charge of receipt or distribution of visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

As part of a plea deal, two counts of production of visual depiction of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and one count of possession of visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct were dismissed.

Halverson solicited and received numerous photos and videos from a 14-year-old girl he met online in July of 2023. About 9,000 messages had been exchanged before he was arrested a month later.

This is not Halverson's first incident — in 1996 he was convicted on two counts of rape in South Dakota and three counts of gross sexual imposition in North Dakota. Both cases involved minors, and he served 25 years in prison for those crimes.

## Celebrate Siouxland festival set this weekend

(COURTESY UNITY IN ACTION)  
Colorful dancing and displays will be part of the fourth-annual Celebrate Siouxland festival that includes events this weekend in South Sioux City.



Dakota County's rich cultural diversity will be on display on the streets of South Sioux City this weekend as the fourth-annual Celebrate Siouxland festival takes place.

The celebration is part of National Welcoming Week, a week-long series of events and activities that are highlighted by a three-day festival in town this weekend, with most events taking place at the Dible Soccer Complex along the Missouri River.

Since its first offering in 2021, Celebrate Siouxland has worked to foster unity, understanding and meaningful connections across the Siouxland community. This year's events continue that tradition, encouraging a sense of belonging and highlighting the region's rich cultural diversity.

Activities started Monday with immigrant business tours along Dakota Avenue in South Sioux City. A "Loteria" (Bingo) night was held Wednesday in Memorial Hall.

Friday's events start with a parade along Dakota Avenue at 6 p.m., and continue with a special Outdoor Movie Night in the parking lot of the Dible Soccer Complex at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, a Healthy Minds Walk will be held along Arbor Drive, promoting mental health awareness with a lively carnival theme.

The Latino Heritage Festival takes place on Sunday at the Dible Soccer Complex from 11 a.m.-9 p.m., complete with music, food, dance and family-friendly activities.

For more information on the vent, go to [uiane.org/index.php/programs/celebrate-siouxland](http://uiane.org/index.php/programs/celebrate-siouxland).

HERE'S YOUR ... ER ... OUR SIGN



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

The signs of change are evident here at the Dakota County Star, as seen by the new sign that recently went up at our office at 1000 West 29th St., Suite 215A.

SSC senior Scoville is semifinalist in National Merit Scholarship contest

South Sioux City High School senior Spencer Scoville has been named one of 118 Nebraska high school students on the National Merit Scholarship semifinalists list.

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.



Scoville

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

Over 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2025

National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities.

More than 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level, and

in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of finalists.

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2025. Every finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis.

National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

Spencer would like to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but at this time is undecided on a major.

SSC firemen battle garage fire

South Sioux City firemen battled a garage fire Wednesday afternoon in the 600 block of Eighth Avenue.

According to a release from Chief Doug Koopman, a single-car detached garage was on fire and seven firemen battled the blaze for about 10 minutes, keeping the fire contained within the garage.

Nobody was injured in the fire. Damage was estimated at \$10,000. The SSCFD was assisted by Nebraska Public Power District with securing power to the garage and the South Sioux City Police Department assisted with traffic control.

Woodard earns Master's degree at Wichita State

Wichita State University conferred 524 degrees to 493 students in summer 2024.

At the undergraduate level, there were 305 degrees and certificates conferred. At the graduate level, there were 219 degrees and certificates conferred.

And of those earning a bachelor's degree, 55 were cum laude, 61 were magna cum laude, and 19 summa cum laude.

Earning a Master's of Science degree in Biological Sciences was Bryanna G. Woodard of Homer.

Advertisement for Pender Community Hospital and Pender Medical Clinic, including a 'NOW HIRING!' section with various job openings and a QR code.

Papio NRD Board approves 2024-25 budget

At its Sept. 12 meeting, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (Papio NRD) Board of Directors voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 general operating budget that includes a significant decrease in the Papio NRD property tax levy.

"Again, the district has prepared a budget that reduces the tax levy to its lowest in 25 years while funding the increasing need for additional flood mitigation, water quality, recreation opportunities, maintenance of aging infrastructure, and erosion control," said Tim McCormick, chairman of the Papio NRD Board of Directors.

For 19 out of 20 years, the Papio NRD has either decreased or kept the property tax levy the same. This fiscal year's total tax request is 2.5 percent above last year's budget.

The Papio NRD's FY25 property tax levy would drop

to 0.029568 per \$100 of assessed valuation from the District's 2023-24 property tax levy of \$0.031324 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The property tax levy is based on an estimated 8.6 percent increase in valuations across the District, which includes all of Sarpy, Douglas, Washington, and Dakota counties, plus the eastern 60 percent of Burt and Thurston counties.

The Papio NRD receives less than 2 percent of all property taxes collected within the district's six-county area.

REMEMBERING: Anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 attacks

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New York City fire and law enforcement as the events unfolded.

Many will remember that the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 was a bright and clear day in New York City.

That all changed somewhere around 7:30 a.m. Central Time, as the first of two jet planes hit one of the towers of the World Trade Center.

When all was said and done, 2,753 people were killed inside the World Trade Center and on the two planes that crashed there, another 184

people died at the Pentagon and all 40 aboard the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

Those events changed us all, Kratky said.

"Whatever we call 9/11 — the beginning of a war, the end of America's invulnerability, or America's wake-up call — one thing is beyond debate: it changed us, and it changed the world," he said.

The program included the "four fives," a striking of a bell in a series of four groups of five rings, symbolizing the firefighter who died in the line of duty and didn't return home.

Law enforcement and first responders from across Dakota County were represented at the event, including the South Sioux City and Sioux City police departments, the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, the Nebraska State Patrol, Mercy One, Wings Air Rescue and fire and rescue departments from South Sioux City, Dakota City, Homer, Emberson-Hubbard, Ponca and North Sioux City.

Veterans were represented by American Legion Post 307 South Sioux City, Post 376 Dakota City, Post 175 Jackson, Post 97 Homer, Post 665 Sgt. Bluff, Post 319 North Sioux City, Post 64 Sioux City, Post 83 Lyons, Post 215 Decatur, Post 55 Pender, Post 252 Winside, Post 363 Winnebago, Post 89 Walthill, Legion Posts 331 and 374 Omaha, VFW Post 10753 South Sioux City, the Legion Riders and related units from the community.

COUNTY: Tax asking increase up more than 10 percent

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increase of 1.95 percent, from 30.1082 cents to 30.6960 cents per \$100 of valuation.

\$2.413 billion to more than \$2.712 billion.

People have expressed frustration with the growing budgets and tax askings of government entities at all

levels, a frustration Hohenstein said he understands and appreciates.

"I understand it completely," he said. "Every one of us understands that and feel those tax increases. Costs have gone up on everything, from new road grader blades to feeding 120 prison inmates every day. It's something we're all frustrated with."

The board also awarded the Likwanta Drive road project and awarded the \$1.2 million bid to Steve Harris Construction. Hohenstein said the winning bid came in under the engineer's \$1.3 million estimate.

Work on the three quarter-mile road is expected to begin shortly with completion set for later this fall. Paving will start at Highway 11 and go all the way into the new development, which already has seven houses sold and three more being built.

The County Board will next meet on Monday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

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, Sept. 19 — Hot beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mandarin oranges

Friday, Sept. 20 — Chicken salad, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, five-bean salad

Monday, Sept. 23 (Evening Meal) — Pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pineapple

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Chicken tenders, steak fries, cauliflower, peaches

Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Beef pot roast, potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit salad

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## Looking back on special session

### Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht  
District 17



This past week we remembered what happened on Sept. 11, 2001 also known as Patriot Day. Gov. Pillen announced that all U.S. and Nebraska flags were to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Sept. 11. "Sept. 11 is a solemn day in our nation's history. It is important that we collectively remember those who were lost and honor what their sacrifice still symbolizes today," said Gov. Pillen. "Twenty-three years later, our resolve remains. We take nothing for granted, especially those freedoms we hold most dear."

A 9/11 remembrance ceremony was held on the east side of Freedom Park in South Sioux City on Sept. 11. Representatives of law enforcement, public safety and American Legions around the area, along with VFW and Legion Riders members, were recognized for their service to the community and country. The program included the "four fives," a striking of a bell in a series of four groups of five rings, symbolizing the firefighter who died in the line of duty and didn't return home. A 21-gun salute, the playing of taps, and a flag retirement ceremony by American Legion veterans that included the burning of about 5,000 unserviceable flags.

Over the past few weeks, I have heard concerns about what was really accomplished during Governor Pillen's Special Session and what is really in LB34. On Friday, Sept. 6, the Department of Revenue put out the following press release.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) is providing information on property tax relief changes resulting from a new credit through the passage of LB 34 (2024). The bill front-loads the credit of 30 percent of school district taxes paid automatically by reducing property tax statements instead of requiring the taxpayer to claim it as a refundable income tax credit. The total amount

and Sarpy Counties pay property taxes by April 1 and August 1.

\*Taxpayers outside of Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy Counties pay property taxes by May 1 and September 1.

LB 34 provides equitable property tax relief to all Nebraskans. Every property owner will receive the same benefit of a 30 percent reduction in school district property taxes paid. It is critical that Nebraskans automatically receive this credit rather than loaning government funds for a full year. The bill ensures that this property tax credit increases by a minimum of 3 percent per year and grows as Nebraska's economy does. Another critical part of LB 34 is putting caps on growth for local government property taxes to ensure we receive long term property tax reform.

You must remember that we have front-loaded the property tax relief. This means you will no longer have to claim the public school property tax credit on your taxes on your income tax return after you have already paid the taxes. It will now show up on your property tax statement as a credit. You will no longer receive a physical check or direct deposit into your bank account. This will be a change that will take some time to adjust to as this property tax has been in effect since 2020.

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.

of the front-loaded relief is \$750 million that will reduce 2024 property tax statements. This credit is set to increase by a minimum of 3 percent each year and as the state's economy grows, LB 34 includes a provision to direct even more funding to property tax relief.

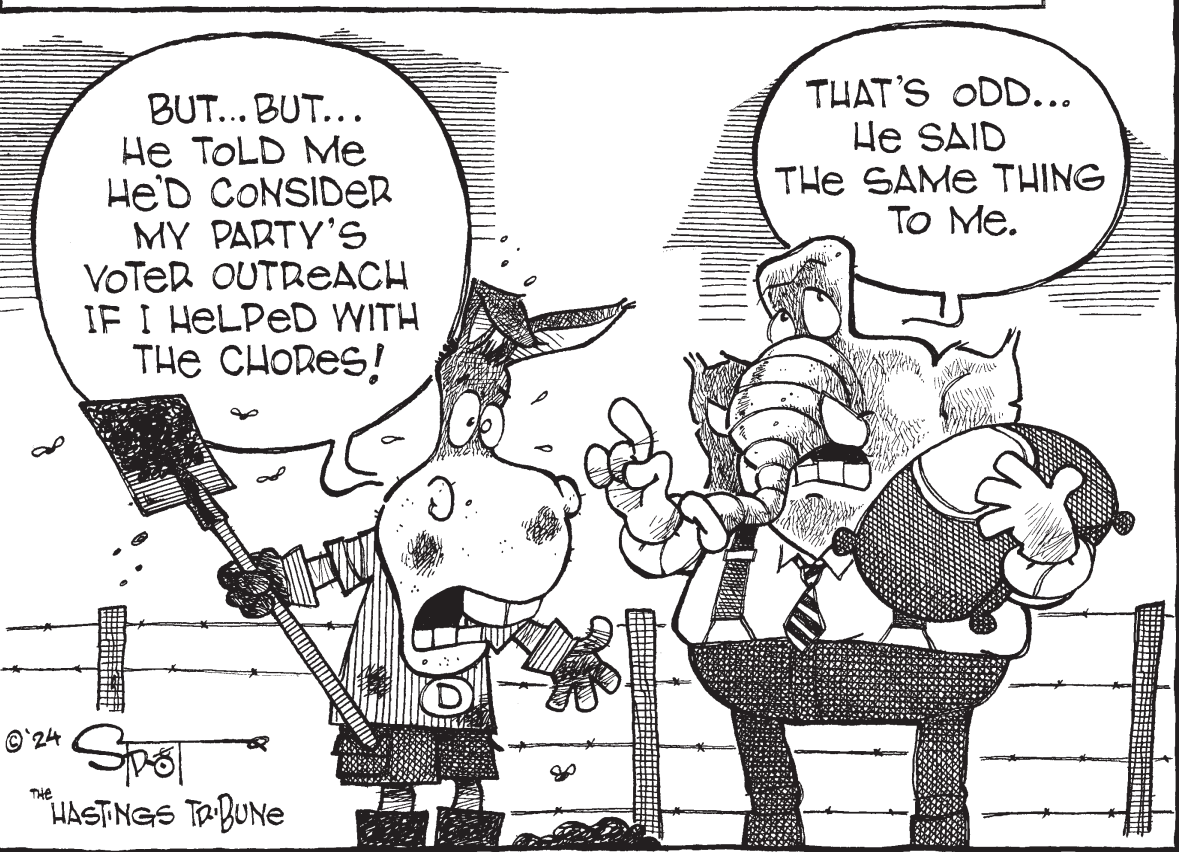
Previously under LB 1107 (2020), approximately 45 percent of Nebraskans were not claiming the property tax credit when filing their income tax returns. Now, through LB 34, those taxpayers will experience upwards of 20 percent in direct property tax relief. For those taxpayers who previously claimed those tax credits, LB 34 will continue to provide property tax relief, without the burden of filing a claim. Taxpayers will now receive the benefit much earlier in the process. The new front-loaded credit will appear on each taxpayer's 2024 property tax statement, which will be mailed in December 2024.

The front-loading of this credit only applies to school district taxes, so there is no change to the community college tax credit, which must still be claimed by taxpayers on their income tax return. This credit does still provide a 100 percent refund of community college taxes paid by the taxpayer.

Provided below is a comparative analysis considering prior law and LB 34 changes utilizing the average tax credit Nebraska property taxpayers would receive in each respective year.

\*Taxpayers in Douglas, Lancaster,

### MEANWHILE, ON A NEBRASKA RURAL VOTER'S FARM...



### "Got A Lot On My Head" this week

In honor of Ric Ocasek, the front-man for the classic rock band The Cars who died five years ago this week, here's the latest edition of the "Bits and Pieces" file — from the "Got A Lot On my Head" division:

— Nebraska's football team is 3-0 and ranked in the top 25 for the first time in what, for some Husker fans, seems like forever.

Now is NOT the time, however, to start wondering about things like the College Football Playoff, winning a national title, or anointing Coach Ruhlle for sainthood. This team is starting to find itself and is building long-needed confidence that is going to take time to get the Huskers back to respectability.

The first focus should be Friday's home game against Illinois, the first in Big Ten conference play. Win that, and Nebraska is 4-0 and in a great position to eventually qualify for a bowl game (which is done by winning at least SIX games). This team was 5-3 last year before finishing 5-7, so it's not time to start making bowl trip plans, either.

One day at a time, one play at a time and one game at a time — Husker fans need to learn this simple mantra and keep it in mind going forward. Go Big Red!

— Speaking of football, pregame congratulations to South Sioux City senior running back Tony Palmer, who should go over the 3,000-yard plateau for his career this week when the Cardinals travel to Lincoln High.

Palmer has become a lightning rod for the SSC offense with his explosiveness and his power. He cracked off a 74-yard run in last week's homecoming win over Omaha Bryan that was a sight to behold.

Tony needs only 57 yards against the Links to reach 3,000 — and would need about 200 a game after that to make it to 4,000, which isn't out of reach for this outstanding young athlete.

After that, it's on to wrestling, where he's the defending state champion in Class B at 215 pounds and had an excellent summer, earning All-American status at Fargo Nationals, the premiere summer wrestling tournament in the nation.

— Hey, and while we're jogging in the local sports lane, how about a muzzah for the Homer boys and girls cross country teams, both of whom are having a very good season so far and look to be a contender for Class D honors at state about a month from now.

### Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes  
Star Publisher



Considering that, just five years ago, the small southern Dakota County community didn't HAVE a cross country program, they have come a long way in a short time and have a bunch of kids who are finding this sport to be right up their alley.

Coach Aaron Sasges took the ball and ran with it, thanks to a student with a passion for running named Grant Lander, who was a state qualifier and medalist that helped get the Homer team off to a running start.

From having just a dedicated handful to getting the numbers they're getting now takes a lot of work, and some of the stuff they did in the off-season, like a two-day camp at the school, is paying off with a team that loves to run (the only way you'd see ME run is if there were free food at the finish or somebody was chasing me with an axe) and works hard to achieve their individual and team goals.

I'm looking forward to seeing where they finish at state in Kearney next month.

— From the "you never get a good shot in the woods on a golf course" department: a second assassination attempt on the life of former President Donald Trump happened over the weekend, the loon job trying to off him from a hidden spot in the woods along Trump's Florida golf course.

Fortunately, the few competent remaining members of the Secret Service that were hired for this particular outing were able to find the guy hiding behind a fence a hole ahead of where Trump was teeing off and fired a shot at him. The guy ran to a waiting vehicle and was eventually caught by county deputies there.

If you've seen Trump play golf, you'd know that this lunatic obviously doesn't know the game very well. Trump rarely ever hits a shot into the woods — and if he does, it takes what they call a "club member's bounce" and ends up in the fairway, anyway.

I don't envy Trump having to be followed around by security all day — but I DO envy his short game on the fairways.

— You've got to hand it to Governor Pig Pen Pillen — the guy knows how to take care of those who kiss his backside, even if they're several chocolate chips short of a cookie.

Recently, Pillen appointed Plattsmouth resident Terri Cunningham-Swanson to the Nebraska Library Commission, just months after she was robustly recalled as a member of that community's Board of Education.

Cunningham-Swanson is one of those nutjob extreme conservatives who thinks that banning books is a great idea — I mean, God forbid if children in her community actually learns SOMETHING about a topic she may not agree with.

That Cunningham-Swanson was part of an effort to ban more than 50 books from the libraries of that community's schools is one thing — but to THEN put her on a statewide library board where she can bring those anti-American ideologies to a place that views such activity as censorship and makes every effort to avoid such actions?

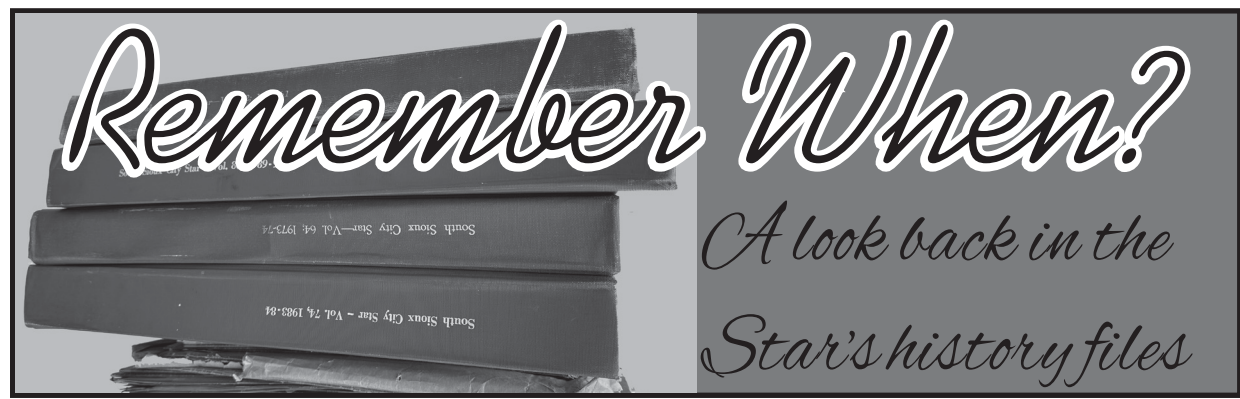
I've often wondered if Governor Pig Pen played too many football games at Nebraska without a helmet. Decisions like this are evidence that this concern may be a valid one.

— Three major topics are going to be on the ballot for voters to decide this November, as the Supreme Court affirmed allowing topics on abortion, medical marijuana, and allowing private schools to use taxpayer funds will all be on the Nov. 5 ballot.

I'll be discussing these measures in future columns, and my guess is that my views on these topics — which AREN'T black or white — are going to light a fire under those whose beliefs ARE.

I look forward to the discussion. And finally, this nugget from the late comedic legend who got no respect — Rodney Dangerfield:

"My doctor told me to run five miles a day for two weeks and call him back . . . I called him and said 'Doc, I'm 70 miles away from home.'"



### 10 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 18, 2014

#### DC water plant rehabbed

A \$2 million dollar project that was three years in the making is finally complete and residents of Dakota City can now breathe a sigh of relief. This had been a long time coming said Stacey Janssen, Dakota City Waste and Water Plant Supervisor. Dakota City has one of only three lime-softening plants in Nebraska, and according to Janssen residents are very fortunate to have two package plants, which are the water plant that treats the basic water and the water treatment plant that treats the wastewater.

### 20 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 16, 2004

#### Gambling reaped rewards in 1984

To gamble or not to gamble. That is the question on voter's minds in Nebraska as the gambling vote draws nearer. Many residents of South Sioux City remember a time when the ching-ching-ching of slots was heard everywhere in the community. Gamblers ages 18 and older lined up at area businesses to try their luck at video slot machines that featured keno and poker games. In January 1984, video slot machines were allowed in Dakota County because of a loophole in Legislative Bill 744.

### 30 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 22, 1994

#### SSC Schools receives grant

Jim Hawes, US West Communications Nebraska vice president, recently announced US West will contribute \$205,000 to South Sioux City Public Schools to assist in bringing the internet to South Sioux City students and teachers. Hawes noted that South Sioux City is one of six public school systems in the state which will receive a total of \$1.5 million for this program.

### 40 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 20, 1984

#### SSC student winner in stock racing

The summer of 1984 will long be remembered by one South Sioux City High School senior. Ricky Stephan

experienced what a lot of young men dream of doing, but don't always get a chance to do. He drove a race car every Sunday night at Interstate Speedway in Jefferson, S.D. The car was purchased by Brad Rowe, who won the track championship last year. The pit crew included head mechanics Jim Jones and Ricky's father, Rich Stephan. Labor Day night, Ricky won his first A Feature at Interstate, beating out a very tough field of competitors. He also has won two trophy dashes timed at Interstate doing close to 100 mph. Ricky currently is in third place out of a field of 33 cars, which is quite an achievement in itself considering he is a rookie at racing. If he continues to do well, his father has agreed to let him try his skills at other tracks.

### 50 YEARS AGO

SEPT. 19, 1974

#### Private ambulance service

For the first time since Bob and Jack Becker discontinued their ambulance service, South Sioux City now has a private ambulance service. The new service, A-1 Ambulance Service, is operated by Orville Cakebread and Gene and Don Persinger, all certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The corporation will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, out of the Gene Persinger home. Both Cakebread and Gene Persinger are members of the South Sioux City Rescue Squad, and will continue as rescue squad workers in the future.



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### WHO SAYS MARCHING BAND ISN'T A SPORT?

# Follow the Road at the Library Thursday



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For those skeptics who think marching band isn't a physical activity, we present the South Sioux City High School Marching Band, who lifted their instruments over their heads every time the Cardinal football team scored... and they scored early and often in a 50-7 Homecoming win over Omaha Bryan. No doubt there were some tired arms in the tuba and drum sections after the game.

Mike Huber is our trail guide on Thursday at 7 p.m., as the Dakota County Historical Society, presents "That Old Dirt Road." Our speaker tells stories of Dakota County history, through the use of maps.

Reading Nebraska History The following are a few titles about Nebraska history.

"History of Nebraska," by James C. Olson (NEBR 978.2 OLS). This one-volume history quickly became the standard text for the college student and reference for the general reader, unmatched for generations as the only comprehensive history of the state.



Dan Nieman

"The call of the range: the story of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association," by Nellie Irene Snyder Yost (NEBR 917.804 YOS). This is a factual history of Nebraska's cattle industry from the earliest days of road ranches and trail herds to our own times.

"Cheyenne Autumn," by Mari Sandoz (978.004 SAN). Recounts the 1,500-mile trek of a band of Northern Cheyenne from an Oklahoma reservation in 1878 to their home on the Yellowstone.

Self-Care September: Skin Deep — Learn how to make homemade lotion and sugar body scrub, as well as what types of oils and ingredients are safe for your skin.\*Registration is required for this event.

Cover to Cover book club will discuss "All the Missing Girls," by Megan Miranda (FIC MIR) on Monday, Sept. 23, at 3:30 p.m. In this book, "Ten years after leaving Cooley Ridge, Nicolette Farrell returns to care for her ailing father. A decade ago, she, her brother Daniel, her boyfriend Tyler, and Corinne's boyfriend Jackson were suspects when Corinne — Nic's best friend — disappeared without a trace. Within days of Nic's return, they are plunged into a shocking drama when Nic's neighbor An-

naleise, who is dating Tyler and was the group's alibi ten years previously, goes missing. Told backwards from the time Annaleise disappears, the book follows Nic as she works to unravel the truth and, in the process, reveals shocking realities about her friends, her family, and what really happened to Corinne that night ten years ago." — From the publisher.

These titles are about missing persons: "No Man's Land" by David Baddici (FIC BAL). John Puller may be the US Army's most tenacious investigator, but he is not equipped to face the truth about his mother's disappearance thirty years ago.

"Every Breath You Take" by Mary Higgins Clark (FIC CLA). The fifth collaborative novel in the Under Suspicion series by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke, takes place at the Met Gala in New York City. "Laurie Moran's professional life is a success — her television show Under Suspicion is a hit, both in the ratings and its record of solving cold cases. But her romantic break from former host Alex Buckley has left her with on-air talent she can't stand." — from the publisher.

"When All the Girls Have Gone" by Jayne Ann Krentz (FIC KRE), delivers a thrilling novel of the deceptions we hide behind, the passions we surrender to, and the lengths we'll go to for the truth.

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

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

Bilingual Book Club, we will discuss the book "Como No Ahogarse en un vaso de Agua" by Angie Cruz, "How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water" Escrito por Angie Cruz (book can be read in either Spanish or English). This is for those looking to strengthen their Spanish speaking skills or for some English Speaking Practice. We meet on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

## Secretary of State certifies ballot for November

Secretary of State Bob Evnen certified the final list of candidates for office and ballot measures for the November general election ballot.

"County election offices and our Elections Division have put in exemplary work to ensure that all candidates were appropriately filed and that all petitions were verified and certified in time," Secretary Evnen said.

The 2024 general election ballot will include six initiative and referendum ballot measures. Ballot numbers were selected by random drawing for each measure, beginning with #434.

- 434: Protect Women and Children
— 435: Private Education Scholarship Partial Referendum
— 436: Paid Sick Leave

- 437: Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection
— 438: Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation
— 439: Protect the Right to Abortion

As required by state law, the Secretary of State will host hearings on the ballot measures in each of the three congressional districts. The hearings will be scheduled in October with more detailed event information to come. The Elections Division will create an informational pamphlet to be distributed at the hearings and made available at county election offices.

The schedule for election-related events in the state are as follows:
— Sept. 30: County election offices begin mailing out early voting ballots to voters who properly

completed and submitted early voting applications.

- Oct. 7: First day for early voting at county election offices.
— Oct. 18: Deadline to register to vote online (by midnight), by mail (postmarked by Oct. 18), at a state agency (DMV, DHHS, Dept. of Ed.), via deputy registrar or via personal agent.
— Oct. 25: Deadline to register to vote at county election offices (by 6 p.m. local time) and deadline to request an early voting application be mailed.
— Nov. 4: Last day to vote early at a county election office.
— Nov. 5: Election Day. Polls open until 8 p.m. Early ballots due back to county election offices by the close of polls.

### DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

- Avery Grant, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Jacob M Hankins, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Jose A Morales, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Clifford J Brown, 56, defendant failed to appear
Jesus M Herrera, 24, South Sioux City; no valid registration fine \$150, no proof of insurance fine \$150
Jose Lopez Chavez, 32, defendant failed to appear
Ruben Perez III, 25, defendant failed to appear
Alexis Ramirez Torres, 32, South Sioux City; drive during revocation jail 7, speeding 36+ mph fine \$300
Sergio J Ibarra, 22, South Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

### OBITUARIES

## David Dee Dryden, 88

On Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, David Dee Dryden passed away peacefully with his wife and two children by his side. Born in Sioux City, Iowa on Dec. 16, 1935, David was the eldest of six children. His parents, Jack and Elizabeth St. George Dryden, preceded him in death. His was a life of service and dedication.



Dryden

David was raised in South Sioux City in a newspaper family, and attended school there. In 1958, he graduated from the University of South Dakota as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. He entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Services Corps at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. After flight training, his first flying assignment was in Germany. He then became one of the first MSC pilots to qualify as a Helicopter Instrument Flight Instructor and Standardization Pilot.

He was inducted into the DUSTOFF Hall of Fame on Feb. 20, 2010. "COL David Dryden is a multi-skilled aviator, commander, and health care administrator. He completed two tours in Vietnam, flying 1,036 combat hours and evacuating over 2,500 patients. Facing almost insurmountable challenges involving aircraft and maintenance support, he activated and commanded the 587th Medical Detachment in Japan that transported more than 63,000 patients during a two-year period. Returning to Vietnam in 1968, he commanded the 571st Medical Detachment during heavy fighting in the A Shau Valley, flying numerous jungle hoist operations and over-water missions to Navy hospital ships. He was an early selection for health care administrator training. His performance as Deputy commander of the Army Institute of Infectious Diseases, Irwin Army Community Hospital, and Executive Officer of William Beaumont Army Medical Center paved the way for other aviators to follow." His military awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal (29), the Meritorious Service Medal (3), Army Commendation Medal (2), Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal with Palm, Vietnam Air Gallantry Medal with Silver Star, Combat Medic Badge, and the Master Army Aviation Badge.

Other key military assignments were Inspector General of Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu,

Hawaii, and Commander 56th Medical Battalion, Ft. Ord, Calif. David earned his Master of Hospital Administration from Baylor University in 1971 while serving in the U.S. Army. After 27 years of military service, his civilian career included Administrator, University of New Mexico's Carrie Tingley Hospital, Albuquerque, N.M., and Administrator, New Mexico Rehabilitation Center. He was an Associate Professor of Management at Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Mary., and a Preceptor for the Baylor University Program in Health Care Administration. He was a Life Fellow, American College of Healthcare Executives. In 1984, he was named the Executive of the Year for El Paso Chapter of Certified Professional Secretaries, and received the New Mexico Hospitals and Healthsystems award "Healthcare Administrator of the Year 1994".

David Dryden married Patricia Ann Frey in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1958. His wife of 65 years, she survives him at the family home. Together they continued to travel the world after they retired in Las Cruces, N.M. in 2002. They left no stone unturned.

David is also survived by his daughter, Dana Dee Elizabeth, and his son David Scott, brother Jim Dryden and his wife, Terri, sisters, Maureen and her husband, Tom Graves, Deb Dryden Isaacson, sister-in-law, Paula Dryden and numerous nieces and nephews. Aside from his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Jack and Rick Dryden, his in-laws, John and Nellie Frey, brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Betty Frey, John and Katherine Frey, Bob and Naomi Phillips, Fred and Sandra Jacobsen, nephews Shane Dryden, Scott and Kirk Slaughter, a niece, Deborah Bauman, special family friend, Joan Smith, son-in-law, Cory Beck and his beloved grandson, Stephen Dee Foster.

His family will remember him for his kindness, intelligence, and perseverance. With a dry wit, he pondered, quipped, and recited words of wisdom. He was someone to be relied upon. He was our hero. David Dee Dryden has crossed the great skies; with his wings may he fly.

Rosary is set for Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, 10 a.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lyons, Neb., with a memorial mass following. Military honors will follow services at the church.

## Jannette "Jan" Burns, 92

Jannette "Jan" Burns, 92 of South Sioux City passed away on Sept. 9, 2024, at Regency Square Care Center after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's/Dementia.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Salem Lutheran Church with Rev. Sandra Braasch officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior at the church. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jan was born on Jan. 12, 1932, in Whiting Iowa, the daughter of Doyle Otis Sisson and Gladys Olive (Davis) Sisson.

Jan and Avery (A.J.) Burns were united in marriage at Salem Lutheran Church on Sept. 22, 1985.

Jan was a very resourceful person, she loved sewing, crocheting and knitting along with other crafts. She was a member of the Hanson Greenleaf American Legion Auxiliary Unit 376 and a longtime member of Salem Lutheran Church. She volunteered



Burns

many hours at the Norfolk Veterans Home. Jan spent many years on the Friends of the Library in Dakota City and was a substitute librarian when needed. As a busy mom, Jan was very proud when she received Beautician License. She enjoyed fixing people's hair.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband A.J. Burns, son Thomas Reiling, brothers Kenneth Sisson, Gayle (Audrey) Sisson, sisters Audrey (Wayne) Meier, and Cleta Sisson.

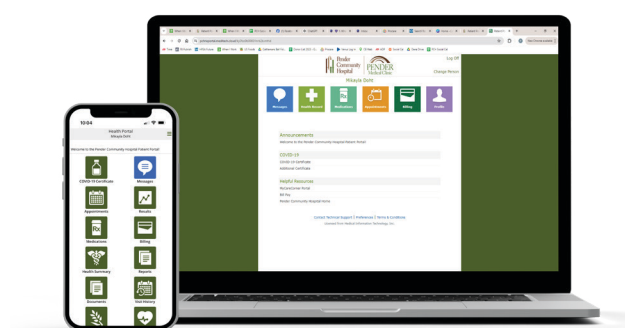
Left to cherish her memory are her three daughters, Kathryn (Marvin) Downing, Jacalyn Barnes, Georgette (Stephen) Gonshorowski, along with eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson and many other relatives.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Regency Square and St. Croix Hospice for all the care and compassion they have provided.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Austin Matthew Grosenheider, 29, Merville, Iowa and Macey Leanne Hoeffling, 26, Hornick, Iowa
Luis Enrique Ramirez, 27, South Sioux City, and Yareli Garcia Gonzalez, 25, South Sioux City

- Logan Scott Rohde, 42, Homer, and Melissa Rose Hoelsing, 39, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Jesus Alberto Reyes Ramirez, 33, South Sioux City and Sara Soto, 46, South Sioux City



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(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

DJ Helms reaches up to catch a pass during South Sioux City's 50-7 win over visiting Omaha Bryan.

## Cardinals fly to 50-7 hoco blowout

By MICHAEL CARNES

Star Publisher  
Omaha Bryan did its best to try to contain the top running back in Class A.

There was just one problem — they forgot about the rest of the South Sioux City offense.

And while senior Tony Palmer did his damage with 180 yards and three touchdowns, it was a total team effort for the Cardinals as they rolled to a 50-7 homecoming demolition of the visiting Bears Friday night at the Cardinal Athletic Complex.

The win, which moved SSC to 2-1 on the season, was a total team effort that made coach Jackson Dickerson proud.

"I'm just proud of our guys," he said after the win. "We never let our foot off the gas start to finish, and there are some things we still need to clean up, but I was proud of how we played from the first play of the game to the last play of the game."

It didn't take long for the hosts to break the ice, marching down the field and settling for a 33-yard field goal by Adrian Curiel for a quick 3-0 advantage.

After a Bryan punt and a nice return by Jackson Jensen put the ball at the Bryan 37, Palmer ran for 32 yards and scored on the next play to make it 10-0 with 5:42 to go in the opening period.

South Sioux's defense got in on the action two plays later when Tave Baker picked off a Jasiah Summerfield pass and rambled 30 yards to the house. His pick-six made it 17-0, and a 45-yard field goal by Curiel after a Bryan fumble on the next series made it 20-0 just 10 minutes into the game.

Taking advantage of the Bryan miscues was helped out by an offensive line that dominated the line of scrimmage and opened up a lot of possibilities for the South Sioux offense.

"It starts up front for us, and our guys were able to get some push up front and create some nice seams," Dickerson said. "Our receivers also did a good job blocking downfield,

and that's something that doesn't always get recognized when one of our backs breaks a big one. They work their tails off to pick up those last guys."

That was true early in the second period when Palmer scored his second touchdown on a 45-yard gallop, countering Bryan's only score of the night to make it 27-7. DJ Helms scored on a three-yard dive and Cristian Campos connected with Lucas Sulzbach on a short pass to make it 41-7 at the half.

The second half was shortened rather quickly after the Cardinals shut down a 10-play Bryan drive to open the second half. On a third-and-2 from their own 26, the Cardinals put the ball back in Palmer's hands and he raced for a 74-yard touchdown. His third score of the evening set the game into running-clock mode, and the SSC defense would score again later when they tackled the Bryan quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

Dickerson said he was happy with the way the South Sioux City offense was able to showcase a balanced attack. While Palmer rushed nine times for 180 yards, the Cardinals were also effective in the passing department.

"We have to find a little bit of balance and tonight we were able to establish a passing game which was big for us because it helps out the run game," he said. "If we can throw the ball effectively, it's going to help us out. We worked on it a lot in fall camp and we'll keep working on it."

Campos was 4-of-7 passing for 59 yards with a touchdown, while Helms had 34 yards on three carries and caught two passes for 44 yards. Sulzbach caught a pair of passes for 15 yards.

Defensively, Kayden Melchor and Jonathan Garcia-Lupercio each had seven tackles to lead the effort. Palmer added six stops, Helms had five and Erick Moreno had four. Both Baker and Jase Giersdorf had an interception and Garcia-Lupercio made two quarterback sacks.

The 2-1 Cardinals have a Thursday



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

SSC junior Erick Moreno tries to take down Omaha Bryan's Alarion Russell during the Cardinals' 50-7 homecoming win over the Bears on Friday.

evening matchup at Lincoln High at 7 p.m. The 1-2 Links bring a big team to the matchup and Dickerson said the Cardinals will need to work hard all the way from Monday's practice to when they face the Links.

"We can't go through the motions this week," he said. "We have to come out focused on Monday and Tuesday and have a short week with a Thursday game, and right now we need to focus on what we need to control and show up and take care of things."

**SSC 50, Omaha Bryan 7**  
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**Scoring Summary**  
SSC — Adrian Curiel 33 field goal.  
SSC — Tony Palmer 5 run (Curiel kick).  
SSC — Tave Baker 30 interception return (Curiel kick).  
SSC — Curiel 45 field goal.

**BRYAN** — Alarion Russell 2 pass from Jasiah Summerfield (Angel Bustamante kick).  
SSC — Palmer 45 run (Curiel kick).  
SSC — DJ Helms 3 run (Curiel kick).  
SSC — Lucas Sulzbach 8 pass from Cristian Campos (Curiel kick).  
SSC — Palmer 74 run (Curiel kick).  
SSC — Safety. Summerfield tackled in the end zone.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — SSC: Helms, 3-34; Campos, 3(-3); Anderson, 1-4; Palmer, 9-180; Burns, 2(-7); Pastran, 2(-2). **Bryan:** Mosbacher, 3-8; Summerfield, 8(-38); Morgan 20-115; Garcia-Diaz, 1-2.  
**PASSING** — SSC: Campos, 4-7-0, 59. **Bryan:** Russell 0-1-0, 0; Summerfield 9-23-2, 77.  
**RECEIVING** — SSC: Sulzbach, 2-15; Helms, 2-44. **Bryan:** Russell 7-69; Mosbacher 1-1; Morgan 1-7.

## SSC boys finish fourth, girls sixth at Fremont

FREMONT — SSC's boys cross country team had three top-20 finishers and the Lady Cardinals brought home one during Thursday's Fremont Invitational.

All five of SSC's boys runners finished in the top half of the 67-man field, led by Luke McGinty's 13th place time of 17:02.19. Melchisedek Munzambi (16th, 17:07.11) and Diego Balderas (19th, 17:31.58) also finished in the top 20.

Following that trio of runners were Leandro Magana (23rd, 17:39.97) and Melusi Ngeleka (26th, 17:47.44). Rounding out the SSC effort were Nabii Yussuf (36th, 18:11.71), Misael Orozco (42nd, 18:35.46), and Yahir Majia-Covarrubias (44th, 18:41.79).

As a team, the Cardinals finished fourth with 94 points, one behind third-place Elkhorn and nine behind runner-up Elkhorn South. Host Fremont scored five of the top six to eas-

ily run away with the team title with 17 points.

In the girls race, senior Jacquiline Delgado paced the young Lady Cardinals with a 20th place time of 21:58.69, followed by Melanie Magana in 24th at 22:20.16.

Rounding out the Lady Cardinals team scoring were Abigail Cisneros in 38th (23:49.53), Katharine Nun Cruz in 41st (24:19.32) and Alexandra Chavez in 48th (24:46.03). Also running were Abigail Perez (52nd, 25:43.47) and Kallianne Norton (54th, 25:49.18).

As a team, SSC scored 158 points to finish sixth out of eight teams. Papillon-LaVista edged Elkhorn South 55-56, to win team honors.

SSC runs in the Bennington Invitational on Thursday, followed by the Crofton Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 26.

## Indians fall short against state-rated Aquinas

PONCA — Ponca's hopes for an upset against a state-rated opponent fell short Friday as the Indians were shut out at home by David City Aquinas, 21-0.

The visiting Monarchs scored a quick pair of touchdowns in the first period and added a third in the third period to account for the game's scoring.

The Aquinas defense shut down Ponca's offense, limiting the Indians to four first downs and 86 yards in total offense as the Indians fell to 1-2 on the season.

Trystan Bevelhimer was 5-of-10 passing for 42 yards with two interceptions, while rushing for 14 yards on 10 carries.

Tucker McGill led the Ponca ground attack with 38 yards on 11 carries and caught two passes for 10 yards. Caden Cleveland caught two passes for 20 yards and Mickernon Peterson grabbed a 12-yard pass.

McGill led the defense with 15 tackles, Peterson and Connor Schamp both had eight stops and Bevelhimer and Zach Luze made seven tackles. Casey Chadwick, Charlie Watkins and Jacob Swick each had five tackles. McGill had an interception and Swick recovered a fumble.

Ponca is back home Friday, hosting O'Neill at 7 p.m.



(PHOTO BY SANDRA CROSS)

Tri County Northeast senior Jackson Belt reaches out to catch a pass during the Wolfpack's 36-16 win over LCC Friday in Laurel.

## TCNE pulls away in fourth for 36-16 victory

LAUREL — Tri County Northeast's defense kept the high-scoring LCC offense in check in the second half and pulled away with a 36-16 win Friday at Haskell Field.

Coach Jake Kneifl was happy with the way his team responded in a close battle.

"This was a tough fought game that stayed close for a majority of the game. Our boys played hard for all four quarters and we were able to pull away in the fourth," he said. "Defensively, we did a great job limiting the explosive plays and putting their offense in tough positions. Offensively, things started to click better this week."

The Wolfpack struck first in the opening period when Brayden McCorkindale scored on a six-yard run. Bryan Isom ran in the two-point conversion to make it an 8-0 game.

TCNE doubled their lead in the second with a 33-yard run by Isom before LCC scored late in the first half to make it 16-8.

LCC tied the game in the third

quarter to make it 16-16, but TCNE put it out of reach in the final period with three scores.

The Wolfpack broke the tie on a 71-yard pass from Isom to Jackson Belt. On their next drive, TCNE scored again when McCorkindale found paydirt on a 41-yard run, and Isom put the game on ice late with a four-yard scoring run.

McCorkindale led the TCNE offensive attack with 105 yards on 27 carries, while Isom had 64 yards on 10 carries. Ben Jorgensen was 4-of-8 for 102 yards and a touchdown and also rushed for 25 yards on six carries. Belt had all four receptions for 102 yards.

Isom led the TCNE defense with 16 total tackles. Dylan Boyle added eight stops and Belt, Thatcher Lamp and Bernard Juarez each had six tackles. McCorkindale recovered a fumble.

The Wolfpack hope to keep their winning ways going this week with a Friday home matchup against Pender.

## Homer boys win at LCC; Homer, Ponca girls tie

LAUREL — The Homer boys ran in a pretty tight pack Thursday and claimed team honors in the LCC Invitational at Cedar View Country Club.

The Knights' five varsity runners finished one behind the other in fourth through eighth place to beat out Ponca for the team title.

Aayden Harris led the Homer tandem with a fourth-place time of 18:34.22. Teammates Jessup Snowball and Triston Owens were about five seconds behind Harris, with Junius Snowball and Caden Barclay sprinting together to place seventh and eighth, respectively.

Ponca had two of the top three finishers in the race, with Gannon Pfister taking top honors and Broderrick Hogan finishing third. Zyan Conrad

completed Ponca's team score by finishing 24th, as the Indians' 27 points was 12 behind the Knights.

Tri County Northeast was seventh out of nine full teams competing and had all three of its scoring runners finish in the top 25, led by a ninth-place finish by Jude Ridenour. Teammates Alex Snyder and Devon Lewellen finished 23rd and 27th, respectively.

In the girls' race, Homer and Ponca duked it out for first place and both teams tied for the top spot with 18 points. Homer's best fourth-place runner came in 15th to break the tie, as Ponca did not have a fourth runner.

Ponca's Ava Brennan beat Homer's

SEE HOMER, 2B



(PHOTO BY SANDRA CROSS)

A pack of Homer Knights runners keep pace with each other to help the boys win the LCC Invitational. Pictured are (from left) Rylan Parker, Ethan Torticill and Spencer Elsea.



# Homer girls beat Bergan in five

The Homer volleyball team found itself in the Omaha World-Herald Class C-2 Top 10 this week after an exciting five-set home win over Archbishop Bergan, winning 26-28, 25-19, 21-25, 25-21, 17-15.

The Lady Knights had a solid effort at the net, hitting .141 for the night. They were led by three attackers in double figures, with Tori Walker recording 24 kills, Janessa Overgaard

adding 19 and Chayce Abts putting away 12.

Taiah Bird added eight kills and Rylie Harris had five along with a season-high 56 assists. Walker had three ace serves and Kacie Harris added two.

Defensively, Walker and Rylie Harris both had 27 digs, Abts added 23, Bird had 20 and Madi Roeber picked up 13.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Knights dropped a four set decision at home to LCC, losing 25-19, 19-25, 25-15, 25-15.

Walker led the way with 19 kills, Overgaard added eight and Abts put down five. Rylie Harris had 33 assists.

Walker had 19 digs, Rylie Harris added 14 and Abts and Kacie Harris each had 13.

# SSC softballers go 0-3 last week

South Sioux City's softball team continued its struggles at the plate last week, losing to Highway 91 and dropping a doubleheader with Omaha Gross.

Paisyn Ross pitched two innings in the opener.

SSC had three hits in the second

game. Paizley had two hits while Torticill added a single. Rager took the pitching loss.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Cards traveled to Howells and suffered a 13-1 defeat, with the hosts limiting SSC to just two hits.

Cheyenne Torticill doubled and Aubrey Tranmer singled and had an RBI for SSC. Khenzie Rager was roughed up by the Highway 91 bats, giving up 11 hits in the loss.

On Monday, the Lady Cards went to Omaha and were swept by Omaha Gross, 10-2 and 10-0.

South Sioux City had four hits in the first game, Tranmer tripled and scored, Alrich Paizley had an RBI double among her two hits and Izzie Tranmer added a hit. Both Rager and

# Knights fall to Wausa/Osmond in 30-13 defeat

The Homer football team couldn't contain a balanced Wausa/Osmond offensive attack on Friday as the Knights dropped a 30-13 decision.

Homer got on the board first with a 42-yard pass from Axton Caskey to Ethan Roberts, but the visitors responded with 30 unanswered points to take control of the game.

Homer scored again in the second half on a short touchdown run by Caskey, but were unable to generate anything else offensively as they fell to 1-2 on the season.

Caskey was 7-of-17 passing for 111 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. Josue Munoz caught four passes for 57 yards, Steve Harris had two for 12 yards and Roberts caught the 42-yard touchdown pass.

On the ground, Munoz led with 34 yards on eight carries, Caskey had 29 yards on 12 tries and Roberts recorded 13 yards on four attempts.

Defensively, Munoz had 15 total tackles, including 10 solos; Isaac Barclay added 11 stops and Austin Pelster had 10.

The Knights travel to Beemer on Friday to face Guardian Angels Central Catholic.

(PHOTOS BY SANDRA CROSS)  
 (Clockwise from top left) Tri County Northeast runners Bre Millard (130) and Alejandra Hermosillo keep the pace during Thursday's LCC Invitational in Laurel. Jude Ridenour led the way for the Tri County Northeast boys, finishing ninth overall. Ponca's Addyson Chytka runs her way to a 14th place finish in the girls race. Broderick Hogan runs for the Ponca boys cross country team. He finished third overall. Tawny Bolles (35) and Natali Cardasis keep their eyes on the road ahead.

# HOMER: Knight runners take team titles at LCC Invite

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er's Lilly Harris for the individual title, winning by about 23 seconds.

Five other area runners finished in the top 15. Jaedyn Bousquet and Tawny Bolles followed Harris home in eighth and 12th place for the Lady Knights, Laken Pfister was seventh and Addyson Chytka 14th for Ponca, and Bre Millard paced the Tri County Northeast effort with a ninth-place medal.

### LCC Invitational Boys Team Standings

Homer 15, Ponca 27, Hartington-Newcastle 39, Newman Grove/St. Edward 40, Winnebago 48, LCC 48, Tri County NE 56, Bancroft-Rosalie 77, Randolph 106.

### Area Results

HOMER — 4. Aayden Harris, 18:34.22; 5. Jessup Snowball, 18:38.07; 6. Triston Owens, 18:39.96; 7. Junius Snowball, 18:39.96; 8. Caden Barclay, 18:48.93; 21. Caylix Huffman, 20:36.47; 26. William Rohde, 20:55.33; 28. Dawson Kollars, 21:09.22; 29. Spencer Elsea, 21:27.58; 33. Maximus Wiggs, 22:01.11; 36. Ethan Torticill, 22:25.73; 37. Gage Otterpohl, 22:26.23; 41. Wesley Baker, 23:18.06; 46. Charles Bolles, 23:48.05; 56. Rylan Parker, 29:02.14.

PONCA — 1. Gannon Pfister, 18:06.72; 3. Broderick Hogan, 18:25.01; 24. Zyan Conrad, 20:41.75.

TRI COUNTY NE — 9. Jude Ridenour, 18:49.49; 23. Alex Snyder, 20:41.72; 27. Devon Lewellen, 21:08.69.

### Girls Team Standings

Homer 18 (won tiebreaker), Ponca 18, Hartington-Newcastle 26, LCC 28, Tri County NE 46, Winnebago 60, Newman Grove/St. Edward 84.

### Area Results

HOMER — 2. Lilly Harris, 21:37.20; 8. Jaedyn Bousquet, 22:37.51; 12. Tawny Bolles, 23:27.83; 17. Okie Bolles, 24:19.68; 21. Natali Cardasis, 25:19.27; 26. Jocelyn Parker, 27:29.24; 27. Lila Bolles, 27:54.14. 34. Waverly Barclay, 32:59.11.

PONCA — 1. Ava Brennan, 21:14.37; 7. Laken Pfister, 22:35.06; 14. Addyson Chytka, 23:46.85.

TRI COUNTY NE — 9. Bre Millard, 22:49.69; 20. Alejandra Hermosillo, 25:05.16; 29. Hailey Millard, 28:30.99; 30. Jenni Olson, 28:42.10; 31. Chloe Peters, 29:56.16.

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Emerson Ehlers goes for an attack at the net for Ponca in action at the Wakefield Invitational.

# Ponca volleyballers take fifth in Wakefield tournament

The Ponca volleyball team claimed consolation bracket honors at last weekend's Wakefield Invitational tournament, improving its record to 5-5 on the season. Ponca opened pool play Thursday with two games, defeating Lyons-Decatur Northeast 25-11, 25-19 and falling to Hartington Cedar Catholic, 25-12, 25-23. The Indians closed pool play Saturday with a 25-14, 25-10 loss

to eventual tournament champion Pierce, moving them into the consolation bracket, where they swept Lyons-Decatur again in a 25-19, 25-20 win before winning a tough consolation finals match over Lutheran High Northeast, 25-15, 18-25, 25-17. In other action last Tuesday, Ponca defeated Randolph in straight sets, 25-15, 25-4, 25-9. Individual statistics were not available at press time.

# Lady Wolfpack win four of five

Tri County Northeast's volleyball team hit its stride last week, winning four of five matchups. On Tuesday, the Lady Wolfpack split a triangular at Emerson-Huiebard High School, losing to Howells-Dodge 25-16, 25-19 and beating Pender 25-19, 21-25, 26-24. In the loss to the Jaguars, With the win over the Lady Pender dragons, On Thursday, TCNE moved to their other home in Allen and swept

a triangular with wins over Osmond (21-25, 25-18, 25-10) and Randolph (25-9, 25-6). The Wolfpack came back against the Tigers, In the easy win over the Cardinals, Monday, the Lady Wolfpack won their fourth in a row with a three-set win at Omaha Nation, winning 25-23, 25-11, 25-22. Individual statistics were not available at press time.

# Ponca, TCNE runners at Wayne

WAYNE — Runners from Ponca and Tri County Northeast were in action Monday in the Wayne Invitational at the Wayne Country Club. Ponca's Ava Brennan had the top finish of the day, claiming runner-up honors in the girls 5,000-meter race with a time of 21:17.05. She finished 20 seconds behind the winner, Zoey Ebmeier of Pierce. Bre Millard of Tri County Northeast also had a solid run Monday, taking 10th in a time of 23:00.20. Addyson Chytka of Ponca was 20th in 24:49.38. Tri County Northeast had three other runners com-

peting, including Hailey Millard (32nd, 28:06.12), Chloe Peters (35th, 28:36.96) and Jenni Olson (42nd, 31:22.53). In boys competition, Gannon Pfister and Broderick Hogan both earned individual medals. Pfister was sixth in a time of 18:21.41, while Hogan came home in 11th at 19:15.24. Zyan Conrad was 54th in 25:39.86. For TCNE, Jude Ridenour led the Wolfpack in 30th place at 21:02.76, followed by Alex Snyder (37th, 21:57.40) and Devon Lewellen (41st, 22:37.67).

# SSC netters win one, lose one

The South Sioux City volleyball team lost one match and won one in action against Sioux City teams last week. On Tuesday, the Lady Cardinals dropped a 25-25, 25-17, 25-15 decision to Sioux City East. Autumn Porter led the way with nine kills and two ace serves and Izabella Moret added seven kills. Olivia Arens recorded 20 assists.

Defensively, Bailee Durant and Bryleigh Robinette both had a block. Moret had 19 digs and Somarah Watts picked up 18. The Lady Cardinals rebounded on Thursday, posting a four-set home win over Sioux City West, 25-20, 22-25, 25-11, 25-13. Individual statistics were not available at press time.

# Golfers hit links at Plattsmouth

PLATTSMOUTH — Facing a tough course at Bay Hills Country Club, the South Sioux City golfers saw action Thursday at the Plattsmouth Invitational. Madelyn Bohnet finished 10th individually with a score of 104 to lead

the way for the Lady Cards. Also competing were Abigail Andersen finishing with a 119; and Lula Garvey, who shot 154. SSC will be at Pender Thursday for the Pender Invitational.

## Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

### Alpha program to debut

Holy Apostles Family is starting a new evangelical program called Alpha. Meetings will be held every Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the lower level of the St. Augustine's Church in Winnebago. Everyone is invited to attend and dinner is provided. Dinner and the discussion will be very informal. For more information contact Ellie Dutcher at 402-369-2203 or emdutcher@archomaha.org.

### Bible study set

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

### Cottage Foods Changes

Would you like to become a Cottage Food Producer before the holiday season? Nebraska Extension can help you! Nebraska Extension is collaborating with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to offer a live Q&A Zoom. This is your chance to ask all of your questions about what you can and cannot sell. We will also introduce the new Cottage Food Specialist with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture — Baylen Whitehead. Registration is free, so save your spot. Go to go.unl.edu/nebraskacottagefoods to register.

### Book Club - Book Changes

September reads are "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt and "The Audacity of Sara Grayson" by Joani Elliott. The September meeting is Sept. 18 at Phyllis Birkley's. October selections are "The Current" by Tim Johnston and "The Sentence" by Louise Erdrich. The big book for this year is "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes.

### Jackson Elementary News

Reminder - Every Monday 1 hour late start  
Jackson Elementary lunch menu for Sept. 23-27:  
Monday - Pizza, lettuce, corn, fruit  
Tuesday - Turkey/ham/cheese hoagie, carrots and ranch, pickle, fruit  
Wednesday - BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, chips, fruit  
Thursday - Eggs and ham, breakfast potatoes, muffin, fruit  
Friday - Orange chicken and rice, cooked carrots, fortune cookie, fruit.

## Treasurer's Notes

By Dawn Bousquet, Dakota County Treasurer

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## Dakota City News

### Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will be reading "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmes during the month of September. The group will discuss this book in October. Extra books are available. This story is about Elizabeth Zott, who becomes a beloved cooking show host in 1960s Southern California after being fired as a chemist four years earlier. It was adapted into an TV miniseries that debuted in October 2023. "Lessons in Chemistry" was named the Barnes & Noble book of the year in 2022, Goodreads Choice Awards-Best Debut 2022, and many other honors. Story Hour for September will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for all area school-age children. A guest speaker from the Dorothy Peacat Nature Center will be present to present information on beekeeping. Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. and the Friends of the Library will meet at 6 p.m. for a Joint meeting. Meetings are open to the public. Discussion will include a "Wish" List for library wants and needs. The Library will continue to stock the Little Free Library, located at Cottonwood Park, until we have snow. Please utilize this opportunity to Take a Book; Leave a Book and share reading materials with the community. We have tried to include items for both children and adults, along with a few magazines. New items added; "One Last Promise" by Susan May Warren and "Cold Vengeance" by Nancy Mehl.

### Community News

City Wide cleanup will be Oct. 23-24. For a complete list of acceptable items, please visit the City of Dakota City website. A list is also available at the Library and City Hall.

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# Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



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## Homecoming royalty reigns

The spirited tradition of Homecoming ended Saturday after a week long of red and black, friendly competitions, community bonfires, popular dunk tanks and parades. Reigning over the week was the 2024 royalty including Queen Hadyn Vanschoiack and King Isaac Barclay, princesses Ali Albrecht, Rylie Harris, and Tori Walker, and princes Spencer Elsea, Josue Munoz, and Ethan Roberts.

## Book club meeting notice

If you've been thinking about joining Good Roots Book Club, now is the perfect time. This month's book is "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V.E. Schwab. A teaser: "France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young

woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets... Grab a copy and start today! Then meet up with like-minded readers on Monday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. at Good Roots Coffee Company.

## Here's something new

Homer Industrial Tech, under the direction of instructor Austin Lambert, is holding a Shed Raffle. The shed is a smart-looking structure, 8 feet wide by 12 feet long with 2" x 8" floor joists, an 8-foot wide side wall height and 6-foot by 7-foot doorway. The young workers in shop class will paint the shed in the winner's choice of color, but please note the winner will be responsible for moving the shed. Tickets can be purchased from

shop students or contacting the school. Prices run from one ticket for \$30, two tickets for \$50, and five tickets for \$100. Only 250 total tickets will be sold with the drawing taking place once all tickets are sold. Funds raised will help the industrial tech department to enhance educational opportunities. A lot of good things are coming out of that department with exciting new equipment and success at state competitions. Contact [austinelbert@homerknights.org](mailto:austinelbert@homerknights.org) with any questions.

## Junior class selling donuts

The junior class at Homer will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts as a prom fundraiser. Orders are due Sept. 26 with delivery taking place on Saturday, Oct. 19. Contact [alisharohde@homerknights.org](mailto:alisharohde@homerknights.org)

with questions or orders.

## Volunteer opportunities

A reminder that the Siouxland Freedom Park is always looking for volunteers to greet visitors at the Interpretive Center on Saturdays. Shifts run two-hours long and serve a wonderful purpose for the community. An online sign-up is available at [volunteersignup.org/8LLKT](http://volunteersignup.org/8LLKT).

## ATV raffle

The Homer football team is raffling off an ATV – a Massimo MSA 210 ATV, 11HP EFI 177cc – for \$25 a ticket. A drawing will take place after 250 tickets have been sold, or at half time of the last home basketball game, whichever comes first. The prize can-

not be exchanged for cash.

Contact Coach Shawn Spurrell at Homer Community School with any questions.

## P-T conferences upcoming

Homer Community School will have a 2 p.m. dismissal on Wednesday, Sept. 25 and Thursday, Sept. 26 for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held both nights from 4-7 p.m. An online sign-up can be accessed on the school webpage for those interested. Conversations between parents and teachers are beneficial to the success of our children, so make plans to attend!

## School activities

Thursday, Sept. 19 – JH VB vs. Dakota Valley, 3 p.m.; JH/HS XC at Pender, 4:30 p.m.; Softball at North Bend Central, 6 p.m.; VB vs. Ponca, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20 – Fall activity picture day; FB at Guardian Angels Central Catholic, Beemer City Park  
Saturday, Sept. 21 – Vars. VB tourney at Logan View, 8:30 a.m. start; SB at Pierce, 9 a.m.  
Monday, Sept. 23 – JH VB vs. Pender, 3 p.m.; JHJV FB vs. Siouxland Christian, 4 and 5:30 p.m.; VB triangular at home, 5 p.m. start.  
Tuesday, Sept. 24 – VB vs. Hartington Newcastle, 5:30 p.m. rolling schedule; SB at Wayne, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 26 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-7 p.m.; SB at Logan View, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 27 – No School; FB vs. Pender, 7 p.m.



(PHOTO BY EMMA CASKEY)

A popular activity on bonfire night is car bash. Here Bubba Harris takes his best shot.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The marching band looks sharp in new uniforms as they ready up for the parade.

# Homer Homecoming



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Third graders get their spirit on during Friday's pep rally.



(PHOTO BY STACIE JOHNSON)

Tommy Reed and Jett Fogarty get feisty in the tricycle race of Class Competitions Wednesday.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Homer Volunteer firefighters got the bonfire going to cap the night on Wednesday. The fire department used the night as a learning opportunity for its youngest member.

## Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

### Book Fair Week

Tuesday, Sept. 24 through Friday, Sept. 27 is Book Fair week at Emerson-Hubbard Schools. It is held all week at the Elementary School library and on the 24th during Parent-Teacher Conferences from 3-7 p.m. On Sept. 25-26 it will be held from 7:45-8 a.m. and after school until 4 p.m., and on Friday, Sept. 27 from 7:45-8:10 a.m.

### Mitchell is back home

Super good news for Emerson — Aubrey Mitchell is home in Emerson! She spent the past several months in the hospital in Omaha following an accident. Welcome home Aubrey! She is the daughter of Melissa Twohig and Mike Mitchell.

### Homecoming Week

Emerson-Hubbard Homecoming Week kick-off will be Saturday, Sept. 21 at the high school football field. Homecoming activities will be throughout the week. The coronation will be Friday, Sept. 27 in the high school gym at 12:30 p.m. The parade will be up Main Street at 2 p.m. and the football game with Wisner-Pilger is at Emerson at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 28 the 7th-8th Grade dance is at the Allen school and the high school dance is at the Emerson-Hubbard gym.

### Blood Drive Oct. 7

The Emerson Community Blood Drive will be Monday, Oct. 7 at the Emerson Fire Hall from 3-7 p.m.

### No School Sept. 23

No school at Emerson-Hubbard on Monday, Sept. 23, as there will be a

teacher in-service day.

### Family Night Wednesday

Wednesday Night Family night is each Wednesday at St. Luke Lutheran Church, with Friends of Faith at 3:45 p.m., Supper at 5 p.m., Bible church at 6 p.m. and confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

### Schlichter's 96th

Remember A.J. Schlichter's 96th birthday is Saturday, Sept. 28. Her address is 4975 Vincennes St., Unit A, Cape Coral Fla., 33904.

### EBC Christmas kickoff

The EBC has announced they will have their Kickoff to Christmas activities on Saturday, Dec. 7. More details will follow.

### Cornhole tournament

The Cornhole tournament is Sunday, Oct. 6 at Sacred Heart Gym in Emerson. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Bags fly at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Traci Millard at 712-253-6117 or Blake Eriksen at 712-635-1313.

### School Board meets

The Emerson-Hubbard School Board met Sept. 11 with all board members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda except for the CPR Training invoice. A motion was made to approve the CPR Training bill to Joani Fraizluebers. Half of the invoice gets paid to Sandy Akins. Motion passed with Franzluebers abstaining. The board approved early graduation for Gabe Franklin.

A motion was made to approve the Tax Request for the 2024-2025 budget year. The General Fund levy will be \$0.585249 and the Special Building Fund levy will be \$0.016916. This is decrease of .10 cents.

A motion was made to approve the changes of #5205 Graduation Policy. Motion passed.

The contract for Joey Stansberry as a route bus driver was approved.

Principals Nielsen and Blohm gave their reports. Superintendent Dale Martin gave a construction update, and noted the State School Board Convention is Nov. 20-22 in Omaha.

Discussion was held on information on before and after school programs and the school newsletter.

The Emerson Hubbard Budget Hearings and the Tax request hearing were also held that evening.

The Robotic Fundraiser is at the Welding shop on Friday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

### Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Friday: Varsity Football vs Pender at Allen.  
Saturday: Kickoff to Homecoming.  
Monday: No school; Girls Golf at Hartington; JH Football vs. Winnebago at Allen; Volleyball vs Wausa at Allen; JV Football vs Winnebago at Allen.  
Tuesday: Early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.; Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7 p.m.  
Wednesday: FBLA Leadership at Fremont.  
Thursday: JH Volleyball at Emerson; JH Cross Country at Pender.

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

Sunday: Worship at St. Luke at 9 a.m.; Sunday school 10 a.m.  
Monday: Bible study at 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Friends of Faith 3:45 p.m.; Supper 5 p.m. Church 5:45 p.m.; Confirmation 6:30 p.m.



(PHOTO BY STACIE JOHNSON)

Coach and class sponsor Alisha McPartland guides the freshmen in the 5-legged race at Class Competitions during Homecoming.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

We've got spirit, yes, we do, we've got spirit, how about you. Science teacher Jill Huisenga and new superintendent Dr. Joey Lefdahl join in the Homecoming fun.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Homer Community Club had its biggest bunch of participants in its Homecoming Parade march on Friday.



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