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STAR CALENDAR

YMCA Fall Fest Friday

The Siouxland YMCA Fall Fest 2024 is set for Friday, Oct. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA in South Sioux City.

This free community event features Trunk or Treat, where kids can collect candy from decorated vehicles in a safe and fun environment.

There will also be exciting games for all ages and creative face painting to bring costumes to life.

The event is free and open to the public.

Early voting available

County election officials in Nebraska began mailing early voting ballots this week to voters who completed early voting applications and fulfilled the new voter ID requirement.

Registered voters in Dakota County can still request and early voting ballot by sending their early voting application to the Dakota County Clerk's office. The deadline for requesting an early ballot is Friday, Oct. 25.

Early voting ballots are due back to the Dakota County Clerk's office by the close of polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. County election offices will not accept late ballots, even if the postmark date is before the election.

Registered voters can begin early voting at the Dakota County Clerk's office on Monday, Oct. 7. The deadline to register to vote is Friday, Oct. 25.

Chamber Coffee

This week's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by South Ridge Golf Course, located at 618 West 29th Street in South Sioux City.

Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program starting at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Got an event?

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

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LOCAL WEATHER

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FOR WEEK OF OCT. 17-23, 2024

THURSDAY		74	52	Sunny and windy.
FRIDAY		75	51	Partly cloudy and windy.
SATURDAY		71	49	Cloudy with chance of showers.
SUNDAY		76	51	Mix of clouds and sun.
MONDAY		68	45	Slight chance of showers.
TUESDAY		66	39	Partly cloudy.
WEDNESDAY		58	36	Mix of clouds and sun.

Fire, police get pay adjustments

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Getting and keeping firefighters and police officers on staff in South Sioux City has been a cause for concern that led to an agreement between the city and the two departments.

At Monday's City Council meeting, the city's Human Resources manager, Mary Clark, talked about a recent meeting between the city and the heads of the city's fire and police departments regarding the issues both departments have had in hiring and keeping staff on board.

After negotiations between the three sides, both the fire and police departments will see additional raises for this year with the promise of working to provide more competitive pay when the two sides' contracts come up for review in 2025.

Clark said that the city's police officers were receiving a 3 percent raise effective Oct. 1, and after seeing that some long-term staff members were underpaid, those with more than 2 1/2 years of employment were given a 7 percent raise. Similarly, the fire department's amendment calls for a bump up from the 2.5 percent increase that would start on Jan. 1, 2025 to 5 percent. All of this

was approved on a 6-0 vote (Councilmen Ben Schultz and Jason Bowman were absent) and is subject to legal review.

"We felt the fire department and the police department did a good job presenting this information in good faith," Mayor Rod Koch said. "With the way inflation is right now, and with competition right across the river with Sioux City, it's hard for us to compete. Nobody got everything they wanted, but there was a feeling that they want to make this work and we felt it was fair."

Koch added that he believes the city's top function is public safety and complimented the relationship the city has with its police officers and firemen. He was hopeful that feeling would carry forward with the next negotiations that will take place in 2025.

The City Council also heard from Bob Sheehan, representing The Warming Shelter in Sioux City, who is looking for financial assistance to keep the shelter for homeless from closing.

The shelter announced that it was closing earlier this year, but some late financial support, including \$200,000 from the City of Sioux City, helped to keep the facility open. Sheehan was at Monday's meeting as part of an effort to ask neighboring city councils if

they could help support the non-profit operation.

City Attorney Mike Schmidt said that Nebraska law does not allow cities to give money to non-profits without some service being attached to the money. The fact that the shelter is based in Iowa also prevents the city from making such a donation under state statute, he said.

"I think the Council agrees that we want to keep that program going somehow," Koch said, noting that its impact as being a place for homeless to find shelter, especially in the winter and summer months, is felt by South Sioux City residents. "When I saw this on TV earlier, the first thing I thought is if the city can contribute, because we have people who fall into this."

Koch suggested making personal donations to the project, and Sheehan mentioned that the shelter does have some capital improvement projects that people may donate to.

In other action, the Council:

- heard from Tammi Husk, representing the Public Library, who announced that the South Sioux City Public Library had achieved gold accreditation from the Nebraska Library Commission. Husk was also recognized for 20 years of service to the city library.

- approved an agreement with Musco Sports Lighting to retro-fit four existing light structures at the softball baseball field. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy is paying \$100,000 through a grant to the city.
- approved signage and installation of Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalks at Curry and Covington parks.
- approved plans for \$1,075,000 for the Foundry Road project, which will include the paving of the road with recycled plastic bags. If bids come in low enough, auxiliary projects along the road, including a parking lot for the dog park, may be included with the project. The road is expected to be completed by May 23, 2025.
- approved an economic feasibility study for an Inland Port Authority application.
- approved the acceptance of \$145,000 in federal dollars to lease a one-ton truck for three years, purchase a 500-gallon water tank that would be attached to the truck, and purchase 400 trees to replace those being removed by the city.

The City Council's next meeting is Monday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. in Council chambers at City Hall.

STAYING HYDRATED NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

It's always important to stay hydrated when you're running a 5,000-meter race, but Tri County Northeast senior Bre Millard might be taking the idea a little too far here. Fortunately, she was able to get a drink after missing the mark and continued on her way to a fifth-place finish in the Lewis & Clark Conference race Thursday, helping her team finish second. Story and highlights in the Sports section.

Gatzemeyer tabbed as new treasurer for Dakota County

Will serve remainder of term for recently-retired Bousquet

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

At Monday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting, the commissioners unanimously approved Stephanie Gatzemeyer as the county's new treasurer.

Gatzemeyer will serve the remainder of the four-year term left vacant by Dawn Bousquet, who retired from the position effective earlier this month. Bousquet, who was selected to fill out the term of then-treasurer Bob Giese after he was elected to the county board in 2020, was in the middle of her first term as an elected county treasurer before she decided to step down.

Three individuals were considered for Bousquet's replacement, and County Board chair Martin Hohenstein told the Dakota County Star that Gatzemeyer was the best option of the three.

"She's been with the office for 14 years and has served as a deputy under both Bob and Dawn," he said. "We were really confident, having dealt with her in the past, and thought it would be a seamless transition. She knows all the systems we're using and I'm confident she can do the job."

The lifelong Dakota County resident said she is excited and wants to make the county and her family proud.

"I'm up for the challenge," she said. "I started out at the front window working with customers and have gotten to know everything about the office. I started as deputy treasurer under Bob Giese in 2019 and learned a lot from both Bob and Dawn, so I'm excited for this opportunity."

In other action, the county board received an update on work along Likuwanta Drive. Paving of the road has begun and the first half is expected to be completed yet this week, with the second half set for completion the following week.

Two septic systems that required attention have been located along the road and two more are still yet to be located. Electrical issues were addressed with the support of Nebraska Electric Cooperative.



Gatzemeyer

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Competing abortion measures on November ballot

By PAUL HAMMEL
Nebraska Examiner

Nebraskans will vote on six ballot issues during this fall's general election, including competing initiatives on the issue of abortion.

Here's a rundown of three of those ballot issues, those concerning abortion and paid sick leave:

INITIATIVE 434

Initiative 434, titled the "Protect Women and Children" initiative, would, if approved, place the state's current policy on abortion, which allows the procedure only during the first 12 weeks of gestation, into the State Constitution.

A "yes" vote for Initiative 434 would ban abortion in the second and third trimester, except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger.

A "no" vote would reject that policy proposal.

Pushed by opponents of abortion, Initiative 434 provides an alternative to another measure on the ballot pushed by advocates of reproductive rights, Initiative 439.

INITIATIVE 439

Initiative 439, if approved, would place in the State Constitution a right to an abortion until the fetus is viable — when the fetus would survive outside the womb — which is around the 23rd or 24th week, as determined by a doctor.

A "yes" vote for Initiative 439 would enshrine a right to abortion in the State Constitution.

A "no" vote would oppose that constitutional measure.

Because there are two, competing ballot measures on abortion, if both are approved,

the one with the largest number of votes would become the state's policy on abortion, the Nebraska Secretary of State has said.

The campaign to put the anti-abortion measure on the ballot raised over \$3.1 million and was financially backed primarily by U.S. Sen. and former Gov. Pete Ricketts (a \$1.1 million donation), his mother Marlene Ricketts (\$1 million) and the Peed family of Lincoln (a combined \$1 million), according to the most recent state political contribution records.

The pro-choice Protect Our Rights campaign for Initiative 439 also raised more

than \$3.1 million. Its top contributors, in staff time, signature gathering and money, were Planned Parenthood Advocates of Nebraska (\$860,503), the ACLU of Nebraska (\$688,503), the Second House Collaborative (\$484,313), the Nebraska Appleseed Action Fund (\$417,955) and the Women's Fund of Omaha (\$251,763).

Nebraska is one of 11 states so far where ballot measures concerning abortions will be voted on this fall. It is the only state with two competing proposals.

INITIATIVE 436

Another ballot measure, Initiative 436, or the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, seeks to enact a state law allowing eligible workers the opportunity to earn paid sick leave.

Workers at businesses with fewer than 20 employees could earn up to 40 hours of paid sick leave a year if voters approved the Act, while workers at companies with 20 or more

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Nearly 300 people attended the NNTC Annual Meeting held last week in Jackson.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Almost 300 attend NNTC meeting in Jackson

Earlier this month, 188 members of the North-east Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) co-operative, representing all districts, attended the 67th Annual Meeting of Members and Directors at NNTC’s facilities in Jackson. Nearly 300 people were present, making it one of the largest annual meetings for the company to date.

During the meeting, the membership re-elected Tracy Ludwig of Stuart (District 6), Greg Hoffman of Clearwater (Director at Large), and LeRoy Dvorak of Prague (Director at Large).

NNTC General Manager Pat McElroy addressed the crowd, sharing both good news and bad news. “I need to inform you about what’s happening in our courts that threatens the way we operate,” he explained. “This summer, the Fifth Circuit Court ruled that the way we, NNTC, and 900 other providers of our size receive federal support from Universal Service Funds is unconstitutional.”

“If I were to look into my crystal ball, I fully expect this issue will be resolved in our favor, either



through the courts or legislatively,” McElroy said. “The alternative would be catastrophic for rural America.” He also reported that NNTC is in a strong financial position, with the lowest operational costs for a company of its size in the state.

McElroy reminded members of last year’s report, which included grant-funded expansions. He provided updates on the \$1.2 million expansion south of Hubbard, where 59 percent of the homes are now being served by NNTC. The Antelope County project, located south of Orchard, at a cost of \$1.3 million, is complete and installations for new customers are underway. In Butler County, construction on a \$2.5 million fiber build is nearly

complete. Additionally, NNTC was awarded \$3.8 million to expand fiber broadband in rural Polk County.

McElroy also discussed plans to expand east of Jackson toward South Sioux City to Highway 77 and to Village of Homer.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Recently-elected NNTC directors were (from left) LeRoy Dvorak, Tracy Ludwig, and Greg Hoffman.

SSC Class of 1964 gathers for 60th reunion

A 60-year reunion of the South Sioux City Class of 1964 was celebrated Sept. 14-15 by 27 classmates and 20 guests with pizza, snacks and noisy conversation at Gateway 2-Oh.

On Sunday’s meeting at Freedom Park, Marty Hogan guided everybody through the interpretive center’s exhibits and future plans. Classmates searched names on “The Wall,” ventured over the Nebraska’s first Freedom Rock, or sat quietly on one of the memorial benches.

Evening activities at Covington Links Clubhouse included a silent auction of “homemade” items by class members, with proceeds to benefit

the enhancement of Freedom Park in the form of a tree planting and memorial bench. Co-chairs, Carol and Ron Pickens of Colorado, and reunion attendees hop other classes and reunions will continue such projects.

Reminiscing and slide presentations, creatively prepared by Patti Gathman Nason of Texas and Dennis Warneke of Oregon, continued as the class enjoyed dinner of tender roast beef, prepared by R&D Catering of Allen.

Master of Ceremonies and classmate, Gerry Jensen of Wisconsin, noted how his directions in life were connected to high school influences. Gerry

highlighted anecdotes about former teaching staff (encouraging class participation), read note from classmates who were unable to attend, and presented awards acknowledging travel and family. Thank yous were expressed to local chairs — Coleen Lantz Prenger, Areline Zeisler Hollander, Barb Goodier Stephan, and Linda and Dick Chailie of Omaha.

Monday reunion events were completed by a tour of one of South Sioux City’s innovative businesses, LiteForm Technologies, led by Joe Krajcik.

BALLOT: Abortion, family medical leave issues on the list for Nov. 5 election

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employees could earn up to 56 hours of paid sick leave a year. An employee would accrue a minimum of 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked.

Advocates for paid sick leave say

it will reduce the spread of illnesses by encouraging sick workers to stay home, and would reduce turnover and improve workplace morale. Opponents of paid sick leave maintain that such benefits should not be mandated, and that workers will use all of their sick leave if it’s paid.

Eighteen states, including neighboring Colorado, currently have laws mandating paid sick leave.

In Nebraska, the campaign to place the issue on the ballot has raised more than \$3 million over the past two years. A leading donor, the Washington, D.C.-based Sixteen Thirty Fund, was a major backer of the effort to raise the minimum wage in Nebraska via the ballot box. That fund gave \$1.9 million for the paid

sick leave effort.

EDITOR’S NOTE — Paul Ham-mel has covered the Nebraska state government and the state for decades. He retired in April as senior contributor with the Nebraska Examiner. He was previously with the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha Sun. A native of Ralston, Nebraska, he loves traveling and writing about the state.

GATZEMEYER: New county treasurer

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braska Public Power District.

Also, the board approved the purchase of a \$13,000 360-degree camera and software that will assist the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office with

crime scenes and accident reconstructions.

The county board’s next meeting is Monday, Oct. 28 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, Oct. 17 — Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, apricots

Friday, Oct. 18 — Baked chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad

Monday, Oct. 21 — Chicken and noodles, peas, pickled beets, peaches, orange slice

Tuesday, Oct. 22 — Taverns, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, pears, broccoli

Wednesday, Oct. 23 — Chicken rice casserole, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, ruby applesauce



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- Defend our God given 2nd amendment rights
- Deliver property tax relief
- Bring affordable and reliable broadband to rural Nebraska
- Improve roads and bridges
- Advocate for our rural hospitals
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Garcia on SNHU list

Southern New Hampshire University recently announced its Summer 2024 President’s List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above for the reporting term are named to the

President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Included in the list is Mina Garcia of South Sioux City.

On the web: www.dakcostar.com

Walt Beermann for Dakota County Commissioner



- Recently retired
- Supports Gov. Pillen’s property tax reduction efforts.
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- Believes ground beneath Crystal Lake should not be taxed.

Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5



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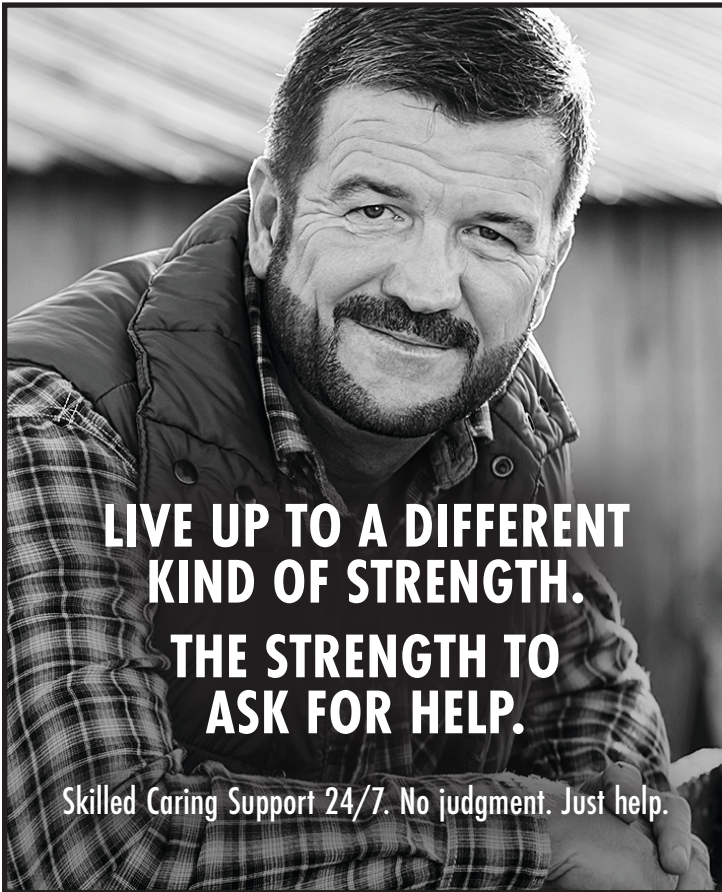
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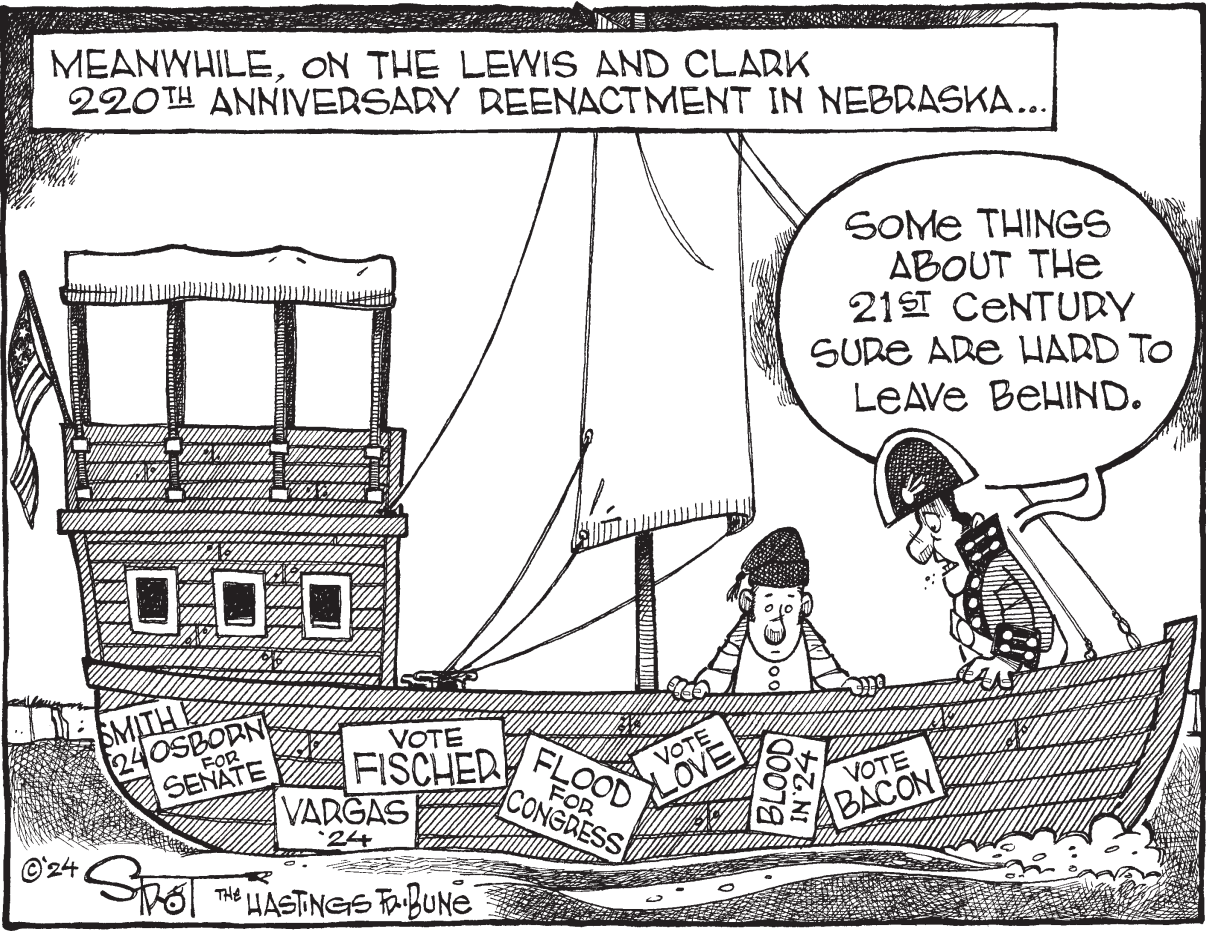


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Early voting for election underway

Early voting began on Oct. 7. There are many more deadlines coming up before the general election in Nebraska. Here are the important dates and deadlines you need to be aware of as we are only three weeks from election day.

— Oct. 18: Voter registration deadline for online and by mail (post-marked)

— Oct. 25: Voter registration deadline for in-person. Last day to request ballot by mail

— Nov. 4: In-person early voting ends

— Nov. 5: ELECTION DAY. Election offices must receive early ballots by 8 p.m. Postmarks do not matter. Allow seven days if mailing.

The deadline to register to vote online, by mail, or at a state agency—including the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)—is October 18th. You can register to vote through the Nebraska Secretary of State’s online voter registration portal (nebraska.gov/sos/voter-registration) or by printing off and mailing in a voter registration form (sos.nebraska.gov/elections/voter-forms). If you aren’t sure whether you’re registered to vote, you can check your registration status on the state’s VoterCheck website (votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/voter-view). If you need to update your address or party affiliation, you can do so through the state’s online registration portal through Oct. 18.

On election day, Nebraska voters will be required to present a photo ID before casting a ballot. Voters must show their ID if they vote early in their county election office or if they cast their ballot at their local precinct on Election Day. Acceptable forms of ID are: Nebraska driver’s license, Nebraska state ID, Nebraska college ID, Military ID, Tribal ID, U. S. Passport, Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, public school, etc.), Hospital, intermediate care facility, assisted-living facility or nursing home record.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Voters must vote at the location for their current address. You can look up your polling location on the Secretary of State’s website or you can call the election office at (402) 441-7311.

2024 Ballot Measures

Over the past several weeks, I have been going over the ballot measures included as part of your ballot this year. Due to early voting taking place starting Oct. 7, I would like to remind you of what you are voting on and my take on each one. Certainly, we will agree to disagree on any one of these measures, but based on bipartisan votes on some of these on the floor and those not making it to the floor, it is important that you are educated on each ballot measure so you can cast an informative vote. Many ballot measures are written in a confusing way and can cause issues at the ballot box.

Protect Women and Children, Initiative Measure 434 — Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to include a new section which provides: “Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.” This initiative is well-defined, common-sense protections in the 2nd and 3rd trimesters with the exceptions outlined above. This preserves the health and safety standards by preventing individuals who are NOT LICENSED physicians from influencing the medical decision of a woman in crisis. This safeguards parental notification requirements, protecting the relationship and responsibility parents have with their daughters. I plan to vote “FOR” as

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht
District 17



this will keep the protections currently in law and protect women and children.

Private Education Scholarship Partial Repeal (Legislative Bill 1402), Referendum Measure 435 — Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature in 2024, provides for \$10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska. Shall Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 be repealed? I plan to vote to “RETAIN” as I voted for this bipartisan bill when it was debated on the floor. There are three private schools in the district which are St. Mary’s in Wayne; St. Augustine’s Indian Mission in Winnebago; and St. Michael’s in South Sioux City. There have been 45 applicants for a scholarship to attend one of these three schools. Thirty-seven of the forty-five students who applied are below 300% poverty. So far 25 students in the district have received a scholarship and the average scholarship is \$1,100. This is why I support having school choice. Families and students need to have options.

Paid Sick Leave, Initiative Measure 436 — Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations? I plan to vote “AGAINST” this measure as this will hurt small and medium-sized businesses as it will drive up costs. This also hurts small businesses located in rural and lower income areas because it does not account for differences in labor availability, cost-of-living, or other variances across the state. Over my time in the Legislature, many bills were introduced to address this issue and heard in the Business and Labor Committee. They were either not voted out of committee or came to the floor for debate and were voted down. There is always a reason many bills don’t make it through the entire legislative process as we, as senators, have to look at each one through the lens of how it would affect Nebraskans all across the state.

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation, Initiative Measure 437 — Shall a statute be enacted that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities? I plan to vote “AGAINST” this measure because it will open up Nebraska to the marijuana industry and contradicts federal law. In my eyes this is something that should be dealt with at the federal level and across all states for more consistent regulations.

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection, Initiative Measure 438 — Shall a statute be enacted that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities? I plan to vote “AGAINST” this measure as it will require a change in Nebraska law regarding marijuana. Since my time in the legislature, this issue has been introduced to the Legislature and heard in the Judiciary Committee. Each time it was voted out of committee to General File, but never moved any further forward in the legislative process.

Protect the Right to Abortion, Initiative Measure 439 — Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to include a new section which provides: “All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient’s treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus’ sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.” I will definitely be voting “AGAINST” this measure as it will jeopardize women’s health and safety as it allows abortionists and individuals who are not licensed physicians to influence the medical decision of a woman in crisis. It will provide abortion against her will. This measure proposes all persons have a right to an abortion which allows men to force a woman into an abortion against her will. It paves the way for taxpayer funding of elective abortions in Nebraska, even against strongly held moral and religious objections. Finally, it will overturn parental notification laws, which allows predators and human traffickers to continue their abuse in the shadows. If this measure passes, it will eliminate all of the laws we have put into place since 2010.

Most of these ballot measures have been through the legislative process. Due to them not making it through the process and into law, the sponsor brought an initiative or referendum petition in order to allow registered voters to vote on these issues. All ballot measures can change the future for businesses, healthcare, families, and so much more as it can affect generations for years to come. It is so important to get out, vote in this election and have your voice heard. You can see sample ballots at sos.nebraska.gov/elections/2024-genear-sample-ballots so you can show up to the polls educated and ready to cast your vote.

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.

Trick or Treat

Well, despite Big Oil ruining our climate, our country, our world, earth getting hotter, nothing to see here.

Like the Midwest Republicans in the 118th not-working-all-that-hard Congress: 123 climate deniers — Ricketts and Bacon here, Grassley and Ernst there. They rest easy aboard the climate denial ship.

Until they don’t.

From the climate newsletter “Heated,” we have reporter Arielle Samuelson’s “Not so fast.” From her, we get a not-so-gentle wake-up: “oil company scientists have been privately warning that burning fossil fuels would lead to catastrophic storms.” Via internal memo, as early as 1979, they warned their managers: “Fossil fuel combustion presented a looming danger.”

Climate alarms, therefore, have been ringing for half a century. BP, in 1991, makes a film, “This Earth — What Makes Weather?” The exact warming mechanism that made hurricanes like Helene and Milton so powerful was predicted.

Recap:

— 1979: Exxon scientists warn their managers fossil fuel combustion will lead to dramatic world climate changes within the next 75 years.

— September 1979: They warn that fossil fuels “will cause major shifts in weather patterns.” These patterns include drought, hurricanes, violent storms, sea level rise and reduced snowpack.

— 1998: Shell researchers “predict that they’ll be blamed for violent storms.” The report said that by 2010, “a series of violent storms (will cause) extensive damage to the eastern coast of the U.S.”

Regardless, fossil fuel executives

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“were publicly downplaying their industry’s role . . . it’s connection to extreme weather.”

We now bear witness. From American Progress, we see four climate deniers above. For legislators from the nation’s breadbasket, this is inexcusable. Not unlike Exxon’s CEO Lee Raymond’s 1997 claim. At the 15th World Petroleum Congress in Beijing, he offered reassurances: “First, the world isn’t warming. Second, even if it were, gas and oil wouldn’t be the problem. Third, no one can predict the likely temperature rise.” As the report concluded, this turned out to be an “epic miscalculation.”

Yet, Senators Grassley and Ernst hold fast. Chuck comforts us. “While human influence on sea level is unclear, it is rising.” Meanwhile, he pockets \$606,927 from the fossil fuel industry. Joni, who racked up \$586,933, holds fast. “Climate,” she reasons, “has been changing since the beginning of time.”

Nebraska? Sen. Ricketts, nabbing \$232,000, is reassuring. Pete enlightens. “I believe it is far from clear . . . what is going on with our climate.” Rep. Bacon’s take was calm. Don, snagging \$223,000, assures us. “There are some cyclical impacts,” he said, pocketing \$223,000. “It’s a combination.”

Meanwhile, a heating planet is hammered by Republican indecision, ignorance, and greed.

In Greenland, warming water is melting glaciers. With The New Yorker reporter Elizabeth Kolbert’s dispatch, “Greenland Is Melting,” she notes how the “country’s ice sheet is triggering feedback loops that accelerate the global crisis.” She concludes, “Once the world’s remaining mountain glacier’s disappear, they won’t be coming back.” Her conclusion? “If we cross the tip-

ping point of the Greenland ice sheet, we may not even notice.”

This election-eve Halloween, what big trick won’t we notice?

Ron Hartnett
Dakota City

Misinformation on Initiatives

I read the Unicameral Update in the Sept. 26 paper, and I was extremely disappointed in the misinformation and lies perpetuated by the Nebraska Family Alliance.

They lied that Initiative 439 allows abortion at birth. Wrong! That would be called infanticide.

Calling trained medical professionals “abortionists” is extremist language. When we go to our doctors to get better, do we think of them as “abortionists”? Hardly. We trust them to do what’s best for us. Why would we trust the state government instead of our doctors?

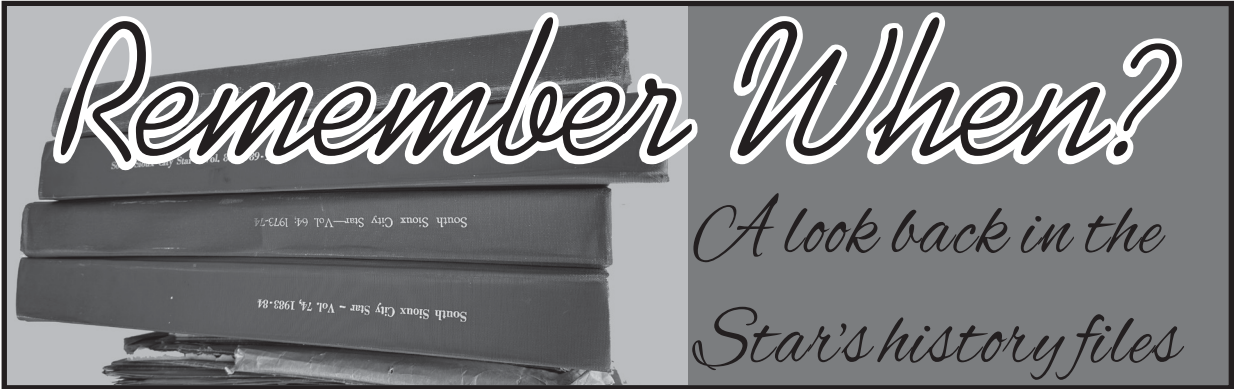
Initiative 434 (protecting women and children) shows a great deal of ignorance concerning fetal development and viability. The law right now edge abortion by the 12th week of gestation.

Anencephalopathy (lack of brain tissue) cannot be seen on sonograms until the 15th-16th week. I think we can agree that in this case, the fetus is non-viable.

Likewise, some fatal heart problems cannot be detected until 15-16 weeks gestation. Women forced to carry to term non-viable pregnancies suffer great mental harm.

I think we should elect a legislator not beholden to the Nebraska Family Alliance.

Shirley Hoelting
Pender



10 YEARS AGO

OCT. 16, 2014

McKeever receives honor

Pat McKeever was honored as the SSC Chamber Volunteer of the Year at the annual chamber awards luncheon.

Flynn inducted into HOF

South Sioux City’s Kelly Flynn was inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame on Oct. 5. The former Lady Cardinals basketball coach and current city economic director was recognized during the City Council meeting Monday night. Flynn helped guide the Lady Cardinals to 11 Class B State championships, including 10 in the 11 years from 1995-2005, finishing second in 1999. Over 27 years, he won 508 career games and made 17 state tournament appearances. The Cardinals were nationally ranked for eight years, earning a No. 1 ranking in USA Today in 2001. He was named national Coach of the Year in 2012 and was a national Coach of the Year runner-up in 2003.

20 YEARS AGO

OCT. 14, 2004

New Publc Library opens

In between ribbon cuttings and a cornerstone dedication, Kathy Jacobs was smiling and breathing a huge sigh of relief. On Saturday, a day where city and county leaders turned out to celebrate the grand opening of South Sioux City’s new Public Library, Jacobs was reluctant to say “mission accomplished” but she was inevitably pleased that the three-year wait was over.

Flu shot shortage looms

Last year’s flu season was unexpectedly menacing due to an unre-

dicted strain of the virus that had healthcare workers scrambling to find new doses of the vaccine. This year’s flu season could be just as menacing now that the Center for Disease Control reported that just 54 million doses of the flu shot vaccine are available for distribution, down from 87 million last year when that number was considered a storage.

Ready, Set, Dig!

Ground is broken on new jail site, the sun was shining on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004 as county commissioners, architects, city officials and community members dug into the dirt outside the Dakota County Courthouse. The new jail took place to the west of the courthouse next to the county health office. Formerly, eight inmates were housed in a jail in the courthouse then 40 beds opened up in the jail built in 1974. Approximately 115 will fit in the new jail.

30 YEARS AGO

OCT. 13, 1994

Two killed in Friday crash

Two south Sioux City men injured in crash Friday remain hospitalized. Jose Enriquez, 32, and Jose Rosales, 23 were passengers in a 1983 Oldsmobile driven by Mario Ruiz, 21, of Sioux City. The vehicle was involved in an early-morning accident on Highway 35 about two miles west of Dakota City. Killed in the accident were Richard Buhrman, 22, and his passenger, Russell Banks, 22, both of Sioux City. Another passenger, Duwayne Blackbird, 22, of Sioux City, was treated and released following the accident.

Drivers fume as trains block tracks

The Burlington-Northern train that blocked the railroad tracks for 70 minutes in South Sioux City one re-

cent Sunday afternoon did so because of a broken rail. But that determination was only made public Monday following an inquiry by the Star.

40 YEARS AGO

OCT. 18, 1984

Trucker charged after accident

John Huenneken of Hartington, the truck driver involved in a truck-combine accident two-tenths of a mile east of Jackson on U.S. 20, has been charged with willful reckless driving by the attorney’s office. Wayne Knudsen of Dakota City was operating a 1981 John Deere combine and apparently was attempting to turn left off the highway when Huenneken tried to pass him, according to Trooper Doug Johnson. Knudsen was hospitalized with injuries.

50 YEARS AGO

OCT. 17, 1974

200 get rubella, measles shots

Almost 200 Dakota County children reluctantly took part in the Measles and Rubella clinic last Thursday at the Dakota City Fire Hall. Dakota County Health Nurse Carol Messler administered the shot with a spray-gun designed to reduce the psychological effect of the traditional hypodermic needle. Messler said it worked to a degree, but “the shot still smarts a little.” The clinic lasted about two hours, and the gun helped hasten the operation, which might have taken twice as long with a hypodermic needle.

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OBITUARIES

Leon “Lee” O. Trautwein, 73

Leon “Lee” O. Trautwein, 73, of Tontitown, Ark., his retirement in 2022 and moved to Arkansas to be passed away on Oct. 7, 2024, in Fayetteville, Ark., after a short illness, surrounded by family. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, at First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City. Visitation with the family present will be from 5-7 p.m. at Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel in Sioux City. Burial will be at the Theophilus Cemetery in Winside.

Lee was born on Sept. 21, 1951, in Norfolk, to Shirley (Swanson) Trautwein and Elwin Trautwein. He grew up in Winside, graduating from Winside High School in 1969. He married his high school sweetheart, Sharlene Brockmoller on April 18, 1971. He first became a father to his daughter Andria in 1972 and welcomed his sons Brandon in 1979 and Chris in 1980.

Lee graduated from Wayne State College in 1973 with his BS in Business and Accounting, later earning an MBA from the University of South Dakota in 1979. Lee began his career with IBP in April of 1973, working in various roles until ending as Vice President and Treasurer in 2001. He continued to work in the industry for many years with companies like BPI, Coleman Natural Foods, and finally Creekstone Farms. In the workplace, Lee was notably diligent and typically indispensable. He shrewdly negotiated



Trautwein

Lee was known for his wry smile, dry humor, occasional orneriness, and profound generosity. His hobbies included golf and watching Nebraska football. He attended First Lutheran Church during his time in South Sioux City and served as their treasurer for many years. He was respected by many and so loved by all who had the privilege to know him closely.

Those survivors left to cherish their memories of him include his daughter and her husband, Andria and Jeff Lickfelt of Springdale, Ark.; two sons, Brandon Trautwein and his wife Gracie of South Sioux City, and Chris Trautwein and his wife Kate of Prairie Grove, Ark.; nine grandchildren, Kyra, Peyton, Ethan, Evan, Syllas, Lena, Quinn, Lily, and Jude; one great-grandchild, Alice; his sister Dorinda of Norfolk; his mother-in-law Norma Brockmoller of Winside; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives, and a host of friends.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, wife Sharlene and youngest sister Janelle.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be directed towards the family.

The family encourages attendees to wear their favorite flannel or Husker gear.

Two weeks to register to vote

For those like me who tend to spend their time in their Hobbit holes, the last day to register to vote is upon us.

If you want to register online, the due date is Friday, Oct. 18 at 11:59 p.m. To register by mail you have until Oct. 18 to have it postmarked.

To register in person, you have until Friday, Oct. 25. We encourage you to vote for someone, and/or vote for something.

Digging Up Bones (Oct. 17, 6 p.m.): Whether you are following a true crime case, or looking for lost ancestors, this presentation will help you dig into the bones of any investigation.

Tween Time (Oct. 18, 3:45-4:45 p.m.): Ages 8-12 come join us for some tween activities. Crafts and challenges, activities and events, come hand out with us and get learn new skills or make to friends. It is also on Oct. 25, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Game On (Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.): Let’s play some games in the youth area! Games will be available all day! Players will be entered into a drawing for a prize! We’ll also be having a chess tournament!

Youth Writing Club (Oct. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.): Let’s get creative and talk about writing.

Tech Help Monday (Oct. 21, 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 (Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m.): A time for anyone to come work on or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you.

Tween and Teen Anime Club (3:45-4:45 p.m.): On Wednesday afternoons, come watch anime with other manga and anime fans.

It’s Showtime: Acrylic Painting + Movie Night (Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m.): If you are strange and unusual, a fan of the Michael Keaton classic (Don’t say the name,) and enjoy painting, this one is for you! Join Reenie in reference as we paint on canvas using acrylics while we watch (Don’t say the name). Treats and supplies are provided!

Haunted House (Oct. 24): Join us for a fun Halloween event! We’ll be having a party in the cafe and a haunted house to follow! From 4:30-5:30 p.m. we will be having an Easy Haunt with the lights on! From 6-7:30 p.m., we’ll turn the lights off and hope the screams follow!

Halloween party (Oct. 26, 1-3 p.m.): Join us in the youth area for a Halloween party! We’ll have activities, games, crafts and candy! Costumes welcome. Costume parade at 2 p.m.

Library Book Sale is (Oct. 26, 1-4 p.m.)

Voting is one of our most basic rights and responsibilities. This year we have several referenda issues on the ballot, as well as voting for our elected officials.

If you want to catch up on the news on political issues from a thoughtful, balanced point of view, I would point you to Explora on Nebraska Access. You can search full text magazine and journals and find articles on issues you really care about. Contact one of your librarians to get login information.

Reading about Politics: The following are some titles dealing with elections and American politics.

“American Queenmaker: how Missy Meloney brought women into politics,” Julie Des Jardins (070.92 JAR). “Marie ‘Missy’ Mattingly Meloney was born in 1878, in an America where women couldn’t vote. Yet she recognized the power that women held as consumers and family decision-makers, and persuaded male publishers and politicians to take them seriously. Over the course of her life as a journalist, magazine editor-in-chief, and political advisor, Missy created the idea of the female demographic. After the passage of the 19th Amendment she encouraged candidates to engage with and appeal to women directly. In this role, she advised Presidents from Hoover and Coolidge to FDR. By the time she died in 1943, women were a recognized political force to be reckoned with. In this groundbreaking biography, historian Julie Des Jardins restores Missy to her rightful place in American history,” — from the publishers.

“The righteous mind: why good people are divided by politics and religion,” by Jonathan Haidt (201 HAL). A groundbreaking investigation into the origins of morality, which turns out to be the basis for religion and politics.

The Black Cabinet: the untold story of African Americans and politics during the age of Roosevelt, by Jill Watts (323.11 WAT). “In 1932 in the midst of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt won the presidency with the help of key African American defectors from the Republican Party. At the time, most African Americans lived in poverty in the South, denied citizenship rights and terrorized by white violence. But Roosevelt’s victory created the opportunity for a group of African American intellectuals and activists to join his administration as racial affairs experts. Known as the Black Cabinet, they organized themselves into an unofficial council. They innovated anti-discrimination policy, documented the New Deal’s inequalities, led programs that lifted people out of poverty and paved the way for greater federal accountability to African Americans and a greater black presence in government. But the Black Cabinet never won official recognition from Roosevelt, and with his death, it disappeared from history,” — from the publisher.

“The Big Lie: election chaos, political opportunism, and the state of American politics after 2020,” by Jonathan Lemire (324.97 LEM). This is “a probing and illuminating analysis of current state of American politics, focusing on Donald Trump’s lie about election fraud,” — from the publisher.

“Rock me on the Water: 1974: the year Los Angeles transformed movies, music, television, and politics,” by Ronald Brownstein (973.91 BRO). Documents the kaleidoscopic year during which transformative talents from Hollywood, Sunset Boulevard, and Beverly Hills heavily influenced pop culture, politics, and social movements.

Have a great week and read good books.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Dai D Nguyen, 35, South Sioux City; leave accident -fail to furnish info 1st fine \$500, probation 9 months, jail 14 days, community service 40 hours, nonresident violate 30-day immunity jail 2 days, probation 9 months, criminal mischief \$0-\$500, jail 1 day, probation 9 months, careless driving fine \$100	Samantha L Jendrzajak, 36, South Sioux City; assault-threaten/bodily injury fine \$750, disturbing the peace fine \$500
Gregory D Major, 33, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear	Dennis Ghostbear, 60, criminal trespass-2nd degree, jail 89 days
	Zunilda Reyes Vega, 32, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Jordan Schram, 35, South Sioux City; Charles criminal mischief \$0-\$500, jail 7 days

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Albrecht Leslie H, Albrecht Cheri L, to Albrecht Joseph B Trustee, Albrecht Allie J Trustee, Les & Cheri Albrecht Irrevocable Family Legacy Trust, S-T-R 19-29-7 E PT NW 1/4, 18-29-7 E SW 1/4 SW 1/4, 24-29-6 E NE 1/4, 24-29-6 E PT N 1/2

Khalaf Rabr A Trustee, Rabr A Khalaf Revocable Trust, to Cook Lavonee, Widender Treynnten, Lot 7 and PT Lot 8 in block 94, Covington

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Everardo Tarango, 59, Wakefield, and Marinelly De Jesus Gonzalez, 44, Wakefield

Jennifer Pamela Chavez Sandoval, 29, South Sioux City, and Betsy Bernabe Rangel, 30, South Sioux City

Brayan De Jesus Gil Henao, 25, South Sioux City and Roxana Soriano, 33, South Sioux City

NNTC to invest \$2M in Homer

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC), based in Jackson, announced an approved \$2 million investment to develop an all-fiber communications network in the Village of Homer, approved unanimously by the village board on Oct. 10.

This project will enhance connectivity and bring state-of-the-art broadband services.

According to several residents and village leaders, a large provider in Homer withdrew services from their town last month.

“We are excited to extend our robust network, which currently serves 5,300 customers across northeast Nebraska, to the Village of Homer. With speeds up to 1 GB upload and download we are a company that prides itself of outstanding service with an all-local staff,” stated Pat McElroy, general manager and CEO of NNTC.

The project will involve laying 20 miles of fiber optic cable, connecting 290 properties in Homer. This initiative will significantly improve internet speed and reliability for residents and businesses alike. NNTC’s Marketing Manager, Melissa Lanzourakis, and Sales Specialist, Paula Wendte, will soon reach out to property owners to discuss the expansion and provide details about the construction phase. Homeowners are encouraged to sign up for a complimentary fiber drop prior to construction by visiting www.nntc.net/homer.

NNTC’s reach extends beyond Homer, providing phone, TV and internet services to Jackson, Hubbard, Willis, and other rural areas of Dakota County, including residences near South Sioux City north of Highway 20.

McElroy emphasized, “This project is a significant step in our ongoing mission to enhance digital infrastructure across northeast Nebraska. We invite Homer to join us in celebrating our 70th anniversary by becoming part of this exciting advancement.”

Construction will begin this fall, with services available to residents and business owners in 2025. NNTC urges all homeowners to take advantage of the opportunity to future-proof their properties with high-speed fiber connectivity, regardless of immediate service needs. NNTC will fully fund this project.

Addition of South Sioux City

A DE Anda Investments LLC, to Grant Richard J, Grant Terri R, Lot 9 Town & Country Addition of South Sioux City

Hobart Michael P, Hobart Connie H, to Camerer Coby J, Lot 1 Covington Second Addition of South Sioux, Cottonwood Landing Town Homes Assoc

Renteria Juan Aka Juan M A Renteria, to Grieves Jacy Rae, Lot 4 in block 61, Covington Addition of South Sioux City

Gill Bernard A, Gill Laurinda M, to Hamar Samantha, Hamar Brandon, S-T-R 28-29-7 E PT SE 1/4 NE 1/4, E PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Melendez Nicholas Antonio Trustee, Melendez Melissa Ann

Trustee, Melendez Family Trust, to Hurtado Yecenia, Hurtado Francisco, Lot 7,8,9 in block 1, Smiley & Georges Addition of South Sioux City

Bautista Victor M, Bautista Christina, to Bautista Johnny, S-T-R 8-28-9- E PT SE 1/4 NW 1/4, E PT SW 1/4 NE 1/4

HCI Real Estate Company aka Ho Chunk Real Estate, to Lopez Maria A Hernandez, Lot 10,11,12 in block 22, North Addition Emerson

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Homer sweeps L&C titles, TCNE girls take second

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

WAUSA — Homer’s still-young cross country program had quite the coming-out party Thursday at Rolling Hills Country Club.

The sport has been a part of the school for less than 10 years, but showed no signs of being the new kid on the block as the boys, girls and junior high teams claimed team titles in the Lewis & Clark Conference championships.

The wins for the high school teams was one of the big goals the teams had set for themselves when the season started back in August.

“Having the boys and girls win the Lewis and Clark Conference meet was a big thing for our program, and a goal for both of them,” coach Aaron Sasges said. “The boys haven’t been conference champions in any sport since the early 2000’s (golf in 2003), and the girls were runner-ups last year and champions the year before, so they wanted to get back on top. It was a good meet and confidence booster going into a tough district next week.”

The boys have been able to run in a pack throughout the season, and that strategy paid off as all four of their scoring runners finished in the top 10.

“The boys have done a great job since last year running in a pack, and the best part of our boys is they just interchange on who finishes first for us,” Sasges ssid. “Almost every meet it changes and that just shows our depth for the boys.”

Caden Barclay led the way for the Knights, placing fourth in a time of 18:05.98. Teammate Aayden Harris was seven seconds behind in fifth at 18:12.72, while brothers Junius and Jessup Snowball came in seventh and eight to round out the Knights’ win. Rounding out the Homer varsity were Caylix Huffman in 17th, Triston Owens in 18th and Charles Bolles, in 32nd. Homer edged Bloomfield/Wausa 24-26 in the team race to claim the title.

Tri County Northeast had three runners competing, one short of the minimum to qualify for the team race. Jude Ridenour finished 14th in 19:02.37, with Alex Snyder about four seconds behind in 16th. Devon Lewellen placed 23rd.

For the Homer girls, the sight of seeing Lilly Harris cross the finish line in first is fast becoming a familiar one, as the junior won her third individual conference title with almost a full minute between her and her teammate, Jaedyn Bousquet, who was the runner-up.

“It feels great, really,” she said. “I’ve been working really hard this season trying to get better and my team helps a lot.”

Harris kept a steady pace during the first mile as a Bloomfield/Wausa runner tried to establish a lead, but when that girl wasn’t able to keep the pace, Harris took over and never looked back.

“When we were coming around that corner I was trying to be patient and not race for that first mile,” she said. “I wanted to run a smart race and when she passed me early I just said to myself ‘be smart’ and just kept up the pace. I caught her about the mile mark and was able to go from there.”

Sasges was proud of the girls’ effort at Thursday’s final tune-up before districts this week in Pender.

“Lilly just became a three-time Lewis and Clark Conference champion and that’s something to be extremely proud of,” he said. “Her work effort in practice and summer is outstanding which leads to the results that she gets. And a shout out for Jaedyn Bousquet, she was a girl who came out two years ago who was running 27-28 minutes in 5,000 meters and now has turned herself into a outstanding runner.”

Tri County Northeast’s girls were the runner-up with 44 points, 10 points ahead of Bloomfield/Wausa. Alejandra Hermosillo was third and Bre Millard placed fourth for the Lady Wolfpack, followed by Chloe Peters in 20th, Jenni Olson in 27th and Hailey Millard in 31st.

“The teams performed very well today,” Wolfpack coach Dave Uldrich said. “Five of the eight athletes reached season or career bests, which was very pleasing to see. It shows the hard work that they have put in to date, and the competitive edge they have built.”

Uldrich said he is excited to see how the Wolfpack compete in what should be a very competitive district in Pender on Thursday at Twin Creeks Golf Club.

“The district meet will be the true test of what our athletes are made of as no one assured of qualifying for the state meet without a truly great performance. It is going to be exciting.

SEE SWEEPS, 2B



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Lilly Harris earned her third individual title in the Lewis & Clark Conference Championships, helping the Homer girls to the conference title.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Caden Barclay and Aayden Harris set the pace for the Homer boys during the Lewis & Clark Conference race Thursday at Rolling Hills Country Club. The duo led the Knights to the conference team title, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Alejandra Hermosillo of Tri County Northeast was solid throughout her run at the Lewis & Clark Conference Championships. Her third-place finish helped the Lady Wolfpack finish as runner-up in the girls race.

ANOTHER RANKED FOE STOPS SOUTH SIOUX CITY



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

It’s been a tough road to hoe the last couple of weeks for the South Sioux City football team. They hosted a Class A Top 10-ranked team for the second week in a row on Friday and were knocked out by Omaha North in a 48-7 loss at the Cardinal Athletic Complex. Pictured is junior running back Brock Anderson as he tries to escape an Omaha North defender.

Ponca netters have 3-1 week at home

The Ponca volleyball team won three of four games at home last week.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Indians made quick work of Wakefield at home, winning 25-8, 25-14, 25-19.

Ashtyn Pick and Emerson Ehlers both had eight kills in the win, followed by Addison Stewart with seven, Elsie Keller with six and Ava Brown with four. Ellesyn Hrouda had 17 assists and Josilyn Martin put up 10.

Ehlers had three ace serves and Pick added two. Pick and Carlee Beckner both had 10 digs while Hrouda and Kaylee Sprakel each had seven.

Ponca split a home triangular on Thursday, winning a wild one over Cedar Catholic, 15-25, 27-25, 26-24 before falling to Wynot, 22-25, 25-15, 25-22.

In the Cedar Catholic win, Stewart led in kills with 10 while Pick and Ehlers each had six. Hrouda had 15 assists. Stewart had three blocks and Ehlers and Ava Brown both had two. Olivia Taylor led in digs with 19, Hrouda and Pick both had six and Martin had four.

In the loss to Wynot, Stewart led with 10 digs and Ehlers added nine. Hrouda had 17 assists and Martin added 10. Taylor had 21 digs, Hrouda had 13 and Pick had 10.

In Tuesday night action, Ponca improved to 11-15 with a 25-11, 25-16, 25-10 sweep over Vermillion. Statistics were not available at press time.

Ponca hosts Tri County Northeast on Thursday before starting Lewis & Clark Conference tournament play on Oct. 21.

Homer netters pass 20-win plateau

The Homer volleyball team improved to 21-3 on the season with five wins in as many games.

Last Tuesday, Homer crossed the border for a triangular and defeated host Whiting (25-6, 25-4) and Winnebago (25-11, 25-12).

In the win over Whiting, Tori Walker had seven kills, Rylie Harris added five, Taiah Bird had four and Chayce Abts and Annah Harris had three apiece. Rylie Harris had 14 assists. Kacie Harris had three ace serves while Walker, Bird and Ali Albrecht each had two. Bir and Rylie Harris both had four digs.

Against Winnebago, Walker had nine kills, Bird added six, Rylie Harris had four and Abts had three. Rylie Harris had 19 assists. Kacie Harris led in digs with six while Walker and Abts each had five.

The Lady Knights dropped the first set of a cross-county matchup with Tri County Northeast, but rallied to take the match in four sets, 16-25, 25-14, 25-18, 25-16.

Walker had 19 kills, Bird added nine, Abts had six and Annah Harris and Janessa Overgaard had five apiece. Rylie Harris put up 39 assists.

Walker had six ace serves and Rylie Harris added three. Bird had two blocks. Abts had 18 digs, Walker added 13 and Madi Roeber picked up 11.

Homer had no problem on the road against Lyons-Decatur, winning 25-7, 25-23, 25-17.

Walker led the attack with 17 kills and hit .400 for the match. Rylie Harris added seven, Annah Harris had six and Abts and Overgaard each had five. Rylie Harris had 31 assists.

Albrecht and Roeber both had four ace serves against the Cougars and Annah Harris had three blocks. Walker and Abts shared dig honors with nine each and Rylie Harris had seven.

On Tuesday, Homer made it 5-for-5 for the week with a 25-6, 25-19, 25-12 home sweep of Pender. Individual statistics were not available at press time.

BOHNET COMPETES AT STATE GOLF



(PHOTO COURTESY MARC ZAVALA)

South Sioux City junior girls golfer Madelynn Bohnet competed in the Class A State Girls Golf Championships earlier this week in Grand Island at Riverside Golf Club. She shot a 94 on the first day and followed with a 101 to finish the two-day meet tied for 41st with a 195.

Ponca runners finish well in Mid State meet

BATTLE CREEK — Neither of Ponca’s cross country teams had enough runners to qualify for the team title, but both teams left their marks in their debut at the Mid State Conference cross country meet.

Held Thursday at Evergreen Hill Golf Course, the Indians came through with some excellent individual performances to prepare themselves for this week’s district competition.

In the girls race, all three Ponca girls finished in the top 10, led by Ava Brennan, who won the girls race in a time of 20:29.6. Teammate Laken Pfister finished seventh in 22:14.0 and Addyson Chytka was 10th in 22:49.9.

In the boys competition, Gannon Pfister came home in fifth place in a time of 18:02.6, Broderick Hogan was 13th in 18:54.4 and Zyan Conrad was 24th in 19:42.6.

The Ponca teams will have a chance to qualify for state at Thursday’s D-2 district meet at Twin Creeks Golf Course north of Pender. Class D scores three runners, and both teams have the minimum number to qualify for the team race, which should be a tough one with several quality teams competing.



(left) Tri County Northeast's Jude Ridenour finished 14th in the Lewis & Clark Conference Championships. (right) Jaedyn Bousquet followed her teammate home for a second-place finish in the the Lewis & Clark Conference Championships. She was one of five Lady Knights to finish in the top 10 to claim the team title.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

SWEEPS: Homer cross country teams take L&C titles

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ing to see how the athletes do at the district meet,” he said.

Lewis & Clark Conference Boys Team Standings
Homer 24, Bloomfield/Wausa 26, Winnebago 43, Creighton 52.

Area Results
HOMER — 4. Caden Barclay, 18:05.98; 5. Aayden Harris, 18:12.72; 7. Junius

Snowball, 18:27.01; 8. Jessup Snowball, 18:32.92; 17. Caylix Huffman, 19:08.13; 18. Triston Owens, 19:17.76; 32. Charles Bolles, 22:29.24.

TCNE — 14. Jude Ridenour, 19:02.37; 16. Alex Snyder, 19:06.44; 25. Devon Lewellen, 20:46.69.

Girls Team Standings
Homer 16, Tri County NE 44, Bloomfield/Wausa 54.

Area Results

HOMER — 1. Lilly Harris, 20:43.38; 2. Jaedyn Bousquet, 21:40.55; 5. Tawny Bolles, 22:33.77; 8. Lilyanna Dziurawiec, 23:16.16; 9. Okie Bolles, 23:17.47; 13. Natali Cardasis, 23:51.65; 18. Jocelyn Parker, 24:34.71; 21. Lila Bolles, 25:15.60; 36. Waverly Barclay, 28:28.55.

TCNE — 3. Alejandra Hermosillo, 22:24.98; 4. Bre Millard, 22:31.53; 20. Chloe Peters, 24:54.26; 27. Jenni Olson, 26:01.82; 31. Hailey Millard, 26:33.78.



(PHOTO BY MIKE RASMUSSEN)

Tri County Northeast receiver Thatcher Lamp makes an over-the-shoulder catch as Homer's Josue Munoz tries to defend the play during Friday's action in Emerson. The host Wolfpack rolled to a 50-7 win over the Knights.

Wolfpack rolls over Homer, 50-7

Tri County Northeast made quick work of Homer in a district football matchup at Emerson-Hubbard High School on Friday, with the Wolfpack claiming a 50-7 win.

The Wolfpack totaled 287 yards and dominated the line of scrimmage in picking up the win, improving their record to 3-4 on the season.

“Another great game all around,” TCNE coach Jake Kneifl said. “Defensively we did a great job of executing our game plan. We did a great job of forcing turnovers and capitalizing on their mistakes. (Ben) Jorgensen had a great game on both sides of the ball with a couple passing touchdowns, rushing conversions, and a pick-six. We were able to

get some young guys in early in the second half where some kids really stepped up and played well.”

Jorgensen was all over the stat sheet after Friday's win. He was 8-of-11 passing for 91 yards and two touchdowns, added 16 yards on seven carries and returned an interception for a touchdown to help the Wolfpack to the easy win.

Bryan Isom had two touchdowns as part of an eight-carry, 71-yard effort. Brayden McCorkindale ran 10 times for 43 yards, Devin Reinert rushed two times for 20 yards, Blake Kneifl had 18 yards on four carries and Jorgensen rushed seven times for 16 yards.

In the receiving department,

Thatcher Lamp caught four for 45 yards, Jackson Belt caught three passes for 41 yards with two scores, and Isom added a five-yard catch.

Defensively, Lamp and Isom both had five tackles, Belt, Kneifl, Bernard Juarez and Dylan Boyle had four apiece, and Jorgensen, McCorkindale and Braxten Sebade each had three stops.

Homer statistics were not available at press time.

The Wolfpack face district leader Guardian Angels Central Catholic to close the regular season on Friday in Beemer. Homer, 1-6, hosts Wakefield in their season finale Friday.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Ponca linemen Bradley Lentz (62) and Charlie Watkins (50) try to keep the Hartington Cedar Catholic defense at bay during action Friday in Ponca. The visitors rolled to a 49-14 win over the Indians.

Indians mauled by state-ranked Trojans

PONCA — It was a rough night at the office for the Ponca football team.

Facing their third ranked opponent in as many weeks, the Indians couldn't contain visiting Hartington Cedar Catholic as the Trojans rolled to a 49-14 victory in a district showdown at the Ponca Sports Complex.

Ponca trailed 14-0 and were looking to cut that lead in half, driving down inside the Trojans' 5-yard line. Central Catholic's defense was able to snuff out the red zone attack, and a few plays later, a quarterback sneak that was intended to get a first down turned into a 72-yard touchdown run. Instead of being down by seven, Ponca fell behind 21-0 and the visitors never looked back.

Ponca was able to get on the board in the third quarter with a 29-yard pass from Austin Dendinger to Caden Cleveland. In the fourth quarter, Tucker McGill dove in

from a yard out and Dendinger added the two-point conversion run.

The Trojans had a 436-216 advantage in total yards on the night. Dendinger was 8-of-19 passing for 123 yards and a touchdown. Tucker McGill caught six passes for 85 yards and Cleveland and Trystan Bevelhymer both caught passes for 29 and nine yards, respectively.

On the ground, McGill had 44 yards on 12 carries, Cleveland had 26 yards on four attempts, Dendinger ran twice for 12 yards and Bevelhymer had nine yards on three tries.

Defensively, Bevelhymer and Dendinger both had 10 tackles, Carson O'Dell made seven, McGill had six and Mickenon Peterson had five.

The 1-6 Indians play at West Point-Beemer on Friday.

Wolfpack netters have busy, winning week

Tri County Northeast won six of eight games last week to improve the record to 17-7 on the season.

The Wolfpack won a triangular at home last Tuesday, defeating Bancroft-Rosalie 25-19, 23-25, 25-22, and handling Walthill in straight sets, 25-10, 25-11.

On Thursday, the Wolfpack traveled to Homer and won the first set

before the hosts rallied to win in four, 16-25, 25-14, 25-18, 25-16.

In Saturday tournament play, the Lady Wolfpack earned runner-up honors at the Hartington-Newcastle Invitational. They came back to beat Wausa in three (21-25, 25-13, 25-17), then handled Winside in three (25-19, 24-26, 25-19) before falling to state-rated LCC in the finals, 25-

16, 25-18.

The Lady Wolfpack were back in action Tuesday at Hartington, sweeping the host Wildcats 25-20, 25-15 before dispatching Winside in two, 25-17, 25-21.

Individual statistics were not available at press time.

SSC runners compete in RCC meet

South Sioux City's boys finished third and the girls placed fourth in last week's River Cities Conference championships, the final meet before this week's district competition.

For the SSC boys, all four scoring runners placed in the top 15, led by Luke McGinty in sixth place.

Following McGinty was Melchisedek Munzambi in seventh, Leandro Magana in 10th and Meusi Ngeleka in 14th. Rounding out the SSC effort was Nabil Yussuf and Misael Orozco, who placed 16th and 19th, respectively.

In girls action, the Lady Cardinals

finished fourth and had two runners in the top 12 with Jacqueline Salgado placing fourth and Melanie Magana-Perez finishing 12th.

Abigail Cisneros and Kallianne Norton finished 23rd and 24th, followed by Alexandra Chavez in 26th and Katherine Nunez-Cruz in 32nd.

The SSC teams will compete in district action Thursday at Walnut Creek Recreation Area in Papillion.

River Cities Conference Boys Team Standings
Omaha Skutt 23, Mount Michael 24, SSC 37, Omaha Gross 85, Omaha Roncalli 88.

Area Results

SSC — 6. Luke McGinty, 17:38.24; 7. Melchisedek Munzambi, 17:43.88; 10. Leandro Magana, 18:17.07; 14. Melusi Ngeleka, 18:31.12; 16. Nabil Yussuf, 18:37.22; 19. Misael Orozco, 19:50.45.

Girls Team Standings

Omaha Duchesne 29, Omaha Skutt 32, Omaha Mercy 57, SSC 63, Omaha Gross 69, Omaha Roncalli 94.

Area Results

SSC — 4. Jacqueline Salgado, 21:55.39; 12. Melanie Magana-Perez, 23:25.70; 23. Abigail Cisneros, 25:14.41; 24. Kallianne Norton, 25:49.51; 26. Alexandria Chavez, 26:08.30; 32. Katherine Nunez-Cruz, 27:40.88.

Lady Card volleyballers split matches

The South Sioux City volleyball team won one and lost two this week to stay above the .500 mark at 11-9 on the season.

On Monday, the Lady Cardinals lost the first set, then rolled to a four-set win over Omaha Westview by scores of 21-25, 25-23, 25-21, 25-20.

Izabella Moret hit .292 for the night and led with a match-high 19 kills, followed by Autumn Porter with 13. Abby McCoy added six kills and Bailee Durant had four, with Ol-

ivia Arens putting up 40 assists.

Porter had three ace serves and McCoy and Somarah Watts both had two. Durant had five blocks in the win, with Moret's 26 digs leading that department. Porter added 18, Watts had 15, Arens picked up 11 and Mati McBride had 10.

SSC traveled north to face Elk Point/Jefferson and came up on the short end of a 25-22, 25-13, 25-22 outcome.

Moret led the attack with 12 kills

followed by Porter with eight and Bryleigh Robinette with four. Arens had 25 assists.

McBride had three ace serves and Durant added two. Moret had 14 digs, Porter and Watts both had 13, Arens had 12 and McBride picked up 11.

The Lady Cardinals close out the regular season next week with a Tuesday game at West Point-Beemer and a home match Thursday, Oct. 24 with Ralston.

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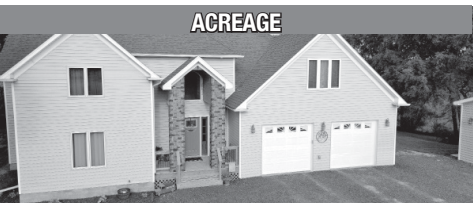
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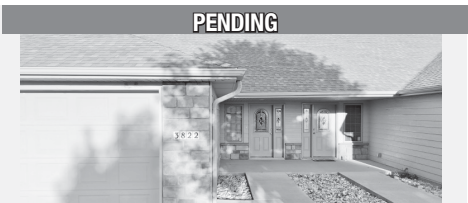


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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY SUBDIVISION REQUEST Harvest Meadows First Addition

Notice is hereby given that the **City Council of the City of South Sioux City, will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 4 p.m. in the South Sioux City Council Chambers located at 1615 1st Avenue**, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of Harvest Meadows First Addition, a new subdivision located at the northwest corner of Old US Highway 20 and Lake Avenue, legally described as follows: PART OF LOT 1, HANS ADDITION, AS SHOWN ON A SURVEY BY KIM L. McLAURY DATED NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023, LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 88 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID HANS ADDITION, THENCE S01°32'27"E (ASSUMED BEARING) ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID HANS ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 676.20 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID HANS ADDITION; THENCE S56°12'51"W ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID HANS ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 423.30 FEET; THENCE N01°31'31"W, A DISTANCE OF 913.12 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID HANS ADDITION; THENCE S89°46'10"E ON SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 357.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6.53 ACRES MORE OR LESS.
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY SUBDIVISION REQUEST Bracht Commercial Park Phase 2

Notice is hereby given that the **City Council of the City of South Sioux City, will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5 p.m. in the South Sioux City Council Chambers located at 1615 1st Avenue**, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of Bracht Commercial Park Phase 2, a new heavy commercial 1-lot subdivision located in the 1500 block of Gateway Drive, legally described as follows: ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 32; THENCE SOUTH 0°13'12" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 FOR 141.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 0°13'12" WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE FOR 371.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°46'48" WEST FOR 369.96 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°12'47" EAST FOR 184.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'48" EAST FOR 28.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°29'37" EAST FOR 193.87 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF OUTLOT 1 OF BRACHT COMMERCIAL PARK, PHASE 1 TO THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY; THENCE SOUTH 88°46'21" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR 217.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR 42.50 FEET ON A 50.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY, HAVING A LONG CHORD OF 41.23 FEET, BEARING SOUTH 64°25'21" EAST; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FOR 104.75 FEET ON A 50.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A LONG CHORD OF 86.62 FEET, BEARING NORTH 79°54'33" EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 3.000 ACRES, MORE OR LESS WHICH INCLUDES 0.139 ACRES IN ROADWAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT.
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Notice is hereby given that the **Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5 p.m.** in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of rezoning 448 Golf Road from R2b to C4, legally described as Tract C Section 20, Township 29, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M.
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CITY OF DAKOTA CITY

Dakota City Council Meeting Minutes October 10, 2024

The Dakota City City Council met in a regular session on October 10, 2024. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations and sent out to various media outlets, as well as, was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Jerry Yacevich called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
The following members were present: Rasmussen, Carson, Lane, Korthuis.

Public Comment Period: Kent Broyhill asked why there was a sign in front of the new well with the Presidents name on the sign. Justin Broekemeier form JEO explained that it was part of the requirement for the funding the city received for the well project.

Moved by Carson, seconded by Lane, to approve the consent agenda for October 10, 2024. Said motion includes approval of minutes from September 17, 2024 budget hearing and special meeting from September 17, 2024, acknowledgement of reception of financial statements and approval of bills and payroll to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane, Carson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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MEDICARE PART B - 709.00, MICHELLE SMITH - 50.00, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - 12.63, 760.00, 270.00, MIDWEST ALARM COMPANY-SIOUX CITY - 76.85, MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO, INC - 923.19, Maria Quintena - 50.00, Michael Fredrick - 25.00, Midwest Laboratories, Inc. - 552.51, NE Library Commission - 500.00, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 564.00, NICK LAKES - 50.00, 50.00, Nebraska Public Power Dist. - 107.47, 8,532.04, 6,137.64, 1,734.02, One Call Concepts, Inc. - 46.36, PEOPLE SERVICE, INC - 4,090.00, Principal Life Insurance Company - 61.44, 20.48, Quick Med Claims - 541.34, REBECCA MIRANDA - 50.00, ROBERT KRATKY - 100.00, RYAN HERRON - 50.00, Roto-Rooter - 668.75, SALUD QUEZADA - 50.00,

SSC Police-Animal Control - 100.00, STAN HOUSTON - 145.94, Sargent Drilling - 87,079.35, Sparlight/Cable One - 173.60, 319.20, 181.31, THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP -11,741.63, 645.86, 84.00, TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES - 1,113.25, USA Blue Book - 958.83,

VISA-CITY CARD - 1,033.59, 263.95, 62.15, Verizon Wireless - 40.01, Williams & Company, Inc. - 2,515.65, 1,677.10, 4,785.00, 3,190.00, Wilmes Hardware Hank - 275.30, 141.00, 32.97, YANETH VALDOVINOS - 50.00,
Total – 250,172.46

Communication: None
Michael Sands from Baird Holm LLP talked with the Mayor and Council about Tax Increment Financing. He gave an overview of the TIF process and answered questions from the Mayor, City Council and Public.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Korthuis, to approve the Dakota City Elementary School to paint lines on Loust Street south of the school to assist parents with drop off and pick up as long as the city engineer agrees to the plan. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane, Carson. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Korthuis, to approve an agreement for professional services with JEO for rehabilitation of the existing Solids Contact Unit at the water plant. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Korthuis. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Carson, to approve payment application of \$238,248.62 to Sargeant Drilling for the drinking water well. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Korthuis. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Carson, seconded by Korthuis, approve a temporary pay increase of \$2.00/hour for the current Water/Wastewater operator to do training of new employees. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Carson, Korthuis, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Lane, to approve using ARPA funds for the Wastewater Valve replacement and the professional services of JEO for the rehabilitation of the Solid Contact Unit at the water plant. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Carson, Korthuis. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jerry Yacevich at 6:12 p.m.

/s/ Robert Kratky
City Administrator
Clerk/Treasurer

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VILLAGE OF HUBBARD

Minutes of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting October 9, 2024

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on October 9, 2024 at the Village of Hubbard Community Center, 7 p.m. for the regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Members of the Board of Trustees present for roll call were Trustees: Jason Martineck, Ronald Hunn, Jim Harral and Shawn Jensen and Ron Collins. Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minutes. Following roll call Hunn motioned, Harral 2nd, to approve the agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried. Jensen motioned, Collins 2nd, to dispense the reading of the September 11, 2024 minutes. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried. Clerk Bousquet presented the treasurer's report. Jensen motioned,

Collins 2nd, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried. Guest Comments: Gaither states she appreciates the addition of this item onto the agenda New Business: Discussion was held regarding the remodeling of the HCC Kitchen. The board is in agreement to proceed with the project with completion yet this winter. Bousquet will get information regarding cabinets, coolers, etc. Bousquet will contact Lamp Construction regarding scheduling. Discussion was held regarding the website. It is not an official government website. Bousquet will add a line to the website stating this. The cost in 2021 to renew the website was \$1,339.65 for five years. Harral motioned, Collins 2nd, to not renew the website. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Bousquet will call to find out if a credit will be issued if it is canceled prior to renewal date. Bousquet will give the login information to the HBC.

The HBC requests the use of the HCC beginning in January for Yoga classes two times per week. The board is in agreement to allow the use of the HCC for no charge. Old Business: Jensen will contact Heeney Electric to get electricity outside of the firehall. The Water Security Grant has been submitted. There are no updates at this time. Jensen is working on getting the lights in the HCC bathroom moved and improved. Harral gave an update on the meeting with Zeisler Clerk Bousquet gave an update on the USDA funding of the paving project. Delinquent accounts were discussed. Letters will be sent. Customers in delinquent status have seven days to pay. Miscellaneous & Emergency Items: Attorney Hines states he contact-

ed Inspector Christensen after the September meeting regarding retagging 320 Cherry Street. At this time, it hasn't been done. Attorney Hines will contact Inspector Christensen to follow up and report back to Bousquet. Harral states that most of the sewer lines in the village have been jetted out and cleaned. Once the crops are out of the field, Swanson will complete this project. Discussion was held regarding the park restrooms. Clerk Bousquet will finish painting the bathrooms. There are some repairs that need to be made to the sink. Clerk Bousquet will contact NNPPD regarding raising the power line that crosses Nebraska Street. Correspondence: None. Clerk Bousquet presented bill to be paid as follows: Dick McCabe \$145.65, Dakota County Star \$292.78, Gill Hauling \$832.50, Heeney Fam Ptshp \$550.00, Lisa Bousquet \$884.47, Jason Martineck \$225.00, NNPPD

\$1,042.24, Ron Collins \$222.05, Jim Harral \$730.00, NNTC \$165.67, JEO \$9,600.00, Crary Huff \$1,230.00, DCPSSA \$974.29, NE Pub Health \$68.00, Crisp & Clean Painting \$3,790.00, Karen Heeney \$2,540.61, Wilmes \$45.50, Nichols Rise \$3,075.00, Ron Hunn \$180.00, NE Dept of Rev \$172.94, US Treas \$358.79, Village of Emerson \$83.97, Shawn Jensen \$200.00, Marx \$10,500.00, Staples \$41.89, 5 Star Awards \$81.00. Jensen motioned, Collins 2nd, to pay all bills as presented in the board reports. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried. Next meeting: November 13, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Village of Hubbard Community Center Jason Martineck Chairman Board of Trustees Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Attest: Lisa Bousquet Village Clerk This is a condensed version of the

October 9, 2024 minutes. A complete copy is available in the village office. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, October 17, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: HELPING PAWS Business Address: 472 N. Shore Drive. Business City, State & Zip Code: South Sioux City, NE 68776-5420. SOS Account Number: 2409191731. Date of Registration: 9/25/24 Publish in The Dakota County Star Thursday, October 17, 2024 – ZNEZ

Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

End of First Quarter

Friday, Oct. 18 ends the first quarter at Emerson-Hubbard Schools.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week at Emerson-Hubbard is when the school celebrates healthy choices and living

Mitchell benefit Saturday

Keep in mind the Aubrey Mitchell benefit is Saturday, Oct. 26 at Sacred

drug free from Oct. 28-31. The Elementary school will have theme days to show their support in the fight against drugs. Information will be sent home with the students.

Heart Gym. The doors open at 4 p.m., the meal will be served at 5 p.m. and the silent auction closes at 6 p.m. The live auction begins at 7 p.m.

Trick or Treat

EBC will once again have Trick or Treat at Aaron's Park on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Food and candy will be available. If Emerson residents do not want to have trick or treaters come to their house you can donate to the EBC to help with their expenses.

Knox Lamp, Bella Maise and Kaydance Perez.

Night on Main coming

Night on Main is Thursday, Nov. 7. More details to come.

Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Friday: Football vs GACC at Beemer. Saturday: VB Tournament. Monday: FFA National Convention; VB tournament;

Confirmation Oct. 27

Confirmation will be held at St. Luke/St. Paul's Church on Sunday, Oct. 27. The ceremony will be at St. Luke at 9 a.m. Those being confirmed are Collens Hampson, Madelyn Franzluebbers,

St. Paul's/St. Luke Church

Sunday: Worship, 9 a.m. at St. Luke; Sunday school 10 a.m. Monday: Bible study, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Friends at 3:45 p.m.; supper at 5 p.m.; church at 5:45 p.m. Confirmation at 6 p.m.; Book club, 6:45 p.m.

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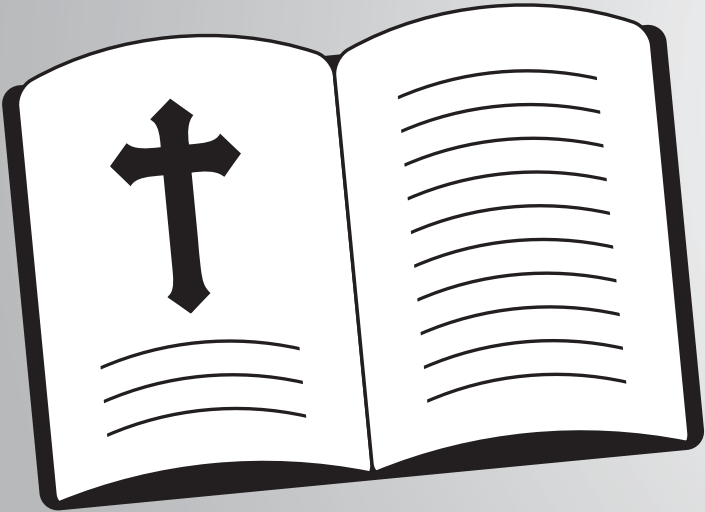
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Rev. Julie Raridan

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Beth Hamilton

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA 3601 Dakota Avenue 402-494-5461

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Patti Meyer

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

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES FOR GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 - PAGE 1

INITIATIVE MEASURE 434

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 434

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that, except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

A vote "AGAINST" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to include a new section which provides: "Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters."

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 434

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: Article I of the Nebraska Constitution shall be amended by adding a new section 31 that states as follows:

I-31 Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

REFERENDUM MEASURE 435

Ballot Title and Text for Referendum Measure 435

Referendum Ordered by Petition of the People

A vote to "RETAIN" will keep in effect Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 enacted in 2024 by the Nebraska Legislature. Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 provides for \$10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.

A vote to "REPEAL" will eliminate the funding and scholarship provisions in Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402.

Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature in 2024, provides for \$10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.

Shall Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402 be repealed?

- ☐ Retain
- ☐ Repeal

Full Text of Proposed Measure 435

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to repeal Section 1 of LB 1402, passed by the 108th Nebraska Legislature in 2024, which directs \$10 million dollars annually for financial grants-in-aid for eligible students to attend a qualifying privately operated elementary or secondary school in Nebraska.

Proposed Referendum to Repeal LB 1402 Section 1 (2024)

(underscored language indicates language added by LB 1402, strike through indicates language being removed by LB 1402)

TEXT: A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education scholarships; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide for education scholarships; to repeal the Opportunity Scholarships Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-7101, 77-7102, 77-7103, 77-7104, 77-7105, 77-7106, 77-7107, 77-7108, 77-7109, 77-7110, 77-7111, 77-7112, and 77-7113, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that: (a) Funds appropriated for the education of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are for a

fundamental public purpose of state government and constitute an ordinary expense of state government; (b) Enabling the greatest number of parents and legal guardians to choose among quality educational opportunities for children will improve the quality of education available to all children; (c) Privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska satisfy the state's requirements for legal operation and provide quality educational opportunities for children; (d) Parents and legal guardians of limited means are less able to choose among quality educational opportunities for their children; and (e) Making it possible for more parents and legal guardians to be able to choose privately operated schools benefits Nebraska parents and taxpayers. (2) For purposes of this section: (a) Education scholarship means a financial grant-in-aid to be used to pay all or part of the cost to educate an eligible student attending a qualified school; (b) Eligible student means a resident of Nebraska who: (i) Is receiving an education scholarship for the first time and is (A) entering kindergarten or ninth grade in a qualified school or the first grade level offered by the qualified school, (B) transferring from a public school at which the student was enrolled for at least one semester immediately preceding the first semester for which the student receives an education scholarship to a qualified school and is entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve, or (C) a member of an active duty or reserve military family transferring into Nebraska from another state or another country and is entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve in a qualified school; (ii) Has previously received an education scholarship under this section and is continuing education at a qualified school until such student graduates from high school or reaches twenty-one years of age, whichever comes first; (iii) Has previously received an education scholarship under the Opportunity Scholarships Act, as such act existed prior to its repeal by this legislative bill, and is continuing education at a qualified school until such student graduates from high school or reaches twenty-one years of age, whichever comes first; (iv) Is the sibling of a student who is receiving an education scholarship and resides in the same household as such student; or (v) Is currently enrolled in a qualified school and is a member of a family whose household income is no more than two hundred thirteen percent of the federal poverty level; and (c) Qualified school means any nongovernmental, privately operated elementary or secondary school located in this state that (i) is operated not for profit, (ii) complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1981, as such section existed on January 1, 2024, (iii) complies with all health and life safety laws or codes that apply to privately operated schools, and (iv) fulfills the applicable accreditation or approval requirements established by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 79-318. (3) The State Treasurer shall establish a program to provide education scholarships to eligible students to pay the costs associated with attending a qualified school. Under such program, the State Treasurer shall: (a) Establish a priority system for awarding education scholarships under the program. Such priority system shall: (i) Give first priority to: (A) Eligible students who received an education scholarship under this section or under the Opportunity Scholarships Act, as such act existed prior to its repeal by this legislative bill, during the previous school year; and (B) The sibling of a student who is receiving an education scholarship, so long as the sibling resides in the same household as such student; (ii) Give second priority to: (A) Eligible students whose household income levels do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level; (B) Eligible students whose application for the enrollment option program established in section 79-234 has been denied; (C) Eligible students who have an individualized education program; (D) Eligible students who are experiencing bullying, harassment, hazing, assault, battery, kidnapping, robbery, sexual offenses, threat or intimidation, or fighting at school; (E) Eligible students who are in foster care; and (F) Eligible students who are in a family with a parent or guardian in an active duty role in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or in the National Guard, or whose parent or guardian was killed serving in the line of duty; (iii) Give third priority to eligible students whose household income levels exceed one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level but do not exceed two hundred thirteen percent of the federal poverty level; and (iv) Give fourth priority to eligible students whose household income levels exceed two hundred thirteen percent of the federal poverty level but do not exceed three hundred percent of the income indicated in the income eligibility guidelines for reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program in 7 C.F.R. part 210; (b) Limit the maximum scholarship amount awarded to any eligible student to the cost necessary to educate the eligible student at the qualified school such student attends; and (c) Limit scholarship amounts awarded to eligible students in a manner that assures that the average of the scholarship amounts awarded per student does not exceed seventy-five percent of the statewide average general fund operating expenditures per formula student for the most recently available complete data year as such terms are defined in section 79-1003. (4) The annual limit on the total amount of education scholarships awarded under this section for fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter shall

be ten million dollars. (5) On or before December 1, 2025, and on or before December 1 of each year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall electronically submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that includes the following: (a) A summary description of the State Treasurer's policies and procedures for awarding education scholarships; (b) The number of eligible students receiving education scholarships in the most recent fiscal year; (c) The total amount of education scholarships awarded in the most recent fiscal year; (d) The number of eligible students currently wait-listed or denied from receiving an education scholarship and the reason for the wait-listing or denial; and (e) The demographic information of eligible students receiving education scholarships, including, but not limited to: (i) Income level; (ii) Grade level; and (iii) Geographic location. (6) The State Treasurer may enter into contracts with up to three program managers for the purposes of carrying out the education scholarship program described in this section. (7) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate ten million dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter to the State Treasurer for the purpose of providing education scholarships as provided in this section. (8) Up to seven and one-half percent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this section may be used by the State Treasurer, or by the program managers with which the State Treasurer contracts, for administrative expenses. (9) This section shall not be construed as granting any expanded or additional authority to the State of Nebraska to control or influence the governance or policies of any qualified school due to the fact that the qualified school admits and enrolls students who receive education scholarships or as requiring any such qualified school to admit or, once admitted, to continue the enrollment of any student receiving an education scholarship.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 436

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 436

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations.

A vote "AGAINST" means such a statute will not be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations?

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 436

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is enact a statute to provide eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs, to entitle those employed by employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of earned paid sick time per year, to entitle those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of earned paid sick time per year, to specify conditions for accruing and using earned paid sick time, to prohibit retaliation against an employee for exercising rights granted under the statute, to adopt certain notice and documentation requirements, and to establish enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations of the statute.

Proposed Statutory Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: FOR AN ACT relating to employment; to adopt the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; and to provide severability.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Act, how cited; declaration of purpose. (1) Sections 1 to 11 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) The purpose of the act is to provide eligible employees in Nebraska the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs and provide certain provisions of education scholarships awarded under this section for fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter shall

Sec. 2. Terms, defined.

For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act: (1) Department means the Department of Labor; (2) Employ means to permit to work; (3)(a) Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but does not include an individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty hours in a calendar year. (b) Employee does not include an "employee" as defined by 45 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative, or organized group of persons who employs one or more employees. (b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions; (5) Family member means: (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis; (b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse; (c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor child; (d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws of any state; (e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological, foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's spouse; or (f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship; (6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services; (7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than that provided under section 48-1203; (8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation; (9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; (10)(a) Small business means an employer with fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time, part-time, or temporary employees. (b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and (11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as determined by the employer.

Sec. 3. Accrual and carryover of paid sick time; paid sick time following transfer or return after separation from employment. (1) All employees shall accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every thirty hours worked. Unless the employer selects a higher limit, this section does not entitle an employee to earn or use more than:

(a) Forty hours of paid sick time in a year for an employee of a small business; or (b) Fifty-six hours of paid sick time in a year for an employee of an employer that is not a small business. (2) Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under 29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., shall be assumed to work forty hours in each workweek for purposes of paid sick time accrual unless their typical workweek is less than forty hours, in which case paid sick time accrues based upon that typical workweek. (3) Paid sick time as provided in this section shall begin to accrue at the commencement of employment or October 1, 2025, whichever is later. An employee shall be entitled to use paid sick time as it is accrued. An employer may provide all paid sick time that an employee is expected to accrue in a year at the beginning of the year. (4) Accrued paid sick time shall be carried over to the following year. A small business is not required to permit an employee to use more than forty hours of paid sick time per year, and other employers are not required to permit an employee to use more than fifty-six hours of paid sick time per year. Alternatively, in lieu of carryover of unused paid sick time provided pursuant to this section from one year to the next, an employer may pay an employee for unused paid sick time provided pursuant to this section at the end of a year and provide the employee with an amount of paid sick time that meets or exceeds the requirements of subsections (1) and (3) of this section that is available for the employee's immediate use at the beginning of the subsequent year. (5) Any employer with a paid leave policy, such as a paid time off policy, who makes available an amount of paid leave sufficient to meet the requirements of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act that may be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as paid sick time under the act is not required to provide additional paid sick time under the act. (6) At its discretion, an employer may loan paid sick time to an employee in

advance of accrual by such employee. (7) If an employee is transferred to a separate division, entity, or location, but remains employed by the same employer, the employee is entitled to all paid sick time accrued at the prior division, entity, or location and is entitled to use all paid sick time as provided in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. When there is a separation from employment and the employee is rehired within twelve months of separation by the same employer, previously accrued paid sick time that had not been used shall be reinstated. The employee shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick time and accrue additional paid sick time at the recommencement of employment.

Sec. 4. Use of paid sick time; employee notice and documentation; multiemployer paid sick time fund, plan, or program. (1) Paid sick time shall be provided to an employee by an employer for: (a) An employee's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; an employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or an employee's need for preventive medical care; (b) Care of a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; care of a family member who needs preventive medical care; or in the case of a child, to attend a meeting necessitated by the child's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, at a school or place where the child is receiving care; or (c) Closure of the employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; an employee's need to care for a child whose school or place of care has been closed by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; or an employee's need to self-isolate or care for the employee or a family member when it has been determined by the health authorities having jurisdiction or by a health care professional that the employee's or family member's presence in the community may jeopardize the health of others because of exposure to a communicable disease, whether or not the employee or family member has actually contracted the communicable disease. (2) Paid sick time under this section shall be provided upon the oral request of an employee. When possible, the request shall include the expected duration of the absence. (3) An employer that requires notice of the need to use paid sick time in accordance with this section shall provide a written policy that contains reasonable procedures for employees to provide notice. An employer that has not provided to the employee a copy of such written policy shall not deny paid sick time to the employee based on noncompliance with such a policy. (4) An employer shall not require, as a condition of an employee's taking paid sick time under this section, that the employee search for or find a replacement worker to cover the hours during which the employee is using paid sick time. (5) Paid sick time under this section may be used in the smaller of hourly increments or the smallest increment that the employer's payroll system uses to account for absences or use of other time. (6) For use of paid sick time for more than three consecutive work days, an employer may require reasonable documentation that the paid sick time has been used for a purpose covered by subsection (1) of this section. Reasonable documentation shall include (a) documentation signed by a health care professional indicating that paid sick time is or was necessary or (b) if the employee or a family member did not receive services from a health care professional, or if documentation cannot be obtained from a health care professional in reasonable time or without added expense, a written statement from the employee indicating that the employee is taking or took paid sick time for a qualifying purpose covered by subsection (1) of this section. (7) An employer signatory to a multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement may fulfill its obligations under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act by making contributions to a multiemployer paid sick time fund, plan, or program based on the hours each employee accrues pursuant to the act while working under the multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement, if the fund, plan, or program enables employees to collect paid sick time from the fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective-bargaining agreement and for the purposes specified under the act.

Sec. 5. Exercise of rights protected; retaliatory personnel action prohibited. (1) It shall be unlawful for an employer or any other person to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right protected under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) An employer shall not take retaliatory personnel action against an employee or former employee because the person has exercised or attempted to exercise rights protected under the act. Such rights include, but are not limited to, the right to request or use paid sick time pursuant to the act; the right to file a suit or complaint or inform any person about any employer's alleged

violation of the act; the right to participate in an investigation, hearing, or proceeding or cooperate with or assist the department in its investigations of alleged violations of the act; and the right to inform any person of the person's potential rights under the act. (3) It shall be unlawful for an employer's absence control policy to count paid sick time taken under the act as an absence that may lead to or result in a retaliatory personnel action or any other adverse action.

Sec. 6. Notice and posting. (1) Employers shall give employees written notice of the following at the commencement of employment or by September 15, 2025, whichever is later: That beginning October 1, 2025, employees are entitled to paid sick time; the amount of paid sick time; the terms of its use guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; that retaliatory personnel action against employees who request or use paid sick time is prohibited; that each employee has the right to file a suit or complaint if paid sick time as required by the act is denied by the employer or the employee is subjected to retaliatory personnel action for requesting or taking paid sick time; and the contact information for the department where questions about rights and responsibilities under the act can be answered. (2) The notices required in subsection (1) of this section shall be provided in: (a) English; and (b) Any language that is the first language spoken by at least five percent of the employer's workforce if the department has provided a model notice in such language. (3) The amount of paid sick time available to the employee, the amount of paid sick time taken by the employee to date in the year, and the amount of pay the employee has received as paid sick time shall be recorded in, or on an attachment to, the employee's regular paycheck. (4) Employers shall display a poster that contains the information required in subsection (1) of this section in a conspicuous and accessible place in each establishment where such employees are employed. If an employer does not maintain a physical workplace or an employee teleworks or performs work through a web-based or app-based platform, the employer shall provide notice of such information via electronic communication or a conspicuous posting in the webbased or app-based platform. The poster displayed shall be in: (a) English; and (b) Any language that is the first language spoken by at least five percent of the employer's workforce if the department has provided posters in such language. (5) The department shall create and make available to employers, in all languages spoken by at least five percent of Nebraska's workforce and any language deemed appropriate by the department, model notices and posters that contain the information required under subsection (1) of this section and for employers' use in complying with subsections (1) and (4) of this section. **Sec. 7. Department of Labor; enforcement and implementation powers; rules and regulations.** (1) The department shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the act. (2) The Commissioner of Labor may subpoena records and witnesses related to the enforcement of the act. The commissioner or his or her agent may inspect all related records and gather testimony on any matter relative to the enforcement of the act when the information sought is relevant to a lawful investigative purpose and is reasonable in scope.

Sec. 8. Enforcement. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation. (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved. (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section. (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes

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a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees. (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved. (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than four calendar years after the cause of action accrues.

Sec. 9. Confidentiality and nondisclosure. (1) Unless otherwise required by law, an employer shall not require disclosure of the details of an employee's or an employee's family member's health information as a condition of providing paid sick time under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. (2) Unless otherwise required by law, any health information possessed by an employer regarding an employee or employee's family member shall: (a) Be maintained on a separate form and in a separate file from other personnel information; (b) Be treated as confidential medical records; and (c) Not be disclosed except to the affected employee or with the express permission of the affected employee.

Sec. 10. No effect on more generous paid sick time policies or laws; nonwaiver of rights and remedies. (1) The Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act provides minimum requirements pertaining to paid sick time, and nothing in the act shall be construed to: (a) Prohibit an employer from the adoption or retention of a paid sick time policy more generous than the one required by the act; (b) Diminish the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective-bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan, or other agreement providing more generous paid sick time to an employee than required by the act; (c) Diminish the rights of public employees regarding paid sick time or use of paid sick time as provided in state or local law; or (d) Preempt, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, requirement, policy, or standard that provides for a greater amount, accrual, or use by employees of paid sick time or that extends other protections to employees. (2) The rights and remedies under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall not be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment. Any such waiver shall be void and unenforceable.

Sec. 11. Severability. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 437

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 437
Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities.

A vote "AGAINST" means such a statute will not be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities?

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 437

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of limited quantities of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient in these activities.

Proposed Statutory Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: AN ACT relating to cannabis; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act: (1)(a) Allowable amount of cannabis means up to five ounces of cannabis.

(b) Allowable amount of cannabis does not include the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis as part of topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other preparations; (2)(a) Cannabis means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin. (b) Cannabis includes marijuana, hashish, and concentrated cannabis. (c) Cannabis does not include hemp, as defined in Section 2-503(13) of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act, nor does it include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; (3) Cannabis accessories means any equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in storing, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body; (4) Caregiver means: (a) In the case of a qualified patient who is eighteen years of age or older and is not under the protection of a legal guardian, a person who: (i) Is at least twenty-one years of age; and (ii) Has been designated by a qualified patient in a signed affidavit; (b) In the case of a qualified patient who is younger than eighteen years of age or a qualified patient under the protection of a legal guardian: (i) The legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions of the qualified patient; or (ii) A person designated in a sworn affidavit by the legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions; or (c) A health care facility as defined in section 71-413 or a home health agency as defined in section 71-417, if the facility or agency has been designated by a qualified patient or the legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions of a qualified patient in a sworn affidavit and if the facility or agency has agreed in writing to serve as a caregiver for the qualified patient; (5) Health care practitioner means a physician, an osteopathic physician, a physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act or who is licensed in any state and practicing in compliance with the Uniform Credentialing Act; (6) Qualified patient means: (a) An individual eighteen years of age or older with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner; or (b) An individual younger than eighteen years of age with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner and with the written permission of a legal guardian or parent with authority to make health care decisions for the individual; and (7) Written recommendation means a valid signed and dated declaration from a health care practitioner stating that, in the health care practitioner's professional judgment, the potential benefits of cannabis outweigh the potential harms for the alleviation of a patient's medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment. A written recommendation is valid for two years after the date of issuance or for a period of time specified by the health care practitioner on the written recommendation.

Sec. 3. (1) Subject to the requirements of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, it shall not be an offense under state or local law for: (a) A qualified patient to use, possess, and acquire an allowable amount of cannabis and cannabis accessories for the alleviation of a medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment; or (b) A caregiver to assist a qualified patient with the activities set forth in subdivision (1)(a) of this section by possessing and acquiring an allowable amount of cannabis and cannabis accessories on behalf of the qualified patient and delivering an allowable amount of cannabis and cannabis accessories to the qualified patient. (2) Conduct protected by this section shall not be subject to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 438

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 438

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities.

A vote "AGAINST" means such a statute will not be enacted.

Shall a statute be enacted that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities?

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 438
OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to enact a statute that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and establishing a Nebraska Medical Cannabis

Commission to regulate such entities.

Proposed Statutory Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: AN ACT relating to cannabis; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act: (1)(a) Cannabis means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin. (b) Cannabis includes marijuana, hashish, and concentrated cannabis. (c) Cannabis does not include hemp, as defined in Section 2-503(13) of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act, nor does it include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or cannabidiol contained in a drug product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; (2) Cannabis accessories means any equipment, products, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, composting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis into the human body; (3) Cannabis for medical purposes means cannabis, cannabis products, and cannabis accessories intended for qualified patients pursuant to any law enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act or at any time thereafter and which makes penalties inapplicable to the use of cannabis by qualified patients for the alleviation of a medical condition, its symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment; (4) Cannabis products means products that are comprised of cannabis, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis extract, and other ingredients, and that are intended for use or consumption, such as, but not limited to, edible products, ointments, and tinctures; (5) Commission means the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission; (6) Registered cannabis establishment means a private entity registered pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act that possesses, manufactures, distributes, delivers, or dispenses cannabis for medical purposes; and (7) Registration means a registration granted by the commission to a private entity that processes, manufactures, distributes, delivers, or dispenses cannabis for medical purposes.

Sec. 3. (1) Subject to the requirements of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, it shall not be an offense under state law for a registered cannabis establishment, its employees, and its agents to possess, manufacture, distribute, deliver, and dispense cannabis for medical purposes, provided such conduct complies with applicable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act. (2) Conduct protected by this section shall not be subject to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Sec. 4. (1) For purposes of providing the necessary registration and regulation of persons that possess, manufacture, distribute, deliver, and dispense cannabis for medical purposes pursuant the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission is created. (2) The commission shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than five members. (3) The three members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission shall be ex officio members of the commission, serving terms and receiving appointment in the same manner as provided in section 53-105. (4) The Governor may appoint two additional members, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature, to serve with the members of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as members of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission. The members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve six-year terms. (5) The Governor may reappoint members of the commission, subject to approval by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature.

Sec. 5. The power to regulate all phases of the control of the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered cannabis establishments in the state pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act is vested exclusively in the commission.

Sec. 6. The commission shall: (1) No later than July 1, 2025, establish criteria to accept or deny applications for registrations, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and eligibility standards for such registrations; (2) No later than October 1, 2025, begin granting registrations to applicants that meet eligibility standards and other require-

ments established by the commission; (3) Grant, deny, revoke, and suspend registrations based upon reasonable criteria and procedures established by the commission; (4) Have the authority to adopt, promulgate, and enforce distinct sets of rules and regulations for different categories of registered cannabis establishments; (5) Administer oaths or affirmations as necessary to carry out the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; (6) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of any records, books, memoranda, documents, or other papers or things at or prior to any hearing as is necessary to enable the commission to effectively discharge its duties; (7) Inspect the operation of any registered cannabis establishment for the purpose of verifying compliance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission; (8) Have the authority to impose, subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act, administrative fines for each violation of any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; (9) Collect administrative fines imposed under this section and remit the fines to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska; (10) Establish procedures for the governance of the commission; (11) Acquire necessary offices, facilities, counsel, and staff; and (12) Do all things necessary and proper to carry out its powers and duties under the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, including the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations and such other actions as permitted by the Administrative Procedure Act.

INITIATIVE MEASURE 439

Ballot Title and Text for Initiative Measure 439

Proposed by Initiative Petition

A vote "FOR" will amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide that all persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability is defined as the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

A vote "AGAINST" will not amend the Nebraska Constitution in such manner.

Shall the Nebraska Constitution be amended to include a new section which provides: "All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."

- ☐ For
- ☐ Against

Full Text of Proposed Measure 439

OBJECT STATEMENT: The object of this petition is to amend the Nebraska Constitution to provide all persons the fundamental right to abortion without interference from the state or its political subdivisions until fetal viability, which is the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures; or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Language

(underscored language indicates added language, strike through indicates language being removed)

TEXT: Article I of the Nebraska Constitution shall be amended by adding a new section 31 as shown:

I-31 All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

MEDIDA DE INICIATIVA 434

Título y texto de la iniciativa medida 434

Propuesta por iniciativa de petición

Un voto "A FAVOR" modificará la Constitución de Nebraska para establecer que, excepto cuando una mujer busca un aborto necesario por una emergencia médica o cuando el embarazo es resultado de una agresión sexual o incesto, los niños no nacidos estarán protegidos del aborto en el segundo y tercer trimestre.

Un voto "EN CONTRA" no modificará la

Constitución de Nebraska en ese sentido.

Debe enmendarse la Constitución de Nebraska para incluir una nueva sección que establezca: "Excepto cuando una mujer busque un aborto necesario por una emergencia médica o cuando el embarazo sea resultado de una agresión sexual o incesto, los niños no nacidos estarán protegidos del aborto en el segundo y tercer trimestre."

- ☐ A Favor
- ☐ En Contra

Texto completo de la iniciativa medida 434

DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIONES: El objeto de esta petición es enmendar la Constitución de Nebraska para establecer que, excepto cuando una mujer busca un aborto necesario por una emergencia médica o cuando el embarazo resulta de una agresión sexual o incesto, los niños no nacidos estarán protegidos del aborto en el segundo y tercer trimestre.

Lenguaje de la enmienda constitucional propuesta

(el texto subrayado indica que se ha añadido, el tachado indica que se ha eliminado)

TEXTO: El Artículo I de la Constitución de Nebraska será enmendado añadiendo una nueva sección 31 que establece lo siguiente:

I-31 Excepto cuando una mujer busca un aborto necesario por una emergencia médica o cuando el embarazo resulta de una agresión sexual o incesto, los niños no nacidos estarán protegidos del aborto en el segundo y tercer trimestre.

MEDIDA DE REFERÉNDUM 435

Título y texto de la boleta para la medida de referéndum 435

Referéndum ordenado a petición del pueblo

Un voto a favor de "RETENER" mantendrá en vigor la Sección 1 del Proyecto de Ley 1402 promulgado en 2024 por la Legislatura de Nebraska. La Sección 1 del Proyecto de Ley 1402 prevé 10 millones de dólares anuales para financiar becas educativas destinadas a pagar la totalidad o parte del costo de la educación de los estudiantes elegibles que asistan a escuelas primarias y secundarias no gubernamentales de gestión privada en Nebraska.

Un voto a favor de "REVOCAR" eliminará las disposiciones de financiación y becas de la Sección 1 del Proyecto de Ley 1402.

La Sección 1 del Proyecto de Ley 1402, promulgado por la Legislatura de Nebraska en 2024, prevé 10 millones de dólares anuales para financiar becas educativas destinadas a pagar la totalidad o parte del costo de la educación de los estudiantes elegibles que asistan a escuelas primarias y secundarias no gubernamentales de gestión privada en Nebraska.

¿Debe revocarse la Sección 1 del Proyecto de Ley 1402?

- ☐ Retener
- ☐ Revocar

Texto completo de la medida propuesta 435

DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIONES: El objeto de esta petición es derogar la Sección 1 de LB 1402, aprobada por la 108va Legislatura de Nebraska en 2024, que destina 10 millones de dólares anuales para subvenciones financieras para estudiantes elegibles que asistan a una escuela primaria o secundaria operada privadamente calificada en Nebraska.

Referéndum Propuesto para Derogar la Sección 1 de LB 1402 (2024)

(el texto subrayado indica el texto añadido por LB 1402, el texto tachado indica el texto eliminado por LB 1402)

TEXTO: UN PROYECTO DE LEY relativo a las becas de educación; para enmendar las secciones 77-2715.07, 77-2717 y 77-2734.03, Suplemento de los Estatutos Revisados, 2023; para establecer becas educativas; para derogar la Ley de Becas de Oportunidad; para armonizar disposiciones; para establecer fechas de entrada en vigencia; para derogar las secciones originales; y para derogar totalmente las secciones 77-7101, 77-7102, 77-7103, 77-7104, 77-7105, 77-7106, 77-7107, 77-7108, 77-7109, 77-7110, 77-7111, 77-7112 y 77-7113, Suplemento de los Estatutos Revisados, 2023.

Que sea promulgado por el pueblo del Estado de Nebraska,

Sección 1. (1) La Legislatura considera que: (a) Los fondos asignados para la educación de los estudiantes desde el jardín de infantes hasta el duodécimo grado son para un propósito público fundamental del gobierno estatal y constituyen un gasto ordinario del gobierno estatal; (b) Permitir al mayor número de padres y tutores legales elegir entre oportunidades educativas de calidad para los niños mejorará la calidad de la educación disponible para todos los niños; (c) Las escuelas prima-

rias y secundarias de gestión privada en Nebraska satisfacen los requisitos del estado para su funcionamiento legal y proporcionan oportunidades educativas de calidad para los niños; (d) Los padres y tutores legales con medios limitados tienen menos posibilidades de elegir entre oportunidades educativas de calidad para sus hijos; y (e) Hacer posible que más padres y tutores legales puedan elegir escuelas de gestión privada beneficia a los padres y contribuyentes de Nebraska. (2) Para los propósitos de esta sección: (a) Beca educativa significa una subvención financiera para pagar total o parcialmente el costo de educar a un estudiante elegible que asiste a una escuela calificada; (b) Estudiante elegible significa un residente de Nebraska que: (i) Está recibiendo una beca educativa por primera vez y es (A) ingresando al jardín de infantes o al noveno grado en una escuela calificada o al primer grado ofrecido por la escuela calificada, (B) transfiriéndose de una escuela pública en la que estuvo inscrito durante al menos un semestre inmediatamente anterior al primer semestre para el cual recibe una beca educativa a una escuela calificada y está ingresando a cualquiera de los grados del jardín de infantes al duodécimo, o (C) miembro de una familia militar activa o de reserva que se transfiere a Nebraska desde otro estado u otro país y está ingresando a cualquiera de los grados del jardín de infantes al duodécimo en una escuela calificada; (ii) Ha recibido previamente una beca educativa bajo esta sección y continúa la educación en una escuela calificada hasta que el estudiante se gradúe de la escuela secundaria o cumpla veintitún años de edad, lo que ocurra primero; (iii) Ha recibido previamente una beca educativa bajo la Ley de Becas de Oportunidades, tal como existía antes de su derogación por esta ley legislativa, y continúa la educación en una escuela calificada hasta que el estudiante se gradúe de la escuela secundaria o cumpla veintitún años de edad, lo que ocurra primero; (iv) Es el hermano de un estudiante que recibe una beca educativa y reside en el mismo hogar que dicho estudiante; o (v) Está actualmente inscrito en una escuela calificada y es miembro de una familia cuyo ingreso familiar no supera el doscientos trece por ciento del nivel federal de pobreza; y (c) Escuela calificada significa cualquier escuela primaria o secundaria no gubernamental y de operación privada ubicada en este estado que (i) se opera sin fines de lucro, (ii) cumple con las disposiciones contra la discriminación de 42 U.S.C. 1981, tal y como dicha sección existía el 1 de enero de 2024, (iii) cumple con todas las leyes o códigos de salud y seguridad de vida que se aplican a las escuelas de operación privada, y (iv) cumple con los requisitos de acreditación o aprobación aplicables establecidos por la Junta de Educación del Estado de conformidad con la sección 79-318. (3) El Tesorero del Estado establecerá un programa para proporcionar becas de educación a los estudiantes elegibles para pagar los costos asociados con asistir a una escuela calificada. Bajo dicho programa, el Tesorero del Estado deberá: (a) Establecer un sistema de prioridades para otorgar becas de educación bajo el programa. Dicho sistema de prioridad deberá: (i) Dar prioridad a: (A) Los estudiantes elegibles que recibieron una beca de educación bajo esta sección o bajo la Ley de Becas de Oportunidad, como tal ley existía antes de su derogación por este proyecto de ley legislativa, durante el año escolar anterior; y (B) El hermano de un estudiante que está recibiendo una beca de educación, siempre y cuando el hermano reside en el mismo hogar que dicho estudiante; (ii) Dar segunda prioridad a: (A) Estudiantes elegibles cuyos niveles de ingreso familiar no excedan el ciento ochenta y cinco por ciento del nivel federal de pobreza; (B) Estudiantes elegibles cuya solicitud para el programa de opción de inscripción establecido en la sección 79-234 haya sido denegada; (C) Estudiantes elegibles que tengan un programa de educación individualizado; (D) Alumnos elegibles que sufren acoso escolar, hostigamiento, novatadas, asalto, agresión, secuestro, robo, delitos sexuales, amenaza o intimidación, o peleas en la escuela; (E) Alumnos elegibles que están en hogares de acogida; y (F) Alumnos elegibles que pertenecen a una familia con un padre o tutor en servicio activo en una rama de las fuerzas armadas de Estados Unidos o en la Guardia Nacional, o cuyo padre o tutor murió en cumplimiento del deber; (iii) Dar tercera prioridad a los estudiantes elegibles cuyos niveles de ingresos familiares excedan el ciento ochenta y cinco por ciento del nivel federal de pobreza pero no excedan el doscientos trece por ciento del nivel federal de pobreza; y (iv) Dar cuarta prioridad a los estudiantes elegibles cuyos niveles de ingresos familiares excedan el doscientos trece por ciento del nivel federal de pobreza pero no excedan el trescientos por ciento de los ingresos indicados en las pautas de elegibilidad de ingresos para comidas a precio reducido bajo el Programa Nacional de Alumnos Escolares en 7 C.F.R. parte 210; (b) Limitar el monto máximo de la beca otorgada a cualquier estudiante elegible al costo necesario para educar al estudiante elegible en la escuela calificada a la que asiste dicho estudiante; y (c) Limitar los montos de las becas otorgadas a los estudiantes elegibles de una manera que asegure que el promedio de los montos de las becas otorgadas por estudiante no exceda el setenta y cinco por ciento del promedio estatal de los gastos operativos del fondo general por estudiante de la fórmula para el año de datos completos más recientemente disponible, tal como se definen dichos términos en la sección 79-1003. (4) El límite anual del monto total de las becas educativas

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otorgadas en virtud de esta sección para el año fiscal 2024-25 y cada año fiscal posterior será de diez millones de dólares. (5) En o antes del 1 de diciembre de 2025, y en o antes del 1 de diciembre de cada año posterior, el Tesorero del Estado presentará electrónicamente un informe al Gobernador y a la Legislatura que incluya lo siguiente: (a) Una descripción resumida de las políticas y procedimientos del Tesorero del Estado para otorgar becas educativas; (b) El número de estudiantes elegibles que recibieron becas educativas en el año fiscal más reciente; (c) El monto total de las becas educativas otorgadas en el año fiscal más reciente; (d) El número de estudiantes elegibles actualmente en lista de espera o a los que se les negó recibir una beca educativa y la razón de la lista de espera o negación; y (e) La información demográfica de los estudiantes elegibles que reciben becas educativas, incluyendo, pero no limitado a: (i) Nivel de ingresos; (ii) Nivel de grado; y (iii) Ubicación geográfica. (6) El Tesorero del Estado podrá celebrar contratos con hasta tres administradores de programas con el fin de llevar a cabo el programa de becas educativas descrito en esta sección. (7) Es la intención de la Legislatura apropiar diez millones de dólares del Fondo General para el año fiscal 2024-25 y cada año fiscal a partir de entonces al Tesorero del Estado con el fin de proporcionar becas de educación según lo dispuesto en esta sección. (8) Hasta el siete y medio por ciento de los fondos apropiados para los propósitos de esta sección pueden ser utilizados por el Tesorero del Estado, o por los administradores del programa con los que contrate el Tesorero del Estado, para gastos administrativos. (9) Esta sección no se interpretará como la concesión de cualquier autoridad ampliada o adicional al Estado de Nebraska para controlar o influir en la gobernanza o las políticas de cualquier escuela calificada debido al hecho de que la escuela calificada admite e inscribe a los estudiantes que reciben becas de educación o como la obligación de cualquier escuela calificada para admitir o, una vez admitido, para continuar la inscripción de cualquier estudiante que recibe una beca de educación.

MEDIDA DE INICIATIVA 436

Título y texto de la iniciativa medida 436

Propuesto por petición de iniciativa

Un voto “A FAVOR” promulgará un estatuto que: (1) proporciona a los empleados elegibles el derecho a ganar tiempo de enfermedad pagado por necesidades de salud personales o familiares; (2) da derecho a los empleados de empleadores con menos de 20 empleados a acumular y utilizar hasta 40 horas de dicho tiempo anualmente y a los empleados de empleadores con 20 o más empleados a acumular y utilizar hasta 56 horas de dicho tiempo anualmente; (3) especifica las condiciones relativas al tiempo de enfermedad pagado; (4) prohíbe las represalias contra los empleados por ejercer tales derechos; (5) adopta requisitos de documentación; y (6) establece poderes de ejecución y una causa de acción civil por violaciones.

Un voto “EN CONTRA” significa que dicho estatuto no se promulgará.

¿Debe promulgarse un estatuto que: (1) proporcione a los empleados que reúnan los requisitos el derecho a ganar tiempo por enfermedad remunerado para necesidades de salud personales o familiares; (2) dé derecho a los empleados de empresas con menos de 20 empleados a acumular y utilizar hasta 40 horas de dicho tiempo al año y a los empleados de empresas con 20 o más empleados a acumular y utilizar hasta 56 horas de dicho tiempo al año; (3) especifique las condiciones relativas al tiempo por enfermedad remunerado; (4) prohíba las represalias contra los empleados por ejercer tales derechos; (5) adopte requisitos de documentación; y (6) establezca poderes de ejecución y una causa de acción civil por violaciones?

- ☐ A Favor
- ☐ En Contra

Texto completo de la iniciativa medida 436

DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIONES: El objeto de esta petición es promulgar una ley que otorgue a los empleados elegibles el derecho a ganar tiempo libre remunerado por enfermedad para necesidades de salud personales o familiares, que permita a aquellos empleados de empleadores con menos de 20 empleados acumular y utilizar hasta 40 horas de tiempo libre remunerado por enfermedad al año, que permita a los empleados de empleadores con 20 o más empleados acumular y utilizar hasta 56 horas de tiempo libre remunerado por enfermedad al año, que especifique las condiciones para acumular y utilizar el tiempo libre remunerado por enfermedad ganado, que prohíba represalias contra un empleado por ejercer los derechos otorgados bajo la ley, que adopte ciertos requisitos de notificación y documentación, y que establezca poderes de aplicación y una causa civil de acción por violaciones de la ley.

Texto propuesto de la petición de iniciativa estatutaria

(el texto subrayado indica que se ha añadido, el tachado indica que se ha eliminado)

TEXTO: PARA UN ACTO relativo al empleo; para adoptar la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska; y para proporcionar la divisibilidad.

Que sea promulgado por el pueblo del Estado de Nebraska:

Sección 1. Ley, cómo citada; declaración de propósito. (1) Las secciones 1 a 11 de esta ley se conocerán y podrán citarse como la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska. (2) El propósito de la ley es otorgar a los empleados elegibles en Nebraska el derecho a ganar tiempo libre pagado por necesidades de salud personal o familiar y proporcionar ciertas disposiciones natural y necesariamente relacionadas con ese propósito.

Sec. 2. Términos, definidos. Para los propósitos de la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska: (1) Departamento significa el Departamento de Trabajo; (2) Emplear medios para permitir trabajar; (3)(a) Empleado significa cualquier individuo o empleado por un empleador, pero no incluye a un individuo que trabaja en Nebraska durante menos de ochenta horas en un año calendario. (b) El empleado no incluye a un “empleado” según lo definido en 45 U.S.C. 351(d) que está sujeto a la Ley Federal del Seguro de Desempleo Ferroviario, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; (4)(a) Empleador significa cualquier individuo, sociedad, sociedad de responsabilidad limitada, asociación, corporación, fideicomiso comercial, representante legal u grupo organizado de personas que emplea a uno o más empleados, (b) El empleador no incluye a los Estados Unidos o al Estado de Nebraska o sus agencias, departamentos o subdivisiones políticas; (5) Miembro de la familia significa: (a) Cualquiera de los siguientes, independientemente de la edad: un hijo biológico, adoptado o de crianza, un hijastro, un pupilo legal o un niño al que el empleado se encuentra in loco parentis; (b) Un padre biológico, de acogida, padrastro o adoptivo, o un tutor legal de un empleado o del cónyuge de un empleado; (c) Una persona que ocupó el lugar in loco parentis del empleado o el cónyuge del empleado cuando el empleado o el cónyuge del empleado era un menor de edad; (d) Una persona con la que el empleado está legalmente casado según las leyes de cualquier estado; (e) Un abuelo, nieto o hermano, ya sea de una relación biológica, de acogida, adoptiva o por afinidad, del empleado o del cónyuge del empleado; o (f) Cualquier otra persona relacionada por parentesco con el empleado o cuya estrecha asociación con el empleado equivale a una relación familiar; (6) El profesional de la salud significa cualquier persona con licencia bajo cualquier ley federal o estatal para proporcionar servicios médicos o de emergencia; (7) El tiempo de enfermedad remunerado significa el tiempo que se compensa a la misma tasa por hora y con los mismos beneficios, incluidos los beneficios de atención médica, que el empleado generalmente gana durante las horas trabajadas y que proporciona un empleado a un empleado para los fines descritos en la sección 4 de esta ley, y en ningún caso el monto de esta tasa por hora será menor que el proporcionado bajo la sección 48-1203; (8) Emergencia de salud pública significa una declaración o proclamación relacionada con una amenaza, riesgo, desastre o emergencia de salud pública que es realizada o emitida por un funcionario federal, estatal o local con la autoridad para hacer o emitir dicha declaración o proclamación; (9) Acción de personal de represalia significa la denegación de cualquier derecho garantizado por la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska y cualquier amenaza, despido, suspensión, degradación, reducción de horas o pago, u otra acción adversa contra un empleado por ejercer o intentar ejercer cualquier derecho garantizado en la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska; (10)(a) Pequeña empresa significa un empleador con menos de veinte empleados durante una semana determinada, incluidos los empleados a tiempo completo, a tiempo parcial o temporales. (b) La pequeña empresa no incluye a un empleador que mantuvo a veinte o más empleados en su nómina en cada una de las veinte o más semanas calendario del año calendario actual o anterior; y (11) Año significa un período de doce meses regular y consecutivo, según lo determine el empleador.

Sec. 3. Acumulación y traspaso del tiempo pagado por enfermedad; tiempo pagado por enfermedad después de la transferencia o el regreso después de la separación del empleo. (1) Todos los empleados acumularán un mínimo de una hora de tiempo de enfermedad pagada por cada treinta horas trabajadas. ____ A menos que el empleador seleccione un límite más alto, esta sección no otorga a un empleado el derecho a ganar o usar más de: (a) Cuarenta horas de tiempo de enfermedad pagado en un año para un empleado de una pequeña empresa; o (b) Cincuenta y seis horas de tiempo de enfermedad remunerado en un año para un empleado de una empresa. (2) Se asumirá que los empleados que están exentos de los requisitos de horas extras bajo 29 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) de la Ley Federal de Normas Laborales Justas, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., trabajan cuarenta horas en cada semana de trabajo a efectos de la acumulación de tiempo de enfermedad remunerado, a menos que su semana de trabajo típica sea inferior a cuarenta horas, en cuyo caso el tiempo de enfermedad remunerado se acumula en función de esa semana de trabajo típica. (3)

El tiempo libre pagado por enfermedad proporcionado en esta sección comenzará a acumularse a partir del inicio del empleo o el 1 de octubre de 2025, lo que ocurra más tarde. Un empleado tendrá derecho a utilizar el tiempo libre pagado por enfermedad a medida que se vaya acumulando. Un empleador puede proporcionar todo el tiempo libre pagado por enfermedad que se espera que un empleado acumule en un año al comienzo del año. (4) El tiempo de enfermedad pagado acumulado se llevará al año siguiente. A una pequeña empresa no se le exige permitir que un empleado use más de cuarenta horas de tiempo de enfermedad pagado por año, y a otros empleadores no se les exige permitir que un empleado use más de cincuenta y seis horas de tiempo de enfermedad pagado por año. Alternativamente, en lugar de transferir el tiempo de licencia por enfermedad paga no utilizado proporcionado de conformidad con esta sección de un año al siguiente, un empleador puede pagar a un empleado por el tiempo de licencia por enfermedad paga no utilizado proporcionado de conformidad con esta sección al final de un año y proporcionar al empleado una cantidad de tiempo de licencia por enfermedad paga que cumpla o exceda los requisitos de los incisos (1) y (3) de esta sección que esté disponible para el uso inmediato del empleado al comienzo del año siguiente. (5) Cualquier empleador con una política de licencia remunerada, como una política de tiempo libre remunerado, que ponga a disposición una cantidad de licencia remunerada suficiente para cumplir con los requisitos de la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska que pueda utilizarse para los mismos fines y bajo las mismas condiciones que el tiempo libre remunerado bajo la ley, no está obligado a proporcionar tiempo libre remunerado adicional bajo la ley. (6) A discreción del empleador, este podrá prestar tiempo de enfermedad remunerado a un empleado antes de que este lo haya devengado. (7) Si un empleado es transferido a una división, entidad o ubicación separada, pero sigue empleado por el mismo empleador, el empleado tiene derecho a todo el tiempo de enfermedad remunerado acumulado en la división, entidad o ubicación anterior y tiene derecho a usar todo el tiempo de enfermedad remunerado según lo dispuesto en la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska. Cuando haya una separación del empleo y el empleado es recontratado dentro de los doce meses posteriores a la separación por el mismo empleador, el tiempo de enfermedad remunerado previamente acumulado que no se haya utilizado se reinstalará. El empleado tendrá derecho a utilizar el tiempo de enfermedad remunerado acumulado y a acumular tiempo de enfermedad remunerado adicional al reanudarse el empleo.

Sec. 4. Uso de tiempo de enfermedad remunerado; aviso y documentación del empleado; fondo, plan o programa multiempresarial de tiempo de enfermedad remunerado. (1) El tiempo libre pagado por enfermedad deberá ser proporcionado a un empleado por un empleador para: (a) La enfermedad mental o física, la lesión o el estado de salud de un empleado; la necesidad de un empleado de diagnóstico, atención o tratamiento médico de una enfermedad, lesión o condición de salud mental o física; o la necesidad de un empleado de atención médica preventiva; (b) Cuidado de un miembro de la familia con una enfermedad mental o física, lesión o condición de salud; cuidado de un miembro de la familia que necesita un diagnóstico médico, atención o tratamiento de una enfermedad mental o física, lesión o condición de salud; cuidado de un miembro de la familia que necesita atención médica preventiva; o en el caso de un niño, para asistir a una reunión necesaria por la enfermedad mental o física, lesión o condición de salud del niño, en una escuela o lugar donde el niño recibe atención; o (c) Cierre del lugar de trabajo del empleado por orden de un funcionario público debido a una emergencia de salud pública; o la necesidad de un empleado de autoaislarse o cuidar al empleado o a un familiar cuando las autoridades de salud competentes o un profesional de la salud han determinado que la presencia del empleado o del familiar en la comunidad puede poner en peligro la salud de otros debido a la exposición a una enfermedad transmisible, independientemente de si el empleado o el familiar ha contraído realmente la enfermedad transmisible. (2) El tiempo de enfermedad pagado bajo esta sección se proporcionará a solicitud oral de un empleado. Cuando sea posible, la solicitud debe incluir la duración esperada de la ausencia. (3) Un empleador que requiera aviso de la necesidad de usar tiempo libre por enfermedad pagado de acuerdo con esta sección deberá proporcionar una política escrita que contenga procedimientos razonables para que los empleados den aviso. Un empleador que no haya proporcionado al empleado una copia de dicha política escrita no podrá denegar el tiempo libre por enfermedad pagado al empleado por incumplimiento de dicha política. (4) Un empleador no debe exigir, como condición para que un empleado tome tiempo de enfermedad pagado bajo esta sección, que el empleado busque o encuentre a un trabajador de reemplazo para cubrir las horas durante las cuales el empleado está utilizando el tiempo de enfermedad pagado. (5) El tiempo de enfermedad pagado bajo esta sección se puede usar en el más

pequeño de los incrementos por hora o el más pequeño incremento que el sistema de nómina del empleador utilice para contabilizar las ausencias o el uso de otro tiempo. (6) Para el uso del tiempo de enfermedad pagado por más de tres días laborales consecutivos, un empleador puede exigir documentación razonable de que el tiempo de enfermedad pagado se ha utilizado para un fin cubierto por el apartado (1) de esta sección. La documentación razonable incluirá (a) la documentación firmada por un profesional de la salud que indique que el tiempo de enfermedad pagado es o era necesario o (b) si el empleado o un miembro de la familia no recibió servicios de un profesional de la salud, o si no se puede obtener documentación de un profesional de la salud en un tiempo razonable o sin gastos adicionales, una declaración escrita del empleado que indique que el empleado está tomando o tomó tiempo de enfermedad pagado por un propósito calificado cubierto por el apartado (1) de esta sección. (7) Un empleador signatario de un acuerdo de negociación colectiva multiempleador puede cumplir con sus obligaciones conforme a la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska haciendo contribuciones a un fondo, plan o programa multiempleador de tiempo por enfermedad pagado en base a las horas que cada empleado acumula conforme a la ley mientras trabaja bajo el acuerdo de negociación colectiva multiempleador, si el fondo, el plan o el programa permite a los trabajadores cobrar del fondo, del plan o del programa el tiempo de enfermedad retribuido en función de las horas que hayan trabajado en virtud del convenio colectivo multiempresarial y para los fines especificados en la ley. Los empleados que trabajan bajo un acuerdo de negociación colectiva multiempleador en el que sus empleadores hacen contribuciones según lo dispuesto en este subsección pueden cobrar del fondo, plan o programa de tiempo de enfermedad pagado, basado en las horas que han trabajado bajo el acuerdo de negociación colectiva multiempleador y para los fines especificados en la ley.

Sec. 5. Ejercicio de derechos protegidos; se prohíbe la acción de personal de represalia. (1) Será ilegal que un empleador u otra persona interfiera, restrinja o niegue el ejercicio o el intento de ejercer cualquier derecho protegido por la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska. (2) Un empleador no tomará medidas de represalia de personal contra un empleado o ex empleado porque la persona haya ejercido o intentado ejercer los derechos protegidos por la ley. Dichos derechos incluyen, entre otros, el derecho a solicitar o usar tiempo de enfermedad remunerado en virtud de la ley; el derecho a presentar una demanda o queja o informar a cualquier persona sobre la supuesta violación de la ley por parte de un empleador; el derecho a participar en una investigación, audiencia o procedimiento o a cooperar y ayudar al departamento en sus investigaciones sobre presuntas violaciones de la ley; y el derecho a informar a cualquier persona sobre los posibles derechos de la persona en virtud de la ley. (3) Será ilegal que la política de control de ausencias de un empleador cuente el tiempo de enfermedad remunerado tomado en virtud de la ley como una ausencia que pueda dar lugar o resultar en una medida de represalia o cualquier otra acción adversa.

Sec. 6. Notificación y publicación (1) Los empleadores deberán dar a los empleados un aviso por escrito de lo siguiente al inicio del empleo o antes del 15 de septiembre de 2025, lo que ocurra más tarde: Que a partir del 1 de octubre de 2025, los empleados tienen derecho a tiempo libre con goce de sueldo; la cantidad de tiempo libre con goce de sueldo; los términos de su uso garantizados por la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska; que está prohibida la acción de personal de represalia contra los empleados que soliciten o utilicen el tiempo libre con goce de sueldo; que cada empleado tiene el derecho de presentar una demanda o queja si el empleador le niega el tiempo libre con goce de sueldo según lo requiere la ley o si el empleado está sujeto a una acción de personal de represalia por solicitar o tomar tiempo libre con goce de sueldo; y la información de contacto del departamento donde se pueden responder preguntas sobre los derechos y responsabilidades en virtud de la ley. (2) Los avisos requeridos en la subsección (1) de esta sección se proporcionarán en: (a) Inglés; y (b) Cualquier idioma que sea la primera lengua hablada por al menos el cinco por ciento de la fuerza laboral del empleador si el departamento ha proporcionado un aviso modelo en dicho idioma. (3) La cantidad de tiempo de enfermedad pagado disponible para el empleado, la cantidad de tiempo de enfermedad pagado tomado por el empleado hasta la fecha en el año, y la cantidad de pago que el empleado ha recibido como tiempo de enfermedad pagado se registrarán en, o en un anexo a, el cheque de pago regular del empleado. (4) Los empleadores deberán exhibir un cartel que contenga la información requerida en el inciso (1) de esta sección en un lugar visible y accesible en cada establecimiento donde se empleen a dichos trabajadores. Si un empleador no mantiene un lugar de trabajo físico o un empleado trabaja a distancia o realiza su trabajo a través de una plataforma basada en la web o en una aplicación, el empleador deberá proporcionar aviso de dicha información a través de comunicación electrónica o un anuncio visible en la plataforma basada en la web o en la aplicación.

El cartel exhibido deberá estar en: (a) Inglés; y (b) Cualquier idioma que sea la primera lengua hablada por al menos el cinco por ciento de la fuerza laboral del empleador si el departamento ha proporcionado carteles en dicho idioma. (5) El departamento creará y pondrá a disposición de los empleadores, en todos los idiomas hablados por al menos el cinco por ciento de la fuerza laboral de Nebraska y en cualquier idioma que el departamento considere apropiado, avisos y carteles modelo que contengan la información requerida bajo el inciso (1) de esta sección y para el uso de los empleadores en el cumplimiento de los incisos (1) y (4) de esta sección.

Sec. 7. Departamento de Trabajo; poderes de aplicación e implementación; reglas y regulaciones. (1) El departamento será responsable de la implementación y aplicación de la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska. El departamento podrá adoptar y promulgar reglas y regulaciones según sea necesario para llevar a cabo la ley. (2) El Comisionado de Trabajo puede citar registros y testigos relacionados con la aplicación de la ley. El comisionado o su agente puede inspeccionar todos los registros relacionados y recopilar testimonios sobre cualquier asunto relativo a la aplicación de la ley cuando la información solicitada sea relevante para un propósito de investigación legal y sea razonable en alcance.

Sec. 8. Aplicación. (1) El Comisionado de Trabajo emitirá una citación a un empleador cuando una investigación revele que el empleador puede haber violado la Ley de Familias Saludables y Lugares de Trabajo de Nebraska. (2) Cuando se emita una citación, el comisionado notificará al empleador de la sanción administrativa propuesta, si la hay, por correo certificado, por cualquier otro medio de entrega que el Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos pueda verificar, o por cualquier método de notificación reconocido bajo el Capítulo 25, artículo 5. La sanción administrativa no será superior a quinientos dólares en el caso de una primera violación y no será superior a cinco mil dólares en el caso de una segunda o subsiguiente violación. (3) El empleador tiene quince días hábiles después de la fecha de la citación o penalización para impugnar dicha citación o penalización. La notificación de impugnación se enviará al comisionado, quien proporcionará una audiencia de acuerdo con la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo. (4) Cualquier empleador que tenga una citación impaga por una violación de la Ley de Familias Saludables y Lugares de Trabajo de Nebraska estará impedido de contratar con el estado o cualquier subdivisión política hasta que dicha citación sea pagada. ____ Si una citación ha sido impugnada como se describe en el inciso (3) de esta sección, no se considerará una citación impaga bajo este inciso hasta que dicha impugnación haya sido resuelta. (5) Las citaciones emitidas bajo esta sección y los nombres de los empleadores a quienes se les ha emitido una citación estarán disponibles para el público a solicitud, excepto que este inciso no se aplicará a ninguna citación que esté siendo impugnada como se describe en el inciso (3) de esta sección. (6) Un empleado que tenga una reclamación por una violación de la Ley de Familias Saludables y Lugares de Trabajo de Nebraska puede presentar una demanda para obtener reparación legal y equitativa en el tribunal correspondiente. En cualquier acción presentada para hacer cumplir la Ley de Familias Saludables y Lugares de Trabajo de Nebraska, el tribunal tendrá jurisdicción para otorgar la reparación legal o equitativa que el tribunal considere apropiada para llevar a cabo los propósitos de la ley. Si un empleado establece una reclamación y obtiene un fallo a su favor, dicho empleado también tendrá derecho a recuperar el monto total del fallo y todos los costos de dicha demanda, incluidos los honorarios razonables de abogados. (7) Si un empleado presenta una demanda contra un empleador bajo la subsección (6) de esta sección, cualquier citación que se emita contra un empleador bajo la subsección (1) de esta sección y que se relacione directamente con los hechos en disputa será admitida como prueba a menos que sea específicamente excluida por el tribunal. Si una citación ha sido impugnada como se describe en el inciso (3) de esta sección, no se admitirá como prueba bajo este inciso hasta que dicha impugnación haya sido resuelta. (8) Una acción civil presentada bajo esta sección deberá iniciarse a más tardar cuatro años calendario después de que surja la causa de la acción.

Sec. 9. Confidencialidad y no divulgación. (1) A menos que la ley disponga lo contrario, un empleador no podrá exigir la divulgación de los detalles de la información de salud de un empleado o de un miembro de la familia de un empleado como condición para proporcionar tiempo de enfermedad pagado bajo la Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska. (2) A menos que la ley exija lo contrario, cualquier información de salud que posea un empleador sobre un empleado o un miembro de la familia del empleado deberá: (a) Debe mantenerse en un formulario separado y en un archivo separado de otra información del personal; (b) Ser tratados como registros médicos confidenciales; y (c) No se divulgará excepto al empleado afectado o con el permiso expreso del empleado afectado.

Sec. 10. Ningún efecto sobre políticas o leyes de tiempo de enfermedad pagado más generosas; no renuncia a derechos y recursos. (1) La Ley de Familias y Lugares de Trabajo Saludables de Nebraska establece requisitos

mínimos relacionados con el tiempo de enfermedad pagado, y nada en la ley se interpretará como: (a) Prohibir a un empleador la adopción o retención de una política de tiempo de enfermedad pagado más generosa que la requerida por la ley; (b) Disminuir la obligación de un empleador de cumplir con cualquier contrato, acuerdo de negociación colectiva, plan de beneficios laborales, o cualquier otro acuerdo que proporcione un tiempo de enfermedad pagado más generoso a un empleado de lo que exige la ley; (c) Disminuir los derechos de los empleados públicos en relación con el tiempo de enfermedad pagado o el uso del tiempo de enfermedad pagado según lo dispuesto en la ley estatal o local; o (d) Prevenir, limitar o afectar de cualquier otra manera la aplicabilidad de cualquier otra ley, regulación, requisito, política o norma que disponga un mayor monto, acumulación o uso por parte de los empleados de tiempo de enfermedad pagado o que extienda otras protecciones a los empleados. (2) Los derechos y recursos bajo la Ley de Familias Saludables y Lugares de Trabajo de Nebraska no podrán ser renunciados por ningún acuerdo, política, formulario o condición de empleo. Cualquier renuncia de este tipo será nula y sin efecto.

Sec. 11. Divisibilidad Si alguna sección de este acto o cualquier parte de alguna sección se declara inválida o inconstitucional, la declaración no afectará la validez o constitucionalidad de las porciones restantes.

MEDIDA DE INICIATIVA 437

Título y texto de la iniciativa medida 437

Propuesto por petición de iniciativa

Un voto “A FAVOR” promulgará un estatuto que hace inaplicables las sanciones bajo la ley estatal y local para el uso, posesión y adquisición de una cantidad permitida (hasta cinco onzas) de cannabis con fines médicos para un paciente calificado con una recomendación escrita de un profesional de la salud, y para un cuidador para ayudar a un paciente calificado con estas actividades.

Un voto “EN CONTRA” significa que dicho estatuto no se promulgará.

¿Debe promulgarse un estatuto que haga inaplicables las sanciones previstas en la legislación estatal y local por el uso, posesión y adquisición de una cantidad permitida (hasta cinco onzas) de cannabis con fines médicos para un paciente calificado con una recomendación escrita de un profesional de la salud, y para un cuidador para ayudar a un paciente calificado con estas actividades?

- ☐ A Favor
- ☐ En Contra

Texto completo de la iniciativa medida 437

DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIONES: El objeto de esta petición es promulgar un estatuto que haga inaplicables las sanciones bajo la ley estatal y local por el uso, posesión y adquisición de cantidades limitadas de cannabis para fines médicos por un paciente calificado con una recomendación escrita de un profesional de la salud, y para un cuidador que asista a un paciente calificado en estas actividades.

Texto propuesto de la petición de iniciativa estatutaria

(el texto subrayado indica que se ha añadido, el tachado indica que se ha eliminado)

TEXTO: UNA LEY relativa al cannabis; para adoptar la Ley de Protección del Paciente de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska.

Que sea promulgado por el pueblo del Estado de Nebraska:

Sección 1. Las secciones 1 a 3 de esta ley serán conocidas y podrán ser citadas como la Ley de Protección del Paciente de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska.

Sec. 2. A los efectos de la Ley de Protección del Paciente de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska: (1)(a) Por cantidad permitida de cannabis se entiende hasta cinco onzas de cannabis. (b) La cantidad permitida de cannabis no incluye el peso de cualquier otro ingrediente combinado con cannabis como parte de administraciones tóxicas u orales, alimentos, bebidas u otras preparaciones; (2)(a) Cannabis significa todas las partes de la planta del género cannabis, ya sea en crecimiento o no, sus semillas, la resina extraída de cualquier parte de la planta y cualquier compuesto, fabricación, sal, derivado, mezcla o preparación de la planta, sus semillas o su resina. (b) El cannabis incluye la marihuana, el hachís y el cannabis concentrado. (c) El cannabis no incluye el cáñamo, tal y como se define en la Sección 2-503(13) de la Ley de Cultivo de Cáñamo de Nebraska, ni los tallos maduros de la planta, la fibra producida a partir de dichos tallos, el aceite o el pastel elaborados a partir de las semillas de la planta, la semilla esterilizada de la planta incapaz de germinar o el cannabidiol contenido en un producto farmacológico aprobado por la Administración Federal de Alimentos y Medicamentos; (3) Por accesorios de cannabis se entiende cualquier equipo, producto o material de cualquier tipo que se utilice, esté destinado a utilizarse o esté diseñado para utilizarse en el almacenamiento, vaporización o

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contención de cannabis, o para ingerir, inhalar o introducir de cualquier otro modo cannabis en el cuerpo humano; (4) Cuidador: significa: (a) En el caso de un paciente calificado que tenga dieciocho años o más y no esté bajo la protección de un tutor legal, una persona que: (i) Tiene al menos veintidós años de edad; y (ii) Ha sido designado por un paciente calificado o el tutor legal o padre con autoridad para tomar decisiones de atención médica del paciente calificado; o (ii) Una persona designada en una declaración jurada por el tutor legal o padre con autoridad para tomar decisiones sobre atención médica; o (c) Una instalación de atención médica según se define en la sección 71-413 o una agencia de salud en el hogar según se define en la sección 71-417, si la instalación o agencia ha sido designada por un paciente calificado o el tutor legal o padre con autoridad para tomar decisiones de atención médica de un paciente calificado en una declaración jurada y si la instalación o agencia ha acordado por escrito servir como cuidador para el paciente calificado; (5) Profesional de la salud: significa un médico, un médico osteópata, un asistente médico o un enfermero practicante licenciado bajo la Ley de Credenciales Uniformes o que esté inscrito en cualquier estado y ejerciendo de acuerdo con la Ley de Credenciales Uniformes; (6) Paciente calificado: significa: (a) Una persona de dieciocho años de edad o más con una recomendación por escrito de un profesional de la salud y con el permiso por escrito de un tutor legal o padre con autoridad para tomar decisiones de atención médica para el individuo; y (7) La recomendación escrita significa una declaración válida, firmada y fechada, de un profesional de la salud que indica que, en el juicio profesional del profesional de la salud, los beneficios potenciales del cannabis superan los daños potenciales para el alivio de la condición médica de un paciente, sus síntomas o efectos secundarios. Una recomendación escrita es válida por dos años después de la fecha de emisión o por un período de tiempo especificado por el profesional de la salud en la recomendación escrita.

Sec. 3. (1) Sujeto a los requisitos de la Ley de Protección del Paciente de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska, no será un delito bajo la ley estatal o local para: (a) Un paciente calificado para usar, poseer y adquirir una cantidad permitida de cannabis y accesorios de cannabis para el alivio de una condición médica, sus síntomas o efectos secundarios del tratamiento de la condición; o (b) Un cuidador para ayudar a un paciente calificado con las actividades

establecidas en la subdivisión (1)(a) de esta sección mediante la posesión y adquisición de una cantidad permitida de cannabis y accesorios de cannabis en nombre del paciente calificado y la entrega de una cantidad permitida de cannabis y accesorios de cannabis al paciente calificado. (2) La conducta protegida por esta sección no estará sujeta a la Ley Uniforme de Sustancias Controladas.

MEDIDA DE INICIATIVA 438

Título y texto de la iniciativa medida 438

Propuesto por petición de iniciativa

Un voto “A FAVOR” promulgará un estatuto que hace que las sanciones no sean aplicables en virtud de la ley estatal para la posesión, fabricación, distribución, entrega y dispensación de cannabis con fines médicos por entidades privadas registradas, y que establece una Comisión de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska para regular dichas actividades.

Un voto “EN CONTRA” significa que dicho estatuto no se promulgará.

¿Debe promulgarse un estatuto que haga inaplicables las sanciones en virtud de la legislación estatal para la posesión, fabricación, distribución, entrega y dispensación de cannabis con fines médicos por entidades privadas registradas, y que establezca una Comisión de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska para regular dichas actividades?

☐ A Favor

☐ En Contra

Texto completo de la iniciativa medida 438

DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIONES: El objeto de esta petición es promulgar una ley que haga inaplicables las sanciones previstas en la legislación estatal a la posesión, fabricación, distribución, entrega y dispensación de cannabis con fines médicos por parte de entidades privadas registradas, y establecer una Comisión de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska que regule dichas entidades.

Texto propuesto de la petición de iniciativa estatutaria

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TEXTO: UNA LEY relativa al cannabis; para adoptar la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Médico de Nebraska.

Que sea promulgado por el pueblo del Estado de Nebraska:

Sección 1. Regulación del cannabis medicinal Las secciones 1 a 6 de esta ley serán conocidas y podrán ser citadas como la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska.

Sec. 2. A efectos de la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska: (1) (a) Cannabis significa todas las partes de la planta del género cannabis, ya sea en crecimiento o no, sus semillas, la resina extraída de cualquier parte de la planta y cualquier compuesto, preparación, sal, derivado, mezcla o preparación de la planta, sus semillas o su resina. (b) El cannabis incluye la marihuana, el hachís y el cannabis concentrado. (c) El cannabis no incluye el cáñamo, tal y como se define en la Sección 2-503(13) de la Ley de Cultivo de Cáñamo de Nebraska, ni los tallos maduros de la planta, la fibra producida a partir de dichos tallos, el aceite o el pastel elaborados a partir de las semillas de la planta, la semilla esterilizada de la planta incapaz de germinar o el cannabidiol contenido en un producto farmacológico aprobado por la Administración Federal de Alimentos y Medicamentos; (2) Por accesorios de cannabis se entiende cualquier equipo, producto o material de cualquier tipo que se utilice, esté destinado a utilizarse o esté diseñado para utilizarse en la plantación, propagación, cultivo, crecimiento, cosecha, compostaje, fabricación, composición, conversión, producción, procesamiento, preparación, prueba, análisis, envasado, reenvasado, almacenamiento, vaporización o contención de cannabis, o para ingerir, inhalar o introducir de cualquier otro modo cannabis en el cuerpo humano; (3) El cannabis para fines médicos significa cannabis, productos de cannabis y accesorios de cannabis destinados a pacientes calificados de acuerdo con cualquier ley promulgada contemporáneamente con la adopción de la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Médico de Nebraska o en cualquier momento posterior y que hace que las penas no sean aplicables al uso de cannabis por pacientes calificados para el alivio de una condición médica, sus síntomas o los efectos secundarios del tratamiento de la condición; (4) Productos de cannabis se refiere a productos que están compuestos de cannabis, concentrado de cannabis o extracto de cannabis, y otros ingredientes, y que están destinados para uso o consumo, tales como, pero no limitados a, productos comestibles, ungüentos y tinturas; (5) Comisión significa la Comisión de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska; (6) Establecimiento de cannabis registrado significa una entidad privada registrada de acuerdo con la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska que posee, fabrica, distribuye, entrega o dispensa cannabis con fines médicos; y (7) El registro significa un registro otorgado por la comisión a una entidad privada que procesa, fabrica, distribuye, entrega o dispensa cannabis para fines médicos.

Sec. 3. (1) Sujeto a los requisitos de la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska, no será un delito bajo la ley estatal que un establecimiento de cannabis registrado, sus empleados y sus agentes posean, fabriquen, distribuyan, entreguen y dispensen cannabis para fines médicos, siempre que dicha conducta cumpla con las reglas y regulaciones aplicables adoptadas y promulgadas por la Comisión de acuerdo con la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska. (2) La conducta protegida por esta sección no estará sujeta a la Ley Uniforme de Sustancias Controladas.

Sec. 4. (1) Con el propósito de proporcionar el registro y la regulación necesarios de las personas que poseen, fabrican, distribuyen, entregan y dispensan cannabis para fines médicos de acuerdo con la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Médico de Nebraska, se crea la Comisión de Cannabis Médico de Nebraska. (2) La comisión estará compuesta por no menos de tres y no más de cinco miembros. Los tres miembros de la Comisión de Control de Bebidas Alcohólicas de Nebraska serán miembros ex officio de la comisión, sirviendo términos y recibiendo nombramientos de la misma manera que se establece en la sección 53-105. (4) El Gobernador puede nombrar a dos miembros adicionales, sujetos a la confirmación por una mayoría de los miembros elegidos para la Legislatura, para servir junto con los miembros de la Comisión de Control de Bebidas Alcohólicas de Nebraska como miembros de la Comisión de Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska. Los miembros nombrados de acuerdo con este inciso servirán términos de seis años. (5) El Gobernador puede volver a nombrar a los miembros de la comisión, sujeto a la aprobación de la mayoría de los miembros elegidos para la Legislatura.

Sec. 5. El poder de regular todas las fases del control de la posesión, fabricación, distribución, entrega y dispensación de cannabis para fines médicos por establecimientos de cannabis registrados en el estado, de acuerdo con la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Médico de Nebraska, está otorgado exclusivamente a la comisión.

Sec. 6. La comisión deberá: (1) No más tarde del 1 de julio de 2025, establecer criterios para aceptar o denegar solicitudes de registros, incluyendo la adopción, promulgación y aplicación de reglas, regulaciones y estándares de elegibilidad razonables para dichos registros; (2) No más tarde del 1 de octubre de 2025, comenzar a otorgar registros a los solicitantes que cumplan con los estándares de elegibilidad y otros requisitos establecidos por la comisión; (3) Conceder, denegar, revocar y suspender inscripciones basadas en criterios y procedimientos razonables establecidos por la comisión; (4) Tener la autoridad para adoptar, promulgar

y hacer cumplir conjuntos distintos de reglas y regulaciones para diferentes categorías de establecimientos de cannabis registrados; (5) Administrar juramentos o afirmaciones según sea necesario para llevar a cabo la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska; (6) Emitir citaciones para la asistencia de testigos o la producción de cualquier registro, libro, memorando, documento u otros papeles o cosas en o antes de cualquier audiencia según sea necesario para permitir que la comisión cumpla efectivamente con sus deberes; (7) Inspeccionar el funcionamiento de cualquier establecimiento de cannabis registrado con el propósito de verificar el cumplimiento de las normas y regulaciones adoptadas y promulgadas por la comisión; (8) Tener la autoridad para imponer, sujeto a revisión judicial bajo la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo, multas administrativas por cada violación de cualquier norma y regulación adoptada y promulgada de conformidad con la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska; (9) Cobrar las multas administrativas impuestas bajo esta sección y remitir las multas al Tesorero del Estado para su distribución de acuerdo con el Artículo VII, sección 5, de la Constitución de Nebraska; (10) Establecer procedimientos para la gobernanza de la comisión; (11) Adquirir las oficinas, instalaciones, asesoría y personal necesarios; y (12) Realizar todas las acciones necesarias y adecuadas para llevar a cabo sus poderes y deberes bajo la Ley de Regulación del Cannabis Medicinal de Nebraska, incluyendo la adopción y promulgación de reglas y regulaciones y otras acciones permitidas por la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo.

MEDIDA DE INICIATIVA 439

Título y texto de la iniciativa medida 439

Propuesto por petición de iniciativa

Un voto “A FAVOR” enmendará la Constitución de Nebraska para establecer que todas las personas tendrán el derecho fundamental al aborto hasta la viabilidad fetal, o cuando sea necesario para proteger la vida o la salud de la paciente embarazada, sin interferencia del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas. La viabilidad fetal se define como el momento del embarazo en el que, según el criterio profesional del médico que trata a la paciente, existe una probabilidad significativa de que el feto sobreviva fuera del útero sin la aplicación de medidas médicas extraordinarias.

Un voto “EN CONTRA” no modificará la Constitución de Nebraska en ese sentido.

Debe enmendarse la Constitución de Nebraska para incluir una nueva sección que establezca: “Todas las personas tendrán el derecho fundamental al aborto hasta la viabilidad fetal, o cuando sea necesario para

proteger la vida o la salud de la paciente embarazada, sin interferencia del Estado o de sus subdivisiones políticas. Por viabilidad fetal se define como el momento del embarazo en el que, según el criterio profesional del médico que trata a la paciente, existe una probabilidad significativa de que el feto sobreviva fuera del útero sin la aplicación de medidas médicas extraordinarias.”

☐ A Favor

☐ En Contra

Texto completo de la iniciativa medida 439

DECLARACIÓN DE INTENCIONES: El objeto de esta petición es enmendar la Constitución de Nebraska para proporcionar a todas las personas el derecho fundamental al aborto sin interferencia del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas hasta la viabilidad fetal, que es el momento en el embarazo en que, según el juicio profesional del médico de la paciente, hay una probabilidad significativa de que el feto sobreviva de manera sostenida fuera del útero sin la aplicación de medidas médicas extraordinarias; o cuando sea necesario para proteger la vida o la salud de la paciente embarazada.

Lenguaje de la enmienda constitucional propuesta

(el texto subrayado indica que se ha añadido, el tachado indica que se ha eliminado)

TEXTO: El Artículo I de la Constitución de Nebraska será enmendado añadiendo una nueva sección 31 como se muestra:

I-31 Todas las personas tendrán un derecho fundamental al aborto hasta la viabilidad fetal, o cuando sea necesario para proteger la vida o la salud de la paciente embarazada, sin interferencia del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas. La viabilidad fetal significa el momento en el embarazo en que, en el juicio profesional del médico tratante de la paciente, hay una probabilidad significativa de que el feto sobreviva de manera sostenida fuera del útero sin la aplicación de medidas médicas extraordinarias.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Evnen

Secretary of State

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Homer News

By Stacie Johnson

(COURTESY PHOTO)
The Knights cross country squad, junior and high school, boys and girls have had a phenomenal season in 2024. The boys' and girls' varsity as well as the Mixed 2500m Junior High team brought home the Lewis & Clark Conference Championship trophies. Knights brought home plenty of medals from all three races.

Fall craft show

The annual Homer Fire Department Fall Craft and Vendor Show will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at the fire hall from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Entry is free with plenty of vendors and food to enjoy.

Red Ribbon Week

This year's Red Ribbon Spirit Week "Life is a Movie — Film Drug Free" will be celebrated at Homer Community School Oct. 21-31 with special dress-up days and learning opportunities.

Kicking off Monday, Oct. 21 is Elect to Be Drug Free. Students are invited to wear red to kick off the week.

On Tuesday, students "Set, Camera, Action into Saying No to Drugs" with a superhero shirt or cape as dress up ideas. Wednesday is "No Drug in Our Club" day. Wear red, black, white or Mickey Mouse ears. Thursday follows with "Your Dreams Can Come True When You Say No To Drugs." Students are invited to wear pajamas.

No school on Friday, Oct. 25 for Fall Break.

The Red Ribbon flies again on Monday, Oct. 28 with Don't Get Tangled Up in Drugs and "Crazy Hair Day." Tuesday will be "Embrace Your Inner Joy, Stay Drug Free." Wear clothes inside out or mismatch. Rounding out the celebration are Wednesday's "Slam Dunk, Drugs are Junk" with favorite sports gear or

team colors as the dress up theme and Thursday's "We Scare Drugs Away." Since it's Halloween, students can wear a school-appropriate Halloween costume or shirt if they would like to.

Trunk or Treat volunteer sign up

Homer Elementary School will again host a fun Trunk or Treat event at the school on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Parents and patrons of the district are invited to decorate a table for Halloween and pass out candy to the preschool through fifth graders as they parade the halls.

Contact elementary principal Mrs. Uhl with any questions or to get yourself signed up for some spooky fun: abbieuhl@homerknights.org or 402-698-2377 ext. 108.

Ghosts, goblins and haunted railcars

It may be across the river, but it's worth the drive over to the Sioux City Railroad Museum this week for their Halloween Spookfest.

Haunted railcar, rides, food, vendors and more are on tap for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 16-17. Friday brings the Night of the Dead, an adult dance (18+) from 7 p.m.-midnight. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19-20, serve up Halloween at the Roundhouse with Haunted Railcar, train rides, games, activities and contests with music and concessions on hand.

Saturday night is for the teens as the Zombie Prom will be held from 7 p.m.-midnight for high school students only (student I.D.'s/licenses required).

The Sioux City Railroad Museum took a hit during June's flooding, but they are forging ahead with flood recovery amidst ghosts, goblins, witches, partnering with PARA 911 SCIA to bring this fun, free-will donation event to Siouxland. Check it out!

Hoot 'n Hollarween at Danish Alps

Falloween, Hollarween, Halloween, whatever you call it, it's fun for all.

Saturday, Oct. 26 will be filled with archery, pumpkin painting and carving, costume contest for all ages, and a treasure hunt, a hayrack ride, hot dogs, and trick-or-treat starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Hoot 'n Hollarween at Danish Alps in Hubbard.

Halloween lovers are invited to decorate a trunk or camper and hand out candy to the young ones for the 5:30 p.m. trick or treat event. Park fees apply.

Verity in October

Good Roots Coffee Company has announced this month's book for the monthly Book Club meeting.

"Verity" by Colleen Hoover is a psychological thriller set between New York City and Vermont and follows struggling writer Lowen

Ashleigh as she ghostwrites a novel on behalf of Verity Crawford, a woman in a vegetative state following a traumatic accident.

Even if you've already read the highly popular "Verity," book club members would love for you to join them Monday, Nov. 4 for treats and good conversation at 6 p.m. in Good Roots.

O'Connor House tours

In less than a month, the grand rooms of the O'Connor House will be decorated for the holiday season and the 2024 Christmas Tours.

Both the O'Connor House and Combs School will be open for tours on two consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 2-3 and Nov. 9-10 from 1-4 p.m. both days.

School activities

Thursday, Oct. 17 – XC Districts at Twin Creeks Golf Course in Pender, 4:30/5:15 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18 – FB vs. Wakefield, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 – VB Conference Tourney, First round, TBD

Monday, Oct. 21 – VB Conference Tourney, Second round, TBD

Tuesday, Oct. 22 – VB Conference Tourney Finals at Randolph, TBD

Thursday, Oct. 24 – FB Playoffs, TBD; Picture Day – make-up day, 8 a.m.; VB triangular vs. Wakefield, Winnebago, 5 p.m. rolling schedule

Friday, Oct. 25 – No school – Fall break; XC State at Kearney Country Club

Saturday, Oct. 26 – Halloween Carnival



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Kaylyn from PAPIO Missouri River brought along some aquatic friends to the Enrichment gathering last Thursday. She taught them all about how aquatic animals live and survive.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Enrichment club member Landyn makes friends with a snake at their first meeting last week. Courtesy photo.