

# Knights' hopes fall short

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## STAR CALENDAR

### O'Connor House Christmas Tours set

The 2004 O'Connor House Christmas Tours are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10, at the house, located at 2470 Blyburg Road in Homer.

Tours are available from 1-4 p.m., and admission is free. Donations are greatly appreciated.

The tours are hosted by the Dakota County Historical Society. For more information, go to [www.dchsne.org](http://www.dchsne.org) or check out the Dakota County Historical Society's Facebook page.

### Chamber Coffee

The South Sioux City Middle School will host this week's Chamber Coffee.

The meeting will be in the middle school auditorium, with a pre-coffee Veteran's Day program beginning at 8:30 a.m. Coffee will follow at 9:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 10 a.m.

### School Board meeting

The South Sioux City Community Schools Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. at the high school library.

The agenda for the board meeting is available on the school's website at [www.sscardinals.org](http://www.sscardinals.org).

### County Board meeting

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will meet Monday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

A current copy of the agenda is online at [www.dakotacountyne.gov](http://www.dakotacountyne.gov).

### City Council to meet

The City Council of South Sioux City will meet in regular session on Monday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda for the meeting is online at [www.southsiouxcity.org](http://www.southsiouxcity.org).

### Pancake breakfast in D.C.

The Veteran's Day breakfast will be held Sunday, Nov. 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 376 at South 21st and Walnut streets in Dakota City.

Biscuits and gravy, French toast, eggs and sausage are on the menu.

# Dakota County voters make choices

## Meyer wins District 17; Bousquet, Reed, Villalobos get County nods

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

A vibrant political season like few in recent memory concluded Tuesday night as votes were counted in the various local, area, state and federal elections that determine our nation's course of action for the next four years.

Nearly 60 percent of eligible voters in Dakota County went to the polls to make their voices heard on their choices for the various seats that were open and for a record six statewide initiatives, ranging from abortion to marijuana.

Two races of local interest saw some interesting results that changed late in the evening before settling on a final outcome.

In the race for the three Dakota County Board of Commissioner seats, it was looking like a Republican sweep midway through the count of the county's 12 precincts.

Former county board member and current South Sioux City

### LOCAL WINNERS

Dakota Co. Commissioners			Leg. D17
Bousquet	Reed	Villalobos	Meyer

Councilman Rick Bousquet had the highest vote total among the five candidates. He and Homer resident Jeff Reed, both Republicans, cruised to the two highest spots, leaving one spot for what was a back-and-forth swing between the third Republican, Walter Beermann of Dakota City, and Democratic newcomer Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos.

When the final totals were announced late Tuesday night, it was Rodriguez Villalobos getting the third spot by 17 votes over Beermann, 2,275-2,258. Democrat Ron Hartnett of Dakota City was fifth in the race with 1,498 votes.

The other race of interest was with the District 17 seat in the Nebraska Legislature. With current State Sen. Joni Albrecht term-limited after eight years of service, her husband, Mike, ran against Pender farmer and Thurston County Commissioner Glen Meyer.

Albrecht got the nod here by a 2,725-2,616 count, but in the four counties that District 17 includes (Dixon, Wayne, Thurston, Dakota), Meyer earned the spot in the Legislature by a 5,981-5,439 outcome.

Dakota County voters agreed with the rest of the state when it came to the major races on the ballot, including President of the United States, both Senate races and a one-sided race for the District 3 seat in the House of Representatives.

In Dakota County, former President Donald Trump easily outvoted current Vice President Kamala Harris 3,891-2,074.

SEE ELECTION, 2A



# 2024 Results Dakota County

\* -- Denotes local winner @ -- Denotes overall winner

### Presidential Ticket

*@- Donald J. Trump/JD Vance (R)	3,891
Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz (D)	2,074
Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat (L)	36
Jill Stein/Samson Kpadenou (Pet.)	22
Cornel West/Melina Abdullah (LMN)	18

### United States Senate

*@-Deb Fischer (R)	3,050
Dan Osborn (I)	2,823

### 2-year term

*@-Pete Ricketts (R)	4,017
Preston Love Jr. (D)	1,948

### District 3 Congress

*@- Adrian Smith (R)	3,785
Daniel Ebers (D)	2,018

### County Commissioner

*-Rick Bousquet (R)	3,080
*-Jeff Reed (R)	2,613
*-Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos (D)	2,275
Walter A. Beermann (R)	2,258
Ron Hartnett (D)	1,498

### District 17 Legislature

*-Mike Albrecht	2,725
@- Glen Meyer	2,616

### Papio-Missouri River NRD

#### Subdistrict 1

*@-Rodney Storm	3,443
Shawn Mohr Melotz	1,297

### NPPD Board

#### Subdivision 11

*@- Chris R. Langmeier	630
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### Educational Service Unit 1, Dist. 2

*@- Amy Brand	1,207
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### Univ. of Neb. Regents Dist. 3

*@-Jim Scheer	4,626
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### Northeast CC District 3

*@- Pat Wojick	4,861
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### Northeast CC At Large

*@- Jeff Scherer	4,603
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### Lower Elkhorn NRD Board

#### Subdistrict 7

*@- Gary Loftis	86
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### Workers Compensation Court

#### 6-year term

Retain Judge Julie A. Martin	
*-Yes	4,033
No	1,096

### Judge of the County Court

#### 6-year terms

Retain Francis W. Barron III	
*-Yes	3,826
No	1,248

### Retain Judge Edard H. Matney

*-Yes	3,986
No	1,176

### South Sioux City City Council

*-Jason V. Bowman	1,691
*-Ben Schultz	1,482
*-Randy Meyer	1,435
*-Mahamud Osman	999

### South Sioux City School Board

*-Marla Grier	2,556
*-Matt Aitken	2,339
*-Christopher Krueger	2,208

### Dakota City Mayor

*-Jerry Yacevich	518
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### Dakota City City Council

*-Clint Rasmussen	418
*-Randall Groetken	349

### Emerson Village Board

*-Tarry L. Daum	89
*-Ryan P. Beacom	84
*-Mark Graf	62

### Homer Village Board

*-Amber Barclay	149
*-Brandon Eriksen	134
*-Robert Utemark	108

### Hubbard Village Board

*-Dale Gaither	55
*-Jason Martineck	53
*-Alvin Satterwhite	52
Sean Harrall	36

### Jackson Village Board

*-Joseph Hayes	91
*-Stephanie Hirsch	63

### Homer School Board

Tyler N. Kirkholm	537
Byron Hall	449
Samantha Johnson	430

### Emerson-Hubbard School Board

*-Ryan P. Beacom	260
*-Ashley Fuchser	208
*-Joani Franzluebbbers	194
Dillon Martin	171
Luke R. Morgan	128

### Ponca School Board

*-Phillip Kramper	241
*-Jerod Davis	153
*-Julie A. Schamp	148
Wil Kastning	71

### Allen School Board

*-Gil Ridenour	5
*-Lane Anderson	6

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### INITIATIVE PETITIONS

#### Measure 434

(Protect children from abortion in second/third trimesters)

*-Yes	3,671
No	2,118

#### Measure 435

(Public funds to private school funding)

*-Retain	3,002
@-Repeal	2,587

#### Measure 436

(Require paid sick time)

*-Yes	4,554
No	1,114

#### Measure 437

(Allow medical cannabis)

*-Yes	4,096
No	1,640

#### Measure 438

(Legalize cannabis)

*-Yes	3,810
No	1,873

#### Measure 439

(Allow abortion past fetal viability)

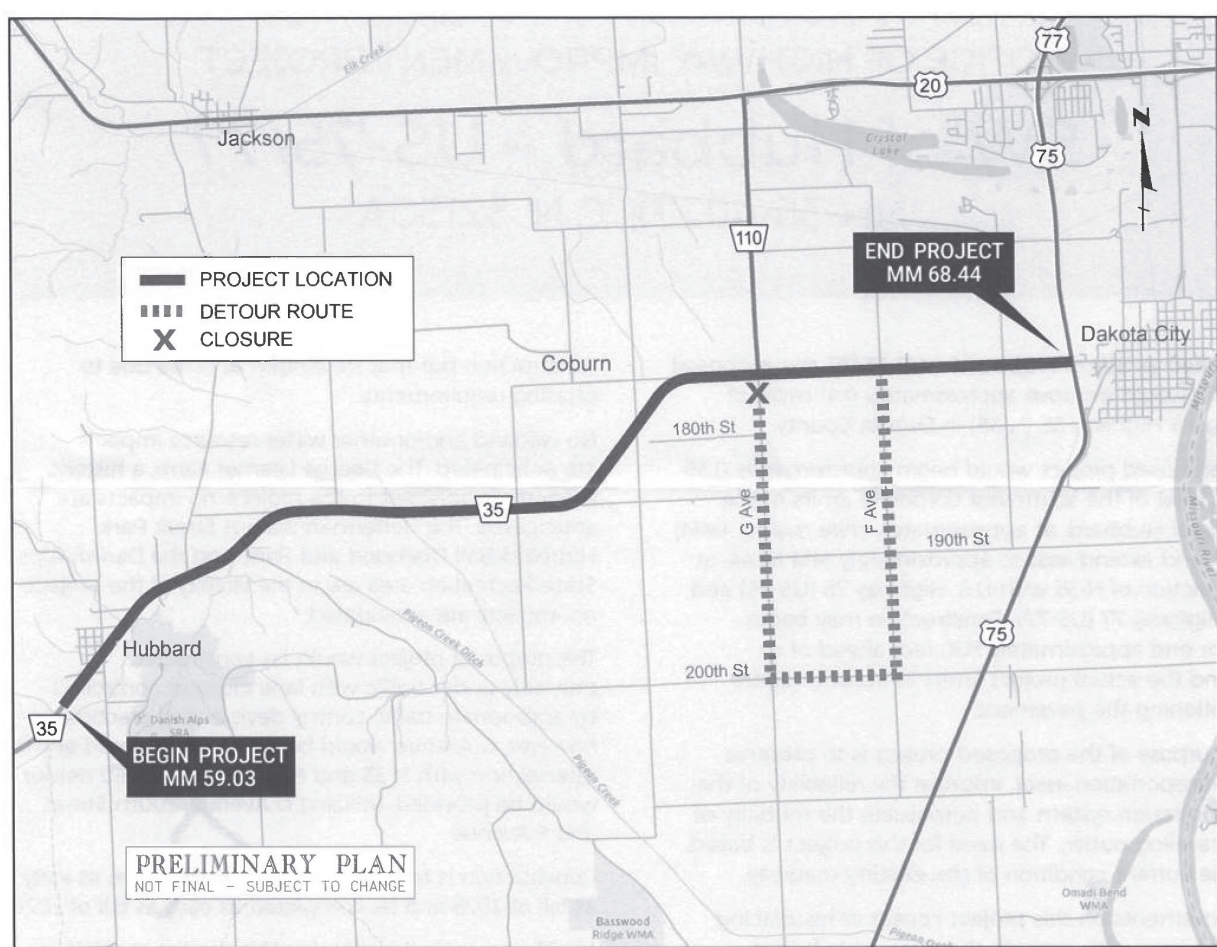
*-Yes	3,053
No	2,701

(Local numbers courtesy Dakota County Clerk)

## LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service  
FOR WEEK OF NOV. 7-13, 2024

<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>	Partly cloudy.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>	Mostly sunny.
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>35</b>	Mix of clouds and sun.
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	A few clouds.
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>38</b>	Mix of clouds and sun.
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>38</b>	Partly cloudy.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>35</b>	Morning showers.



# Highway 35 road construction in Dakota County set for late '25

A 9.41-mile stretch of Highway 35 will get some long-overdue attention about a year from now. The Nebraska Department of Transportation announced last week that a stretch of Highway 35 from west of Hubbard to the intersection with U.S. Highways 75 and 77 will begin sometime in the fall of 2025, with an expected completion sometime in the fall of 2026. Improvements on the project will include resurfacing the roadway with asphalt, shoulder work, bridge repairs and removing and replacing guardrail. Also included will be an update of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 110, which connects Highway 35 and Highway 20. Improvements include replacing and improving the through lane and left-turn lane, removing the existing westbound right-turn lane and replacing it with an updated with an updated offset right-turn lane. G Avenue would be re-aligned to match N-110. Acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way, control of access temporary easements, and/or permanent easements will be required

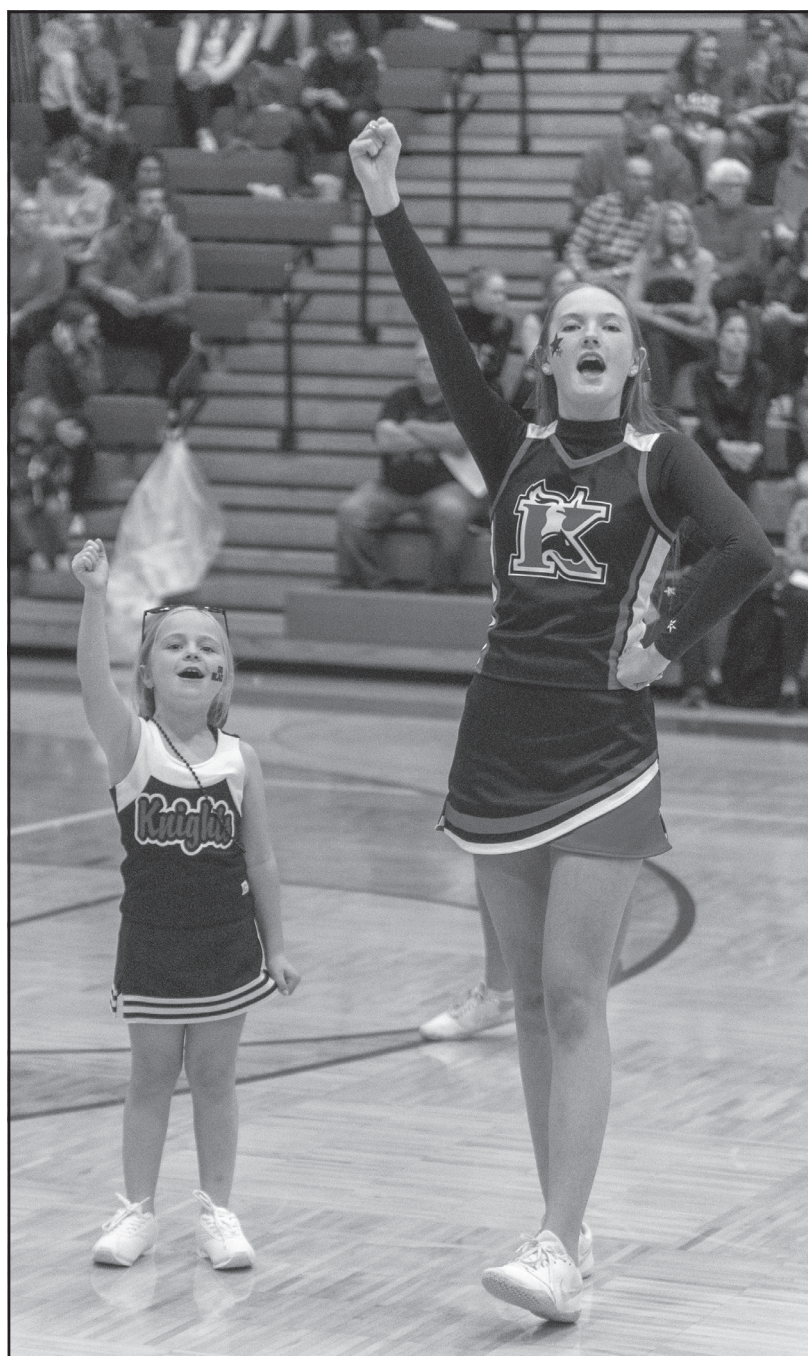
for the project. Owners of property along the project will be contacted by an NDOR representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction, with some limitations due to phasing requirements. According to the project information, no wetland or other water resource impacts are anticipated. Historic and community markers, including the George Leamer Farm, the Hefferman/Walnut Street Park, Hubbard Ball Diamond and the Danish Alps State Recreation are not expected to see any impact. Construction will take place under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. A detour utilizing G Avenue, 200th Street and F Avenue will be in place when G Avenue is closed at the intersection of 35 and 110. Anyone with questions about the project can contact Sierra Luhn, Public Involvement Specialist, at the NDOT office at (402) 479-3103 or e-mail [sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov](mailto:sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov).

# Public Works updated on golf carts, data park

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher  
With half of the four-member Public Works Committee absent from Monday's meeting, a quorum was not present to vote on issues. The committee did hear from City Administrator Lance Hedquist on a number of the items on the agenda, including word that the city will do a test well that could extend a water line from Veterans Drive to Baumer Park to feed a sprinkler system that serves the park. "We're doing a test well at that location (in the spring), and if it is positive for a well it would be my recommendation to put in east and west lines at the same time," he said. Discussion about allowing golf carts to be driven in residential parts of town noted that several communities, including Dakota City, already have ordinances in place that allow for golf carts to be driven in city limits, with some limitations. Councilman Ben Schultz said the city's laws already state that the vehicles can't be driven across a highway or on a city street where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or higher.

Police Chief Ed Mahon said he could see problems with the vehicles going too slow for traffic along busy streets. "My concern is not that they go too fast, but that they go too slow," he said. Schultz, who is principal at Dakota City Elementary School, said he has a number of local residents who use golf carts to pick up their kids after school. The committee also discussed a potential data center that would be built in the Roth Industrial Complex. Radian Technology is looking to buy a small tract of land near a substation in the complex that is owned by the city to build a data center for mining cryptocurrency. The project could generate \$1 million a year in electrical sales for the city, Hedquist said, but would not affect the city's capacity. Data centers generally use a lot of electrical energy, but a moderating program would help the city maintain its ability to provide the proper capacity for the community. More discussion on the topic is expected before a final recommendation is given to the City Council.

## FUTURE KNIGHT JOINS IN CHEERS



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)  
They always say "Start 'em young," and when it comes to cheering on the Homer volleyball team, Sofia Harris is off to a pretty cute start. She stood alongside her older cheering mentors from Homer High School and cheered on the Lady Knights as they played in the C2-4 district volleyball championship game Saturday evening in Norfolk. Although she and cheer captain Hadyn Vanschoaick (right) cheered their hearts out, it wasn't enough as the Lady Knights fell to Norfolk Catholic in three sets, coming up one game short in making a trip to the state volleyball tournament that begins this week in Lincoln.

# ELECTION: County has nearly 60 percent voter turnout

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Fellow Republicans Deb Fischer and Pete Ricketts also received the most votes among county voters in the two Senate races. Fischer, who had to battle from behind to beat independent Dan Osborn in the statewide race, won by a 3,050-2,823 margin here. Ricketts was an easy winner over Democrat Preston Love Jr. of Omaha here, getting 4,017 votes to Love's 1,948. Adrian Smith easily won another term in the House, getting almost 81 percent of the vote in his District 3 race against Democrat Daniel Ebers. Here in Dakota County, he won by a count of 3,785-2,018. The races for the positions on the South Sioux City School Board and City Council were non-factors, as the minimum number of candidates made each race a non-event. In the City Council election, four

candidates will claim the four seats available. Incumbents Jason Bowman and Ben Schultz had the top two vote totals among the four candidates, and they will be joined by Randy Meyer and Mahamud Osman. All three nominees on the local school board were incumbents and earned re-election without a challenge. Getting another four years on the board are Marla Grier, Matt Aitken and Christopher Krueger. Dakota County voters went along with the rest of the state on five of the six initiatives that were on the ballot, the most in an election in state history. The only initiative the county didn't vote with the winners on was Measure 435, which would repeal LB1402, a measure ramrodded through the Legislature that provided public funding to private schools for scholarships. Voters here voted to retain the measure 3,002-2,587, but the measure was repealed on a statewide level by almost a 3-to-2 margin. With almost 66 percent of votes counted statewide as of 1 a.m. Wednesday, the vote to repeal led by a 57.73-42.27 percent margin. Both marijuana measures were approved at a county level and statewide, as was a measure to require paid sick time. A measure to protect children from abortion in the second and third trimesters passed at the county and state level, while allowing an abortion past fetal viability was approved here and was barely behind statewide as of 1 a.m. numbers from the Nebraska Secretary of State's office in Lincoln.



## Vets program at SSC MS Friday

The South Sioux City Middle School will have a Veteran's Day program on Friday, Nov. 8 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. Veteran participation in the program plays a crucial role in helping students understand the commitment and sacrifices made by those who have served us in our nation's military. Community members are invited to join in the celebration and honor our community's veterans. Coffee and treats will be served after the program.

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Given in honor of Nebraska newspaperman, Don Harpst, Sr., the Leadership Nebraska Award recognizes a Nebraska newspaper or newspaper employee who fulfills the vital role newspapers play in leading and shaping communities and community organizations. We are looking for nominees who help the community or organizations within the community:

- Promote and recognize leadership
- Overcome a crisis
- Achieve a major goal
- Right a wrong
- Celebrate an achievement
- Promote an event or issue

This award is open to any Nebraska newspaper publisher or newspaper employee and includes a **\$500 award to go to the winning recipient, and a \$1,000 award that will go to the community organization(s) of the recipient's choice.**

To make a nomination, fill out the simple form at <https://forms.gle/FKJnTEZ88PaE5Xkf6>

**Nomination deadline is November 29, 2024.**

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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, Nov. 7** — Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, fruit cocktail, orange

**Friday, Nov. 8** — Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges

**Monday, Nov. 11 (evening meal)** — BBQ ribs, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, broccoli, applesauce

**Tuesday, Nov. 12** — Grilled ham and cheese, Au gratin potatoes, broccoli, peaches

**Wednesday, Nov. 13** — Hamburger, steak fries, cole slaw, peaches

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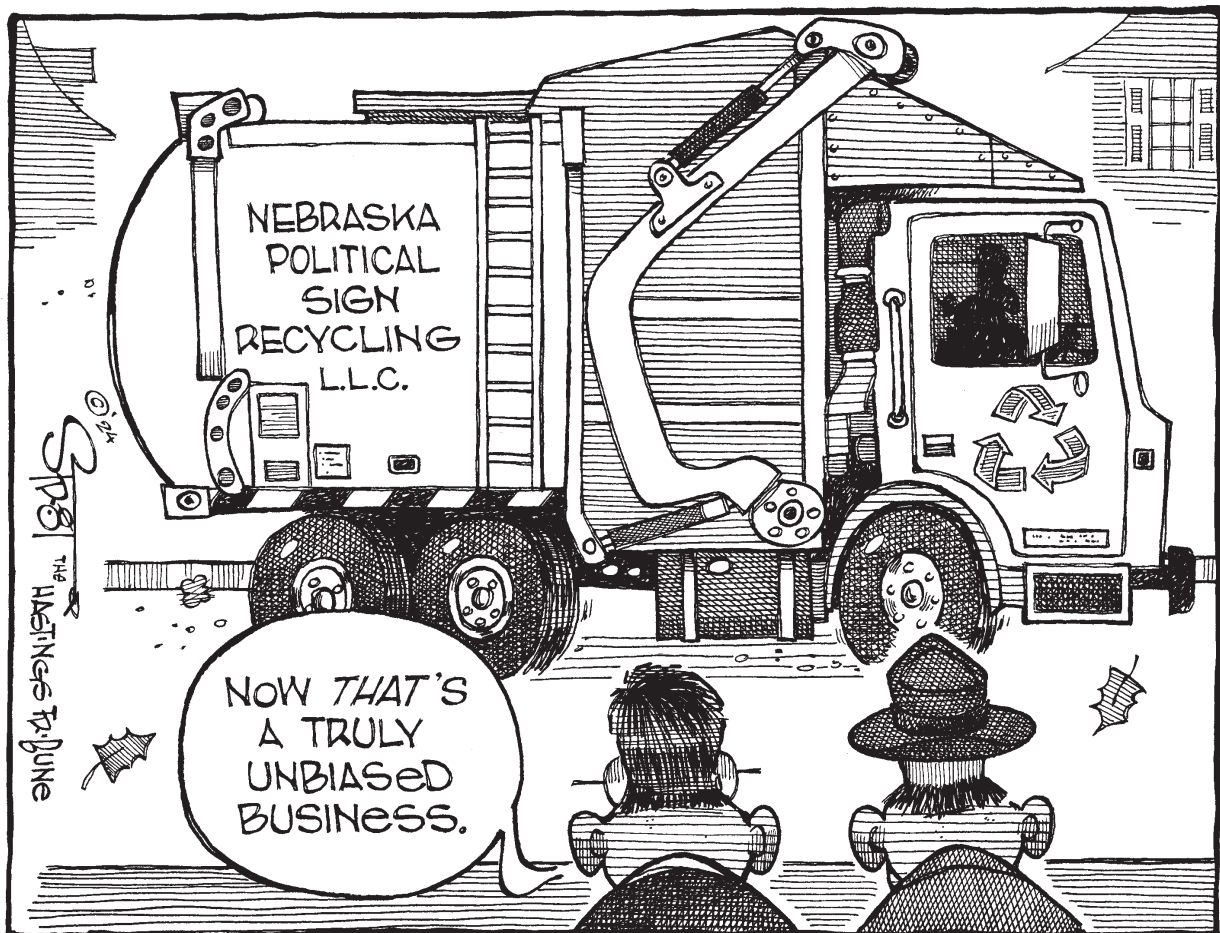
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## Honor our vets: attend Vet's Day services

Veterans Day is Monday, Nov. 11, and I would like to encourage my constituents to attend a local Veterans Day event and thank a veteran. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those veterans in District 17 for their service to the United States. I appreciate all you have done to keep the United States free.

On Oct. 30, Governor Jim Pillen and the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) joined other Departments of Transportation across the country to celebrate Buckle Up Phone Down Day. Governor Pillen marked the occasion with a proclamation claiming Oct. 30, 2024 as Buckle Up Phone Down Day.

"With the alarming trends of increased roadway fatalities and distracted driving crashes, we must take steps to protect everyone on the roadways," stated Governor Pillen. "Making the choice every time you get behind the wheel to buckle up and put the phone down increases safety and sets an example for our children Nebraska's future drivers."

As a state, Nebraska ranks 49th nationally in seat belt usage. According to data, the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Traffic Accident Report, there were 227 fatalities resulting from car crashes in 2023 with 74 percent of those fatalities unbuckled. Statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that wearing a seat belt can increase a person's chance of surviving a crash by 45 percent.

Beyond the risk of low seat belt usage, distracted driving continues to rise at an alarming rate. NDOT's Highway Safety Office shows in the past three years, distracted driving crashes increased by 10 percent. In 2023, Nebraska teen drivers were involved in 22 percent of all distracted driving crashes.

"NDOT's top priority is safety. It's engineered and built into every one of our projects. But we can't control driver behavior and we can't out-engineer this problem. It's crucial to buckle up and minimize distractions," said NDOT Director Vicki Kramer. "We care deeply about educating drivers who will be navigat-

## Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht  
District 17



ing our roads, now and in the future. Making the responsible choice and prioritizing safety by wearing your seat belt and avoiding phone use not only secures your future but also that of your vehicle's passengers, and everyone you pass on the road."

Nebraska takes pride in its own Buckle Up Phone Down initiative. The campaign focuses on youth education and the importance of responsible driving. NDOT is looking to grow their partnerships with schools and educational stakeholders like the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA). The partnership with NSAA positions NDOT representatives to engage with and educate youth and parents about good driving habits at NSAA Championship series.

Since Governor Pillen's administration took office, transformative progress has been made to improve the safety and efficiency of Nebraska's transportation system; creating innovative practices that support responsible investment and protect our travelers.

To date, highlights include:  
— Enhanced Safety Practices: implementation of education initiatives like Buckle Up Phone Down and Child Seat Safety Checks to help protect the next generation of Nebraska drivers.

— Innovative Safety Measures: Implementation of the Cable Median Barrier along Interstate 80, which significantly lowers the chance of a fatal or serious injury from a cross-over crash and the start of the six-lane Interstate 80 expansion to Pleasant Dale which will lower traffic congestion and spur economic growth.

— Increased Efficiency: Creation of an alternative delivery and inno-

vative finance office to increase the efficiency of project delivery.

— Signed into law LB1335, a proposal by NDOT and Nebraska Game and Parks to balance NDOT's goal of environmental stewardship with its mission of project delivery. A step forward in balancing growth with preservation and contributing to sustainable and responsible economic development.

— Support to Nebraska Communities: Launch of the state's first inter-governmental grants office, the Nebraska Infrastructure Hub. Designed to empower public agencies confidently compete for and navigate the federal discretionary grant process. By centralizing decision-making, promoting transparency, and fostering collaboration, the Hub will move forward critical infrastructure projects, boosting transportation systems and driving sustainable economic improvements across Nebraska.

By improving these systems, NDOT not only enhances connectivity and unifies communities but lays the groundwork for a sustainable future where infrastructure aligns with the broader vision of ongoing, effective service from the State down to the local level.

With harvest finishing up and farming equipment traveling our roads, I would encourage you to make sure you are being alert as you drive the roads in our area. Many accidents have occurred over the past several weeks due to not paying attention while driving and not being alert to traffic on the road.

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.

## Is it just me, or am I just getting old?

While waiting for the election results to come out (and with today's technology, you'd think it wouldn't take half the night like it did back in the old days), here's a run through the "Bits and Pieces" file:

— I understand that coaches are responsible for the success and failure of a sports team, but it doesn't seem like fans want to cast any blame on the players actually playing the game.

During Nebraska's recent losing streak, all the whining fans seem to want to do is point fingers at coach Matt Ruhle and his staff for not getting us to that magic sixth victory that guarantees bowl eligibility.

Remember the days when we'd complain about a 10-WIN season??? And fire coaches who only won NINE??? Boy, have the standards gotten out of whack or what?

And while the coaches understand that it's part of the gig, I sometimes wonder why nobody seems to want to hang some of this on the players. You know — the ones who dress up and actually go out and are supposed to do what the coaches tell them.

The Huskers have a week off before ending the season with games at USC and Iowa and a home finale with Wisconsin. I still believe this team can win that sixth game and could still finish 7-5 — but it's going to take a complete team effort, from the coaches making the right calls to the players actually going out and executing them.

Win as a team, lose as a team. Make it happen, Huskers.

— From the "I didn't think he could FIND Willis, Nebraska on a map" department: You may not be aware of this, but one of the world's richest billionaires owns property here in Dakota County.

Considering other deep-pocketed folk like Ted Turner have been well-known landowners in the Cornhusker State over the years, it really shouldn't come as a surprise that Microsoft guru Bill Gates is the owner of land in several locations in the state, including Dakota County.

Under such corporate names as Willowdale Farms, Dove Haven Ranch and others, Gates has a piece of more than 24,800 acres in 22 counties in the state. His holdings in Dakota County consist of a little more than 1,000 acres, or about 0.6 percent of the county.

He also owns almost 1,900 acres in Dixon County and another 300 or so in Thurston County, so if you ever happen to see him walking around your block, make sure you welcome him to the neighborhood.

— Has anybody advanced the technology enough to make it possible to beam yourself back and forth between home and work? Asking for a friend who's tired of daily commutes through three counties.

— The first College Football Playoff rankings were set to come out

### Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes  
Star Publisher

Wednesday after our publication deadline.

Twelve teams make the playoffs this year, which should alleviate concerns about "the best" being left out of the race for the national title. Of course, those teams in the 13-14-15 spots that just miss making it to the postseason will have something to complain about, but whenever you pick a group of teams for something like this, there is always a compelling reason for or against teams that are among the last to get in or left out.

We could go back to the old way when coaches and out-of-shape sportswriters decided who was in or out — it seemed more political in those days as the haves always seemed to get the edge over the have-nots, which was all well and good until the have-nots kicked the crap out of the haves and really messed the whole system up.

— Staying on the sports beat: don't you just love the younger generation trying to sell us old fogeys on the idea that LeBron James is the greatest basketball player of all time?

After all — he's the all-time leader in career points. Nobody has played as many seasons as he's had (going into his 22nd). Nobody has led more franchises to an NBA title. And nobody has ever played long enough to play alongside his son (in this reporter's eyes, a bigger case of nepotism has never been executed in the history of pro sports, and Li'l Bronnie has a long way to go before he can be considered an elite-level basketball player).

To be honest, James isn't even in my top 20 of all-time greats. Maybe I'm just getting old, but I'd still put some of the stars of my generation — and some even before then — up against today's players as far as basketball-savvy capabilities go.

Granted, today's players are bigger, stronger and faster — but that doesn't always equate to BETTER when it comes to the quality of play.

And if you want to talk dominance inside — players today couldn't live in the world of the 60's, 70's and 80's in pro hoops, where you drove the paint at your own risk.

To be honest, if there is one player who could EVER lay claim to being the best ever, taking everything into consideration, it would have to be Wilt Chamberlain.

At 7-foot-1, Chamberlain was a freakish level athlete back in the day. The guy could run, jump, shoot, rebound, dunk — and you NEVER

saw him sit out a game unless he was injured.

Some of his single-game and season records will never be touched — 100 points in a game, 50-point per game season average, and how about this — one season he averaged 48.5 minutes per game, a mark made more impressive when you consider a regulation NBA game has four 12-minute quarters. Do the math — 48 minutes a game, and he averages 48 POINT FIVE???

Oh, and Wilt never fouled out of an NBA game. Ever.

You can make other arguments for people like Michael Jordan (best of the modern generation) or even Bill Russell (11 NBA titles, including two as a player-coach). There are others who could be ON a list of the all-time greats as well, although they would be behind those mentioned earlier.

But LeBron? THE best of all time? Child, please . . .

— We're into our sixth month since taking over the reins here at the Dakota County Star, and I want to say thanks to those of you who have offered compliments and congratulations.

It's nice to know the community still looks to its local newspaper as a go-to source for local news and information. We are still a two-person operation (and Laury taking a vacation last week was quite the reminder of how much she does around here, all of which I'm no longer taking for granted) and hoping to add to the team soon.

In the meantime, we'll keep doing what we do here and look forward to bringing more to the paper to keep readers informed, interested and — even in spite of this column — entertained.

If you've got a suggestion, shoot me an e-mail: mike@dakcostar.com.

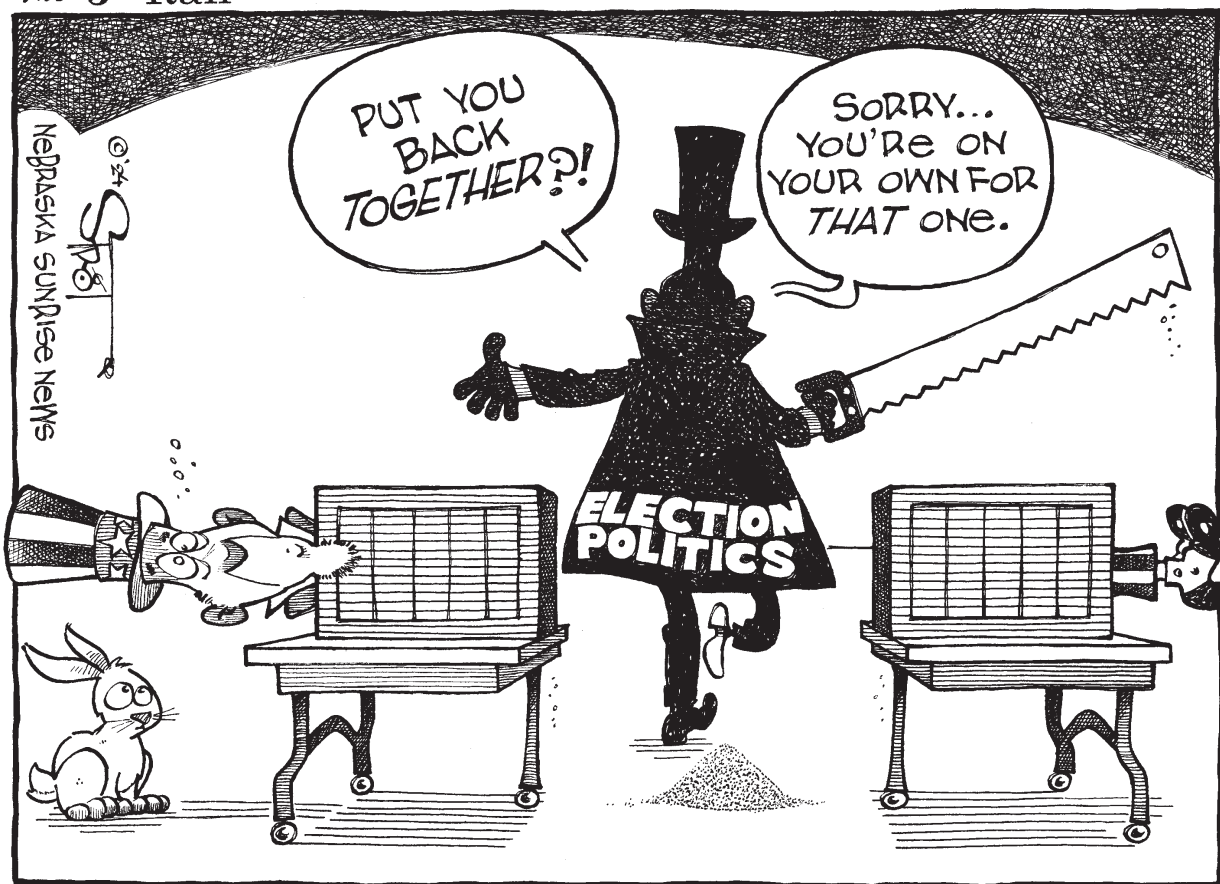
And if you stop by our office and see the "Be Right Back" sign on the door, please be patient — we're either out on an assignment or our "Director of Security" is taking a nap.

— One list thing . . . congrats to those who won elections on Tuesday and will represent our communities in the various seats of local, county, area and state government.

We appreciate you taking the time and effort to fill these much-needed roles in our government and look forward to these next four years with excitement.

Just don't get us started on running for re-election . . . I think we could ALL use a break right now.

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### 10 YEARS AGO

NOV. 6, 2014

#### Dakota Avenue re-opens

Dakota Avenue is officially open to traffic once again. The project, which cost \$4.2 million, started in May and was completed on Tuesday, Nov. 4 when the City of South Sioux City held a grand reopening ceremony. It provides for a safer route, a turn lane for the convenience of businesses and residents, a new street light system and improved utilities both water and sewer services. said Lance Hedquist, City Administrator.

### 20 YEARS AGO

NOV. 4, 2004

#### Service Master of Sooland

Always making the best of a messy situation has been Service Master of Sooland, which was originally started in South Sioux City 36 years ago by Bernard and Mary Manley. Today the Manley family still owns and operates Service Master, maintaining high quality service at 1905 A St. Service Master of Sooland made its move to South Sioux City in 1979 after Gene and Carole Manley purchased the business from Bernard and Mary Manley. Its original location began at 1810 Nebraska St. in Sioux City until moving to South Sioux City 25 years ago. Ten years ago, in 1994, the Manleys moved to its present location.

### 30 YEARS AGO

NOV. 3, 1994

#### IBP complaint hearing

A public hearing will be held in SSC Nov. 16 concerning complaints about IBP's plant at Dakota City. Discharges from the IBP's meat-packing plant and tannery at Dakota City have drawn citizen complaints and led the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to schedule the public hearing. Residents near the plant and others have alleged that hydrogen sulfide odors are causing health problems and that discharges into the Missouri River have violated water-quality standards, state environmental officials said.

### 40 YEARS AGO

NOV. 8, 1984

#### Kneifl first district judge to lose retention

Eighth Judicial District Judge Francis J "Frank" Kneifl of South Sioux City became the first District Court judge in Nebraska history to be removed from the bench by voters Tuesday based on unofficial election returns. The eighth Judicial District is comprised of Dakota, Dixon and Cedar Counties. An overwhelming majority in voters in all three counties voted not to retain Kneifl in office. Unconfirmed totals show 9,782 voters against and 3,391 votes for Kneifl's retention. A majority of affirmative votes would have given

Kneifl another six-year term.

### Iowa Beef celebrates 20 years in Dakota County

IBP Inc. is beginning its third decade in Dakota County this month. In recognition of the milestone, the South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce, the chamber's Retail Trade Committee and So Soo Development Inc. are saluting the nation's largest meat packer processor, whose corporate headquarters are located in Dakota City. IBP's overall Dakota City operation involves 5,000 people, 3,000 of them hourly workers and 2,000 in management with a total annual payroll of \$70 million. The meat packing giant was founded on March 17, 1960 in Denison, Iowa, and operations began there on March 21, 1961.

### 50 YEARS AGO

NOV. 7, 1974

#### Atokad wagering was up 11.9 percent

Still another record-breaking season ended Saturday as Atokad concluded its 31-day 1974 racing program. Atokad set an attendance record of 83,340, breaking last year's best of 81,823, which was established during a 32-day season. The mutual handle of \$5,925,956 bettered last year's former record of \$5,292,756. That averaged to \$191,159 per day this season-up 11.9 percent over last year's \$170,734 daily average.

# A brief history of the Five Tribes of Nebraska

November is Native American History Month. As part of observing Native American History Month, we are proud to have Nancy Gillis speak on a "Brief History of the Twelve Tribes of Nebraska."

Nancy S. Gillis is the former Executive Director of the John Neihardt State Historic Site, from March 1997 to July 2019. She continues presenting to schools and civic groups on Neihardt's work and a variety of related topics such as Native American history, cultures, and education. She also served on faculty of Wayne State College, Northeast Community College, Nebraska Indian Community College, and Little Priest Tribal College from 1990 through 2017 teaching History, Anthropology, and Sociology, and honors courses on Neihardt's life and work.



Dan Nieman

Of Cherokee and Choctaw heritage, Gillis moved to Winnebago, Nebraska in 1987 to work with the Winnebago people for the Reformed Church in America and has served as their delegate to its Native American Council. She stays active in various civic organizations, currently or previously serving on the board of the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Hospital Board, the State of Nebraska Historical Preservation Office, Nebraska Folklife Network, Atlas of Winnebago, and the Walthill Village Planning Commission.

A Brief History of the Five Tribes of Nebraska — Speaker Nancy Gillis will offer a brief history of the Omaha, Winnebago, Ponca, Pawnee, and the Santee tribes. This program is made possible by funds from Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau, and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. This program will be on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.

Crocheting Granny Squares: Join us at the library in this four-week course as we learn new granny square patterns. Week 1 Nov. 7, we start with an introductory pattern. Registration is required. Must know some crocheting to take the class. Week two we work with intermediate patterns, Week three we work with advanced patterns, and week four we put your pattern together.

Cover to Cover book club will discuss the first half of Emma by Jane Austen on Monday, Nov. 11 at 3:30

p.m. This novel of Regency England centers upon a self-assured young lady who is determined to arrange her life and those around her into a pattern dictated by her romantic fancy.

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

Gratitude Bags: Join the library as we learn how to sew drawstring bags to be used as a "Gratitude Bag," where you can write down things you are grateful for and take them out to read when you need to be inspired by blessings in life. Registration is required and materials are provided.

November is also National Novel Writing Month. NaNoWriMo is dedicated to the idea that everyone has a story to tell. Follow this link: nanowrimo.org/ to get started to writing your story.

The following are books meant to help you get started writing.

"No plot? No problem! a low-stress, high-velocity guide to writing a novel in 30 days," by Chris Baty (808.3 BAT). Chris Baty, founder of the wildly successful literary marathon known as National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), has completely revised and expanded his definitive handbook for extreme "noveling". Chris pulls from over 15 years of results-oriented writing experience to pack this compendium with new tips and tricks, ranging from week-by-week quick reference guides to encouraging advice from authors, and much more. His motivating mix of fearless optimism.

"Pep Talks for Writers: 52 Insights and Actions to Boost Your Creative Mojo," by Grant Faulkner (e-Audio-book). This gets good marks from Chris Baty. "Will leave you feeling happier, bolder, and ridiculously excited about diving back into your writing projects." — Chris Baty, author of No Plot? No Problem! and founder of NaNoWriMo.

Voices of Native American Authors: It is fitting that Native American History Month and National Novel Writing Month occur on the same month because it allows us to listen to more indigenous voices. The following are books by Native American voices.

"Council of Dolls," by Mona Susan Powers (FIC POW). "A Council of Dolls is the moving and unforgettable new novel from PEN Award-winning Sioux author Mona Susan Power, spanning four generations of

Yanktonai Dakota women from the 19th century to the present day." — from the publisher.

"Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky: modern plant-based recipes using Native American ingredients," Sby Lois Ellen Frank (641.5 FRA). "Some food historians say that 1491 to 1493 are the years the world began in terms of food, that is. Prior to 1492, eight plants-corn, beans, squash, chile, tomato, potato, vanilla, and cacao-existed only in the Americas. Italy didn't have the tomato; Ireland didn't have the potato, nor Russia the vodka distilled from it; and there were no chiles in South Asia. When these ingredients crossed the ocean, they drastically transformed the way the Old World would eat and cook forever. Yet the average American, even those who cook with these foods regularly, doesn't know this history. Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky introduces the splendor and importance of Native culinary history and pairs it with delicious Native American-inspired dishes. Grounded in a primer on Native American cuisine and with a necessary discussion of food sovereignty and sustainability, Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky shares more than 100 nutritious, plant based recipes organized by each of the foundational ingredients. Grounded in Southwestern flavors, recipes like Blue Corn Hotcakes with Prickly Pear Syrup, Three Sisters Stew, and Green Chile Enchilada Lasagna, share the page-and-plate-with essential basics like Corn Masa, Red and Green Chile Sauces, and Cacao Spice Rub for a thoughtful, delicious celebration of Native foods." — from the publisher.

"The rediscovery of America: Native peoples and the unmaking of U.S. history," by Ned Blackhawk (973.04 BLA). "The most enduring feature of U.S. history is the presence of Native Americans, yet most histories focus on Europeans and their descendants. This long practice of ignoring Indigenous history is changing, however, as a new generation of scholars insists that any full American history address the struggle, survival, and resurgence of American Indian nations. Ned Blackhawk interweaves five centuries of Native and non-Native histories, from Spanish colonial exploration to the rise of Native American self-determination in the late twentieth century." — from the publisher.

Have a great week and visit us in the library.

Diego S Williams – Gutierrez, 20, Sioux City, Iowa; careless driving fine \$100

Stephen M Bigelow, 24, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance fine \$50, drive under suspension before/reinstated fine \$100, no operator's license fine \$50

Jorge Blackfish, 20, Winnebago; DV assault-3rd bodily cause injury, jail 90 days, commit child abuse jail 90 days, criminal mischief \$501-1499 fine \$300, obstruct a peace officer jail 120 days

Annahi K De Leon, 24, North Sioux S.D. DUI.15+ fine \$500, probation 9 months, Community Service 120 hours, revoked license 1 year

Louordes Lupercio, 27, South Sioux City; assault cause bodily injury fine \$750, disturbing the peace fine \$500, probation 12 months

Jasmine N Vera, 21, Sioux City, Iowa; DUI-alcohol 1st offense fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days

Lee D Cline 28, Walthill; DV assault-3rd cause bodily injury fine \$500, jail 2 days, probation 12 months

Alex A Hauswirth, 35, South Sioux City; disturbing the peace, jail 14 days

Kaykay Sonis, 32, LeMars, Iowa; criminal trespass 2nd degree, jail 14 days

Jaleel D Williams, 32, Sioux City, Iowa; false reporting jail 3 days

Leelaione Brownrigg, 21, Winnebago; assault-bodily injury jail 5 days

Twila J Tweedy, 34, Sioux City, Iowa; open alcohol in city park, fine \$150

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Jaleel D Williams, 32, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Elvis J Martinez Rodriguez, 28, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance fine \$50, no operator's license fine \$150, careless driving fine \$50

Fatima Fernandez, 33, Sioux City, Iowa; no valid registration fine \$500, nonresident violate 30-day immunity fine \$500, drive under suspension/before reinstated fine \$100, fail to appear jail 3 days

Kevin A Leclair, 31, Anoka, Minn.; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$1,000, fail to appear jail 7 days

Dalvin Damon, 35, no operator's license fine \$75

Anthony Mcpherson, 38, Sioux City, Iowa; resist arrest 1st offense jail 180 days

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Bahr Timothy Lee, Bahr Marilyn K, to Pacheco David, Lot 3 and Pt Lot 4 in block 187, Dakota City

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Cesar Augusto Gomez, 55, Wakefield, and Marilena Hernandez Romero, 52, Wakefield

## Dakota City News

### Dakota City Public Library

Book Club members received their new selection at their meeting on Monday. The group will be reading "The Winter People" by Jennifer McMahon during the month of November. This story is described as one of the year's most chilling novels

as it melds the mystery genre with the supernatural for a psychological thriller that is as scary as it is enthralling.  
Story Hour for November is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21. Story Hours are held on the third Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for all area school-age children. Each session in-

cludes a story, craft, snack, and fun games and activities.  
November is International Game Month. The Dakota City Public Library has a variety of family games that can be played in the Library. Bring your family in or meet your friends and play a favorite or try out a new game.

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## Lady Knights' state hopes fall flat in district finals

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

NORFOLK — For much of the first two sets, it appeared that the battle of the black-clad Knights was going to be a wild one.

Homer played host Norfolk Catholic tough in the early going of Saturday's C2-4 district championship match and were in a position to tie the match before the bottom dropped out.

Norfolk Catholic ran off nine straight points midway through the second set, turning an 18-14 deficit into a 23-18 advantage. That momentum carried over into the third as they sprinted to a 9-2 lead and never looked back, earning the trip to state with a 25-21, 25-20, 25-10 win.

The Homer girls ran off three straight points in the second set and held an 18-14 lead, highlighted by a Janessa Overgaard block and a tip by Chayce Abts, putting them in position to tie the best-of-five match after Norfolk Catholic won a closely-contested opening set.

After Norfolk Catholic regained the serve, three straight kills tied the match and three Homer errors helped the hosts complete the nine-point turnaround and they never looked back from there.

"They went on a huge run and we couldn't find a way to get a side out, and that was frustrating," coach Makayla Murphy said after the loss ended Homer's 27-5 season. "We had the pieces in place and played hard those first two sets, and that long run just put the momentum on their side and we couldn't get it back."

Homer got off to an early lead in the first set with kills by Tori Walker and Taiah Bird. Norfolk Catholic built a four-point advantage at 13-9 and Homer couldn't get any closer than two the rest of the set, despite kills by Harris and Overgaard and a solid two-hand rejection by Overgaard that forced Norfolk Catholic to call a timeout with a 21-18 lead.

Homer built a quick 3-0 lead with kills by Harris and Bird in the second set and made it 9-5 after a kill by Abts and a Norfolk Catholic error. Back-to-back errors by the hosts made it 18-14, forcing a Norfolk Catholic timeout that preceded the key second-set rally.

That turnaround seemed to drain the energy out of the Homer side in the third set. A Harris kill got Homer to within one at 3-2, but that's as close as they would be the rest of the night after a key six-point run that included four aces in five points by Norfolk Catholic. By the time the run was over, it was 9-2 and Homer had nothing left to counter the attack.

"We talked about making a good first pass and getting into system, because we love our offense when we can be aggressive with the pass, and we just couldn't get that going," Murphy said.

Homer didn't give up despite the rough finish, as both teams made some impressive plays to keep points going in the final set.

"There were some really long rallies both ways, and the girls should be proud of how they battled and never gave up and kept trying to make that next play," Murphy said.

Walker led the Homer net attack with 12 kills, followed by Overgaard with four and Abts with three. Riley Harris made 17 assists.

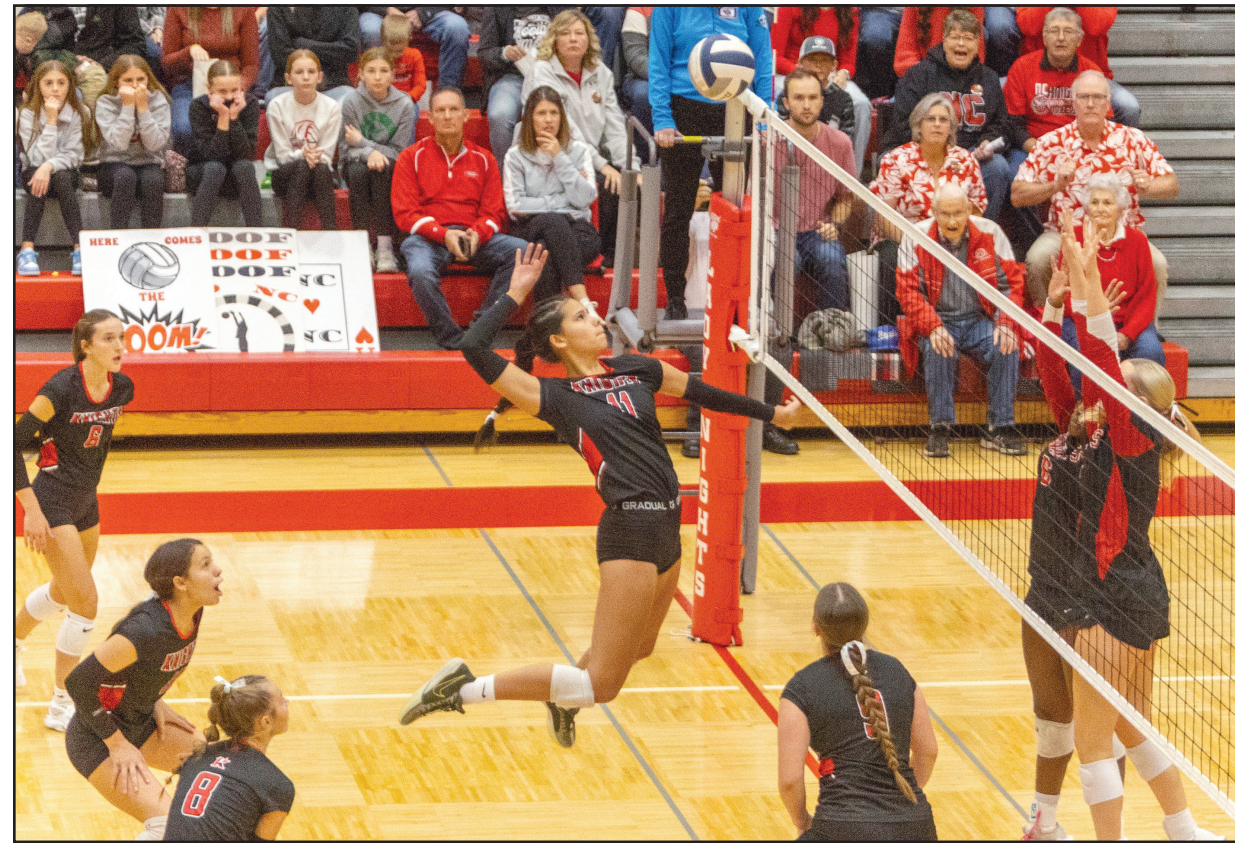
Defensively, Overgaard was solid at the net with four blocks, Harris added three and Bird made two. Walker and Kacie Harris both had nine digs, Abts made eight and Bird had six.

It was the final game for three Homer seniors, including Walker, Riley Harris and Ali Albrecht, and Murphy praised the impact they had on this season's success, which included the team's first Lewis & Clark Conference title in more than a decade.

"Our seniors have been huge for us, especially Riley and Tori over the last four seasons as starters," she said. "They're our leaders and have really helped bring the program up over the last few years and been a huge part of our success this season."

And the cupboard certainly isn't bare for the Homer girls, with several key players expected back next year.

"We have some good talent in our group of underclassmen, and to see them grow their game and improve over the course of this season has us excited going forward," she said.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Homer junior middle hitter Vanessa Overgaard goes high for a slam against the Norfolk Catholic defense during Saturday's C2-4 district championship game.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Homer senior Tori Walker goes up for one of her team-high 12 kills during Saturday's C2-4 district championship game at Norfolk Catholic.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Sophomore libero Kacie Harris digs a Norfolk Catholic attack during C2-4 district volleyball action Saturday. The Homer girls fell in three sets to the host team, which earned a trip to the state tournament.

# Congratulations

## Tri County Northeast State Cross Country Qualifiers



These local businesses congratulate Alejandra and Jude on qualifying for the state cross country meet:

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- Emerson Medical Clinic



**Alejandra Heramosillo**  
15th at District, 58th at state



**Jude Ridenour**  
12th at District, 70th at state

# SSC Cardinals



## Boys State Cross Country (Class A, 12th place)

(from left) Nathan Robles (82nd, 19:08.75), Leandro Magana Magana (70th, 18:12.76), Nabil Yussuf (69th, 18:09.50), Melusi Kalubi Ngeleka (77th, 18:25.69), Luke McGinty (19th, 16:42.63), Yahir Mejia-Covarrubias (81st, 18:56.68), Melchisedek Munzambi Katembo (51st, 17:27.40). (Photo courtesy Drew Stansberry)

**These local businesses congratulate the SSC boys cross country team and girls golfer Madilynn Bohnet on qualifying for state during the 2024 fall sports season:**

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| Bledsoe's Botique         |  |



Madilynn Bohnet – Girls Golf Class A, tie 41st place



# Fall State Qualifiers



# 2 TEAMS, 1 DREAM

These local businesses congratulate the Homer boys and girls cross country teams on qualifying for the 2024 Class D Nebraska State Cross Country Championships

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## HOMER BOYS



Aayden Harris – 39th Place



Jessup Snowball – 46th Place



Caden Barclay – 60th Place



Junius Snowball – 65th Place



Caylix Huffman – 82nd Place



## HOMER GIRLS



Lilly Harris – 11th Place (medalist)



Jaedyn Bousquet – 33rd Place



Tawny Bolles – 56th Place



Lilyanna Dzurawiec – 87th Place



Okie Bolles – 91st Place

Team Finish  
12th Place

Team Finish  
7th Place

# HOMER KNIGHTS XC

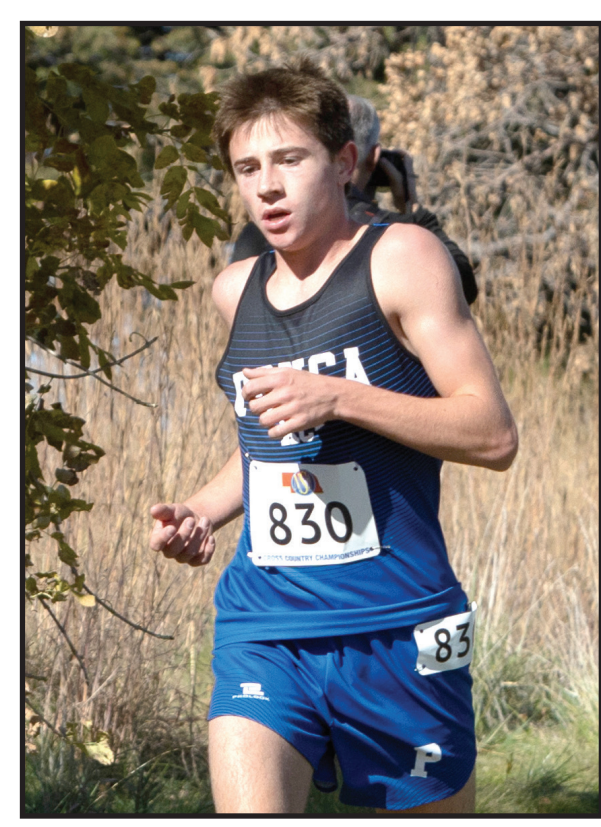
# Congratulations Ponca Indians

These area businesses congratulate the Ponca cross country athletes on qualifying for the 2024 Nebraska State Cross Country Championships:  
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**Boys 3rd Districts, 13th at state**  
(from left) Broderick Hogan, Zyan Conrad, Gannon Pifster



**Gannon Pifster**  
District champ, 22nd at state

**Broderick Hogan**  
6th at District, 40th at state

**Zyan Conrad**  
6th at District, 101st at state

**Ava Brennan**  
District champ, 7th at state (medalist)

# 2024 Class D State Cross Country Qualifiers



# Emerson News

By *Luene Sebade*

## Casino to host Vet's appreciation meal

The Iron Horse Casino located at 1106 South Main Street in Emerson is showing their appreciation to all Veterans by giving them a complimentary meal on Sunday, Nov. 10. Serving will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Veteran's must present their Veteran's ID when ordering. All veterans will receive a gift as well.

## Thanks to EBC efforts

Be sure to thank the EBC members and all of the helpers who were responsible for decorating the Emerson City Park and the Railroad Park over the weekend for the holidays. Everyone needs to drive by the parks to see how beautiful they look. Emerson is very lucky to have such a beautiful park and our village employees make sure it is always clean and picked up.

## Night on Main tonight

Night on Main is Thursday. Vendors of all sorts will be at the Emerson Fire Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, B&B Shop, Graf's Bees, and JC Java Coffee Shop. The New to You store is open and ready for Christmas, and Post 60 Grocery Store will have specials.

Special food items will be served at Tri County Bar, The Corner Bar and Heritage Express. Carry-outs will be available.

This is a great time for you to get an early start on your Christmas shopping.

## Food Pantry Challenge

The Emerson Hubbard Food Pantry Challenge is open until Nov. 15 for you to donate food items to the local Food Pantry. You can purchase items at Post 60 Grocery Store in Emerson and they will deliver your purchase to the Food Pantry. If the Emerson-Hubbard Food Pantry receives 500 food items between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15, they will receive a gift of \$500 and will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network Nebraska region.

You still have time to purchase your items at Post 60 as they have a list of items that are needed. Your name will be on the paper to show the Food Pantry what you donated.



(PHOTO BY LULENE SEBADE)

Confirmation was held at St. Luke/St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Emerson. Pictured are (from left) Knox Lamp, Isabella Maise, Kaydance Perez, Madelyn Franzluebbbers and Pastor Jim Holthus.

## Vets Memorial work done

If you are out and about on Emerson's Main Street, you have noticed the Emerson Veteran's Post 60 area between The Grocery Store and Java JC Coffee Shop. The area belongs to the Emerson American Legion Post 60 and they are redoing it and will add several memorials. They have cleaned up the area and poured cement. After the cement was poured, Cadwalder Construction left for a short time and came back to find vandalism had been done. They worked to smooth out the damage but the damage was done. The Legion will place a Flower Planter over the damaged area.

Several veterans' families will use memorial funds to put several different items in the area. The eagles and flag pole were placed in there several years ago by Elmer Lueth's family. A fence will be erected around and cameras will be put up to deter vandalism in the future.

If you have a veteran that you would like to put in a Memorial for,

you can contact Fred Mackling of your intentions.

Concerning the vandalism, a local youth was seen marking up the area but denied it when confronted about the situation.

## Vet's Day program

The Emerson-Hubbard Student Council is hosting a Veteran's Day program at the high school gym on Monday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m.

## Puffin fundraiser set

The Emerson-Hubbard junior and senior classes are sponsoring a Puffin Fundraiser. Orders are due by Nov. 13. Arrival date is Dec. 6.

## Surveys are sent out

Emerson-Hubbard Schools sent out a survey to find if there is enough interest to start a Before and After School Program.

You may pick up a survey at either school if you haven't received one and are interested.

# Homer News

By *Stacie Johnson*

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Law enforcement costumes were the name of the game at Homer Community School last week as these youngsters pose with Homer's fabulous SRO Sgt. Brian Fernau.

## One more weekend of Christmas Tours

Don't miss the final weekend of the Dakota County Historical Society's 2024 Annual Christmas Open House celebration.

A special aspect of this year's festivities will be Prairie Poet Storyteller, Marci Broyhill, sharing a variety of stories regarding rural life. Her presentations, enhanced with PowerPoint slides, will take place in the Combs School House on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2-3 p.m.

## Historical Society says thanks

The Dakota County Historical Society wished to thank the following businesses, groups, and individuals who decorated the O'Connor House and Museum grounds for their 38th annual Christmas Open House 2024 and all of the many volunteers for their help and guidance:

HyVee Floral in South Sioux City; Lazy Acres Décor and Flora in Wakefield; BitterSweet Floral in South Sioux City.

Pam Arndt, Marci Broyhill, Abby Escobedo, Lin Hardenbrook, Jean Hummel, Samantha Johnson, Christy Josta, Cori Kleinschmit, Julie Krampfer, Tracy Litzenberger, Claire Litzenberger, James Litzenberger, Paul O'Connor, Jean Peters, Ted Rudberg, Susie Rudberg, Norma Schager, Angie Smith, Abbie Uhl.

Homer Community School National Honor Society; Emerson-Hubbard fifth graders, Homer Homemakers, Northwest Iowa Wood Carvers, Boy Scout Troop 149, Boy Scout Troop 451.

## Fish Fry is back

Homer Volunteer is hosting a fish fry this weekend.

The event set for Saturday, Nov. 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Prices run \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, with ages 5 and under free. On the menu is pollock, catfish, and river fish along with chicken strips, fries, coleslaw and beans.

## Veterans' Day Program

Homer Community School welcomes veterans, active military, and

their families along with parents and community members to their Veterans' Day Program at the school gym on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 at 10 a.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the new high school flex space beginning at 9 a.m. for military and their family.

Music will be provided by the students of Homer School, and the program includes a slide show of veterans and active military of our community. If you want to update a photo or add to the show, please email choir director Bridget Anderson at [bridgetanderson@homerknights.org](mailto:bridgetanderson@homerknights.org). She is in the process of re-working the slideshow, which will be a wonderful tribute, no doubt.

## Free BB clinic offered for littles

Does your little one have a passion for basketball? Middle school coach Kealy Ensminger would love for them to join her for an exciting introduction to the sport via a free Mini-Lady Knights PreK through second grade dribbling clinic on Monday nights in November from 6-6:30 p.m.

The dribbling clinic is a great way to learn new skills and practice them through fun games.

"Join us and let's have a blast on the court together!" said Coach Kealy. "Bring your own basketball if you have one!"

Tuesday nights will be for the bigger littles Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6-6:45 p.m.. Lady Knights in grades 3-6 are invited to work on building essential skills like footwork, dribbling, passing and shooting. In addition, Coach Kealy said a huge focus will be on the positive impact that effort and attitude can have on the development of the student athlete.

For more information, contact: kealyensminger@homerknights.org

## Plan ahead for parade

Homer's Community Club is partnering with Homer Volunteer to once again bring some holiday cheer to the streets of Homer with the third annual Light Parade and Community Christmas on Dec. 14.

The more the merrier. Cover your car, truck, sleigh, farm equipment, or anything else with lights to be a part of something special. More information to come.

## School activities

Sunday, Nov. 10 - Cross Country banquet, 3 p.m.; Football banquet, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Program, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - One Act at Omaha Nation, TBD

# Jackson News

By *Laura Sullivan*



(PHOTO BY LAURA SULLIVAN)

Trick or treaters were all over Jackson. It was a beautiful night to hit the streets. The Lunch Box was open late for trick or treaters to get something other than candy in their bellies. Enjoying the treats at the Lunch Box are Emily Fletcher as Mario, Breckin DeRoin as Spiderman, Remi as Princess Peach, Adam Fletcher as Luigi, Mile DeRoin as the Flash and Briggs as Donkey Kong.

## Mobile Food Pantry

The mobile food pantry will be in South Sioux City on Thursday, Nov. 7 at First Lutheran Church from 3-4 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 8 at St. Paul United Methodist Church from 2-4 p.m.

## Indoor Pickleball is back

Pickleball is back in Jackson Elementary School from 6 -8 p.m. Pickleball is open to the public. Beginners, experts and everyone in between are welcome to come play. Games are all pick-up. Extra equipment is available. Pickleball will run every Monday until further notice.

## O'Connor House Christmas Tours

The O'Connor House Christmas tours are Nov. 9-10 between 1-4 p.m. Come see the beautiful decorations.

## St. Patrick's CCD

The Jackson CCD will have a Children's Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. The children will be lectors, gift bearers, collection ushers, servers, greeters, and musicians. All parents and parish members are invited

to attend. This Mass will also include the Rite of Election for the Confirmation students. Confirmation students and a parent MUST attend. There will be refreshments to follow in the hall for everyone! Please join us!

Jackson CCD has started their annual food drive. If you would like to donate, there is a box in the back of church or you can send it to CCD with a student. The food drive will continue until Nov. 6.

CCD every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at Providence Hall in Jackson

## Book Club

The November meeting is Nov. 19 at Janet Gill's. November reads are "We are the Mulvaney's" by Joyce Carol Oates and "The Coincidence of the Coconut Cake" by Amy Reichert. The big book for this year is "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes.

## Jackson Elementary School

Mondays - 1 hour late start

November 8 - 1 pm Veteran's Day Program

Jackson Elementary School lunch menu Nov. 11-15:

Monday - Pizza, corn, lettuce, fruit

Tuesday - Spaghetti, cheese breadstick, green beans, fruit

Wednesday - Corn Dog, baked beans, pickle, fruit

Thursday - French toast, hash-brown, yogurt, fruit

Friday - Chicken nuggets, French fries, jello, fruit

## Hours of Operation

Bank of Dixon County - Monday through Thursday, drive-through 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Lobby is open 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Lunch Box - Tuesday through Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company - Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

United States Postal Services - Monday through Friday 12-4p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pump and Pantry - Daily 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Morrow's House Moving - 402-632-4555 - for estimates and appointments.

Bridal Sweet - by appointment

Jackson Public Library open Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

St. Patrick's - Sunday 9:15a.m. services

MC Salon - Men's day every Thursday. No appointment necessary. Call 632-2011 for appointments.

Palermo Italian Cuisine and Bar - Monday closed, Tuesday through Thursday 4-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 4-10 p.m.

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### CRAFT FAIR

PONCA CRAFT FAIR Saturday, November 9, Ponca Public School, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Interested vendors please email Kristin at kschiemied3@gmail.com or call/text 402-917-7468 for more information.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Dakota City Holiday Rummage, Christmas Trees, Lights, Décor, Crafts, Winter Cloths (kids and adults), Bake Sale, Do Your Shopping and Save. New Items daily, heated garage, free hot chocolate, Nov 15-23, 9-5, closed sun Nov 17, 215 north 13th St., Dakota City, follow the balloons.

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The name of the Corporation is **Ministerio Pentecostes Jesucristo El Buen Pastor, Inc.**  
The address of the registered office is 2020 G St., South Sioux City, NE 68776 and the registered agent of said Corporation is Ramon P. Juarez Mendoza. The Corporation shall engage in any lawful business for which a corporation may be formed under the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act. The Corporation is a religious corporation. The Corporation shall have members. The name and address of the Incorporator is Ramon P. Juarez Mendoza, 2020 G St., South Sioux City, NE 68776.  
**Ramon P. Juarez Mendoza**  
2020 G St.  
South Sioux City, NE 68776  
Phone #: 712-301-1422  
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, October 24 and 31, 2024 and November 7, 2024. - ZNEZ

### Legal Notice

**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Name of the limited liability company: **VK Becerra LLC.**  
Street and mailing address of the initial designed office: 217 E. 24th St., South Sioux City, NE 68776.  
Name of initial agent for service of process: **Victor M. Becerra.**  
Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 217 E. 24th St., South Sioux City, NE 68776.  
Effective date if other than the date filed: 10/9/24.  
**Victor M. Becerra**  
Organizer  
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### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
Notice is hereby given that Heithold Office, L.L.C., whose last known registered office was located at 832 E. 37th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776, was dissolved effective October 23, 2024. All persons having a claim against Heithold Office, L.L.C. are required to present the claim, including the name of the claimant(s), address, telephone number, and description of the claim alleged, to Burdett Heithold at 832 E. 37th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776. A claim will be barred unless an action to enforce the claim is commenced within five (5) years after the third publication of this notice.  
**Lindsey Buchheit**  
**Buchheit Law, PLC**  
633 1st Street, P.O. Box 533  
Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054  
Phone: 712-823-1024  
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### Legal Notice

**Notice of the Organization of J622 SPORTS LLC**  
Notice is hereby given that **J622 SPORTS LLC** has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 400 W 23RD ST, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776. The initial agent for service of process is **CINDY L JUNGE, 400 W 23RD ST, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776.** The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Company commenced its existence on 9/6/2024, and its duration shall be perpetual.  
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### Legal Notice

**Notice of Meeting Village of Hubbard, Nebraska**  
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Village of Hubbard, Dakota County, Nebraska, Board of Trustees will be held at 7 p.m. November 13, 2024,** at the Village of Hubbard Community Center. This meeting will be open to the public.  
An agenda for such meeting will be kept continuously current. It is available for public inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk. Subjects not included on a current agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to a Board of Trustees meeting cannot be approved at said meeting.  
**Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk**  
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### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF MEETING DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 011 IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the **Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 11, 2024.** The meeting will be held in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, both meetings will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, are available for public inspection at the School Administration Office of said District, at 210 West 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, during normal business hours.  
**Dr. Rony Ortega,**  
Superintendent  
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### Legal Notice

**City of South Sioux City Notice**  
On the 28th day of October 2024, The Mayor and Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, adopted an ordinance entitled:  
**ORDINANCE 2024-16**  
ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.  
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ORDINANCE SETTING SALARY OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

**ORDINANCE 2024 - 18**  
AN ORDINANCE REZONING AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA LOCATED WITHIN A PORTION OF 450 GOLF ROAD FROM R2B TO C4  
Said ordinance was published by title and posted in pamphlet form at three public places; South Sioux City Public Library, South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and South Sioux City Hall and copies thereof are available at the office of the City Clerk.  
**Nanci Walsh, CITY CLERK**  
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### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given that the **Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, and which said meeting is open to the public.** The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.  
**Cherie Conley, County Clerk**  
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### Legal Notice

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME**  
Trade Name: **DriveTech, LLC**  
Name of Applicant: **Driven Auto-body, LLC**  
Business Address: 2501 1/2 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776  
Applicant is a Limited Liability Company.  
If other than an individual, state under whose laws' entity was formed: Nebraska.  
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: upon filing.  
General nature of business: vehicle repair.  
**Emilee Gehling**  
Owner  
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### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF AD GABEL AG, LLC**  
Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:  
1-The name of the limited liability company is **AD GABEL AG, LLC** (the "Company").  
2-The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 1131 260th St., Hubbard, NE 68741.  
3-The street and mailing address of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is **John C. Ehrich.**  
4-The company was organized and commenced on October 29, 2024, is Manager managed, and its duration is perpetual.  
**AD GABEL AG, LLC**  
By: **/s/ Dalton Gabel, Organizer**  
**John C. Ehrich (Bar # 24140)**  
**Ehrich Law Office, P.C., L.L.O.**  
1419 Dakota Ave.  
P.O. Box 215  
South Sioux City, NE 68776  
Phone: 402-412-2080  
jehrich@ehrichlawoffice.com  
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### Legal Notice

**NOTICE**  
A total of 145 cases will be heard by the Board in November 2024. The following case(s) sentenced in Dakota County will be seen by the Board of Parole.  
**November 21, 2024 - 8:30 a.m.**  
Reception & Treatment Center, Lincoln, Nebraska  
**Villalpando, Jose - 85156,**  
Burglar  
Failure to Appear  
**Hewitt, Kori - 218885,**  
Driving Under Revoked License  
Poss Deadly Weap by Felon/Fug  
Poss/Receive Stolen Firearm

**November 22, 2024 - 8:30 a.m.**  
Community Correctional Center - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska  
**McNaughton, Joel - 218777**  
Pos Cntrl Sub Except Marijuana  
Poss Deadly Weap By Felon/Fug (2 counts)  
Trans/Poss Machine/Short Gun

**November 25, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, Tecumseh, Nebraska  
**Marr, Garrett - 85574**  
Domestic Assault (2 counts)  
Poss Deadly Weap by Felon/Fug  
Terroristic Threats

**ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE**  
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**Please call 402-698-2155 or 712-898-4880**

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# CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

## CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, in said City on the 28th day of October 2024, at 5 p.m.

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

Absent: Jason Bowman, Rick Bousquet

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

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

D. Bousquet 1st, 2nd by Peters, to excuse Jason Bowman and Rick Bousquet from tonight's meeting. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Schultz motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda. Motion 2nd by Peters.

MINUTES: Council – October 14th, 2024, Public Works – October 21st, 2024, Finance – October 23rd, 2024

CLAIMS: October 28, 2024

Request by Olsson to go out for bids on Quiet Zone Project pending BNSF executed agreement

Approval of F250 – F11A3: 2024 F250 Regular Cab 4x4 from Anderson Auto Group.

- Truck - \$43,947.00
- Boss' straight plow - \$8,500
- Other equipment - \$15,656.00
- Total Price - \$68,103.00

Authorization to purchase a loader pusher. Will be available in 6 weeks – 10 ft. - \$11,300.00

INVOICES:

- ✓Olsson:
  - \$12,624.95. Hovey Development Phase III.
  - \$19,364.10. New Water Treatment Plant.
- ✓JEO
  - \$798.00. Well No. 10 Relining.
  - \$855.00. BRIC.

Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Engineers from JEO Consulting Group and Olsson were present to give updates and to answer any question on various projects in the city. No Action taken.

Rachel Lindgren was present for the RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION.

Postponed: Proclamation South Sioux City School Literacy

Congratulations to Cori Koopman who received the South Sioux Community Pride Award. Thanks for all you do!

A video was shown as a thank you from the YMCA.

At 5:18 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the Semi-annual report of the Citizen's Advisory Review Committee as provided by the local Option Municipal Economic Development Act R.R.S.1943. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Semi-Annual report. At 5:19 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

At 5:19 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding

Harvest Meadow First Addition, a new subdivision located at the northwest corner of Old U.S. Highway 20 and Lake Avenue. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the new subdivision at Harvest Meadow First Addition. At 5:20 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Schultz 1st, 2nd by D. Bousquet, to approve the following Resolution:

### RESOLUTION 2024 – 32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS HARVEST MEADOWS FIRST ADDITION IN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

At 5:21 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Bracht Commercial Phase 2 (a new heavy commercial 1-lot subdivision located in the 1500 block of Gateway Drive). There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the subdivision for Bracht Commercial Phase 2. At 5:22 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

D. Bousquet 1st, 2nd by Schuldt, to approve the following Resolution

### RESOLUTION 2024 – 33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS BRACHT COMMERCIAL PARK, PHASE 2 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

At 5:03 p.m., Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding rezoning of 448 Golf Road from R2B to C4, legally described as Tract C Section 20, Township 29, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition for rezoning at 448 Golf Road. At 5:04 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE 2024 - 18

AN ORDINANCE REZONING AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA LOCATED WITHIN A PORTION OF 450 GOLF ROAD FROM R2B TO C4

Kriens introduced Ordinance 2024-18 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Motion 2nd by Schuldt. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Kriens motioned for final passage of Ordinance 2024-18 which motion was 2nd by Schultz. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Kriens motioned to approve overhead doors for buildings and ground from Days Door with a quote of \$7,092.00 x 2 doors = \$14,184.00, using ARPA Funds. Motion 2nd by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Kriens motioned to side building at the yard on bypass using Two Feather Construction with quote of \$6,602.59. Motion 2nd by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

D. Bousquet motioned to approve applying for wildlife cameras with recommended revised Thompson estimate of \$7620.65 plus the fiber and fiber connection...total is \$16,070.65. Grant estimate \$6,000, city cost share is \$10,070.65. Motion 2nd by Schuldt. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Peters motioned to approve the following Resolution and agreement. Motion 2nd by Schuldt.

Agreement to Divide annexed property – between City of South Sioux City and the Dakota County Rural Fire Protection District

### Resolution 2024-34

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH DAKOTA-COVINGTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE CHANGE IN BOUNDARIES AND DIVISION OF

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE 2024-16

ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Kriens introduced Ordinance 2024-16 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Motion 2nd by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

D. Bousquet motioned for final passage of Ordinance 2024-16 which motion was 2nd by Peters. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance:

### ORDINANCE 2024-17

ORDINANCE SETTING SALARY OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

D. Bousquet introduced Ordinance 2024-17 on its first reading and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Motion 2nd by Schuldt. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

D. Bousquet motioned for final passage of Ordinance 2024-17 which motion was 2nd by Schuldt. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Kriens motioned to approve and sign letter of agreement for professional services with Olsson on Timberline Lift Station. Motion 2nd by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

I.T. Director showed maps of where IMON Hub 4203 Cabinet will be working. Information only.

Schultz motioned to approve repair of panels at Law Enforcement Center parking with a bid amount of \$77,874.00. This is an amendment with I and A Construction. Motion 2nd by Kriens. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Peters motioned on the amendment to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Union Agreement. Motion 2nd by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Ben Schultz left the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Kriens motioned to approve partnership with Veteran Village – with Mayor signing the MOU. Motion 2nd by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 5, No: 0

The Siouxland Initiative 2024 Annual Report – information only

Michael O'Brien talked on Police recruits and asking if something can be done to get more recruits.

Joe Johnson from Olsson associates gave a presentation on what a TIF is and what it does answering questions throughout the presentation. Information only.

Being no further business at 6:51 p.m. Peters 1st, 2nd by Gunsolley to adjourn the meeting. Voting Yes: 5, No: 0

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

A copy of the minutes in their entirety is available at City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and on the City's website at www.southsiouxcity.org

Nanci Walsh, CITY Clerk  
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 7, 2024 - ZNEZ

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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF JM BACON TRUCKING, LLC

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

1-The name of the limited liability company is **JM BACON TRUCKING, LLC** (the "Company").

2-The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 426 Poplar St., Hubbard, NE 68741.

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

4-The company was organized and commenced on October 29, 2024, and its duration is perpetual.

**JM BACON TRUCKING, LLC**  
By: /s/ Jeremy D. Bacon, Organizer

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

### LEGAL NOTICE ADULT NAME CHANGE

In the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

Case Number CI 24-187  
In rename change of JOSE' KOLBE KURTZ.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of October 2024, a petition was filed in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from JOSE' KOLBE KURTZ to JOSE' LUIS RAMOS.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Bryan C.Meismer, courtroom No. 1, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska on the 26th day of November 2024 at 1 p.m. or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of JOSE' KOLBE KURTZ to JOSE' LUIS RAMOS.

**Jose' Kolbe Kurtz**  
**314 E. 22 St.**  
**South Sioux City, NE 68776**  
**402-987-4491**

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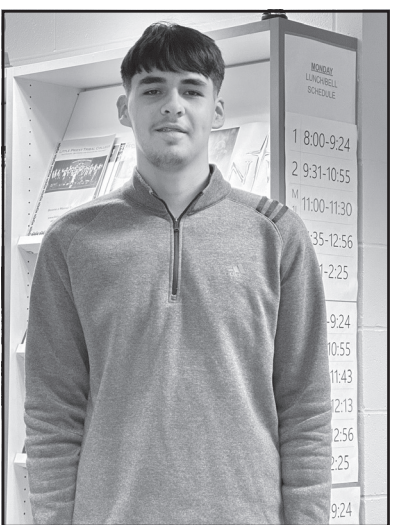
## Legal Notice

### WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 17 WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

The regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") will be held at 4:45 p.m., on Monday, November 11, 2024 in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 and 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 and 75, 402-878-2224. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the first rescheduled date and time is Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 4:45p.m. and the second rescheduled date and time will be Monday, November 18, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 7, 2024. - ZNEZ

## OPTIMIST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Erick Villicana-Gonzalez (left) and Matiline McBride are this month's Optimist Students of the month.

# SSC Optimists' Students of the Month named

The South Sioux City Optimist Students of the Month for October are Matiline McBride and Erick Villicana-Gonzalez, nominated from the English Department at South Sioux City High School.

McBride is a freshman who was nominated by Angela Phillips-Zobel. She is the daughter of Maureen and Matt McBride. Angela shared "Matiline has been consistently on top of her work, working ahead and wanting to continually improve her skills. It is not just about a grade for her. It is about learning the materials and improving."

Matiline's school activities include volleyball, basketball and track. She is looking to join a club, such as mock trial, next year. Outside of school she enjoys reading, writing participating in sports. Her plans for

the future include a four-year college for either sports physical therapy or writing.

Villicana-Gonzalez is a freshman and is the son of Lucia Gonzalez and Jose Villacana. He was nominated by Katie Alesch, who shared "Erick has had a strong start to the school year. He is personable and honest. Erick is very engaged in class discussions and seems eager to be successful. He is a wonderful example of the Academy's freshman five expectations."

At school he is involved in ACL. He also enjoys doing community service, getting better at sports, lifting, studying and spending time with loved ones and people he is close to. His plans after graduation are to attend a top university and establish his own successful company.

# Seniors should take a look at health care needs

Experts are encouraging Nebraska seniors and others to review their health care needs during open enrollment season.

Medicare's open enrollment is underway through Dec. 7. Employer-sponsored plans are also in open enrollment. Advocates said it is essential to check on your current plan and compare it to others, as they often vary from year to year.

Dr. Rhonda Randall, chief medical officer and executive vice president of UnitedHealthcare Employer and Individual, said it is important to review your coverage.

"You want to consider your current benefit plans still meeting your health care needs and your budget needs and has anything changed with your plan," Randall recommended. "For example, is your doctor still in the plan? Is the medication you take still covered by the plan?"

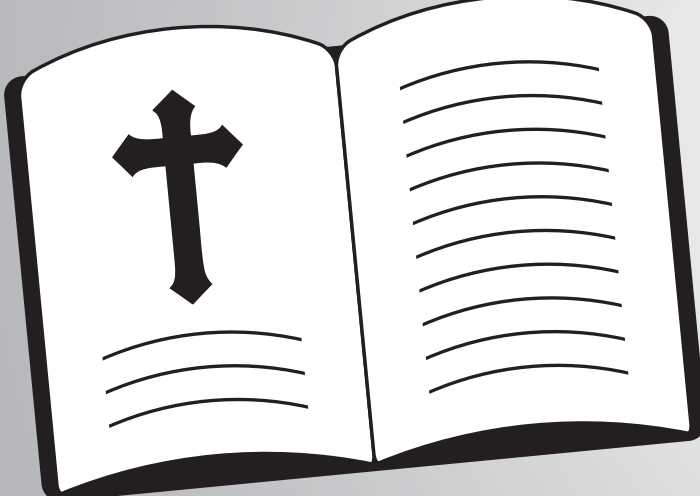
Changes for 2025 include a Medicare Part D cap of \$2,000 per year for out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, brought about as part of the Inflation Reduction Act. In 2023, almost 380,000 Nebraskans were enrolled in a Medicare plan.

Randall noted seniors should consider one of Medicare's Advantage plans, sometimes called Part C. The plans pay for many of the costs in original Medicare's 20 percent copay and offer other benefits not covered by the standard plan.

"Things like dental, vision and hearing," Randall outlined. "Many Medicare beneficiaries might be surprised to know that original Medicare doesn't cover most of those things, but many Medicare Advantage Plans do."

Randall also recommended websites such as justplainclear.com. Help is also available through the Nebraska State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2003 A Street • 402-494-4138

Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Julie Raridan

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

21st & A Street, South Sioux City  
402-494-1868

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