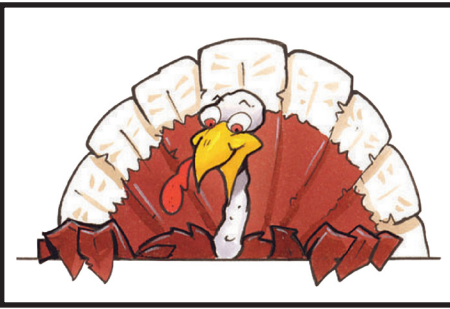


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STAR CALENDAR

Thanksgiving hours
The Dakota County Star offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 28 and 29. Papers for that week's edition will be delivered on its normal schedule. Subscribers may get their paper a day or two later due to the holiday.

Coffee Hour Friday
This Friday's Chamber Coffee Hour will be hosted by F&M Bank, located at 2024 Dakota Ave. Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program starting at 10 a.m.

City Council meeting
The next City Council meeting for South Sioux City will be held Monday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m. in the City Council chambers. A current agenda is available at www.southsiouxcity.org.

County Board meeting
The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their second monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 25, with an earlier start at 9 a.m. The current agenda is available at www.dakotacounty.ne.gov.

Winter sports preview
The Dakota County Star's annual Winter Sports Preview will be published with the Thursday, Dec. 5 edition of the newspaper. Team photos, schedules and preview stories of the area high school sports teams will be included.

Got an event?
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Developments provide growth possibilities

Housing, business areas opened up

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Recent groundbreaking events in South Sioux City are hoping to address a need in the community and spark growth for South Sioux City and Dakota County in the years ahead.

Earlier this month, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Harvest Meadows development is already seeing movement to address the need for housing options in the community.

The 63-lot development located just west of Kuehn Auto on the west side of town is already entering its second phase, with most — if not all — of the 17 lots in the first phase already spoken for.

More than 114 acres of land was made possible through the sale of the land by Scott Morgan of E&F Farms, along with land that was purchased in 2010 with the original idea of a data park taking shape there. The flood of 2011 changed the perspective of those who wanted to build the data park, and the land sat vacant for many years as the CDA, the City of South Sioux City's economic development agency, and the City of South Sioux City looked for a perfect fit for the property and the neighborhood.

That land was designated as county property at the time, and the sale of the land to the city's Community Development Authority (CDA) allowed the city to annex the property, which created the opportunity to designate it for a TIF (tax increment financing) district that made the new subdivision possible.

"Scott sold the land to the CDA, otherwise the city wouldn't have been able to annex it because it wasn't contiguous with the city limits," Bruce Davis, CDA chairman, told the Dakota County Star.

Dale and Melissa Hans offered to develop the land and the first phase is already near completion, with 16 of the 17 lots already spoken for as of Tuesday afternoon.

By creating a TIF district for the property, it freezes the valuation at its current level for a certain period of times (a maximum of 15 years, according to state statute), which



(COURTESY/STAR PHOTOS)
Recent ribbon cuttings helped open new developments in South Sioux, including the completion of the Commerce Way paving project (top) and the new Harvest Meadows subdivision on the west end of town.



SEE DEVELOPMENTS, 2A

LOCAL WEATHER
Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF OCT. 10-16, 2024

THURSDAY
37 26
Showers and possible snow.

FRIDAY
40 25
Mostly cloudy.

SATURDAY
43 26
Considerable cloudiness

SUNDAY
39 25
Mostly cloudy.

MONDAY
41 25
Partly cloudy.

TUESDAY
44 26
Mix of clouds and sun.

WEDNESDAY
42 26
Mix of clouds and sun.



The National AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at Wayne State College through the month of December. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Wayne State to host AIDS quilt in December

More than 700,000 lives have been lost to HIV/AIDS in the United States. To elevate knowledge of the AIDS story, the Wayne State College Department of Communication Arts has partnered with the National AIDS Memorial to display five AIDS Memorial Quilt panels Dec. 2 through Jan. 10, 2025.

The display, free and open to the public, will be available for viewing from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Ley Theatre, located in the Brandenburg Building on campus.

The display at Wayne State is part of the Memorial's efforts to bring the Quilt to communities across the U.S. to raise greater awareness and education about HIV/AIDS and to remember those lost to the pandemic. KWSC-FM, Wayne State's student-run radio station, champions this effort with special programming Sunday, Dec. 1, which is World AIDS Day. Coverage features artists and bands impacted by HIV/AIDS and PSAs highlighting statistics, prevention, treatments, and community health resources.

"We are honored to work with the National AIDS Memorial to bring the Quilt to our community," said Dr. Sean X. Ahern, associate professor of communication arts at Wayne State. "The Quilt offers an important reflection about the tremendous loss of life, allowing us to remember those we've lost, ensure their lives are never forgotten, and provide hope for the future."

Today, HIV is on the rise, particularly among young people, communities of color, and in southern states.

"The issues our nation faces — social injustice, health inequity, stigma, bigotry, and fear — are the same issues faced throughout four decades of the AIDS pandemic," says John Cunningham, CEO of

Public Works approves police vehicle purchase

A request by the South Sioux City Police Department to update its fleet of vehicles was given a positive blessing by the Public Works Committee at Monday's meeting.

Each year, the department updates its inventory of police cruisers, buying two new vehicles and phasing out the two oldest models in the fleet.

This year, the police department will get three new vehicles, replacing the two older cars and a third that was involved in an accident last fiscal year. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the City Council for a final decision at Monday's 5 p.m. meeting.

The committee also gave a thumbs up to an update of the 2009 Dakota Avenue Redevelopment Plan.

City Administrator Lance Hedquist said the plan update will utilize the services of Olsson and Associates to help create a better welcoming location into town off the bridge at Sixth Street and Old Dakota Avenue. The first phase of the plan runs from Sixth Street to Ninth Street.

The committee also approved a 50-cent per cart increase request by Gill Hauling for trash collection in the city, beginning in January of 2025.

Other action from Monday's meeting include:

- approving a conditional use permit request to allow a residential use in a C3 zoning district located at 2219 Dakota Avenue.
- approval of a conditional use permit at 125 East 19th Street to allow residential use in a commercial C3 zoning district.
- approved an agreement to treat milfoil weeds in Crystal Cove.
- approved a request to apply for a Department of Homeland Security-FEMA firefighter grant to support the purchase of personal protective equipment for the city's fire department.
- approved a liquor license request for Taqueria and Bar Mallis La Casa Del Taco at 710 Dakota Avenue.

All of Monday's actions will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval at their Nov. 25 meeting at 5 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

SEE AIDS QUILT, 2A

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Congratulations to these SSCHS students on earning a GOLD-level NE Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish!

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(GRAPHIC COURTESY SSC SCHOOLS)

This recognizes students for their high-level proficiency in Spanish. Each South Sioux City student will have this distinction noted on their transcript and receive a medallion to wear at graduation. They will now be submitted for the Global Seal of Biliteracy to further recognize their skills.

Study: Higher wages mean lower obesity

By MIKE MOEN
Nebraska News Connection

If state and local governments want healthier populations, new findings suggest they should be more aggressive in tackling income inequality. A Nebraska organization feels that approach is on point.

A new study from Johns Hopkins University looked at obesity levels in more than 3,000 counties across the country. The places with minimum wages of at least \$9 an hour had greater success in reducing obesity rates.

Christine Cary, who helps address economic justice with the group Stand In for Nebraska, said other data routinely show that healthier foods tend

to cost more, so the connection made in this new research is pretty clear.

"Raising the minimum wage is obviously a way to increase access to healthier food," she said. "You just have more money to spend on it."

In 2022, Nebraska voters approved a gradual increase in the state's minimum wage, which is set to reach \$15 an hour in 2026. At the same time, the state doesn't fare well in obesity rankings.

Cary said she sees a chance for numbers to improve as wages go up, but noted that not all communities have stores that sell healthy foods, potentially hindering that progress.

The study's authors also called for "place-based" interventions, such as urban farming ini-

tiatives and subsidies for healthy food retailers to go along with higher wages. Cary said that's an important step in tackling this issue.

"It's pretty well known among geographers that we shop at the closest place," she said, "meaning don't expect people who are already low income to seek these things out."

She said creating more awareness and options in underserved communities can help maximize the impact of higher wages from a public health standpoint. Cary said that's especially important in a rural state such as Nebraska, which has seen its food retail and health facility options disappear in smaller towns and cities.

DEVELOPMENTS: Ground breakings offer options for housing, new business

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allows the developer to use that financing to help pay for the needed infrastructure, including streets, water lines and storm sewer.

"It's a huge advantage to get that done," Davis said. "The increased value when someone builds a house goes into that TIF district financing to pay for those improvements. It spurs development that would not

otherwise happen. Otherwise, the developer would have to charge a lot more for the lots and you wouldn't be able to get that much more money out of them, so it's a great addition to the community."

South Sioux City Mayor Rod Koch agreed.

"The lots at Harvest Meadow are going to be bigger and people will have options to build the kind of homes they want," he said. "There's such a housing shortage here and

we're starting to expand out that way to the west. People want the bigger lots and people are willing to pay for the space, and that's what this town needed."

The new housing area serves several needs, from longtime residents who need a bigger space to former residents who want to move back to the city that they grew up in.

"It will keep a lot of the professionals here in town and start attracting more professional people and more people in general who don't want to leave South Sioux," Koch said. "It's going to impact our growth and our businesses in town. For the people who want to live in South Sioux City, it gets them to stay here and is a real positive impact, and there are a lot of former residents in the Siouxland area who want to come back to South Sioux City, and if we have houses available here they can move back and people are looking to do that."

On Friday, a second groundbreaking ceremony was held along the recently-completed Commerce Way that connects another 35-acre piece of commercial property that will bring more business to town.

Businesses like South Sioux Animal Hospital and the recently-opened Leon Insulation have already opened their doors in this area, and with paving now complete, Davis said there are options for businesses to move into town here and grow the city's expanding business area.

The project was done with the help of the Economic Development Ad-

ministration in Washington, D.C., and local work by the city's economic development director, Oscar Gomez, and the city's grant writer, Pat Somski, helped generate the funds that got the paving work completed to open the door for possible additions to the business community.

"There are more covenants here so the businesses that are built here aren't all tin buildings," Davis said. "They'll have a certain look to them. The (CDA) was really adamant that we wanted it to look nice, rather than a business park with tin buildings. We wanted something that will look attractive."

Mike LaCroix, chairman of the South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, said the work by the CDA board, which includes Davis, Scott Manley, Bart Gotch, Mike Robinette and Chris Krueger is to be commended.

"This is another great project put together by the CDA and the city so that we can continue to grow in this wonderful area," he said. "There are a lot of land and opportunities for people here."

"This is going to offer an opportunity to create more jobs here," Koch added. "I think it's going to be a positive for the community, and there will be more opportunities for people to come here and help enhance our community."

AIDS QUILT: To be displayed at WSC

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the National AIDS Memorial. "The Quilt is a powerful teaching tool that shares the story of HIV/AIDS, the lives lost, and the hope, healing, activism and remembrance it inspires."

The Quilt was created in the 1980s during the darkest days of the AIDS pandemic by gay rights activist Cleve Jones. While planning a march in 1985, he was devastated by the thousands of lives lost to AIDS in San Francisco. He asked fellow marchers to write the names of friends and loved ones who had died on placards. Jones and others taped the placards to the San Francisco Federal Building. The wall of names looked like a patchwork quilt and inspired plans for a larger memorial.

In 1987, a group of strangers gath-

ered in San Francisco to document the lives they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to create a memorial for those lost to AIDS and help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. This effort served as the foundation of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Later that year, nearly 2,000 of its panels were displayed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Quilt has more than 50,000 panels, with more than 110,000 names stitched within its fabric. It weighs 54 tons, stretches more than 50 miles in length, and is the largest community arts project in the world. The National AIDS Memorial oversees the Quilt's preservation, care, storytelling programs, and community displays. To view the Quilt or to search for names on the Quilt, visit www.aidsmemorial.org/quilt.

Northeast Nebraska Senior Center Menu

1501 W. 29th St.

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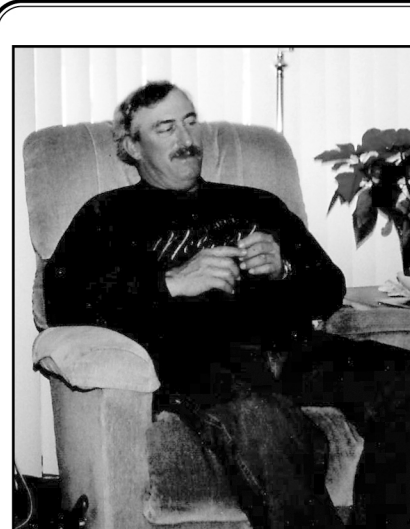
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Friday, Nov. 22 — Chicken sandwich, Au gratin potatoes, broccoli, peaches

Monday, Nov. 25 (Evening meal) — Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, corn, pears

Tuesday, Nov. 26 — Hamburger, French fries, cottage cheese, tomato, onion, applesauce, orange juice

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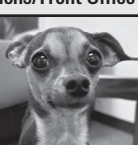
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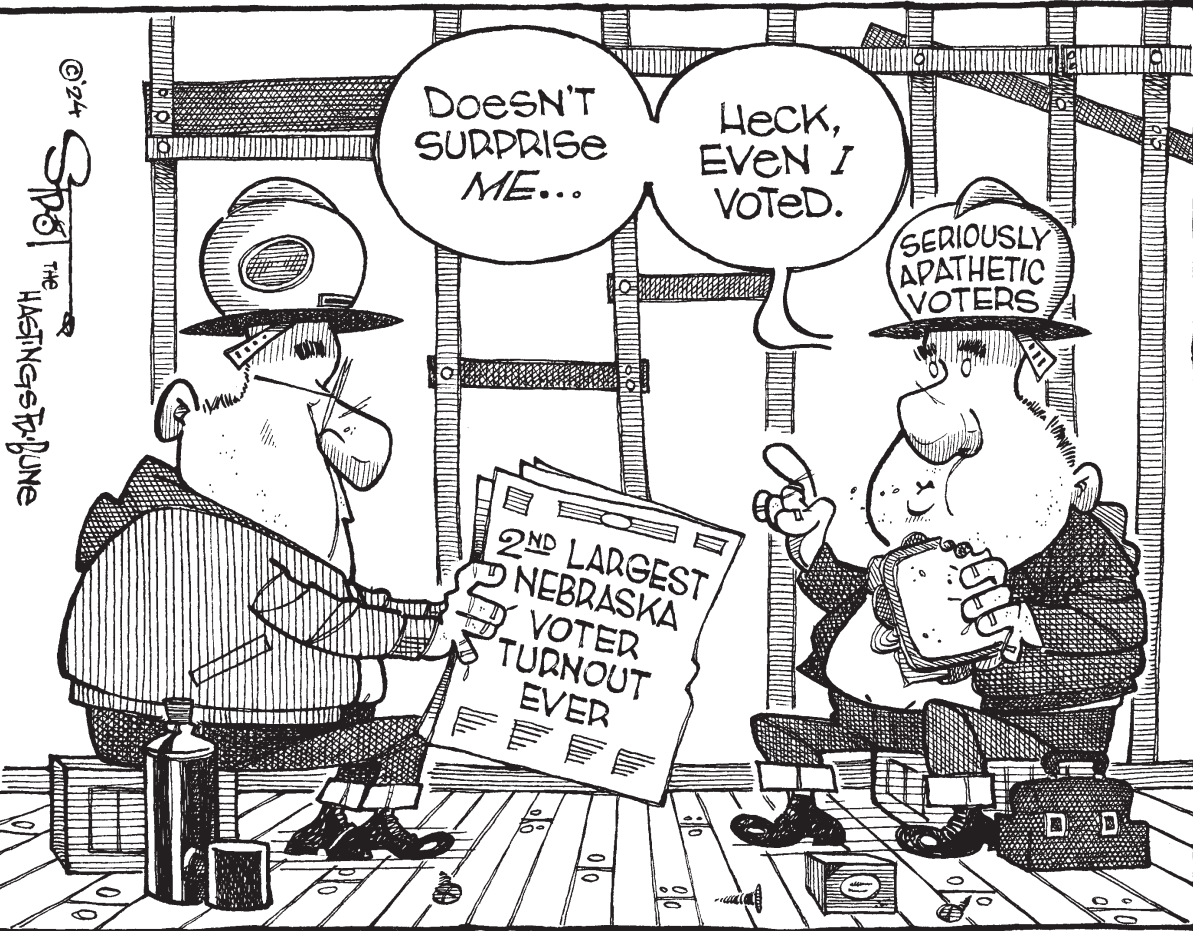
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DED grants have been awarded

The weather is finally starting to show signs of fall. The beauty of the changing colors, the cool, frosty mornings, and the finish of harvest are always a great way to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) has awarded \$8,308,100 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to 23 projects in eighteen unique communities through the 2024 Downtown Revitalization, Planning, and Public Works opportunities.

The CDBG program provides funds to help communities tackle projects that enhance public health and safety, economic well-being, local vitality and quality of life. The program is federally funded through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). DED administers the CDBG program on behalf of Nebraska's non-entitlement communities.

"Successful economic development increasingly depends on forward-looking community development," said DED Director K. C. Belitz. "For the state to grow, it's critically important to invest in projects that enhance the attractiveness of our communities. These initiatives elevate quality of life and strengthen our ability to recruit new residents to Nebraska."

All of the funded communities outlined a solid approach to impactful community development, demonstrating collaboration and support from local businesses and residents. Congratulations to Emerson for receiving a \$435,000 grant to implement a facade improvement project within the municipal limits of the village. I look forward to seeing what you do with this grant for your community.

News from Governor's office

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht
District 17



Governor Jim Pillen provided state senators with the newly published 2024 School Property Tax Collection Report, aimed at providing historical context for funding of the state's school districts, the impact of recent legislation in reigning in property tax increases, and a request to state senators to consider legislation that will finally address inconsistencies in state aid to schools. The report, compiled by the Governor's Policy and Research Office (GPRO), compares data across each of the state's 244 school districts, accounting for the impact of state aid and property tax increases to taxpayers in those districts.

There are three key findings from the report:

- Caps are working to slow the growth of school property taxes. It is estimated that in 2024 growth will be 2.7 percent, the smallest percentage increase since 2018.

- Cuts in state aid are negatively impacting property tax relief delivery, especially for certain districts.

- State revenues can eliminate property tax increases enacted by school districts, through the reaction of a stable school aid formula.

"The majority of taxpayer's property tax bill is tied to their local school district—an average of 60 percent," said GPRO Director Kenny Zoeller. "One hundred and eleven school districts have had a reduction in state aid in the current year. Some have increased property taxes to help

meet that decrease and others have far exceeded it. We need to find a way to better help districts budget for the aid they do get, thereby creating some predictability and hopefully, further reduce what Nebraskans end up paying in property taxes year over year."

The analysis calls for Nebraska lawmakers to provide greater funding certainty through the Tax Equity and Equalization Opportunities Support Act (TEEOA). That formula has undergone multiple adjustments since its creation in 1990, which has also made it more confusing and has created disparities among districts in how they manage predicting budget shortfalls that are subsequently made up through property tax increases.

"The formula is inconsistent and hits taxpayers hard. It is not fair to them or the schools. Providing certainty to school districts will allow Nebraska to have sustained property tax reductions for the first time in history," concludes the report. A copy of the 2024 School Property Tax Collection Report can be found on the Governor's website.

I am including the table below that shows how the disparities in the TEEOA formula is affecting school districts in Legislative District 17.

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.

2023-2024 Compared to 2024-25: Total Year-Over-Year Aid Variation

School District Name	State Aid Variation		SPED Variation		Property Tax Variation		Overall Variation	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
BANCROFT-ROSALIE COMM. SCHOOLS	-120,261	-10.7%	36,613	8.8%	-348,484	-11.3%	-432,132	-9.4%
EMERSON-HUBBARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	-33,800	-8.2%	46,333	9.7%	-66,826	-1.8%	-54,293	-1.2%
HOMER COMM. SCHOOLS	152,062	8.2%	27,356	4.0%	213,855	6.5%	393,273	6.8%
PENDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	43,145	3.7%	29,830	3.7%	122,410	2.2%	195,385	2.6%
SO SIOUX CITY COMM. SCHOOLS	651,064	2.3%	1,323,418	19.8%	-257,434	-1.8%	1,722,048	3.5%
UMO N HO N NATION PUBLIC SCHOOLS	119,353	1.6%	46,067	4.0%	-195,384	-100.0%	-29,964	-0.3%
WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	-655,290	-24.3%	45,625	7.0%	862,104	18.3%	252,439	3.1%
WALTHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	-272,027	-7.6%	36,833	4.0%	302,525	14.7%	67,331	1.0%
WAYNE COMM. SCHOOLS	123,588	7.3%	52,209	4.0%	275,821	2.8%	451,618	3.5%
WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS	-233,880	-3.1%	115,970	4.0%	-89,259	-6.9%	-207,169	-1.8%
WINSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	-2,268	-0.2%	12,415	4.0%	35,700	1.1%	45,847	1.0%

The 3rd Rail



Fire Ruhle? How about shutting up?

I've been a Husker fan from the moment I knew what a football looked like.

It was the original "Game of the Century" back in 1971 when Nebraska beat Oklahoma 35-31 that hooked me. I was five years old and was shouting "Go Johnny! Go Big Red!" as Johnny Rodgers weaved up and down the field on his legendary punt return that highlighted one of the best football games ever played.

As most young Nebraska boys did back in the day, I idolized Coach Tom Osborne. His cool demeanor as chaos rained around him was always something to admire. When I did my first phone interview as a journalist, I talked to him about the 1983 Scoring Explosion team while sitting at my kitchen table, my family staring at me in awe as they tried to figure out how, and more important — WHY, Tom Osborne had called our house to talk to me (at 5-foot and 110 pounds, he clearly was not offering me a scholarship).

Years later, I felt I had turned on someone I had idolized for so many years when I wrote that we'll never win a national title with Osborne as head coach. Three years after that column, he finished his career by winning three in the next four seasons. (Never have I been so happy to have been wrong about something I had a public opinion about, before or since.)

Fast forward about 30 years, and now we're sitting on the precipice of another Husker football season circling the drain. After a 5-1 start, the Huskers have lost four in a row and now face the task of either beating Wisconsin at home this Saturday or win on the road at Iowa next Black Friday, all to finish a season with the minimum number of wins to qualify for a bowl game — six.

Ah, remember the good old days when not even NINE wins could guarantee a bowl? Or that a coach would keep his job? (Even Tom Osborne was one game away from being fired early in his tenure after going 9-3-1.)

Matt Ruhle is the SIXTH football coach Nebraska has employed since Osborne retired in 1997 — 27 years ago. In the 27 years before Osborne's departure, Nebraska had TWO head coaches.

We're not even two years into Ruhle's tenure, and already there are wannabe football know-it-alls out there who think it is time to fire Ruhle to join Frank Solich, Bill Callahan, Bo Pelini, Mike Riley and Scott Frost on the list of "Coaches Nebraska has fired in this millennium" in the Husker football history book.

They were already calling for Ruhle's head before he had even taken

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher



the field for his first game as coach in 2023. When the team finished last season losing four in a row to finish 5-7, they said Ruhle was a failure and it's time for someone else to take over.

Even when the Huskers started this season 5-1, these same morons weren't satisfied. While the 59-7 whipping Indiana put on the team a few weeks ago was an eye-opener, considering Indiana's history of ineptitude in the sport, it turns out that was not as ugly as it seemed since the Hoosiers are in the top 10 and undefeated as this column was written Friday afternoon.

But the letdown in the loss at home to UCLA two weeks ago has the boobies singing their tired, warbling tune loud and long again, and a team that needs just one win now has to figure out how to end a four-game losing streak with Saturday's loss to USC.

Wisconsin isn't the Wisconsin of previous years since Nebraska joined the Big Ten, but certainly won't be a Purdue-ish kind of layup when they come to Lincoln this week. And even though Iowa can't keep a healthy quarterback, they will still be tough to beat at home the day after Thanksgiving.

So if it doesn't end well and Nebraska finishes 5-7 for the second straight year under their new coach, the question is — does the athletic department part ways with Ruhle?

The idiots will say yes.

Why? Because these same dimwits are still stuck in an era of football that happened 30 years ago in a time where that type of game no longer exists.

Nebraska football hasn't been the Nebraska that I grew up with for more than a generation now. Ever since the first bonehead athletic director of the 21st century, Steve Pederson, fired Frank Solich after a 9-3 season, the program's fall from the elite table has been slow, painful and ongoing.

There used to be a time when Husker fans could look on the schedule and easily identify the wins on the schedule. One or two games might be toss-ups, but every game was pretty much a gimme. Even on those rare occasions when Hayden Fry wasn't

a big enough chicken to bring Iowa to Lincoln, we knew that game was going in the "W" column.

These days — Nebraska has to struggle to beat Rutgers, a program whose only claim to fame is being the first college to field a college football team 150-plus years ago.

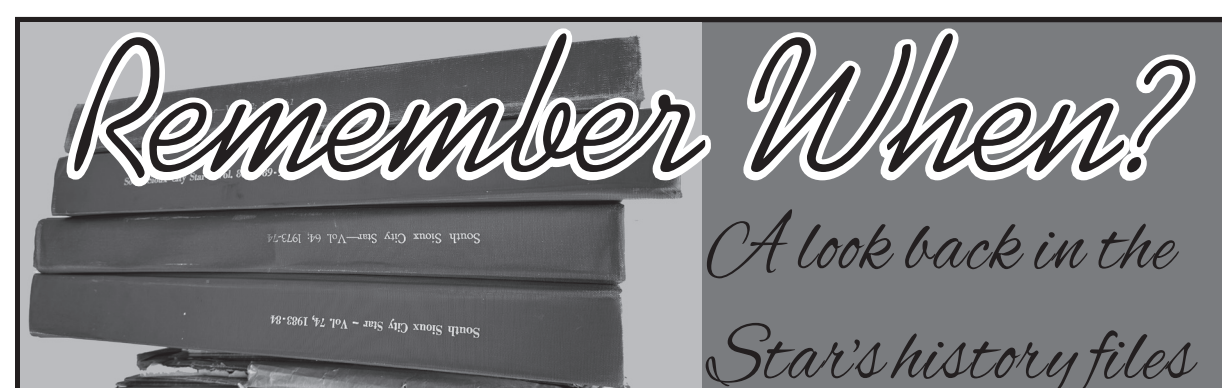
Rebuilding a program up from the ashes of what has been left behind these past two decades is not an overnight project, contrary to what those alleged fans might think. Matt Ruhle has to change a culture before those wins start coming more regularly, and that's not something that can be done overnight.

I've seen more cases, in my 40-plus years in this business, of teams that had the talent to be competitive, but had become so used to getting beat that they often lost games they should have won. Playing not to lose, as these teams became accustomed to doing, almost always ends up in defeat. You have to have a winning mindset and a winning mentality that overcomes those moments of doubt when the game is on the line. Losers like those who want Ruhle fired operate under that "play not to lose" idea, which is part of the reason why Nebraska has HAD six coaches and six athletic directors in the past 20 years.

It will be a disappointment if the Huskers can't get that one final win to reach the six-win plateau and earn a trip to a bowl game. I don't care what bowl the Huskers play in — getting that bowl game means a few extra weeks of practice and more opportunity to change the culture that has turned Husker football into a Div. I laughingstock, compared to its days as the diamond standard of the nation's gridirons.

Husker fans have long had an issue with the win-or-else state of mind. It almost got Bob Devaney fired 60 years ago, nearly had Osborne leaving for Colorado a decade later and now it has infected the program to the point where rebuilding it back into a competitive outfit has proven to be more of a challenge than it should be.

If you're one of those "fans" who think Matt Ruhle should be handed his walking papers, do Husker Nation a big favor — leave the game to those who know it, sit down and shut up.



10 YEARS AGO

NOV. 20, 2014

Athletes of the week

The Dakota County Star Athletes of the Week are junior Abby Drieling and senior Melissa Steecker, members of the Emerson-Hubbard Lady Pirates volleyball team. Abby had team-highs in kills (12), digs (29), and service aces (3) to go with a block while Melissa had 17 digs, three kills and a block in the Lady Pirates 3-0 loss to Diller-Odell in the opening round of the Class D1 state volleyball tournament Nov. 13 in Lincoln. Emerson-Hubbard, who reached the state tournament for only the second time in school history, finished their season 28-5 overall.

20 YEARS AGO

NOV. 18, 2004

SSC woman victim of stabbing incident

A 26 year-old Sioux City man is facing up to 60 years in prison after a stabbing in South Sioux City Sunday. Mikel was arrested Sunday evening after he was wanted in connection with a stabbing that occurred around 7 p.m. Sunday in the area of 25th and Willow streets. Police officers who responded to the scene found a female bleeding with multiple stab

wounds. The young woman, whose name was not released as of press time, was transported by ambulance to Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa where she is still hospitalized, but, according to law enforcement reports, her injuries do not appear to be life threatening.

30 YEARS AGO

NOV. 17, 1994

County's harvest about 90 percent completed

Good weather the season through has favored most of the Midwest with a bumper crop this year, and such is the case in northeast Nebraska. As the second smallest county in the state, Dakota County farmers till about 65,000 acres of corn and 40,000 acres of soybeans, said extension agronomist Frank Morse. But yield is the best it's been in years, Morse reports. While a yield of 100 bushels of corn per acre is common, this year's average is 150-160, with some farmers reporting more than 200 bushels, Morse said recently.

40 YEARS AGO

NOV. 22, 1984

Horses Will Run At Atokad

Thanksgiving weekend will offer the only three-day weekend of

thoroughbred racing at Atokad this fall. Sunny skies and chilly November weather found the track's opening day attendance reaching 1,785 people. The mutual handle Saturday was \$178,668. A total of 2,034 fans passed through the turnstiles Sunday and wagered \$173,649. The Nebraska-Oklahoma football game might have kept a few fans away, but the track is in excellent condition this fall and the crowd came, commented Maurice Topf. Topf estimated there are at least 500 horses on the premises now.

50 YEARS AGO

NOV. 21, 1974

Two arrested in theft

Charges are pending against two South Sioux City men in connection with the theft of money from the Kerr McGee service station at 216 Dakota Ave, according to South Sioux City police. The two — Ruffalo, 19, and Anderson, 20, were being held Wednesday morning in South Sioux City Jail. The two were arrested by Police Chief Gene Claxton and Lt. John Sanders after they allegedly stopped at the service station and as one man occupied the service station attendant near the car, the other entered the station and removed cash from the cash drawer, Sanders said. The \$150 allegedly stolen in the incident was recovered. Police also found a weapon in the vehicle.

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Basketball, wrestling districts set for 2024-25

The upcoming winter sports season began this week with preseason practices leading up to the start of the season on Thursday, Dec. 4.

The Nebraska School Activities Association announced district placement for wrestling and boys and girls basketball. This year will include a second class for girls wrestling, which will also create a new schedule for the state tournament. The girls will have a two-day tournament Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 18-19, while the boys' tournament will be held Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 20-22. Both tournaments will be held at the CHI Center in downtown Omaha.

New this year for basketball is a 35-second shot clock for all classes. Class A and B have been using the clock for several years, and the NSAA has now made it a part of the game for the smaller-school classes as well.

Also, a regional setup has been included for Class C and Class D teams. Teams in each of the four classes will be split up into four regions, and sub-districts will be determined within the teams in each region, with the top teams hosting one of four subdistrict tournaments in each region. Subdistrict winners in classes B, C-1, C-2, D-1 and D-2 will be part of a 16-team district setup that will determine who qualifies for the state tournament at the end of the season in Lincoln. The girls state tournament runs March 4-8, while the boys is March 11-15.

Districts including the four area schools are as follows (South Sioux City's basketball teams play in Class A and those districts will not be determined until the end of the regular season):

Boys Wrestling

District A-3

(Feb. 15 at Papillion-LaVista South)

Teams — Fremont, Millard North, Millard South, Omaha Buena Vista, Omaha Burke, Papillion-LaVista South, South Sioux City.

District C-2

(Feb. 15 at Tekamah-Herman)

Teams — Bishop Neumann, Cedar Catholic, Conestoga, David City, Johnson County Central, Logan View, Louisville, Milford, Ponca, Stanton, Tekamah-Herman, Twin River, Wakefield, West Point-Beemer, Winnebago, Wood River.

District C-3

(Feb. 15 at Summerland)

Teams — Cedar Bluffs, Chadron, Crofton/Bloomfield, Cross County/Osceola, Elkhorn Valley, Fillmore Central, Grand Island Central Catholic, Minden, North Bend Central, Pender, Pierce, Raymond Central, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, Summerland, Superior, Tri County Northeast.

District D-3

(Feb. 14-15 at Central Valley)

Teams — Ainsworth, Arapahoe, Arcadia/Loup City, Bancroft-Rosalie, Central Valley, Clarkson/Leigh, Creighton, Elgin/Pope John, Guardian Angels CC, High Plains, Homer, Howells-Dodge, Lutheran High Northeast, Lyons-Decatur NE, Meridian, Niobrara/Verdigre, North Central, Oakland-Craig, Osmond/Wausa, Ravenna, Scribner-Snyder, Weeping Water, West Holt, Winside, Wisner-Pilger.

Girls Wrestling

District A-3

(Feb. 8 at Plattsmouth)

Teams — Bellevue East, Fremont, Gretna, Lincoln Southwest, Nebraska City, Omaha Benson, Omaha Buena Vista, Omaha Burke, Omaha Skutt, Papillion-LaVista, Plattsmouth, Ralston, South Sioux City, York.

District B-3

(Feb. 7-8 at Pierce)

Teams — Ansley-Litchfield, Bancroft-Rosalie, Cedar Catholic, Cozad, Creighton, Crofton/Bloomfield, Elgin/Pope John, Elkhorn Valley, Fairbury, Fullerton, Homer, Logan View, Madison, NEN, Newman Grove/St. Edward, Niobrara/Verdigre, Norfolk Catholic, North Bend Central, Oakland-Craig, Palmyra, Pierce, Plainview, Randolph, Scribner-Snyder, St. Mary's, Stanton, Tri County Northeast, Wakefield, West Holt, Winside.

Boys Basketball

Class C-2, Region 2

Teams — Cedar Catholic, Crofton, Elkhorn Valley, Homer, LCC, Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk Catholic, Omaha Nation, Pender, Plainview, Ponca, Stanton, Summerland, Tri County Northeast, Wakefield, West Holt, Wisner-Pilger.

Girls Basketball

Class C-2, Region 2

Teams — Ainsworth, Boyd County, Crofton, Elgin/Pope John, Elkhorn Valley, Homer, Humphrey/Lindsay, Lutheran High Northeast, Niobrara/Verdigre, Norfolk Catholic, Ord, Ponca, Stanton, Tri County Northeast, Summerland, West Holt, Wisner-Pilger.

Area girls named to Lewis & Clark VB team

Ten area girls were on the list of honorees from the Lewis Division of the Lewis & Clark All-Conference volleyball team that was announced last week.

Coaches from the conference schools voted on the players listed. A total of 11 girls were on the Lewis Division team with another seven listed as Honorable Mention.

Homer had six girls on the Lewis Division list, while four from Tri

County Northeast were nominated.

Lewis Division honorees from the area included Homer's Tori Walker, Rylie Harris, Chayce Abts and Janessa Overgaard, while Tri County Northeast's Mica Tornez, Kiya Tornez and Joslyn Mackling were honored.

Honorable mention selections included Madi Roeber and Taiyah Bird of Homer and Allyson Belt of Tri County Northeast.

2024 Lewis & Clark All Conference Volleyball Team:

Lewis Division

Player	Ht.	Yr.	School
Tori Walker	5'7"	12	Homer
Rylie Harris	5'6"	12	Homer
Mica Tornez	5'10"	12	Tri County NE
Bridget Marotz	5'9"	9	Winside
Kiya Tornez	5'4"	11	Tri County NE
Chayce Abts	5'7"	10	Homer
Ellie Topp	5'8"	10	Winside
Janessa Overgaard	6'	11	Homer
Joslyn Mackling	5'8"	10	Tri County NE
Breezie Treglia	5'3"	11	Winnebago
Hadleigh Schutt	5'9"	10	Winside

STEWART SIGNS LETTER WITH NEBRASKA WESLEYAN



(COURTESY PHOTO) Ponca senior Addison Stewart signed a letter of intent last week to continue her volleyball career at Nebraska Wesleyan University. With her are her parents, Chris and Andrea.

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Thanksgiving readings at your library

We are so busy with holiday preparations, there's nothing better than sitting down for a good read. Here are some Thanksgiving-related reads:

"Shadow's Reel," by C.J. Box (FIC BOX) — Game warden Joe Pickett, while dealing with the brutal murder of a fishing guide, must help his wife solve a mystery involving a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi officer, placing them in the crosshairs of a killer. This is the 22nd Joe Pickett novel.



Dan Nieman

"The Travelers," by Regina Porter (FIC POR). Meet James Samuel Vincent — an affluent Manhattan attorney who shirks his modest Irish American background but hews to his father's philandering ways. James muddles through a topsy-turvy relationship with his son, Rufus, which is further complicated when Rufus marries Claudia Christie. Claudia's mother — Agnes Miller Christie — is a beautiful African-American woman who survives a chance encounter on a Georgia road that propels her into a new life in the Bronx. Soon after, her husband, Eddie Christie, is called to duty on an aircraft carrier in Vietnam, where Tom Stoppard's play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* becomes his life anchor as he grapples with mounting racial tensions on the ship and counts the days until he will see Agnes again. These unforgettable characters' lives intersect with a cast of lovers and friends: the unapologetic black lesbian who finds her groove in 1970s Berlin; a moving man stranded in Portsmouth, N.H., during a Thanksgiving storm; two half brothers who meet as adults in a crayon factory; and a Coney Island waitress whose Prince Charming is too good to be true. Written with piercing humor, exacting dialogue, and a beautiful sense of place, Regina Porter's debut is both an intimate family portrait and a sweeping exploration of what it means to be American today. — from the publisher.

"You Make it Feel Like Christ-

mas," by Tim Shiloh (FIC SHI). "Starr Lewis returns home for the holidays, jobless and single, to attend her sister's wedding to Starr's ex-boyfriend. But when her brother's best friend offers to go with her to the wedding activities and she gives his struggling Christmas shop a makeover, she wonders if the holidays could bring her a love to keep all year long" — from the publisher.

"Let them eat pancakes: one man's personal revolution in the City of Light," by Craig Carlson (647.95 CAR). "A second helping of tales on the joys and challenges of working, eating, and loving in France..." — from the publisher.

"Nebraska Volleyball: The Origin Story," by John Mabry (796.325 MAB). "Nebraska Volleyball is the first book to tell the 50-year story of how volleyball took hold at the University of Nebraska, going from its early origins to its first national championship and beyond" — from the publisher.

"Win every argument: the art of debating, persuading, and public speaking," by Mehdi Hasan (808.53 HAS). This is not to say that I want to encourage an argumentative Thanksgiving holiday, but MSNBC's Mehdi Hasan knows how to win an argument.

"These Precious Days: essays," by Ann Patchett (814.54 PAT). In this collection of essays, Patchett turns her writer's eye on her own experiences and transforms the private into the universal, providing us a new way to look at our worlds.

"Nuclear folly: a history of the Cuban Missile Crisis," by Serhii Plokhy (972.91 PLO). "A dramatic re-creation and urgent examination of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Nearly 30 years after the end of the Cold War, today's world leaders are abandoning disarmament treaties, building up their nuclear arsenals, and exchanging threats of nuclear strikes. To survive this new atomic age, we must return to the lessons of the most dangerous moment of the Cold War: The Cuban Missile Crisis. Nuclear Folly offers an international perspective on the crisis, tracing the tortuous decision-making that produced and

resolved it. It involves John Kennedy and his advisers, Nikita Khrushchev and Fidel Castro, and their commanders. More often than not, the Americans and Soviets misread each other, operated under false information, and came perilously close to nuclear catastrophe nuclear war was avoided for one central reason: fear. Serhii Plokhy masterfully illustrates the drama and anxiety of those tense days and provides a way for us to grapple with the problems posed in our present day" — from the publisher.

"Dinner with the President: food, politics, and a history of breaking bread at the White House," by Alex Prud'homme (973.08 PRU). Alex Prud'homme takes us to the dining tables of the White House to look at what the presidents chose to eat, how the food was prepared and by whom, and the context in which the meals were served, making clear that every one of these details speaks volumes about both the individual president and the country he presided over. We see how these gustatory messages touch on not only sometimes curious personal tastes, but also local politics, national priorities, and global diplomacy — not to mention all those dinner-table-conversation-taboos: race, gender, class, money, and religion. The individual stories are fascinating in themselves, but taken together the keen and knowledgeable eye of Prud'homme-they reveal that food is not just food when it is desired, ordered, and consumed by the President of the United States.

"You got anything stronger?: stories," by Gabrielle Union (BIO UNI). "In her previous book, Union revealed her trauma as a victim of sexual assault and spoke openly of her fertility journey. In this collection of essays, she continues her story: becoming a mom to two amazing girls; an expanded career that allows her to lift other voices that need to be heard. But as a Black woman, a mother, an aging woman, and a human being, she shows how this ever-changing life presents challenges . . . and moments of pure joy;" — adapted from jacket. Happy reading! Have a great week.

Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Two young men from Emerson had a successful day deer hunting on Sunday. Jordan Daum (left) and Drayden Nielsen were hunting along the Missouri River and each were lucky enough to bring home a large buck. Congratulations, Jordan and Drayden.



(PHOTO BY LULENE SEBADE)

The Holiday lights are up at the City Park and Railroad Park thanks to a group of workers who made the Parks beautiful again this year. The Emerson Betterment Committee has taken over the job with many volunteers to make Emerson beautiful.



(PHOTO BY LULENE SEBADE)

The Emerson-Hubbard Food Pantry wants to thank our generous community for the donation of 1,248 food items during the Thrivent Food Shelf Challenge. We surpassed the challenge of collecting 500 items. The local pantry will be granted \$500 from the Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of Thrivent Member Network-Nebraska Region. A special thank you to Post 60 Market for making it possible to purchase cases of food to donate.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Enjoy the day and for those of you who are traveling drive safe.

School Board meeting

The Emerson-Hubbard school board met Nov. 11 with board member Luke Morgan absent. In attendance were Kip Ahlers, Scott Albrecht, Tricia Belt, Joani Franzleubbers and Bill Shanks.

The absence of Luke Morgan was approved. It was moved to approve the consent agenda and the 2023-2024 Audit as well as the Rule 10 Safety Audit for 2024-25.

The custodial contract for Josh Meyers for the remainder of the 2024-25 was approved as was the contract with Extreme Technology.

It was moved to approve the Superintendent evaluation for the 2024-25 school year.

Elementary Principal Dustin Nielsen discussed Elementary enrollment and activities. He reported on Red Ribbon Week and the Halloween costume parade. He also reported on the Veterans Day and the Title 1 Family engagement day coming come as well as the Winter concert to be held Dec. 2, Grades K-2 Winter MAP Growth testing and Grades 1-3 spelling bee.

Report from the MS/HS Principal included the enrollment and activities. The One Act Play performance, FFA National Convention, Veteran's Day Program and 9th grade visit to the UNL Campus, winter sports and celebrations for Mrs. Lieber and Mr. Beckwith for One Act, Mr. Mackling transition and Mick Duncan.

Superintendent Dale Martin reported on the local election, bus cameras and budget update.

The negotiations committee met after the board meeting and discussion was had on the Before/After School Program.

Library board meets

The Emerson Public Library

board met Nov. 6 with all board members present. Bills amounting to \$2,275.08 were approved. The bank balance of \$19,918.05 was reported.

Circulation for the month was 379; total additions to the library was 42; total people in the library was 236 while total computer users was four and petty cash on hand is \$32 and four people attended the EPL friends meeting. The Brown Bag book club read and reviewed the End of your Life Book club by Will Schwalbe.

Old business was Library director LaVaille Reifenrath showed an example picture of security cameras which are available for outside the building. The board has to find out what additional equipment needs to be obtained to make them work for the library and how they will be paid for.

The Emerson Public Library will be closed Saturday, Nov. 16 and Friday, Nov. 29.

The New to You donated several rugs for the Story Hour room and \$300 for snacks and crafts for Story Hour.

It was moved that Barb Baldwins four-year term is up for renewal. The board approved she be board president for another term.

The Library will be closed Saturday, Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no January meeting.

No school next week

There is no school at Emerson-Hubbard on Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving break.

Village office closed

The Emerson village office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29 for Thanksgiving.

Quiz Bowl next week

The Lewis & Clark Conference Quiz Bowl is Tuesday, Nov. 26 at

Wayne State College.

Title 1 event Nov. 26

Emerson-Hubbard Title 1 parent activity is Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 2:15 p.m. This is for elementary parents, grandparents and guardians to learn more about the Title 1 program and to take part in turkey activities with your student. The parent meeting is being held in the elementary school basement followed by activities in your student's classroom. See you there.

Winter concert Dec. 2

The Emerson-Hubbard Elementary winter concert will be held Monday, Dec. 2 at the high school at 7 p.m.

Christmas kickoff set

The second-annual EBC Kickoff to Christmas will be Saturday, Dec. 7 with a Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. on Main Street, followed by festivities at the Emerson Fire Hall. Plan now to attend.

EBC banquet Jan. 25

The fourth-annual EBC banquet will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Sacred Heart Gym. Save the date.

Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Thursday: JH wrestling at Plainview. Saturday: One ACT Festival at Wakefield.

Monday: ASVAB Testing for Junior Class.

Tuesday: L&C Conference Quiz Bowl at Wayne State.

Wednesday-Friday: No School.

St. Paul's/St. Luke Church

Sunday: Worship 9 a.m. at St. Luke; Christmas program practice at 10 a.m.

Monday: Bible study, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Worship at St. Paul's at 6 p.m. Pie social to follow.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Matilde Espinoza Alamilla, 31, Dakota City; no operator's license fine \$500, fail to yield fine \$25

Rosvin Fuentes, 24, South Sioux City; no operator's license fine \$500

Florina C Varga, 30, Garland, Texas; theft-shoplifting \$0-\$50, criminal Trespass-2nd degree, fine \$300

Kadafin S Varga, 31, Garland, Texas; criminal trespass 2nd degree, fine \$300

Derek T Wolfe, 45, Sioux City, Iowa; speeding 21-35 mph, fine \$200, nonresident violate 30-day immunity fine \$300, no valid registration fine \$150

Wesley W Green IV, 28, Sioux City, Iowa; violate protection order jail 100 days

Javier Munoz Orozco, 30, Dakota City; DUI.15+ (1 prior conviction) fine \$1,000, jail 30 days, probation 24 months, revoked license 5 years, no operator's license fine \$150

Angelica Segura, 25, Sioux City, Iowa; obstruct a peace officer fine \$1,000, probation 6 months, assault -cause bodily injury fine \$500, probation 6 months

Daniel Alfaro, 32, South Sioux City; disturbing the peace jail 75 days

Daniel S Bolhouse, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Luis E Rosendo Moleiro, 25, defendant failed to appear

Francisco T Vildosola, 32, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

Daniel Alfaro, 32, South Sioux City; disturbing the peace jail 75 days

Daniel S Bolhouse, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Tyran J Saunsoci, 33, Macy; Criminal Trespass-2nd degree jail 45 days

Tommy D Tucker, 62, South Sioux City; assault-threaten menacing manner jail 120 days

James N Casteel, 42, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident Violate 30- day immunity jail 30 days, fail to appear jail 7 days

Nelly Retilifi, 44, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Redson Retilifi 44, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

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Garcia Guadalupe A, Garcia Elvia T, to Curiel Yazmin G, Pt Lot 9 South Sioux City Acres of South Sioux City

Rahn Margaret M, to Blakeley Timothy, Blakeley

Tanya, S-T-R 35-29-7 E PT NE 1/4 PT Lot 18 Dakota County

Otter Creek Land & Cattle Co Partnership, to Stewart Jr Jerald E, Stewart Janine K, S-T-R 27-29-6 E S 1/2 SW 1/4, S-T-R 34-29-6 E PT N 1/2 NW 1/4, S-T-R 34-29-6 E PT SW 1/4 NW 1/4

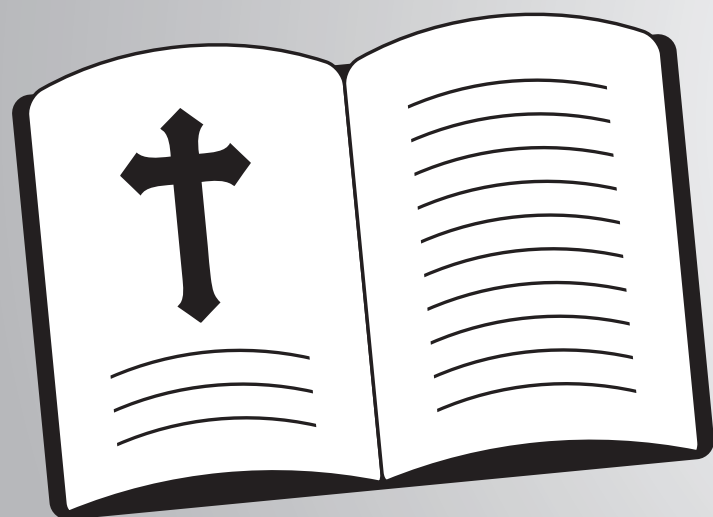
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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alfonso Topete Duenas, 39, Sioux City, Iowa and Maria Josefina Ramirez Hernandez, 36, Sioux City, Iowa

Leonardo Davalos, 24, South Sioux City, and Ednaly Meza Henandez, 22, South Sioux City

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Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

Harty-McNally American Legion/Auxiliary News

Jackson-Hubbard American Legion and Auxiliary annual chili and oyster soup supper with ham sandwiches is Saturday, Nov. 23 from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Jackson Legion Hall. This will also be a back sale. Come and enjoy some great soup and socializing.

every Monday until further notice.

Book Club

The November meeting was 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.

Cards of Recovery

Donnie Hogg is recovering in Regency Square and has agreed to share his contact information. Cards can be sent to Donnie c/o Regency Square, Room 404, 3501 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, Neb., 68776.

Jackson Elementary School

Mondays - 1 hour late start
 Early Dismissal - Wednesday, Nov. 27 at Jackson, 1:10 p.m.
 No School - Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 28-29
 Jackson Elementary School lunch menu Nov. 25-28:
 Monday - Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, baked beans, fruit
 Tuesday - Turkey, mashed potatoes, roll, fruit
 Wednesday - Early dismiss - PB & J, ships, carrots and ranch dip, fruit
 Thursday - No school - Happy Thanksgiving

Friday - No school - Happy Thanksgiving

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.
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 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.

Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Trevin Launsby is teaching a new class at the high school this year called History of Nebraska. Students had the opportunity to tour the Capitol, the History of Nebraska Museum and Morrill Hall on the UNL campus in Lincoln last week.



(PHOTO BY ALISHA MCPARTLAND-JANSSEN)

Sam Shadbolt and Justice Barclay, pictured here, performed at Conference One Act in Winnebago on Tuesday with the rest of their amazing cast of Beetlejuice. Results were not available at press time, but we'll let you know results in next week's edition.

Hubbard News

By Lori Overfelt

Thanksgiving Day services

Thanksgiving is only a week away and we've had a beautiful fall! Anytime the moisture comes in the form of rain instead of snow, it's fine by me.

This coming Sunday, Nov. 24, is the Hubbard annual Thanksgivings Day service. The joint service will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. This year the Saint Mary's Catholic Altar Society will oversee the refreshments after the service. For the offering, they request that you bring dried or canned goods that will be

donated to the local food bank.

After Thanksgiving is all cleaned up, the Trinity Lutheran Church will be performing their annual live nativity in the Heffernan Park in the middle of town on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Pastor Dave Hawkins will read the Christmas Story. After the performance, they welcome you to join them back at the church for cookies n cocoa.

Wrestling has started and basketball is not far behind it. The Christmas concerts will also be held closer to the start of December. Please come out and support the community activities, and remember the true reasons for both seasons!

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club is currently reading "Winter People" by Jennifer McMahon. The group meets on the first Monday of each month and will discuss this book in December. This story takes place in West Hall, a small town in Vermont. Jennifer McMahon is the author of nine suspense novels, including "Promise Not to Tell," "The Winter People," and her newest, "The Drowning Kind." She lives in Vermont in an old Victorian home that neighbors describe as The Addams Family House. The Library has extra copies of each book club selection and new members are welcome to join at any time.
 Story Hour for November will be Thursday, Nov. 21

from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All area school age children are invited to attend the program. This month's program is "Turkey Talk" with a story, craft, snack, and fun games and activities centered around turkeys and Thanksgiving.

The Little Free Library will remain open for just a few more weeks, until winter sets in. Be sure to take advantage of the free book exchange while it's still open.

The Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

The Dakota City Public Library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving. The Library will be open regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Caregiver tax credit has military focus

By MIKE MOEN
 Nebraska News Connection

As Nebraskans anticipate the upcoming holiday season, some might also be looking ahead to the 2025 tax season, which will include a new tax credit for family caregivers, including those looking after military veterans.

Starting in 2025, a new state law provides eligible family caregivers up to \$2,000 in tax credits for out-of-pocket expenses. The cap increases to \$3,000 if the family member receiving care has dementia or is a veteran.

Jina Ragland, associate state director of advocacy and outreach for AARP Nebraska, said those who served have access to care benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs but added it sometimes is not enough.

"Because some of their service-related illnesses or injuries, they extend beyond what they're able to afford, or maybe what the coverage is through the VA," Ragland explained.

She pointed out it puts more pressure on loved ones assisting them on a daily basis. During National Veterans and Military Families Month, supporters of the new law hope more families will see if they are eligible. Ragland noted while it helps reduce the financial strain, greater awareness of resources is also needed, to help all family caregivers avoid burnout.

Ragland emphasized one example is providing caregivers information about where to turn for guidance when a loved one is first discharged from a hospital. She argued entities at all levels need to maintain progress, because their outreach shows a demand for solutions.

"Over 90 percent of Nebraskans say that they want to age in place with the lowest level of care," Ragland reported. "In order to do that, oftentimes we have to rely on family caregivers."

There are no age restrictions to qualify for the tax credit. As for eligibility factors, the law includes an income limit of \$50,000 dollars for individuals and \$100,000 for married couples.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Congratulations to these choir students who were selected to the Lewis & Clark Honor Choir: Connor Probst, Colton Victor and Savannah Overfelt.

Good Roots Open House

Enjoy the best drinks, delicious snacks and cozy atmosphere at Good Roots Coffee Company on Thursday, Nov. 21 to kick off the holiday season

From 5-9 p.m. Good Roots Holiday Open House will feature Marilyn with Fine Line Tattoos, Shanna with Permanent Jewelry and Angie with Flat Ear Piercings.

Volleyball honors

Volleyball coaches in the conference met recently to nominate and select those athletes deserving of all-conference honors.

Selected to the First Team in the Lewis Division were seniors Tori Walker and Rylie Harris, junior Janessa Overgaard and sophomore Chayce Abts.

Madison Roeber, junior, and Taiyah Bird, freshman garnered honorable

mention. Team awards and letters will be handed out at the team banquet to be held Sunday, Nov. 24.

November book club info

November's book is announced: Kristin Hannah's "Comfort & Joy," a heartwarming story of a woman at a crossroads, caught between two lives, who finds a second chance at happiness.

The book club will meet at Good Roots on Monday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

NHS inducts students

The Homer National Honor Society marked its induction ceremony last Thursday morning as Hadyn Vanschoaick opened with a motivational speech before officers spoke of the four pillars - scholarship, leadership, character, service - and new members were inducted.

New inductees this school year are Jaedyn Bousquet, Aayden Harris, Wesley Baker, Aurora Collins, Sydney Newlon, Alejandra Quezada-Garcia, Jett Fogarty and Kylie Kocian.

NHS officers for 2024 are Hadyn Vanschoaick, president; Rylie Harris, vice president; Spencer Elsea, secretary; Bodie Nelsen, treasurer.

School activities

Thursday, Nov. 21 - One-Act public performance at the school, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23 - One-Act at Tekamah-Herman, TBD

Sunday, Nov. 24 - Volleyball banquet, 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25 - Winter activity picture day

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - No school/professional development

Thursday, Nov. 27 - No school

Friday, Nov. 28 - No school

Saturday, Nov. 29 - BB practice, 9 a.m.

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Information for ready reference - Phone numbers in a HURRY!

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4BR, 2.5BA \$460,000

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The Huddle \$1,200,000

3263 Garretson Ave. Sioux City, IA
3BR, 1BA \$335,000

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Home For Sale by Public Auction. Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m., 2718 Rebecca St, Sioux City, Iowa. This is a very well cared for home in great condition. Move-in ready!! See stabeauctionandrealty.com for info, pictures and terms or call STABE AUCTION, 712-540-9640 for showing appointment.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE

Tillman Infrastructure, LLC is proposing to build a 95-foot monopole (105 ft w/apurtenances) located west of C Avenue, 0.36 miles east of 6124 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Structure coordinates are: (N42-25-51.885400)/W96-24-17.184682). No lighting is anticipated. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR Form 854) file number is **A1302996**. **Environmental Effects:** Interested persons may review the application at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering the file number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. Online filings are strongly encouraged. Mailing address for a paper filing is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, ATTN: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 21, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Neb.Rev.St. §§ 21-193 & 21-117, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

The name of the Limited Liability Company is **Chinese Chef Plaza, L.L.C.**

The street address and mailing address of the Company's initial registered office in Nebraska is 758 Dakota Flats, Dakota City, NE 68731 and the name of its registered agent at such address is Cindy Lu. The street address and mailing address of the company's initial designated office is 758 Dakota Flats, Dakota City, NE 68731.

This company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful business for any lawful purpose, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The Company's duration is perpetual beginning on the date the Certificate of Organization is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska.

The affairs of the limited liability company are conducted by member and such other officers as may be provided for in the Operating Agreement.

Dated November 7, 2024

Cindy M. Lu
Organizer
758 Dakota Flats
Dakota City, NE 68731

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 14, 21 and 28, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

Galyen Boettcher Baier PC, LLO
Alissa M. Baier
121 East 2nd Street
Laurel, Nebraska 68745
402-256-6095

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CARDINAL OUTDOOR SERVICES, LLC**,

a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The designated office street address is 200 S 21st Street, Suite 400A, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510. The designated office mailing address is P.O. Box 72, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776. The registered agent is Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc. The street and mailing address of the registered agent is 200 S 21st Street, Suite 400A, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510. The general nature of its business is to engage in and to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of Nebraska; and for all other purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. The limited liability company was formed on October 29, 2024 and has perpetual existence. Its affairs shall be conducted by the Members pursuant to the Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 7, 14 and 21, 2024. - ZNEZ

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

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, October 31, 2024 and November 7, 14 and 21, 2024. - ZNEZ.

Legal Notice

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "Water Treatment Plant SCU Painting for the City of Dakota City," JEO Project No. 242072.00, QuestCDN No. 9389694, will be received by the City Administrator at 1511 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, until 2 p.m. on the 3rd day of December 2024, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Rehabilitation of the existing Solids Contact Unit.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$60,000
Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of the City of Dakota City as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with the City of Dakota City for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100 per set.

Please contact Sarah Rosenau at srosenau@jeo.com or 402-474-8740 to coordinate your request and send your check to: 2000 Q Street, Suite 500 Lincoln, NE 68503.

In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The project is funded in whole or in part by State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion serve the best interests of the Owner, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

CITY OF DAKOTA CITY
Jerry Yacevich, Mayor

ATTEST:
Robert Kratky
City Administrator
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 14, 21 and 28, 2024. - ZNEZ

VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER HOMER, NEBRASKA

The Village of Homer, Nebraska has an immediate opening for its Village Clerk/Treasurer position.

The Clerk/Treasurer is responsible for recording and publishing minutes of village board meetings, maintaining village records, preparing meetings and agendas, and issuing public notices of all official activities and meetings. The Clerk/Treasurer is required to attend all village board meetings and such other meetings as directed. The Clerk/Treasurer is also responsible for all aspects of payroll, preparation and collection of utility bills, and accounts payable. The Clerk/Treasurer assists in the preparation of the annual budget, and performs such other duties as prescribed by the Homer Village ordinances and Nebraska state statutes.

The successful applicant will have excellent organizational, written and verbal skills, with proficiency in various computer programs, including but not limited to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Prior municipal office experience is preferred, and prior experience with Power Manager or similar software is a plus. Must be able to work well either independently or in a collaborative environment with elected and appointed local, state and federal officials, city employees and department heads, and with the general public. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Minimum of a high school education is required. Post-secondary education is preferred. College degree in business or related field is highly desirable. Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) or Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation highly desirable. Attendance at appropriate trainings is required.

Must be bondable.
Drug testing will be required.
The Village of Homer offers a competitive salary and benefits package depending on experience.

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest, resume, and 3 references to:

**Village of Homer, ATTN: Village Clerk Search,
100 John Street, Homer, NE 68030, or by email to
villageofhomer@outlook.com**

Detailed job description available upon request.

Application deadline: November 15, 2024.

POSITION OPEN UNTIL FILLED

The Village of Homer is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 21 and 28, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Deanna J. Bomar, Deceased

Estate No. PR 24-14
Notice is hereby given that a Formal Petition for Complete Settlement After Informal Testate Proceeding has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, located at 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731 on December 20, 2024 at or after 10:30 a.m.

/s/ Robert N. Stewart
Robert N. Stewart #24759
329 Pierce Street, Suite 200
Sioux City, IA 51101
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CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

Legal Notice

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 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 11th day of November 2024, at 5 p.m.

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

Absent: Rick Bousquet - Jim Gunsolley came at 5:32 p.m.

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.

Kriens motioned to excuse Rick Bousquet and Jim Gunsolley from the meeting. Motion seconded by Ben

Schultz. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Schultz motioned seconded by Dan Bousquet to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

MINUTES: Council - October 4th, 2024, Public Works - November 4th, 2024; Finance - November 6th, 2024 CLAIMS - November 11th, 2024

North West Holdings agreement for renewable gas sale (Gas Purchase and Sale Agreement) (subject to legal approval on agreement)

Approval for Mayor to sign Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson on Economic Feasibility Study

INVOICES:

✓Engineer: JEO Consulting

•Sargent Drilling - \$133,563.49

2024 Well #10 Relining.

•Change Order No 2. Sargent Drilling - 2024 Well Relining # 10.

Original Contract Price: \$145,753.15

Net Change for this change order: \$16,731.00

Contract Price incorporating this Change Order: \$162,484.15

✓HDR Engineering

•19,570.12, Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion.

•\$25,151.25, WWTF Operations Advisory Services

✓Olsson:

•\$2,724.44. Lead Service Inventory Assistance

•\$36,200.00. Scenic Park NEMA Storm Safe Room.

✓Penro Construction, \$302,782.31.

Hovey Phase III. Certificate of Payment 3.

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.

Congratulations South Sioux City Fire Department for receiving the GOLD Helmet Department Award.

Kriens motioned to approve the Proclamation Small Business Saturday. Motion seconded by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Bowman motioned, seconded by D. Bousquet, to approve the following agreement and Resolution:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - Westside Connecting Trail

RESOLUTION 2024-35

Approval of TAP-22(38), Control # 32420 Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement BK2341-001 with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Omaha NE, for the NE Department of Transportation Westside Connecting Trail, increasing the amount by \$34,733.48 for total of \$44,696.88.

Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Schultz motioned to award Foundry Road Improvement bid to Barkley Asphalt with bid total of \$988,45.28. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

D. Bousquet motioned, seconded Schuldt, to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2024-36

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEE

RECOGNITION DINNER

Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

The City Attorney introduced the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 110 ARTICLE 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES; PROVIDING AN

EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPLACING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY IN EFFECT

Schultz motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-19 on its first reading. Motion seconded by Kriens. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Bowman motioned to approve the special designated license for Covington Links at 920 West 21st Street (West 21st Center) on November 30, 2024, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Motion seconded by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Schultz motioned to approve candidates off the Police and Fire candidate list. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Peters motioned to approve proposal from Barkley Asphalt - \$10,400.00 for 31st and Dakota Avenue and A Street. Motion seconded by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Information only on

•Baumer Park water lines, well and sprinkler (install jointly in 2025)

•Delayed assessment on waterline East 25th Street (delayed to 2025)

Well line and water line from Veterans Drive to Baumer Park. To get sprinkler system in, sprinkler parts are already paid for just waiting on water line.

Kriens motioned to approve Bid for Equipment Procurement Biogas H2S Chemical Removal System, from Streamline Innovations - \$2,340,778.00. Motion seconded by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Bowman motioned to approve 2025 MEAN SPP Market Assistance Agreement (this is Extending the agreement by an additional 3 years. The agreement is to assist the city with the settlement balancing of Cottonwood Wind Energy on a monthly

basis and any prior period adjustments and resettlements) Motion seconded by D. Bousquet. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Jim Gunsolley came in at 5:32 p.m. and will be counted on rest of the votes.

Kriens motioned to approve increase campground rates by a little more than \$1.00 after the fiber has been put in. Motion seconded by Schuldt. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Kriens motioned to approve option agreement for Radiant Tech Data Center. Motion seconded by Bowman. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Economic Development Director Oscar Gomez stated that the CDA has asked staff to look at potential land for potential growth going either west or east or any location we can look at. Looking at land options that can talk to owners with a potential land option with the CDA for residential, commercial or heavy industrial. Once list is together it will be shared

Being no further business at 5:40 p.m. Peters motioned, seconded by Kriens to adjourn the meeting. Voting Yes: 7, 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

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR SOUTH SIOUX CITY-COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Construction Manager at Risk Selection Committee of Dakota County School District 22-0011, a/k/a South Sioux City Community Schools, will be held on November 25, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. in the high school library meeting room located at 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, or other designated room of such building, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda of such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall.

/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk

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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 Tuesday, December 3, 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, 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, December 5, 2024 at 4:45p.m. and the second rescheduled date and time will be Monday, December 16, 2024 at 4:45 p.m. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 21, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for a lease purchase of one new Wheel Loader will be received by Dakota County Nebraska at the office of the County Clerk, P.O. Box 39, Dakota City NE 68731, until 2 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024. The bids will be opened shortly thereafter and presented to the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 3:00pm for their consideration. Envelopes containing bids shall be marked Wheel Loader Bids.

Call 402-632-5006 or come in person to obtain specifications and bid forms at the County Road Department Office, 1863 N. Bluff Road in Hubbard NE. Dakota County reserves the right to waive all technicalities and irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 21 and 28 2024. - ZNEZ

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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 OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 9 a.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 Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 21, 2024. - ZNEZ

SOUTH SIOUX CITY SCHOOLS

SOUTH SIOUX CITY SCHOOL Board of Education Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5 p.m.

High School Library 3301 G Street

South Sioux City, NE 68776

Attendance taken at 5 p.m.

Matt Aitken: Absent

Pamela Camarillo: Present

Marla Grier: Present

Chris Krueger: Present

Shawna Messerlie: Present

Robert Rapp: Present

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

Consent Agenda: Policy 6270 revision, one reading, the September 9, 2024 Budget Hearing Minutes, the September 9, 2024 Tax Hearing Minutes, the September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the September 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes, the September 23, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, the Claims and Accounts, and the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Shawna Messerlie, Passed.

Agenda Item(s) Removed from Consent Agenda: Policies 5013 Pre-K Enrollment and 5305 School Dances were removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

The board moved to approve policy 5013 Pre-K Enrollment, third reading. This motion, made by Shawna Messerlie and seconded by Pamela Camarillo, Passed.

The board moved to approve policy 5305 School Dances, in one reading, with suggested revisions, as presented. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Shawna Messerlie, Passed.

Bid Selection: RFP High School Vestibules: The board moved to approve the RFP High School Vestibules, as presented. This motion, made by Pamela Camarillo and seconded by Robert Rapp, Passed.

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to appointing members to the Construction Management at Risk selection committee for a potential multiple school facilities project: The board moved to appoint the persons, as presented, to the Construction Manager at Risk Selection Committee. This motion, made by Marla Grier and seconded by Shawna Messerlie, Passed.

Adjourn: At 5:37 p.m., the board moved to adjourn. This motion, made by Shawna Messerlie and seconded by Pamela Camarillo, Passed. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 21, 2024. - ZNEZ

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to selecting the Construction Management at Risk method of construction delivery for a potential multiple school facilities project under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act: The board moved to select the Construction Management at Risk construction delivery method as presented. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Marla Grier, Passed.

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to adopting the Construction Management at Risk selection criteria and evaluation weights for a potential multiple school facilities project: The board moved to adopt and approve the Construction Manager at Risk selection criteria as presented. This motion, made by Robert Rapp and seconded by Shawna Messerlie, Passed.

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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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CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY CLAIMS

**City of South Sioux City
2024 – Claims**
 ABBREVIATION FOR THIS DOCUMENT: adv.–advertisement; equip- equipment; exp-expense; imp- improvement; ipay-incentive pay; ins-insurance; inv- investments; m- mileage; mv- motor vehicle expense; pen-pension; pt - parts pub- publication; re-reimbursement; rep-repairs; rpt-report, rt-rent; sa-salaries; se- services; su-supplies; tx - taxes; wh-withholding
 3E-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SU, \$85.89; ACE SIGNS, EXP, \$230.00; AERIAL 7 SEVEN INC, ADV, \$875.00; AFLAC, INS, \$288.50; AIRGAS USA, RT, \$190.72; AJ PHILIPS PUBLISHING, SE, \$8,190.00; ALS GROUP USA CORP, SE, SU \$729.50; ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SE, \$2,377.65; APX, EXP, \$60.59; ARTISAN PRESS, PUB, \$2,475.00; AT&T MOBILITY, SU, EQUIP, \$2,233.54; A-TEAM HEATING & COOLING, SE, \$595.00; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, EXP, \$845.71; BARNES & NOBLE INC, EXP, \$297.95; BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING, SE, \$285.48; BLACKSTRAP, SU, \$13,793.69; BNSF RAILWAY, EXP, \$3,850.13; BOMGAARS, PTS, SU, \$1,183.09; BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SU, \$3,883.41; BRIAN VANBERKUM, RE, \$27.21; CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING, EXP, \$7,268.79; CERTIFIED LABORATORIES, SU, \$459.90; CHRYSLER CAPITAL, MVE, \$1,480.97; CITY OF SIOUX CITY, SE, EXP, \$151,759.00; CITY OF SO SIOUX CITY, INS, \$9,653.94; CITY OF SSC, RE, INS, \$5,425.44; CITY OF SSC HEALTH PREM, INS, \$116,169.76; COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER, WH, \$480.72; COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT, INS, \$1,422.73; CORE & MAIN, EQUIP, \$48,622.60; CORY LOUX, RE, \$371.01; COTTON WIND PROJECT, SE, \$100,376.04; COYOTE ENTERPRISES DBA DAK PC, EQUIP, \$754.95; COYOTE ENTERPRISES PC WAREHOUSE, EQUIP, \$199.98; CPS HR CONSULTING, EXP, \$759.00; CUSTOM BUILDERS, IMP, \$9,105.68; DAKOTA CO REFISTER OF DEEDS, EXP, \$114.00; DAKOTA CO STAR, PUB, \$544.49; DAKOTA CO TREASURER, SU, \$1,117.00; DAKOTA COUNTY, EXP, \$200.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, EQUIP, \$1,794.06; DANIEL GESY POWER WASH, SE, \$160.00; DELTA DENTAL, INS, \$423.12; DEMCO, EQUIP, SU, \$5,413.62; DEPOSIT REFUND, RE, \$5,650.17; DEPT OF ENERGY, SE, \$62,582.07; DG NEBRASKA ENERGY, SE, \$8,595.00; DIAMOND VOGEL, SU, \$175.00; DRIVEN AUTO BODY, REP, \$232.50; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$1,861.73; ECHO GROUP, SU,

\$2,322.59; EDGAR GARCIA, RE, \$57.71; ELECTRIC PUMP, EQUIP, \$52,581.00; ELIZABETH REYES, MI, \$6.43; ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT, SE, EXP, \$24,356.88; EQUIP TRUCK & MACHINERY, REP, \$521.42; EXECUTIVE LAWNS & POOL, SE, \$48,041.98; F& M BANK GIFT FUND, EXP, \$349.50; FARRELLS HTG& A/C INC, SE, \$1,400.00; FIBERCOMM, EQUIP, \$37.93; FIRE DPT LOCAL 644-MIKE WRIGHT, EXP, \$1,737.20; FREMONT TIRE, REP, \$3,557.34; G&R CONTROLS, EQUIP, \$937.95; GERKIN WINDOWS & DOORS, EXP, \$250,000.00; GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL, EXP, \$315.48; GLOBE LIFE, INS, \$419.00; H2O 4 U, SU, \$456.75; HACH COMPANY, SU, \$2,390.19; HAWKINS, RT, SU, \$37,194.30; HDR ENGINEERING, SE, \$298,321.01; HEALTHINVEST HRA PLAN, INS, \$3,814.02; HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, EQUIP, \$14,086.62; HUNDETRMARK PRESSURE, SU, \$10.15; I & A CONSTRUCTION, SE, EXP, \$212,518.91; IAEL, EXP, \$300.00; IMAGE TREND INC, EXP, \$3,585.75; INTERSTATES, EXP, \$3,925.00; IRENE LOPEZ, MI, \$223.78; IRS, TX, \$133,420.65; JACKS UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT, SU, \$10,036.07; JAKE JOHNSON, EXP, \$1,886.00; JEO, SE, EXP, \$95,831.75; JERRY'S SERVICE INC, SU, \$2,353.01; JOES LAWN CARE, SE, \$4,825.00; JOHN KASKOVICH, EXP, \$2,184.37; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY, REP, \$350.12; K&L GATES LLP, EXP, \$875.00; KERRY HEGGE, SE, \$5,821.88; KEVIN O'DELL ELECTRIC, SE, \$2,730.77; KIM HANSEN, MI, \$17.96; KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST, EXP, SU, \$489.04; KOLEY JESSEN PC, EXP, \$6,536.50; LANCE HEDQUIST, MI, \$438.85; LEAGALSHIELD, SE, \$90.66; LEC, SA, \$24,447.11; LEC, SA, \$19,326.92; LEGALSHIELD, SE, \$90.66; LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, EXP, \$2,600.00; LINDBLUM SERVICES, SU, \$2,840.00; LONG LINES, EXP, \$3,633.30; LP GILL, EXP, \$25.00; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP, PTS, \$453.67; MAIL HOUSE INC, EXP, \$14,119.75; MAIN CITY, SA, \$379,489.42; MARCO, EXP, \$359.52; MARK ALBENESIUS, SU, \$9,451.01; MARX DISTRIBUTION, EXP, \$4,524.18; MATHESSON TRI-GAS, SU, \$183.95; MAX I WALKER, SU, \$640.15; MEDICA, INS, \$11,578.03; MENARDS, PTS, \$684.19; MERCYONE BUSINESS SOLUTION, SE, \$205.92; MERCYONE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SE, \$558.00; MERCYONE SIOUXLAND OCC HEALTH, SE, \$360.00;

METRO ELECTRIC, REP, \$2,549.83; MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY, REP, \$314.00; MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INS, \$43,150.75; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, EXP, \$346.42; MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SU, \$38.24; MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES, PTS, \$839.39; MISSION SQUARE, PEN, \$74,660.90; MOTION PICTURE LIC, EXP, \$287.80; MPH INDUSTRIES, EQUIP, \$2,078.00; MUNDO LATINO PUBLICATIONS, PUB, \$169.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF OMAHA, EXP, \$1,019.00; NATIONAL ACCT SYSTEMS, WH, \$554.05; NE CHILD SUPPORT, WH, \$992.72; NE CODE OFFICIALS ASSOC, EXP, \$225.00; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, RE, \$6,571.00; NE ECON DEVELOPERS ASSN, EXP, \$150.00; NE FOP, EXP, \$728.00; NE JOURNAL LEADER, EXP, \$45.95; NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EXP, \$1,260.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIROMENTAL LAB, SE, \$921.00; NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, SE, \$302,113.90; NE REVENUE, TX, \$163,443.67; NE STATE TREASURER, EXP, \$73.82; NEBRASKA FOP #75, EXP, \$715.00; NETSYS INC, PTS, \$21,995.76; NEWMAN SIGNS, EXP, \$1,493.35; NEXTLINK INTERNET, SE, \$598.12; NEXTRA ENERGY, SE, EXP, \$314,724.85; NOVELTY MACHINE & SUPPLY, EXP, \$20.84; NPPD, SE, EXP, \$55,591.11; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PTS, \$103.96; OLSSON, EXP, SE, \$86,375.00; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, \$381.74; ONE OFFICE SOLUTION, SU, \$117.34; ONESOURCE BACKGROUND, EXP, \$38.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PTS, \$655.60; OSCAR GOMEZ, EXP, \$107.20; OVERHEAD DOOR CO, REP, \$5,529.00; PENRO CONSTRUCTION CO, EXP, \$229,226.06; PETROCHOICE HOLDINGS INC, SU, \$307.94; POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, SU, \$115.72; PORT 53 TECHNOLOGIES, EXP, \$9,180.00; PROGRESSIVE NORTHERN INS, WH, \$438.66; PROJECT LIFESAVER INTERNAT, EQUIP, \$17,567.61; RAILROAD MGMT CO, EXP, \$611.64; RED LINE RECYCLING, EXP, \$200.00; RIVER VALLEY UNDERGROUND, EXP, \$98,775.00; ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT, REP, \$3,283.56; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, EXP, \$14,637.45; SERVICE MASTER OF SOOLAND, SE, \$1,600.00; SHANES TOWING, EXP, \$90.00; SIGNS BY TOMORROW OF SIOUXLAND, EXP, \$611.50; SIMPCO, SE, \$1,404.00; SIOUX CITY FIRE DEPT, EQUIP, \$7,021.50; SIOUX CITY TRANSIT, EXP, \$5,695.83; SIOUX SALES, EQUIP, \$9,450.83; SIOUXLAND CONCRETE, REP, \$2,624.51; SIOUXLAND HYDRAULICS, REP,

\$941.01; SIOUXLAND TOWING, EXP, \$90.00; SOOLAND BOBCAT, REP, \$1,096.28; SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, SE, \$139,371.56; SPMR LLC, EXP, \$8,345.37; SSC ANIMAL HOSP, EXP, \$82.11; SSC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, EXP, \$520.00; SSC POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, EXP, \$1,060.00; SSC SCHOOLS, EXP, \$10,117.50; STAN HOUSTON EQUIP, EQUIP, \$1,666.85; STANDARD INS CO, INS, \$335.50; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, EXP, \$866.18; STEPHAN WELDING SHOP, SU, SE, \$4,223.50; STERLING COMPUTER CORP, EQUIP, \$1,155.00; STREET SMART, EQUIP, \$13,150.00; SUMMIT COMPANIES, SU, \$122.00; SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, SU, \$4,359.35; SUSAN COMSTOCK, SE, \$200.00; SWANK MOTION PICTURES, EXP, \$535.00; TANDL SERVICES, SE, \$350.00; TELEFLEX, SU, \$562.50; TESLA SOLAR, SE, \$437,603.14; THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP, SU, REP, \$30,327.42; TODD MASTERS ROCK CRUSHING, SE, \$10,442.02; TOM DUGGAN, EXP, \$1,200.00; TOWNHOUSE CAFÉ, EXP, \$66.96; TRAF O TERIA SYSTEM, EXP, \$388.09; TREMBLY TERMITE PEST CONTROL, EXP, \$75.00; TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS, SU, \$54.16; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, EXP, \$6,582.50; ULINE, SU, EXP, \$9,359.53; UNITED WAY OF SIOUXLAND, EXP, \$541.00; UTILITY SERVICE CO, REP, \$4,900.26; VARATHON, EXP, \$4,000.00; VECTOR SOLUTIONS, EXP, \$9,433.91; VERATHON, EXP, \$1,676.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, EQUIP, SE, \$357.55; VICE MASTER OF SOOLAND, REP, \$6,035.66; VISUAL EDGE, EQUIP, \$179.74; VSP, INS, \$255.09; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS, INS, \$28.80; WEST PLAINS ENGINEERING, SE, \$1,800.00; WILMES HARDWARE, EXP, \$1,585.35; WOODHOUSE, PTS, \$906.58; WRENNS PLUMBING & HEATING, REP, \$2,159.70; ZIEGLER INC, REP, \$7,652.44;
 Grand Total: \$4,514,402.32;
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
 CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, EXP, \$298,523.92; CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM, SE, \$8,510.25; EXECUTIVE LAWNS & POOLS, SE, \$1,030.40; HCI REAL ESTATE CO., TX, \$14,624.40; NAI UNITED REAL ESTATE, EXP, \$21,897.19; NPPD, EXP, \$70.30; TR HARRIS CONSTRUCTION, SE, \$2,200.00;
 Grand Total: \$346,856.46.
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CITY OF DAKOTA CITY		
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES		
2023-2024 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT		
FUND	REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL	2,098,657.67	1,700,915.58
UTILITIES	1,325,557.73	1,206,967.46
ARP FUNDS	0.00	9,334.72
REFUNDING/BOND	220,308.20	379,432.11
LIBRARY	58,269.19	50,961.07
REVOLVING LOAN	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	0.00	0.00
HOUSING CORP	0.00	0.00
EMS	53,073.07	51,092.38
SALES TAX	168,278.35	6,358.80

I, Robert Kratky, City Administrator/Clerk/ Treasurer for the City of
 Dakota City, certify that the above is a true account of funds for the City
 of Dakota City for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
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WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
November 11, 2024**
 A Meeting of the Board of Winnebago Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 4:49 p.m. in the board room at the Winnebago Public Schools, Highways 77 & 75, Winnebago, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:
 Present: Teresa Littlegeorge, Nilah Solomon, Crystal Ross, Patrice Bass, Sarah Snake, Greg Bass III
 Absent:
 Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.
 1- Receiving of Delegations:
 2- Call to Order
 Meeting was called to order at 4:49 p.m. by President Teresa Littlegeorge, also President Littlegeorge states, "MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHOWING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING INCLUDING THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED. NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS PUBLISHED BY POSTING ON THE OFFICE DOOR AND THREE OTHER PLACES." A COMPLETE COPY OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT IS POSTED ON THE SOUTH WALL.
 3- Approval of Agenda with the addition of approval for the security cameras for the Resource Bldg. (5.3)
 Motion: Solomon
 Second: Ross
 Discussion: None
 Voting for: Snake, P.Bass, Ross, BassIII, Solomon, Littlegeorge
 Voting Against: None
 Not Voting: None
 Absent: None
 Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)
 4- 6-Reports
 1-Superintendent:
 a-SERC Building Update
 b-NIISA Conference-Las Vegas December 7th – 11th
 2-PreK-4 Principal (hockey field trip)
 3-5-8 Principal
 4-9-12 Principal
 5-Special Education Director
 6-Safety/Athletic Director
 7-Dean of Students
 7-Discussion
 8-Closed Session 84-1410 Enter Motion 7:12 p.m.
 Exit Session at 8:28 p.m. To discuss:
 1-Cyber Incident
 2-Staff Negotiations
 3. he Lodge Counseling Motion: Littlegeorge
 Motion: P.Bass
 Second: BassIII
 Second: Solomon
 Voting For: P.Bass, Ross, BassIII, Voting For: Ross, BassIII, Solomon
 Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake
 Littlegeorge, Snake, P.Bass
 Voting Against: None
 Not Voting: None
 Not Voting: None
 Absent: None
 Absent:None
 Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)
 4-3-Approve Facilities WEFLC in the amount of \$268,209.70
 Motion: BassIII
 Second: Solomon
 Discussion: WEFLC
 Voting For: BassIII, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Snake, P.Bass, Ross
 Voting Against: None
 Not Voting: None
 Absnt: None
 Absnt: None
 Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)
 4-4-2024-2025 AFR has been submitted to NDE, and the Nebraska

HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 12, 2024**
 A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:
 Byron Hall: Present, Ryan Harris: Present, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Absent, Aaron Reis: Present, Paul Tighe: Present, Tyler Kirkholm: Present.
 Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Lefdal, Principal Tom Coviello, and Board Secretary Amy Brand
 Visitors present: Several
 Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.
 I-Opening the Meeting
 I.A-Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law
 I.A.i-Posted in the room
 I.A.ii-Publication of Meeting was provided according to 84-1411
 I.B-District Mission Statement:
 II-Board Member Roll Call Motion was made by Ryan Harris and

seconded by Byron Hall to excuse absent board members Nelsen and Kirkholm. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried
 Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Absent, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
 Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
 III-Excuse Absent Board Members
 IV-Approval of the Agenda and changes to the Agenda Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Byron Hall to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried
 Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Absent, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
 Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
 V-Consent Agenda Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried
 Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Absent, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
 Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
 V.A-Approval of Mintues from the October 16, 2024 regular meeting
 V.B-Approve claims and accounts
 VI-Public Comment There was none.
 VII-Information Items: Reports
 VII.A-Administrator reports Principal Coviello expressed how nice the Veteran's Day program was and gave a thank you to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Moos for their hard work. They discussed Winter Banchmarking as well as different activities happening in December. The Elementary celebrated their 1st Quarter Knight PRIDE celebrating 29 students and the Trunk or Treat received great feedback from staff and parents. Mr. Coviello reported the success of Fall sports and stated Winter sports would be starting on November 18th. He also stated the failing list is improving greatly.

VII.B-Superintendent report Dr. Lefdal discussed the Annual Financial Report and the 22-23 Annual Report. AQuESTT Classification was explained and he informed the Board we have been involved in an Esser Audit the past several weeks. Staff print reports were shared as well as enrollment. We currently have 446 students enrolled in Grades PK-12. Dr. Lefdal has contacted insurance about our vehicles and their guidance is to keep driving all vehicles at this point. Bus contracts were also discussed. A date to start negotiations will be set soon. Admin and Jeff Reed are starting a Program Review and the 25-26 schedule is starting to be looked at for student opportunities. Unity Point reached out to let Dr. Lefdal know they will no longer be offering nursing services, but will offer options we can look into. Dr. Lefdal shared his philosophy when calling snow days in inclement weather. He also shared that we are currently short in our Janitorial Department and will look into opportunities.
 VIII-Discussion Items
 VIII.A-OCR Compliance Update Dr. Lefdal shared information on our OCR Compliance review. We are working on getting our website compliant.
 VIII.B-Superintendent Evaluation Dr. Lefdal encourages board members to come in and visit at any time. He discussed dates regarding his contract, renewals and evaluation.
 VIII.C-Safety and Security Plan Audit The Safety and Security Audit Plan was discussed. He had several compliments and a few suggestions for Homer School.
 VIII.D-Annual Financial Literacy Status Report Every year we need to go over our Financial Literacy Status before December 31st.
 IX-Action Items
 X-Next Meeting Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.
 XI-Adjournment Motion was made by Aaron Reis and seconded by Byron Hall to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Absent, Aaron Reis: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
 Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
 Dated this Tuesday, November 12, 2024.
 ATTEST:
Dakota County School District #31R a/k/a Homer Community School BY: Paul Tighe, President Dr. Kristina Nelsen Secretary
 GENERAL FUND:
 A-OX WELDING SUPPLY 6,128.71; Abbie Uhl 500.00; Appears 358.81; Arianna Rave 233.76; ASTC, Inc dba K & S Service 2,036.28; Bird, Darrian 658.72; Blick Art Materials 589.44; Capital One 93.55; Craig Frerichs 470.00; Dakota County Star 10.74; DJ Software Specialties 1,330.00; Eakes Office Solutions 2,564.94; Embassy Suites - Lincoln 149.00; Embassy Suites - Old Market 1,389.00; ESU #1 72,741.50; Gill Hauling 822.41; Hillyard / Sioux Falls Branch 134.68; Hometown Leasing 1,610.70; IXL Learning 5,606.00; J & J Pronto 1,142.44; Jay-lan 406.59; JW Pepper & Son Inc 417.88; Kris Noreen 241.20; Language Link 3.60; Math-FactLab, LLC 225.00; Menards 523.62; Microtel Inn and Suites 684.88; Natasha Snow 316.32; Nebraska Dept of Labor 4,112.12; One Source 5.00; Perry Guthery Haase & Gessford 968.50; Savvas Learning Co. LLC 170.67; Setia Blackfish 366.72; Sioux City Ford 630.30; Time Management Systems 377.50; Tom Coviello 500.00; Triview Communication 55.00; Unity Point Clinic 10,289.30; Village Of Homer 756.85; Wilmes Hardware Hank 47.88; Fund Number 01-119,699.61
 Checking Account ID 1-119,699.61
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DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
3 p.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

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

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

Love "-" Van Berkum to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes - October 28, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for October 27 to November 9, 2024; (c) approval of

payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claim; and (e) Approval of Veterans Office quarterly report and the Sheriff/Jail quarterly reports for July - September 2024. RCVUMC.

Payroll: Gross Salaries - \$181,594.26; Net Pay- \$129,011.95; Total Retirement-\$13,071.62; Total FICA-\$13,409.91; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$210.39;**Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$18,671.20; Net Pay-\$12,973.27; Retirement-\$1,260.27; Total FICA-\$1,323.22; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,617.33; Net Pay-\$1,250.70; Retirement-\$109.17; Total FICA-\$123.72; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,833.35; Net Pay-\$1,436.14; Retirement-\$115.99; Total FICA-\$137.45; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer**

2507: Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,312.65; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$120.39; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,146.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$925.87; Health Plan, premium-\$48,600.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,605.07; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.39; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$2,250.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,570.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,107.17; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,819.82; VSP, premium-\$518.21.

Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$305.00;

FSA Medical - \$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,650.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,249.66; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$609.59; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$192.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,100.51; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$6,646.44; VSP, premium-\$80.74; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, medical claims-\$27,744.71; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$109.04; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$61.09; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.95; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$247.44; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$96.37; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$49.40; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$193.32; Social

Security, FICA & MEDI-\$274.90; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$37.78; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$30.03; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.78; VSP, premium-\$25.24.

Accounts Payable: Hard Surfacing Fund: Steve Harris Construction Inc.- Likuwanta Drive partial payment - \$726,414.51.

Love "-" Hohenstein to approve the issuance of a liquor license for Avanti L.L.C dba Circle S Stable Drive, 1501 Stable Drive, South Sioux City, Nebraska for a Class D Beer, Wine, Spirits, Off Sale Only. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Giese to approve Resolution 24C-029 to certify Highway Superintendent for year calendar year 2024. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Commissioner Hohenstein to have CEC move forward with a design plan to relocate the septic at 647 Likuwanta Drive so that this project can be bid and a change order

to the project come back before the Board for approval. RCVUMC.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for October 27, 2024 to November 9, 2024.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail/Emergency business: Reminder meeting on 11-25-24 will start at 8:45 a.m. with BOE and 9 a.m. with BOC because it is a short holiday week.

County Board Members went on the quarterly visit to county jail. \$47-109

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 12, 2024 at 4:59 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary
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CHECK US OUT ONLINE

The screenshot shows the Dakota County Star website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'News', 'Sports', 'Obituaries', 'Opinion', 'E-edition', and 'Web Extras'. A featured article titled 'Emerson resident experiences Honor Flight' includes a photo of Bill Zeisler. Below this is a 'SPORTS' section with multiple article thumbnails for 'Area High School Football Scores', 'Area High School Volleyball Scores', and 'Bohnet competes at state golf'. There's also an 'OBITUARIES' section for Ray L. Schleusener, 71. Advertisements for 'Advertise here' are placed throughout the page. A 'FIND US ON FACEBOOK' section shows the site's social media presence.