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STAR CALENDAR

Closed for holidays

The Dakota County Star offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, 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.

The staff of the Dakota County Star wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

No Coffee Hour Friday

This Friday's Chamber Coffee Hour will not take place, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next week's Chamber Coffee will be at Siouxland Bank, located at 1001 West 29th St., beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Public Works committee

The next South Sioux City Public Works Committee meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

A current agenda is available at www.southsiouxcity.org.

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?

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

Information can be sent to news@dakcostar.com or call (402) 494-4264.

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LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF NOV. 28-DEC. 4, 2024

THURSDAY	32	10
	Partly cloudy.	
FRIDAY	27	12
	A few clouds.	
SATURDAY	25	9
	Partly cloudy.	
SUNDAY	26	12
	Mix of clouds and sun.	
MONDAY	31	18
	Partly cloudy.	
TUESDAY	36	20
	Intervals of clouds and sun.	
WEDNESDAY	37	22
	Partly cloudy skies.	

CCB helping out those who are in need

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Fifteen years ago, Cardinal Christmas Baskets stepped in to continue the tradition started more than 60 years earlier by Pete's Feeders, an effort to help those in need have an enjoyable holiday dinner.

That tradition continues here in South Sioux City this year, and the group of local volunteers is looking for support in an effort to help more than 250 local families with a holiday meal this season.

The effort has a long history in South Sioux City and Dakota County, starting out as the Pete's Feeders effort, which ran for more than 60 years before Cardinal Christmas Baskets began its work.

"Firemen here noticed that some of the elderly in town were needing some assistance and were wanting to get them a holiday meal,"

said Melanie Eriksen, one of the volunteers helping with Cardinal Christmas Baskets. "Now, our focus is on the elderly, veterans and families that are in need."

Working with the schools and local churches, the group collects donated canned goods and brings them to the Memorial Hall across the street from the South Sioux City Fire Department. Prior to delivery, the canned goods are combined with donations from Hy-Vee and delivered to area residents in need. Eriksen said the group hopes to raise about \$35,000 to help feed 250-300 people in this year's effort.

Cardinal Christmas Baskets volunteers will be conducting some bell-ringing fundraising efforts on Saturday, Dec. 7, accepting donations on Dakota Avenue at 21st and 29th streets. Funds raised will be used at the South Sioux City Hy-Vee to purchase staples like bread, milk and other items. Tyson and other

businesses have also donated meat in the past, she said.

The group is looking for volunteers prior to delivery of the goods to help sort and pack. Sorting of canned goods will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 16-17, and boxes will be packed at Memorial Hall on Friday, Dec. 20. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, boxes will be delivered to local residents who are determined to be in need.

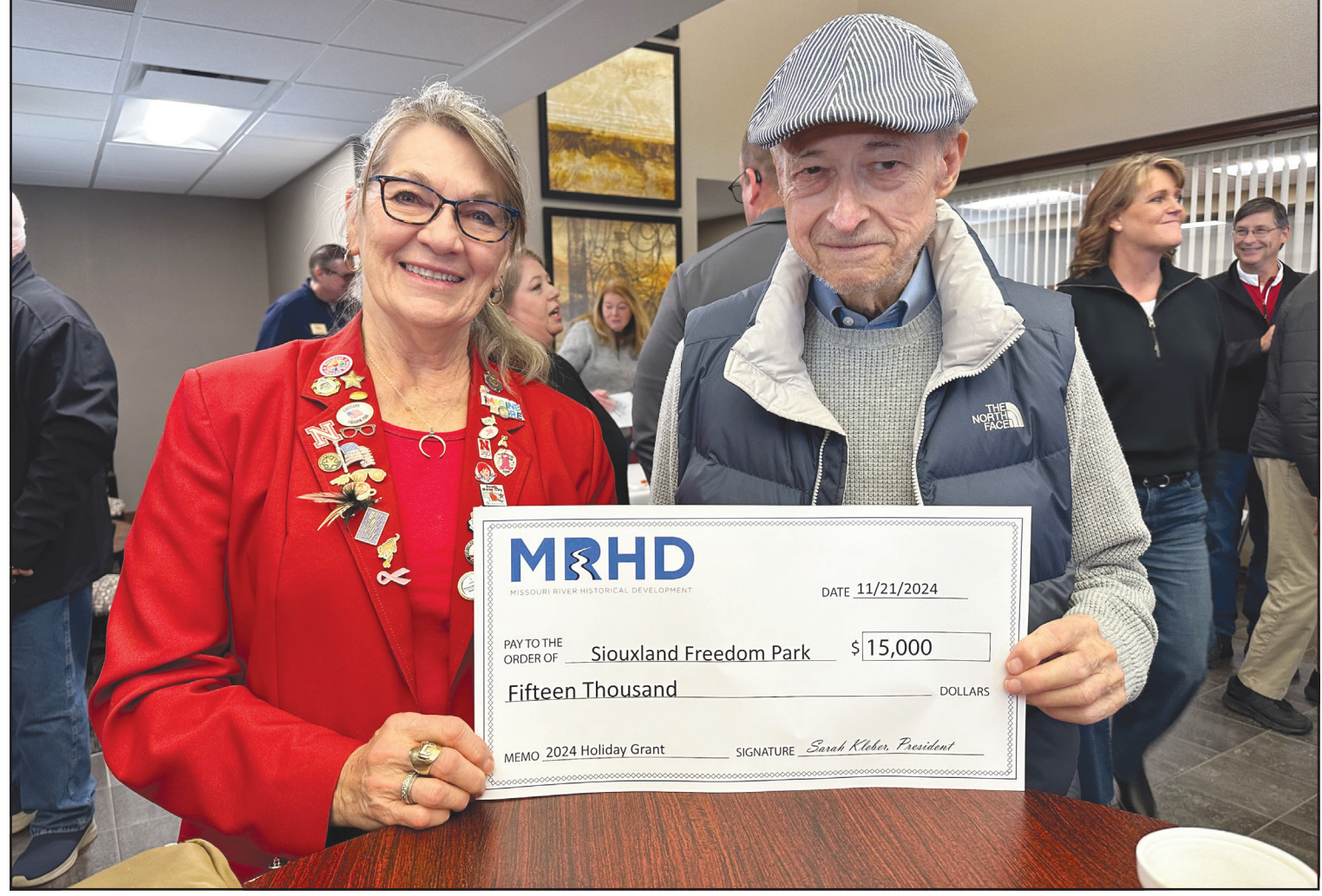
Cardinal Christmas Baskets, in its 17th year, is an all-volunteer organization that works with schools, churches and community organizations to locate needy families in Dakota County and provide food assistance, especially during this holiday season.

To volunteer, call the City of South Sioux City at (402) 494-7500 or South Sioux City High School at (402) 494-2425.



2025 Goal
\$35,000
Amount Raised (thru Nov. 25)
\$6,075.00

SIOUXLAND FREEDOM PARK OPENS AN EARLY PRESENT



Diana Kincaid (left) secretary for Siouxland Freedom Park, and Mike Newhouse, president, show off a \$15,000 donation that was announced during Friday's Chamber Coffee at F&M Bank. The donation was from Missouri River Historical Development that goes toward the park's Wreaths Across America project. The wreaths will be placed on the graves of veterans in Memorial Park in Sioux City on Friday morning.

Railroad seeking closure of F Avenue

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

The proposed addition of a parallel track near F Avenue that would help eliminate the blocking of traffic on Highway 77 was met with some concerns by local residents during Monday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Meeting in a rare morning meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the board heard from Burlington Northern Santa Fe officials who are planning on installing a parallel track that would assist in moving grain commodity and cut down on blocking Highway 77 traffic.

Nathan Smith of Ameritrack Rail, an Indiana-based railroad contractor, said the second track would run to the west, and while closing F Avenue is preferred, he said it is not required.

"We're expecting a 15 percent increase of

grain commodity and additional cars, and with the track going west across F Avenue, it would minimize issues if it could be closed, but it's not required," he said.

Board chair Martin Hohenstein said a concern he would have is that by closing the road, it would eliminate an entry and exit for any emergency vehicles that might be required in that area.

"If something happened to that road, that would leave one way in and one way out," he said. "There is a residence out there, so I don't know if I would want to close it."

Gene Mari, a local landowner, said he would not be in favor of shutting down the road.

"Myself, I wouldn't be in favor of closing that road for the simple fact that there would only be one access for everybody," he said. "If it needs to be shut down for construction (of the second track), then that's the way it is.

We're not going to drive trucks over it, but I have people interested in lots in that immediate area who would drive on that road."

Board officials later met with railroad representatives at the location to look over the area. No details were available on what was discussed.

In other action, the Board:

— approved a request for a monitoring contract for the fire alarm system at the Dakota County Courthouse.

— approved a maintenance agreement for the courthouse elevator.

— approved additional funding to repair part of the HVAC in the county jail.

— approved a bid of \$163,608.98 to Kuhne Construction for three miles of road repair along M Avenue.

The County Board's next meeting is Monday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Dakota County Courthouse.

Chamber urging shoppers to keep it local

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Want to help your community while you're doing your holiday shopping? Here's a tip — shop local.

The South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for its annual Small Business Shindig, set for Saturday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Hy-Vee in South Sioux City, part of a week-long effort to encourage people to do their shopping with local businesses.

"We want to promote small businesses and get the public to visit our local shops and retailers and see what they have and

remember them while they're doing their holiday shopping," said Chelsea Easterling, the Chamber's membership and marketing coordinator.

More than 20 South Sioux City Area Chamber members are part of the annual Small Business Shindig, and the first 200 residents can stop by Hy-Vee to pick up a swag bag containing a variety of items from local businesses.

There will also be a chance to enter into a raffle that offers some really nice Christmas gifts, including a 60-inch Mini-Monster TV donated by Monster Vision, a sapphire tennis bracelet from Riddle's Jewelry, and a \$345 gift basket from Thrive stores in the

area. Businesses participating in the event are also in the running for \$500 in free air time with iHeart Media.

Residents can pick up a "Bingo" card and visit local businesses in town through Saturday, Dec. 7. Completed cards can be brought to the Chamber office, and on Monday, Dec. 9, winners will be drawn for a chance to win \$100 or \$50 in Chamber bucks.

"We have a ton of great businesses here where you can do your Christmas shopping, so we're encouraging people to go to our local shops and see what they have to offer," Easterling added.



Carol Schuldt takes her name from its spot on the City Council after her final meeting Monday night. She was on the city board for 10 years.

Schuldt says it's time to step down

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

When South Sioux City Councilwoman Carol Schuldt was asked why she was stepping down after serving the past 10 years on the City Council, she showed her sense of humor.

"I'm old," she deadpanned. The 81-year-old lone woman on the eight-member board saw her last meeting Monday evening as the City Council held its second meeting of the month, ending a 10-year, 2 1/2-term run with the city that she said she has thoroughly enjoyed.

"It seems like yesterday that I was appointed," she said, reflecting back to then-Mayor Bill McClarty's 2014 appointment (she was elected to full terms in 2016 and 2020). "I felt that I had an opportunity to give back to a city that's given me so much over the years, and I've enjoyed working with the people on the Council who have become friends and serve an important role in how the city operates."

Schuldt moved to South Sioux City when she was in seventh grade and has stayed in the community ever since. She initially ran for the City Council in 2012, and when a death left a seat open, McClarty called on her to fill the seat.

"When she ran, she asked me if she should and I told her if that's where you're at, then go for it," her husband, Richard, said. "There was a lot of excitement when she got appointed and she's been really excited to have been on the Council these last 10 years."

Mayor Rod Koch said that he's had a front-row seat in watching Schuldt serve the city.

"Just watching her grow in her position, she has done such an excellent job and has an interest in the aesthetics of the community and it's been a pleasure to have had her on the Council," he said.

Schuldt has been a part of the city's design commission for a number of years and takes a keen interest in the look the city has, particularly in its downtown area.

"The city didn't look as good going down Dakota Avenue years ago with some



Schuldt

SSC STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT LINCOLN EVENT



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

South Sioux City High School students were recently recognized by the Nebraska Commissioner of Education in the National Winners for Educators Rising competition. (top) Jacob Gill received second-place honors in Exploring Education Administration Careers, while Paarrun Gatdet and Hodhan Mohammed (above) finished in the top 10 in Public Service Announcement Teacher Recruitment.

Golf carts get second read, approval

Vehicles would not be allowed on major roads, including Dakota Ave.

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Golf cart owners in South Sioux City are one meeting away from being allowed to drive their carts on certain city streets.

At Monday's City Council meeting, the board approved the second reading of an ordinance that will allow golf carts to be operated on city streets, with a number of restrictions.

Police Chief Ed Mahon said he was skeptical about allowing golf carts to be operated on city streets, but other cities who allow golf carts have not had any serious problems. Mahon said he would like to see them limited to residential neighborhoods and kept off of major thoroughfares like Dakota Avenue.



Mahon

The city already allows ATV's and UTV's to be operated on city streets, according to City Attorney Mike Schmiedt. Those vehicles must be licensed and have proper signaling, including direction blinkers, headlights and taillights, and the operators must be licensed as well.

Mayor Rod Koch agreed with Mahon in limiting the vehicles to certain streets, keeping them off of major roads where traffic operates at higher speeds. Most golf carts have a maximum speed of 15-20 miles per hour, and they would pose a traffic hazard if allowed on the city's busier streets.

The ordinance received a second reading and passed on a 7-0 vote, with Councilman Jason Bowman absent from Monday's meeting.

In other action, the Council: — approved an updated insurance package for city employees for the coming year.

— approved Mahon's request to purchase three new vehicles for the Police Department. Two old vehicles will be replaced, while a third that was involved in an accident earlier this year would also be replaced, with insurance taking care of most of that cost. ARPA funds will be used for the purchase.

— approved the Fire Department's request for a Department of Homeland Security grant application to replace PPE devices used by the firemen.

— approved a 50-cent per cart increase request by Gill Hauling for trash collection services.

— approved an agreement for design services for the Westside con-

necting trail.

— approved conditional use permits on two properties to convert into single-unit housing at 2219 Dakota Avenue and 1225 East 19th Street, both of which were at one time locations for the city library.

— approved a liquor license for Taqueria and Bar Mallis L Casa Del Taco Mexican Food.

— recognized Officer Dave Gerkin for 30 years of service with the South Sioux City Police Department.

The Council also recognized outgoing members Carol Scholdt and Rick Bousquet, whose terms on the City Council ended with Monday's meeting. Bousquet will begin serving on the Dakota County Board of Commissioners in January, while Scholdt ended 10 years of service on the City Council.

The next City Council meeting is Monday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. in Council chambers at City Hall.

What's Next?

Are you or someone you love a person with a disability facing life after high school, but don't know where to turn for needed services to help you reach your goals?

The League of Human Dignity is skilled at helping young people with disabilities make the transition into post-secondary life, whether that means further education, the workforce, or independent living. Contact us to see if we can help.



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Heartland Counseling among selected CCBHC providers

Heartland Counseling Services in South Sioux City is one of seven providers selected by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Behavioral Health to begin the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) certification program as an initiative to enhance access to the highest standard of mental health and substance use care.

- Heartland Counseling Services
- Heartland Family Services
- Lutheran Family Services
- South Central Behavioral Health Services
- The Well

Over the next year, the DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health will support and work with these seven providers to develop the services and programs needed to meet the state requirements and federal criteria determined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Programs will receive the necessary support to have their programs operating by January of 2026.

"CCBHCs offer an innovative solution by bringing comprehensive, coordinated care to our communities and addressing critical service gaps," said Janousek, "We are truly excited to be working with such great partners to develop this program in Nebraska."

CCBHCs offer integrated physi-

cal and behavioral health services to provide Nebraska families a comprehensive approach to support. Services offered by CCBHCs include:

- Around the clock crisis support,
- Easy access mental health and substance use care,
- Tailored treatment plans,

Specialized care for veterans and military personnel, Peer support for individuals and families,

- Care and case management,
- Whole health approach, and
- Comprehensive psychiatric rehabilitation.

"Make It Click" traffic effort underway here

Every day we make hundreds of choices. The easiest one should be wearing your seat belt.

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office wishes to announce that, after receiving grant funding through the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety, they will be participating in the "Make It Click" High Visibility Enforcement campaign that runs through Dec. 1.

As part of this mobilization the Dakota County Sheriff's Office deputies, in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies, will have extra manpower on the streets, highways and county road-

ways watching for traffic violations with an emphasis on seat belt and child restraint violations as well as all other traffic offenses. Don't let a car crash be the reason you start wearing your seat belt.

Nobody in law enforcement ever enjoys covering an automobile collision where someone, young or old, is injured or worse, and the difference could have been just "Making It Click" before you drive away. Buckling into your vehicle could save you from being buckled into an ambulance.

Save your own life with one quick click.

SCHULTD: Last meeting after 10 years

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of the buildings that were being built," she said. "I feel that we've accomplished quite a bit there over the years. We've met with a lot of people and I think the city looks great."

Scholdt said she will continue to be a part of the city's design commission, but will miss being a part of the

city as a Councilwoman.

"I just wanted to do whatever I could," she said when looking back on her start. "There is a whole lot to learn and you don't realize it until you get into it. You also learn a lot about people, and I've been able to meet so many people who are involved in what the city does. It's been an honor and a privilege to have served on the City Council."

Northeast Nebraska Senior Center Menu

1501 W. 29th St.

Luncheon meals served

Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Coffee and socializing will be served Mondays from 9-11 a.m. Please call the day before to reserve a lunch — (402) 494-1500

Thursday, Nov. 28 — Closed, Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 29 — Closed, Thanksgiving

Monday, Dec. 2 — Sausage and fried potatoes, broccoli, pineapple

Tuesday, Dec. 3 — Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, pineapple, tomato juice, oranges

Wednesday, Dec. 4 — Scalloped potatoes and ham, peas, apricots



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Get ready for winter driving season

Thanksgiving is a holiday centered around gratitude, spending time with family, and eating lots of good food. I would like to take this time to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative in the Nebraska Legislature for the past eight years. I so appreciate those of you who have supported me and made this an awesome experience and having the opportunity to make Nebraska a better place to call home. I would also like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. May you eat lots of good food and enjoy time with family and friends.

Gov. Jim Pillen declared Thursday, Nov. 7 as Nebraska Winter Weather Awareness Day. "Winters in Nebraska are known for being unpredictable. Just think back to January, and the impact that mounting snow, blizzards, and cold had on travel, businesses, and ag operations across our state," said Governor Pillen. "When severe weather strikes, a little preparation can go a long way. Staying alert to changing conditions and knowing what tools are available can help mitigate the outcome of a bad weather event."

The Nebraska Department of Transportation's Nebraska 511 map provides traffic cameras, winter road conditions, and plow trackers across the state.

If weather forecasters are predicting severe weather, stay inside and wait until it's over. If you are stranded in your car during a blizzard, officials ask you to make a call and wait for help. Do NOT try and walk to safety. "Checking road conditions should be a part of your everyday routine," Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Assistant Director, Erv Portis said. "Knowing this important information can mean the difference between arriving at your destination on-time or not at all."

Make sure you are updating or creating a winter storm supply kit. It is recommended you do this for every one of your family members' vehicles. You can start by adding some of the items below:

- Blankets
- Extra sets of dry clothing
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Jumper cables
- First aid kit
- Cell phone charger

For more winter weather preparedness tips, visit NEMA's website at nema.nebraska.gov/severe-weather-preparedness.php#winter.

News from Governor's office

Legislative Update

Sen. Joni Albrecht
District 17



Governor Jim Pillen and a delegation of agency, agriculture, manufacturing, military, and university representatives completed a trade mission to the Czech Republic and Germany, two countries with which Nebraska boasts significant and positive ties.

Final days in Germany included meetings with Bayer and Evonik, two companies with facilities in Nebraska. The group also took part in a meet-and-greet reception with Albers Beef, which has a reputation for selling high-quality beef from Omaha.

"They have been buying Nebraska beef for over 20 years and they can't talk enough about the quality," said Governor Pillen. "We've had an incredibly high-value trip and we've developed relationships with great people which will enable us to do even more business."

Governor Pillen, Department of Economic Development (DED) Director K. C. Belitz and Director Sherry Vinton from the Department of Agriculture (NDA) also met with Hedrick Wüst, the Minister President of North Rhine-Westphalia. He oversees a highly populated region in Germany where key sectors include automotive, chemical, energy, nanotech, and healthcare.

"There are a lot of similarities in how we see the world and how their values match with ours," said Director Belitz. "That's part of why having German companies in Nebraska is such a good fit."

"We're here to learn about German standards and the high quality they have. We're also showing them the standards that we have in Nebraska and looking forward to working together in partnership so we can continue to produce the highest quality, safest foods that our consumers and consumers around the world demand," said Director Vinton.

The early part of the trade mission to the Czech Republic included a roundtable discussion with the Ministry of Agriculture. There, talks included collaborations to detect and mitigate animal disease and the signing of an agreement for sharing information and best practices on that

important issue.

Czechia is a significant producer of cattle, pigs, and milk products. Kris Bousquet, executive director of the Nebraska State Dairy Association (NSDA), said given the importance of dairy in Europe, this trip provides an excellent opportunity for establishing relationships with leadership from Czechia and the European Dairy Association.

One of the long-standing relationships Nebraska shares with the Czech Republic is through its military. For more than 30 years, the Nebraska National Guard has partnered with the Czech Armed Forces under the Department of Defense National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program. Through that arrangement, representatives have taken part in mutual military exercises, information and operation sharing and dignitary visits. During the trade mission, Governor Pillen and members of the Nebraska National Guard met with Minister Jan Lipavsky with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

While in Germany, Gov. Pillen and delegation members took part in EuroTier 2024. Pillen delivered the keynote at the Cattle & Pig Event, then returned the following day to take part in the exhibitor event, which included a display featuring Nebraska. EuroTier is focused on promoting technical and scientific advances in the food and agricultural industries and attracts thousands of exhibitors from more than 50 countries annually.

"It's clear that we make the best products, we have the best agriculture, and we have the most innovation and entrepreneurship anywhere in the world," summarized Governor Pillen. "And we need to continue building great relationships so that we have access to international markets. Our vision is to do things necessary for creating more value-added agriculture in Nebraska."

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.

Trump throwing educators over top rope?

Time to get stuffed with a buffet of items from the "Bits and Pieces" file: — If you're going to lead something like the Department of Education, shouldn't you have some sore of real-world experience in the field?

My daughter, who graduated from UNL with a teaching degree, was lighting up my phone the other day with an angry "What in the world is President Trump THINKING???" texts when it was announced that Linda McMahon was his choice to head the Department of Education.

McMahon, some of you may know, is the wife of Vince McMahon, who once led the fake-wrestling conglomerate known as World Wrestling Entertainment. She did quite a bit of fake-rage acting during her time and now is being called on to lead our nation's education community.

I'd respond to this, but I'm afraid what I have to say might get me thrown over the top rope, and my chiropractor is on vacation.

— I read the other day that Dan Osborn, the independent candidate for U.S. Senate who barely lost to Republican incumbent Deb Fischer has started up a PAC that will be geared toward people who want to run for public office without being tied to either of the two main political parties.

What's funny about this is the fact that he got 45 percent of the vote in the state running for Senate as an independent against Fischer, who won a third term despite promising 12 years ago that she would only serve two terms. By comparison, in the 2020 Senate race, Democrat Chirs Janicek got just 24.4 percent of the vote against Ben Sasse, who left the job after two years to drag the University of Florida's reputation as an institution of higher learning down a few notches before he resigned.

Amazing that, here in Nebraska, an independent candidate for federal office has a better chance of success than a Democrat. Nebraska Democratic Party leadership CLAIMS that they are succeeding in getting liberals elected to public office in this state, but the races for the major offices clearly indicate otherwise.

Sure, claiming that you've got a majority on the Goehner Village Board is a positive, but when an independent gets twice as many votes as one of your "Who's THAT?" candidates, I wouldn't be clapping very loudly if I were a Democrat.

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher



— What have those "fire Matt Ruhle" bobbleheads got to say now? Nebraska's 44-25 win over Wisconsin on Saturday should shut a lot of boo-birds up now that Ruhle has secured Nebraska's first bowl game since 2016.

Nebraska played like the team that started out the season 5-1, playing sharp football on both sides and never letting up once they got the big lead late in the third quarter. Getting two scores in the final 30 seconds of the first half was a big momentum boost, and I was happy to see them come out still hungry and itching to put Wisconsin on ice, and by the fourth quarter it was pretty evident that Big Red was not going to be denied by anybody.

Dylan Raiola was fantastic at quarterback, managing the game well and getting the offense down the field, and Emmett Johnson ran like a man possessed. The offense exhibited a hunger and an energy that had been absent for the last month or so as the team went from 5-1 to 5-5.

As a lifelong Husker fan, I'm so happy that this team has finally broken through to become bowl eligible. There has been so much negative energy around the program for the last two decades, and it's great that they FINALLY get to experience a bowl game at the end of the year.

However, before that experience — let's kick the crap out our arrogant neighbors to the east and shut them up as well. GO BIG RED!!!

— Last year at this time, I went on a wild road trip with a friend of mine to see our favorite band one last time.

KISS was actually finishing its perpetual "End Of The Road" world tour the following week in New York City, but the week before that they played a fantastic 2 1/2-hour show at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind. We made the 700-mile road trip to see our favorite group one last time (I saw them a dozen times over the years... my buddy saw them about 100 times, including their last concert the following week).

One of the memories about the trip was that, as we were making our way east on the night before Thanksgiving, we began to read stories about concerts that had been cancelled in Canada, due to lead singer Paul Stanley's bout with a nasty flu bug. A concert that was scheduled in Knoxville, Tenn., on Friday was also scratched, and on Saturday morning they had yet to confirm whether or not the Indianapolis show would be happening.

About three hours before the soundcheck that we had VIP tickets for, the word came that, yes, they were going to play as scheduled. We were about a dozen rows off the stage as they came out — without makeup — to do a 30-minute soundcheck where they played a few oldies that weren't part of the regular set.

If you've ever been to a KISS concert, you know all about the stage antics, from Gene Simmons breathing fire and spitting "blood" before being lifted to the top of the stage (this time, however, he rode a platform about two-thirds of the way up, which was still fun but not part of the usual routine) to Paul Stanley being carried out over the fans to a platform near the back of the arena (from where I was sitting, he was about 20 feet away, so I had a great view of him out there).

The drive home was even more entertaining, as we encountered a blizzard just outside of Moline, Ill., about a couple of hours into the drive home. We white-knuckled our way through the snow, made up time once we got to Des Moines, and made it back in 12 1/2 hours.

This year... no road trip, no concert, just a pleasant Thanksgiving Day with family enjoying good food and missing my dad, who passed away 10 months ago. Ahhh memories...

Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving and survived Black Friday. Just four more weeks until Christmas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Deport 101

Happy Turkey Day, from my family to you!

Indeed, given Trump's "see-ya" starting Inauguration Day, witness shock waves country and worldwide.

The first batch? Unlucky teens who worked the night-shift at Seaboard. We learn that "an Oklahoma-based company faces allegations it employed under-age workers." Specifically, while Qvest LLC "employed minors under age 18... that are defined by law as hazardous." Which was the case. We learn that work construed "cleaning the killing floor and power machines such as meat- and bone-cutting saws, head splitters, jaw pullers and skimmers."

An even sharper note was Fayette Janitorial Service out of Memphis, Tenn. Fayette employed at least nine children — two 14-year-olds, one 15-year-old, one 16-year-old and five 17-year-olds — who also cleaned power machines. Seaboard Triumph terminated its contract. The Labor Department filed its complaint in February. Fayette later agreed to pay nearly \$650,000 in penalties.

Meanwhile, given the closest election since 2000 you wonder. Was

the price of eggs too high? Haven't pump prices dropped? Does this merit a wild catapult to the crazy zone? Climb atop the roller coaster and go "Wee!" With Trump-racking up an estimated 30,000 mistruths, 23 a day his first go — he's back in.

Snapshot? Cabinet stoked with deplorables, the grossly unqualified, what one CNN headline labeled "unorthodox." Like one commentator said pre-election, "We'll know who we are by who's elected."

Not for the weak of heart.

Take Department of Health and Human Services nominee, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Please. An anti-vaccine, anti-fluoride weirdo, sending stark messages. August 2023, he claimed the FDA "has an interest in poisoning the American people." In 2005, he maintained "a potential link between vaccinations and the rise of autism." Visiting Samoa meeting with anti-vaxer activists recently, there was "a serious measles outbreak on the island." Soon, there were "more than 5,700 people being infected (out of a total population of 200,000 and 83 deaths) many of them children."

Inauguration Day? Let the terror begin. According to reporter Paola Nagovitch of El Pais, this will be "the largest deportation in history...end-

ing the DACA and parole programs... closing the southern border."

Deportation? Speed dial. Stephen Miller, mastermind, "has been working on detailed plans for years." He's full throttle. "For the large-scale deportation of millions... massive raids would be carried out in workplaces and public places with the goal of arresting the largest number of people at once."

For three immigration hawks, their pump is primed. Miller boasted, "Trump will unleash the vast arsenal of federal powers...the most spectacular immigration crackdown."

Dog-killer Kristi Noem? First to send the National Guard... like eight times. Told Gov. Abbot she'd "personally bring more razor-wire to Texas to stop... an invasion." Her message? "Call me when you're an American."

The latest? Tom Homan, "boarder czar" will use "targeted arrests." Throwing a softer curve, when asked if mass deportations can be done without separating families, he said, "Of course there is. Families can be deported together."

Happy Turkey Day... isn't it grand when families can feast together?

Ron Hartnett
Dakota City

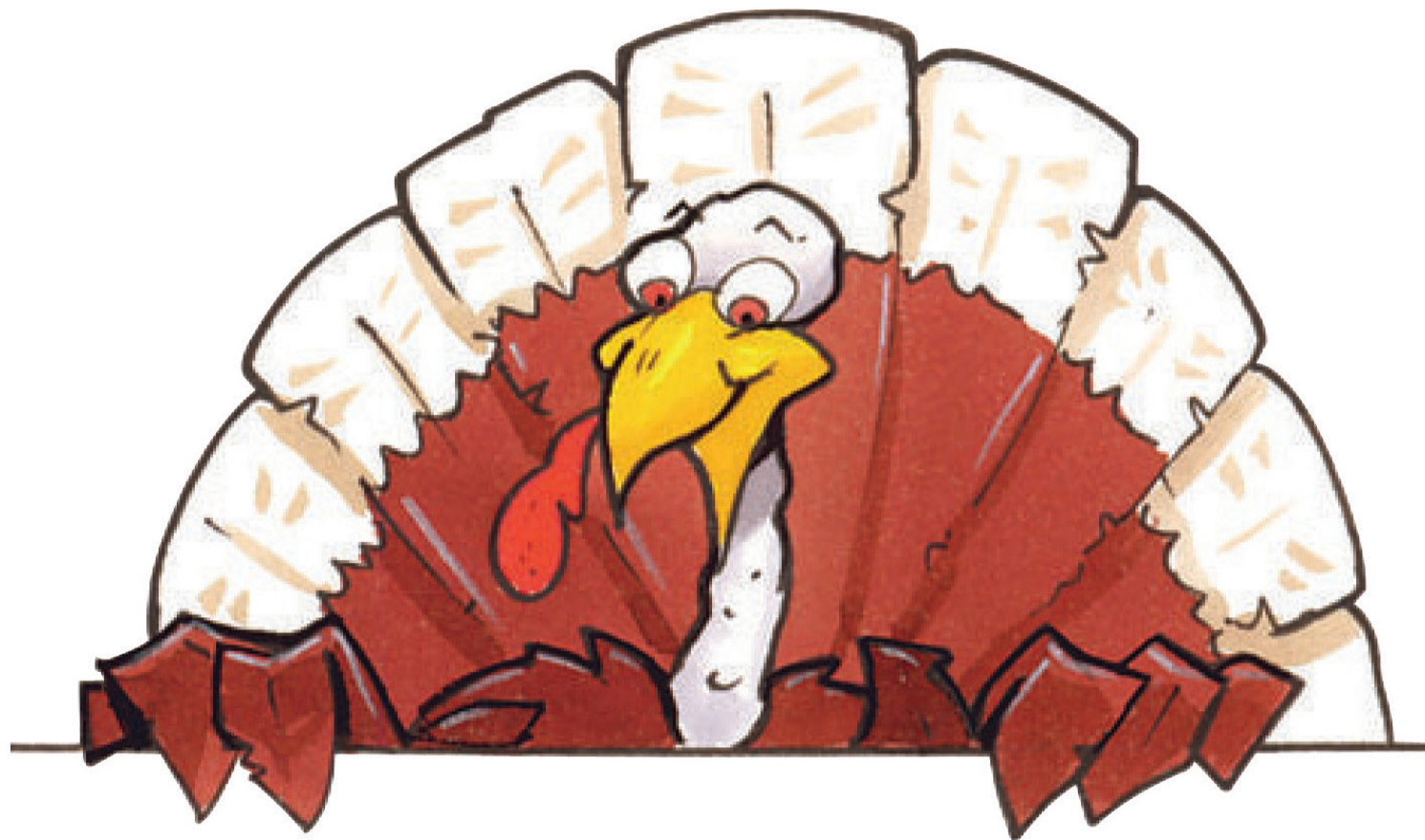
PONCA'S STARK TAKING TALENTS TO NORTHWESTERN



Ponca senior Zain Stark will be taking his baseball talents to Iowa after signing his National Letter of Intent with Northwestern. With him at his signing are his parents, Kayla and Andy Stark.

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*Have a Happy
 Thanksgiving*

Happy Thanksgiving from the SSC Public Library

You are reading this during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the library is not open this weekend in observance of this holiday. We will open on Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

On Oct. 3, 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789, as an official holiday of "sincere and humble thanks." The nation then celebrated its first Thanksgiving under its new Constitution. On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln made the traditional Thanksgiving celebration a nationwide holiday to be commemorated annually in November, from the National Archives.



Dan Nieman

You can read George Washington's proclamation in Writings by George Washington from the Library of America series (808 WAS).

While we are closed, you can still check out and watch movies without leaving your home. Here are a few.

"The Inspector General": Snake-oil salesman Georgi (Danny Kaye) is too honest for his own good. After his partner fires him, Georgi wanders into a corrupt town where he is mistaken for a diplomat. As Georgi unknowingly enjoys his false identity, the townspeople make several attempts to assassinate him, believing he is a powerful politician. Matters get more tangled and amusing when the real inspector general shows up.

"Blue Steel": A U.S. Marshal is suspected of a robbery when he witnesses it. As he investigates, he realizes the town's leading citizen is planning a massive heist. He must clear his name and stop the real culprits. This film stars John Wayne. It was made in 1934, which makes it one of the Iowan's first films.

Registration is required.

— Crocheting Granny Squares: Join us at the library in this four-week course as we learn new granny square patterns. This week we work on putting together our patterns.

— Hot Cocoa Greetings: Unwind at Hot Cocoa Greetings as we drink hot cocoa, write to our loved ones, and listen to music. Remember the holidays aren't always about gifting and spending money, sometimes it's the thought that counts!

— Tangled Yarns is A time for anyone to come work on or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you. This is on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

— Nebraska Department of Labor: Representatives of the Nebraska Department of Labor will be here to help those in need navigate filing for unemployment and other aspects of the NEWorks system. They will be here on Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

— Cozy Crocheted Socks is on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Make cozy chunky socks for the cold weather! 5 or 6-gauge yarn needed.

— Curiosity Stream Binge Pass: With the Curiosity Stream Binge Pass, you can access thousands of films, shows, and series covering science, nature, travel, history, and more. Curiosity Stream has something for everyone — including an entire Curiosity KIDS collection tailored for younger learners.

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— Let's keep the spirit of Thanksgiving going throughout the year. Have a good week and read a good book, or watch a good movie.



10 YEARS AGO

NOV. 27, 2014

Miller home torn down

The basement of the former home of Dennis and Jean Miller on East 33 Street in South Sioux City was being dug out on Nov. 21. Back on Sept. 7, the family lost their home due to an electrical fire. The couple was out of the house at the time of the fire, having lunch with their extended family the day after their daughter's wedding. In the blaze, Jean Miller also lost her at-home daycare business as well as four family pets.

20 YEARS AGO

NOV. 25, 2004

Mountain lion shot here

Law enforcement officers from South Sioux City, Dakota County and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission converged on a residential neighborhood Tuesday morning after local residents observed a mountain lion perched in a tree at the northwest edge of South Sioux City near the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Seventh Street. The mountain lion, a young male, was shot and killed by a Dakota County Sheriff's deputy, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reported.

30 YEARS AGO

NOV. 24, 1994

Paden is thankful

In a football game Sept. 9, New-

castle's starting quarterback, broke the seventh cervical vertebrae in his neck during a game at Bancroft-Rosalie. The injury caused Mike Paden to lose feeling in his arms temporarily, but as he explains, the injury and the rest of his life could've been much worse. The injury occurred when Paden dropped back to pass and was forced to scramble from the pocket avoiding the Bancroft-Rosalie pass rush. He was caught from behind, however, by a Panther defender and was thrown into another oncoming tackler head-first which caused the broken neck. Barry Johnson, the referee for the eight-man contest that evening. He noticed immediately that Paden's injury was more serious than first expected.

ing of certain funds from states that fail to raise their drinking ages to at least 21. This does not require states to raise their drinking age, are expected to do so in order to retain their federal funding. Nebraska's law will carry a "grandfather clause" in that anyone who reaches the age of 20 before Jan. 1, 1985 will retain their right to drink.

50 YEARS AGO

NOV. 28, 1974

76 persons win hams

The first winners, 76 of them, have been named in the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee's Christmas promotion. They must pick up their winning certificate at the business at which their name was drawn. Then redeem the certificate at a south Sioux grocery store. Some 36 South Sioux merchants are cooperating in the annual Christmas event which will see 76 hams being awarded.

16-year-old runaway apprehended

South Sioux City police have picked up a 16-year-old male runaway from Chicago and are holding him for Illinois Juvenile authorities. Police Chief Gene Claxton said that the boy was on probation for a burglary charge in the Chicago area. He was taken into custody Saturday night after he was found hitchhiking along U.S. 20. Illinois law enforcement officers and his family were notified immediately.

40 YEARS AGO

NOV. 29, 1984

City officials recognize Curry for Council service

After occupying a seat on the South Sioux City Council for 11 years, Jerry Curry attended his final official council meeting Nov.20. Curry's departure did not go unnoticed. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Vern Larson presented Curry with an appropriately engraved plaque bearing the City of South Sioux City's logo. The plaque was dated Nov.20, 1984 and signed by the mayor.

Drinking age raised to 21

Effective Jan. 1, 1985, the legal drinking age in Nebraska will be raised from 20 to 21. Mothers Against Drunk Driving played a big part in the passage of the law. A policy that calls for the withhold-

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Bryan A Alvarez Collazo, 27, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

Selvin A Balan Lastor, 24, South Sioux City; no operator's license, fine \$300, violate stop sign \$75

James T Deview, 39, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

Francisco T Vildosola, 32, Sioux City, Iowa; speeding 21-35 mph fine \$200, possess marijuana 1oz or less 1st offense, fine \$300

Camilo Hernandez Leiva, 27, Sioux City, Iowa; non-resistant violate 30-day immunity fine \$150

Bernardo Higuera Rivas, 31, South Sioux City; drive

under suspension/before reinstated fine \$25, no operator's license fine \$25

Rogelio Munoz Jr, 33, South Sioux City; disturbing the peace jail 60 days

Brenda I Lopez, 43, South Sioux City; DV assault 3rd/cause bodily injury fine \$500, probation 6 months, resist arrest 1st offense probation 6 months

Nabiha A Mohamad, 39, theft-shoplifting \$0-500 jail 45 days

Joshua D Pearce, 40, Lincoln; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, jail 60 days, fail to appear jail 14 days

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Sweda Kimberly C, Sweda Anthony J to Cuevas Maricruz Alarcon, S-T-R 28-29-9 E PT SE 1/4 NE 1/4

Otter Creek Land & Cattle Co Partnership, to Stewart Rick A, Stewart Diane M, 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 SE 1/4 NW 1/4

Gary Ogden Construction Inc, to Sherif Kemal Abdella, Teyib Mefthuha H, Lot 13 Ogden 3rd Addition Phase 2 of South Sioux City

Cumulative Builds LLC, to Stewart Christopher, Stewart Andrea, Lot 3 Prairie Ridge First Filing of Rural,

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Walker Island Homes Inc aka, Walker Island Homes inc aka, Walker Island Homes Incorporation to Novi Coeptus LLC, Lot 24,25,26 Island Homes Addition Sixth Filing of South Sioux City

Garcia Elvia T Personal Representative, Guadalupe A Garcia Estate, to Garcia Elvia T, Lot 22 in block 32, Joy Place Addition of South Sioux City

Regalado Guadalupe G, to Regalado Sr Mario A, Lot 6,7 in block 1, Original Addition South Sioux City

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Denis Rigoberto Mejia Chinchilla, 21, South Sioux City, and Johana Magana Romero, 24, South Sioux City Benjamin Elias Schwartzkopf, 87, Portland, Ore. and Helen Lorraine Sessions, 88, Portland, Ore.

Pokorney, Emerson

Edwin Joseph Ramirez Rios, 25, South Sioux City, and Lorae Lee Tyndall, South Sioux City Dwight Jonathan Reiling, 20, South Sioux City, and Jared Paul Keoppel, 20, South Sioux City

Papio NRD accepting orders for tree and shrub seedlings

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (Papio NRD) is accepting orders for tree and shrub seedlings.

Through the Conservation Tree Program, homeowners, acreage owners, producers, and operators can purchase bare-root seedlings for \$30/bundle plus tax. There are 25 seedlings of the same species per bundle. Multiple species are available.

There are also two "variety" bundles available to order which include five different species in a bundle of 20 seedlings for \$30 plus tax.

The seedlings are ideal for windbreaks, wildlife habitat, and living snow fences designed to reduce blowing and drifting snow. Many tree/shrub projects are eligible for Papio NRD cost share which can significantly reduce out-of-pocket costs.

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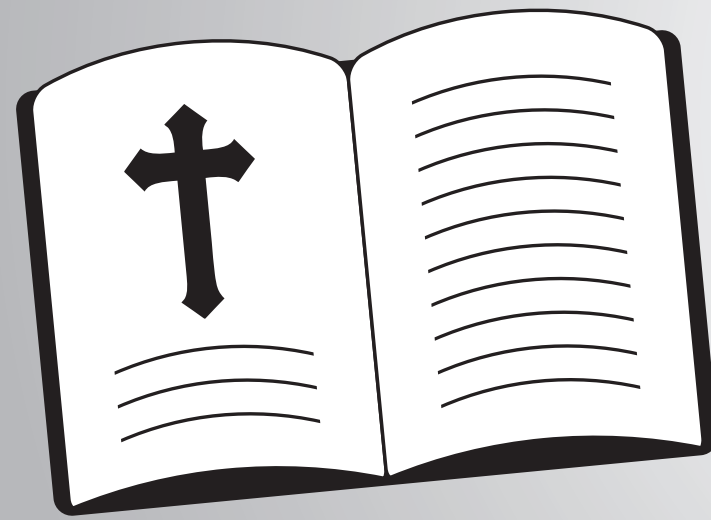
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Pastor Michael R. Ring



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Emerson News

Kickoff to Christmas

The Emerson Betterment Committee will have their second-annual Kickoff to Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 7, with a Parade of Lights down Main Street at 6 p.m. followed by festivities at the Emerson Fire Hall, which will include a meal, kids crafts and pictures with Santa. The EBC is inviting the community to welcome in the Holidays.

Cemetery Board meeting

The Emerson Rose Hill Cemetery Board met recently. Those in attendance were Russ Plummer, Jaci Beacom, Diane Lamp, Roger Schwarten and Diane Thompson. Dianne Fuchser was absent.

A discussion was held on expanding or limiting lots for sale. A motion was made to not extend the current area. Lots are for sale in the older two sections of the cemetery (with numerous lots in process of being reclaimed), and in the new section only where green markers are already measured and placed. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

The board discussed raising space

prices to include cost of headstone permit. The board needs to ensure the monument companies stop at the Village Office to share information for Cemetery records. It was moved and approved to leave current prices as is.

Discussion was held on the kiosk choices. It was moved to order the 19-inch kiosk. Motion carried. Discussion was held on Kiosk shelter to be built next spring. Lamp Construction submitted a bid for \$89,000 (not including cement). It was shared that the Emerson Betterment Committee might be willing to build this for the Cemetery. This business was tabled until another time.

It was discussed on whether to charge for adding additional information on the Cemetery Kiosk once installed. A motion was made and approved to charge \$30 for adding an obituary and photo of deceased in the Kiosk software.

Information was shared from Chris Wood, U of N Extension office in Norfolk. Four older trees were noted for future removal and the newer trees need water and mulch.

Posting of Rose Hill Cemetery update on the Village of Emerson Facebook page was discussed and a draft

is being worked on.

Housing Rehab meets

The Emerson Housing Rehabilitation Program met recently with Dick McCabe, Nancy Mackling, Betty Rager, Beth Bonderson and Martin Griffith in attendance.

New business: Applicant 101810 for Level A in the amount of \$25,000 was presented for funding. Motion to waive the \$25-per square foot limit and for approval of applicant 101810 for housing rehabilitation funds up to the account of \$25,000 was made and approved.

After discussion of available funds that are left for disbursement in the current housing Rehabilitation Program the current balance before applicant 101810 is \$31,243.57 in Emerson Housing account and \$35,518.84 for

Emerson in the joint housing funds that Emerson is the only remaining village.

Thanksgiving break

No school Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving break.

LWML Fall Rally held

The Wayne Zone LWML Fall Rally was held on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne.

The morning was started with Jan Casey playing the for the hymn sing. The group was welcomed by Ellen Heinemann, president of the Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid. Opening devotion was led by Pastor Paul Hammes based on 1Corinthians 13:4-8, God is Good all the Time.

Several women presented a skit inviting us all to attend the 2025 National LWML Convention at the CHI Center in Omaha on June 26-29, 2025.

Following a short break, Mick Onnen, the Nebraska District Response Coordinator, presented a very informative presentation about the work of the Disaster Response teams and how we can be trained to help nationwide following disasters. He shared slides showing the destruction following the spring Elkhorn tornadoes and the June flooding in Hawarden and Spencer, Iowa. He also showed many slides showing the clean-up in both locations. He also shared about the training and need for chain saw training and deployment.

Pastor Hill asked the blessing before the noon meal. A lunch of spaghetti pie, Caesar salad and desserts was enjoyed.

President Rhonda Sebade called the business meeting to order. Pastor Hill blessed the ingathering of cleaning buckets filled with cleaning supplies along with cash donations of \$1,040. Minutes of the Fall Rally 2023 were read and approved. The treasurer report was given by Pat Von Minden. Balance on hand was \$953.44. Pat Glover and Claire Broen audited the treasurer books and found them to be in order.

Sebade asked for nominations from the floor for president and treasurer. Sheila Floyd was nominated and she accepted the nomination to place her name on the ballot for the office of LWML president. Floyd was elected for a two-year term.

Sebade asked for nomination from the floor for treasurer. Kathleen Johs was nominated and she accepted the nomination to place her name on the ballot for the office of LWML treasurer. Johs was elected for a two-year term of treasurer.

LaDonna Stanocheck sent a written district report which Sebade read. District convention June 2024 was well-attended and donations were very generous. Each of the five

Christian Schools in the district received five cases of copy paper and a check for \$850.

The next District convention will be held at Good Shepard Church in Gretna on June 26-27, 2026.

Claire Brogren, Winside, will be the delegate to the 2025 Omaha convention.

There are plans for a bus to the Omaha convention. Check the leaguer for more information.

There are only four societies in our zone that are able to host a Spring Workshop or a Fall Rally.

The spring 2025 workshop will be hosted by Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City, and the 2025 Fall Rally will be held at Trinity in Martinsburg. 2026 Spring Workshop will be held at Grace Lutheran in Wayne and the 2026 Fall Rally will be held at Laurel.

Each society shared how they ob-

served LWML Sunday. Martinsburg made and gave Scripture Jars to families. They also observed Pastor Appreciation, serving cake following the service. Immanuel in Laurel served brunch following the service. Hope Lutheran in South Sioux City made the LWML banner. Grace Lutheran in Wayne had out the large mite boxes and purchased altar flowers.

Pastor Hill installed the new officers, Sheila Floyd as president and Kathleen Johs as treasurer.

The next board meeting will be held on Jan. 14, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall in Wayne.

Pastor Buchhorn gave a closing devotion on Mark 1:31, Putting skills into action.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jackson News

Library closed

Jackson Public Library will be closed, Thursday, Nov. 28 in honor of Thanksgiving.

Cards of Recovery

Donnie Hogh 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.

the Coconut Cake" by Amy Reichert was a nice light read. December book is "The Ghost at the Table" by Suzanne Berne. December meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Diane Sullivan's. The big book for this year is "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes.

Jackson Elementary School

Mondays - 1 hour late start
Christmas Program - Dec. 13 6:30 p.m.
Early Dismissal - Dec. 19 and 20 - Jackson 1:10 p.m.
Dec. 23- Jan. 3 - Christmas Break
Return to School - Return to school
Jackson Elementary School lunch menu Dec. 2-6:
Monday - Pancake with sausage bites, hash brown, yogurt, fruit
Tuesday - Chicken Alfredo, cheese breadsticks, lettuce, fruit
Wednesday - Chicken strips, French fries, green beans, fruit
Thursday - Pulled pork, baked beans, pickle, fruit
Friday - Orange chicken, fried rice, carrots, fortune cookie, fruit

Hours of Operation

Bank of Dixon County - Monday through Thursday, drive-through 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Lobby is open 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.
Lunch Box - Tuesday through Saturday - 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company - Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
United States Postal Services - Monday through Friday 12-4p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Pump and Pantry - Daily 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Morrow's House Moving - 402-632-4555 - for estimates and appointments.
Bridal Sweet - by appointment
Jackson Public Library open Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.
St. Patrick's - Sunday 9:15a.m. services
MC Salon - Men's day every Thursday. No appointment necessary. Call 632-2011 for appointments.

Indoor pickleball is back

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

Book Club

The group met and discussed: "We are the Mulvaney's" by Joyce Carol Oates was a dark book that was a little too long and "The Coincidence of

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 2 to discuss "Winter People" by Jennifer McMahon. The next selection, "Inland" by Tea Obreht will be available that day. The group will read this book during the month of December and discuss it in January. New members are always welcome.

Story Hour for December will be on Thursday, Dec. 19 with "Cookies for Santa" as the theme.

The Library will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas and Tuesday, Dec 31. and Wednesday, Jan 1. for the New Year holiday.

Looking for a light Holiday read? The Library has a large selection of Christmas books and DVDs for both children and adults. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson would make a great book to read together as a family before seeing the movie at the theaters.

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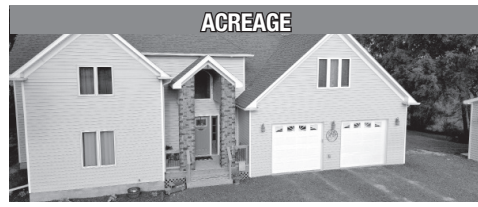
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CHILANGOS MEXICAN FOOD TRUCKS LLC

Notice is hereby given that CHILANGOS MEXICAN FOOD TRUCKS LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 112 E 19TH STREET, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776. The general nature of business is to engage in and to do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on November 6, 2024 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the Company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the Company's Operating Agreement. The initial agent for service of process is LBS, INC at 1413 BROADWAY ST, P.O. BOX 548, DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731

Lydia Pintor
Organizer

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

R & B Rentals, LLC, 207 8th Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776
 100 Shares at \$10 a share
 Robin P Harris, 207 8th Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 is the in-state registered agent
 Mailing address is 211 8th Avenue, South Sioux City NE 68776
 Real Estate Investing and Rentals
 The date of the corporation will be 12/24/2024.

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Legal Notice

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: ImOn
 Name of Applicant: FiberComm LC
 Address: 1605 9th St., Sioux City, IA 51101
 Applicant is a Limited Liability Company.

If other than an individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Iowa.

Date of first use of name in Nebraska: November 13, 2024.

General Nature of Business: Broadband, telephone and wireless services.

Patrice M. Carroll, Applicant
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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 December 6, 2024, starting at 1 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 administration office located at 210 West 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 28, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for furnishing one new 250+ variable horsepower, all-wheel drive motor grader 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 p.m. for their consideration. Envelopes containing bids shall be marked Motor Grader 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.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING NEBRASKA EXTENSION DAKOTA COUNTY EXTENSION BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Extension Board will hold their regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. at the USDA Service Center Meeting Room at 1505 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE which the meeting will be open to the attendance of the public.

An agenda for such meeting kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the Dakota County Extension Office at 1505 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE, during normal business hours.

Robyn Burch,
Extension Board Secretary
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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
 712-277-4561

ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE
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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
 villageloffhomer@outlook.com
 Detailed job description available upon request.

Application deadline: November 15, 2024.

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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**

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Legal Notice

**Bonial & Associates, P.C.
12400 Olive Blvd
Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141**

Notice of Trustee's Sale

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 01/09/2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the South door of the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731:

LOTS 1 AND 2 AND THE EAST 15 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK 236, CITY OF DAKOTA CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

By: **Sara Pelikan,
Trustee, NSBA# 23602
Bonial & Associates, P.C.
12400 Olive Blvd
Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone: 314-991-0255
Fax: 972-764-5752**

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CHILANGOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT & PIZZAS LLC

Notice is hereby given that **CHILANGOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT & PIZZAS LLC** has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 112 E 19TH STREET, SO SIOUX CITY, NE 68776. The general nature of business is to engage in and to do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on December 8, 2020 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the Company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the Company's Operating Agreement. The initial agent for service of process is P.B.S. INC at 1413 BROADWAY ST, P.O. BOX 548, DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731

**Lydia Pintor
Organizer**
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Legal Notice

SECTION 00 10 00 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**

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTH SIOUX CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REZONING REQUEST 500 block Old Sawmill Road

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 4 p.m.** in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of rezoning that part of the following described tract of land currently zoned AGT to C4, located in the 500 block of Old Sawmill Road, legally described as follows;

ALL THAT PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 AND THAT PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 13, ALL IN SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 88 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 13 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE SOUTH 89°49'03" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 13 AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 4 FOR 1809.57 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 5, HUGHES COMMERCIAL PARK, AN ADDITION TO DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA; THENCE NORTH 1°30'27" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY PROJECTION AND SAID EASE LINE FOR 1037.58 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 20; THENCE NORTH 89°47'45" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 1810.87 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 13 OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE SOUTH 1°26'06" EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE FOR 1038.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 43.125 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, WHICH INCLUDES 1.371 ACRES IN ROADWAY EASEMENT.

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTH SIOUX CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REZONING REQUEST 615 Old Highway 20 West C3 to C4

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 4 p.m.** in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of rezoning 615 Old Highway 20 West (former Martins Airfield) from C3 to C4, legally described as follows.

Parcel 1: (220198160) All that part of Government Lot 1, Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 8 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Dakota County, Nebraska, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 1 of said Section 36; thence South 0°32'00" East along the West line of said Government Lot 1 for 788.20 feet to the North Right of Way line of U.S. Highway No. 20; thence North 84°52'31" East along said North Right of Way line for 510.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 5°07'29" West for 356.04 feet; thence North 85°25'00" East for 295.28 feet; thence North 57°54'15" East for 60.00 feet; thence North 85°25'00" East for 191.21 feet; thence South 5°07'29" East for 383.81 feet to the North Right of Way line of said U.S. Highway No. 20; thence Westerly along said North Right of Way line on a 11659.15 foot radius curve, concave Southerly for 346.91 feet, having a long chord of 346.89 feet, bearing South 85°43'37" West; thence South 84°52'31" West along said North Right of Way line for 193.09 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: (Tax ID's 220070229 & 220069530)

A tract of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 25, T29N, R8E of the 6th P.M., Dakota County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the NE corner of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 25, T29N, R8E of the 6th P.M., Dakota County, Nebraska; thence westerly on the north line of said S1/2, 190.00 feet; thence southeasterly to a point on the east line of said S1/2, said point being 300.00 feet south of the NE corner of said S1/2; thence north and on said east line of said S1/2, 300.00 feet, to the point of beginning.

AND

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and Lots 4 and 5 all in Section 25, and that part of Government lots 1 and 8 lying North of Highway 20 EXCEPT East 400' of Lot 8 AND EXCEPT Highway 20 Right of Way in Section 36, all in Township 29 North, Range 8 East of the 5th P.M., EXCEPTING therefrom 4 acres surrounding the area occupied by a Quonset building previously deeded to Eugene T. Martin, on April 15, 1981, in Book 105, Page 754, Dakota County, Nebraska.

AND EXCEPTING The West 50.00 feet of the South 885 feet of Government Lot 5, Section 25, T29N, R8E, of the 6th P.M., Dakota County, Nebraska. Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, November 28, 2024. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS (WITH CHILDREN)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA Erika Julisa Munguia Alvarado Plaintiff,

vs.

Luis Joel Artiaga Defendant.

Case No. CI24-191

TO: Luis Joel Artiaga, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceedings: You are notified that on November 7, 2024, the plaintiff, Erika Julisa Munguia Alvarado filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, at case no. CI 24-191 the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken and to obtain an equitable division of the property, and to determine custody and child support, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before December 7, 2024, or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

Date: November 20, 2024

Printed Name: Gina Tabisola, #26209 Street Address/P.O. Box: 308 S 19th Street City/State/ZIP Code: Omaha, NE 68102 Telephone Number: 402-884-0700 Email address: gina@kasaby.com

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY SUBDIVISION REQUEST Ogden 3rd Addition Phase 3

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 4 p.m.** in the South Sioux City Council Chambers located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of Ogden 3rd Addition Phase 3, a new subdivision located at the corner of East 17th and Ogden Court, legally described as follows.

ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE SOUTH 89°28'14" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 FOR 33.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°29'11" WEST ALONG A LINE 33.00 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 FOR 33.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°28'14" EAST ALONG A LINE 33.00 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 FOR 330.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89°28'14" EAST ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE FOR 99.98 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF OGDEN 3RD ADDITION, PHASE 2; THENCE SOUTH 0°30'39" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 AND THE EAST LINE OF LOT 2 FOR 230.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 89°13'39" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 2 AND SAID SOUTH LINE EXTENDED WEST FOR 100.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°30'39" EAST FOR 232.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 0.531 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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**MAUL & BODLAK, L.L.P.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW**

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF KUBIK TAX & ACCOUNTING, LLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **KUBIK TAX & ACCOUNTING, LLC,**

a Nebraska limited liability company authorized to perform professional public accounting services, is organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 303 St. Patrick Court, Jackson, NE 68743 and registered agent, Lee Kubik, at 303 St. Patrick Court, Jackson, NE 68743. 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, 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 September 26, 2024, and its existence shall be perpetual. The Certificate of Organization was then amended on November 4, 2024. Its affairs shall be conducted by the member pursuant to an Operating Agreement duly adopted by the Company.

KUBIK TAX & ACCOUNTING, LLC by its sole member: **Lee Kubik**

**Maul & Bodlak, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 490
Pender, NE 68047
402-385-3016**

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Minutes of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Board of Trustees Special Meeting November 20, 2024

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on November 20, 2024 at the Village of Hubbard Office at 7 p.m. for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board of Trustees present for roll call were Trustees: Ron Hunn, Ron Collins, Jason Martineck, Jim Harral and Shawn Jensen. Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Guest in attendance were: John

VILLAGE OF HOMER

Village of Homer Special Public Meeting October 22, 2024

A public meeting consisting of the Chairman and members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska, was called to order by Village Board Chair Jarod Barclay on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Homer Village Offices. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by being posted in three (3) public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice on file at the village office.

Notice of the meeting was given to the Chairman and Trustees, and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt and the agenda are on file at the Village Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open and at the attendance of the public.

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

Roll call was taken. Members present: Chairman Barclay, Trustees Amber Barclay, Cain, Eriksen and Utemark. Absent: None.

Board members met with Al Vacanti of Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services regarding his availability to help the Village as an interim village clerk/treasurer, and discussed the proposed consultant agreement that was presented for review.

At the end of discussion, moved by Cain, and seconded by Eriksen, to

approve the consultant agreement, with changes, to have Mr. Vacanti work on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from October 29, 2024 to December 19, 2024. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Utemark, and seconded by Cain, to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jarod Barclay

Village Board Chair

I, the undersigned Interim Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Homer, Nebraska, hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the official actions taken by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees on October 22, 2024; that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were continually current and available for public inspection at the Homer Village Office; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of actions of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form within ten (10) working days and prior to the next convened meeting. IN WITNESS WHERETO, I have hereunto set my hand on November 14, 2024.

**Al Vacanti
Interim Village Clerk**

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VILLAGE OF HUBBARD

Minutes of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting November 11, 2024

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on November 11, 2024 at the Village of Hubbard Community Center, 7 p.m. for the regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Members of the Board of Trustees present for roll call were Trustees: Jason Martineck, Ronald Hunn, Jim Harral, and Shawn Jensen and Ron Collins. Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Following roll call Collins motioned, Harral 2nd, to approve the agenda. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Jensen motioned, Hunn 2nd, to dispense the reading of the October 9, 2024 minutes. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Clerk Bousquet presented the treasurer's report. Harral motioned, Jensen 2nd, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: None New Business:

Martineck introduced and read aloud Resolution 24-5. A resolution signing the year-end certification of City Street Superintendent. Collins motioned, Jensen 2nd, to approve the resolution as read. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding replacing the water line west of Poplar Street.

Discussion was held regarding additional street lights to the park and the parking lot of the community center. Clerk Bousquet will contact NNPPD and report back at the December meeting.

Jennifer Krueger requests permission to apply for a one-day SDL for a birthday party at the Hubbard Community Center on December 21st from 5pm to 1am. Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd to approve the SDL request. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the lagoon. Harral motioned, Jensen 2nd to hold an emergency meeting on November 20th at 7:00pm in the Village Office to review and pass the Emergency Ordinance. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Old Business: Bousquet presented a bid from Ace Refrigeration for a new commercial cooler, stainless steel tables, and

shelving to update the HCC kitchen. Collins motioned, Jensen 2nd to accept the bid. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried. Bousquet will get the items ordered and contact Lamp regarding scheduling the remodel.

Clerk Bousquet gave an update on the USDA funding of the paving project.

Delinquent accounts were discussed. Letters will be sent. Customers in delinquent status have seven days to pay.

Discussion was held regarding changing the account out or tenant into the owner's name at 405 Nebraska. Clerk Bousquet will send a letter to both parties.

Miscellaneous and Emergency Items:

Discussion was held on 320 Cherry Street. Per Attorney Hines, he has sent an email to Inspector Christensen regarding the red tag. There has been no response from Christensen or the property owner. Hines will follow up and report back at the December meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Clerk Bousquet presented bill to be paid as follows:

Dick McCabe \$211.80, Gill Hauling \$832.50, Heeny Fam Ptshtp \$550.00, Lisa Bousquet \$1,198.83, Jason Martineck \$25.00, NNPPD \$1,000.21, Ron Collins \$270.00, Jim Harral \$470.00, NNTC \$163.65, JEO \$9,600.00, Cray Huff \$18,048.75, Wilmes \$84.64, Ron Hunn \$250.00, NE Dept of Rev \$119.05, Bekins \$53.50, Coreys Lawn \$1,225.00, Eakes \$88.91, Leag of NE Muncl \$553.00, EH Schools \$510.00, NENE Ins \$216.00, Menards \$172.10, NE Rural Water \$200.00, USPS \$219.00.

Jensen motioned, Hunn 2nd, to pay all bills as presented in the board reports. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting: December 11, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Village of Hubbard Community Center

Attest:

Jason Martineck

Chairman Board of Trustees Village of Hubbard, Nebraska

Lisa Bousquet

Village Clerk

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Emergency Ordinance of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, waiving estimate of costs and advertising for bids for public infrastructure repairs: and providing for an effective date. Harral motioned, Jensen 2nd, to adopt the resolution as read. Ayes: Martineck, Hunn, Collins, Harral and Jensen. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**Jason Martineck
Chairman, Board of Trustees Village of Hubbard, Nebraska**

Attest:

Lisa Bousquet

Village Clerk

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Hubbard News

By Lori Overfelt

Junior Feeders' "blessing bags"

Last week, the Hubbard Jr. Feeders held their meeting and made "blessing bags" to be distributed to a local homeless shelter. They contained snacks, a few toiletries and other items. We also made handmade Christmas cards. They will be donated to Sweet Like Honey to be given out to people who need a little holiday cheer. I love to see the children being taught to give back to the community, and to share their abundance with those in need.

The Thanksgiving turkey hadn't even been cooked before the Christmas lights are on display everywhere. With the warm fall that we've enjoyed, it's given many people time to get the decorations up before the cold snap sets in.

Hubbard has started this holiday season with a new flare! The Village Board would like to thank the Hubbard Betterment Committee for purchasing the new Christmas lights that are now on display, making the streets beautiful and festive.

It's only a little over a week away till the Trinity Lutheran Church portrays the nativity scene in the town Heffernan Park. Please put it on your family's calendar to help children remember what Christ has done for us in its humble beginning. Then go enjoy the hot cocoa and cookies that will be provided after.



(PHOTO BY LORI OVERFELT)

Here is Martey Stewart, a 60-year member in Hubbard Jr. Feeders and 50 years as leader. Avery Kramper, Rachael Bousquet, Matthew Bousquet, Miley Mitchell, Lucy Mattison, Claire Mattison and Maxon Mitchell were all in attendance for making the blessing bags.

VILLAGE OF HOMER

Village of Homer Special Public Meeting October 25, 2024

A public meeting consisting of the Chairman and members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska, was called to order by Village Board Chair Jarod Barclay on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Homer Village Offices.

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

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

Roll call was taken. Members present: Chairman Barclay, Trustees Amber Barclay, Cain, Eriksen and Utemark. Absent: None.

Board members were advised that Al Vacanti of Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services would now be available to help the Village as an interim village clerk/treasurer for three days a week, beginning with the week of November 5, 2024, and discussed the previously agreed upon consultant agreement that was approved on October 22, 2024.

At the end of discussion, moved by Eriksen and seconded by Utemark, to approve a revised consultant agreement with Mr. Vacanti to have him work on October 29 and 31, 2024, and Tuesdays through Thursdays of each week from November 5, 2024 to November 21, 2024 and from December 3, 2024 to December 19, 2024. He will also work on November 26, 2024. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eriksen, and seconded by Cain, to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Jarod Barclay Village Board Chair

I, the undersigned Interim Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Homer, Nebraska hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the official actions taken by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees on October 25, 2024; that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were continually current and available for public inspection at the Homer Village Office; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of actions of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form within ten (10) working days and prior to the next convened meeting.

IN WITNESS WHERETO, I have hereunto set my hand on November 14, 2024.

Al Vacanti
Interim Village Clerk
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Village of Homer Special Public Meeting October 22, 2024

A public meeting consisting of the Chairman and members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska, was called to order by Village Board Chair Jarod Barclay on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Homer Village Offices.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by being posted in three (3) public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice on file at the Village Office. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chairman and Trustees, and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt and the agenda are on file at the Village Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were

taken while the convened meeting was open and at the attendance of the public.

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

Roll call was taken. Members present: Chairman Barclay, Trustees Amber Barclay, Cain, Eriksen and Utemark. Absent: None.

Board members met with Al Vacanti of Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services regarding his availability to help the Village as an interim village clerk/treasurer, and discussed the proposed consultant agreement that was presented for review.

At the end of discussion, moved by Cain and seconded by Eriksen to approve the consultant agreement, with changes, to have Mr. Vacanti work on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from October 29, 2024 to December 19, 2024. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Utemark and seconded by Cain to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jarod Barclay Village Board Chair

I, the undersigned Interim Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Homer, Nebraska hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the official actions taken by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees on October 22, 2024; that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were continually current and available for public inspection at the Homer Village Office; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of actions of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska, from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form within ten (10) working days and prior to the next convened meeting.

IN WITNESS WHERETO, I have hereunto set my hand on November 14, 2024.

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Village of Homer Regular Public Meeting October 10, 2024

A public meeting consisting of the Chairman and members of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska was called to order by Village Board Chair Jarod Barclay on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Homer Village Offices.

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

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

Roll call was taken. Members present: Chairman Barclay, Trustees Amber Barclay, Cain, Eriksen and Utemark. Absent: None.

Moved by Cain, and seconded by Amber Barclay, to approve September 12, 2024 board minutes and minutes for Budget Hearing. Ayes: Cain, Utemark, Amber Barclay. Nays: None. Abstain: Eriksen, Jarod Barclay. Motion carried.

Moved by Eriksen, and seconded by Cain, to approve financial statements. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Nebraska Department of Revenue 970.75; Name Cheap 17.06; Nebraska Child Support 125.54; Internal Revenue Service 2,318.19; Internal Revenue Service 2,048.65; Elvin Vavra 1,615.71; Bruce R. Ubbinga 532.25; Melissa R. Rushing 1,237.77; Liam Vavra 390.01; AMGL CPAs & Advisors 4,390.00; Black Hills Energy 68.11;

Canon Financial Services 42.89; Dakota County Treasurer 3,093.00; Lux Bros., Inc. 863.80; Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab. 262.00; NPPD 790.73; Olsson 250.00;

Gill Hauling 3,485.47; Homer Community School 500.00; Firstnet AT&T 51.43; Barco Municipal Products, Inc. 227.85; Bullseye Fire Sprinkler Inc. 320.00; Canon Financial Services 42.89; Cray Huff Law Firm 1,093.50; Dakota County Star 358.49; Dakota County Treasurer 3,093.00; J and J's Pronto 368.95; Menards 332.11; NPPD 1,308.08; South Sioux City Inspection Dept. 573.00; Walmart-Capitol One 21.96; Warren Oil Company 590.95; Century Link 101.26; One Call Concepts, Inc. 4.00; Sooland Bobcat 246.10.

Moved by Eriksen, and seconded by Cain, to pay the monthly bills. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Cain, and seconded by Jarod Barclay, to appoint 1st Community Bank as the legal bank for the Village of Homer. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eriksen, and seconded by Utemark, to set Trick or Treat hours from 5-7 p.m. on October 31, 2024. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Utemark, and seconded by Cain, to approve the renewal of Elvin Vavra's Wastewater Treatment Facilities Operator Certificate. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Cain, and seconded by Eriksen, to approve the agreement with Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Cain, and seconded by Eriksen, to purchase a snow removal bucket from Hawthorne Industries for \$2,200. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eriksen, and seconded by Cain, to award the sale of the Village's water truck to Ricky Harris for the purchase price of \$600. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Citizen Concerns - A citizen thanked the Village Board and Village employees for the work that they are doing.

Board Reports - Employees urged to keep on with the road grading.

Clerk Report - Auditors will be in the Village Office on October 15th. The 150th Anniversary fund is over \$5,000. More volunteers needed. Coffee and Cakes is scheduled for February 2, 2025.

Moved by Cain, and seconded by Utemark, to go into closed session for purposes of the Employee Review of Melissa Rushing. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Village Board entered into closed session at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Cain, and seconded by Eriksen to come out of closed session at 7:25 p.m. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. No other action taken.

Moved by Utemark, and seconded by Cain, to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Jarod Barclay Village Board Chair

I, the undersigned Interim Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Homer, Nebraska, hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the official actions taken by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees on October 10, 2024; that the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were continually current and available for public inspection at the Homer Village Office; that subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of actions of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer, Nebraska from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form within ten (10) working days and prior to the next convened meeting. IN WITNESS WHERETO, I have hereunto set my hand on November 14, 2024.

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Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



"For All Your Crop Insurance Needs"
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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Beetlejuice, played by senior Sam Shadbolt, is flanked by plenty of gorgeous 'dead cheerleaders' in the creepy-fun tale.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Cast and crew of Homer's One Act "Beetlejuice" celebrate after their Tekamah-Herman victory on Saturday.

One-act wins T-H festival

Play production season has been a fruitful one for the cast and crew of Homer's Beetlejuice. Not only are they Conference Champs in the Lewis division, but this past weekend they picked up Tiger One-Act Festival Championship at Tekamah-Herman.

The squad garnered plenty of "Outstanding Performer" awards with certificates going to Tanith Holverson, Alexis Jessen, Allison Blackbird, Justice Barclay, Bergan Lefdal, Rylee Luesebrink, Lilyanna Dziorawiec, Ainsley Spurrell, Conner Probst, Sam Shadbolt, Michael Rice, Colton Victor and Leiton Heinemann.

Those award "Outstanding Tech Crew" included Deegan Pishna, Clover Hirsch, Ross Abts, Claire Barclay and Bodie Nelsen. There are plenty more students involved on the highly-successful team of thespians, too.

Coaches for the play production team are Ashley Ziska, Alisha McPartland-Janssen and Trevin Launsby with hair and make up by Trenna Launsby and tech direction from Dave Dziurawiec. It's a mighty big crew with mighty big results.

The performers have this week off in preparation for district competition in West Point next Wednesday, Dec. 4. Break a leg, Beetlejuice!

Volleyball awards presented

Athletes, parents and coaches celebrated the volleyball season at their year-end banquet on Sunday at the school.

There was much to celebrate after a successful 2024 campaign: most wins in school history; career, single season and single game records set by Tori Walker and Rylie Harris, conference championship and player honors and more.

Voted by their teammates, these girls earned the following team JV awards: Most Improved - Macy Vanschoiack and MVP - Brooklyn Hightree. Varsity awards were Most

Improved - Taiah Bird, Hustle Award - Rylie Harris, Teammate of the Year - Madi Roeber, MVP - Tori Walker.

Congrats to all players for an amazing season.

Help fill Joyful Bags

Homer TeamMates invite you to be a part of the giving this season by helping collect supplies to make Joyful Bags.

Joyful bags are a simple way to bring joy to those in need. The Zip-Loc bags will include an assortment of toiletries and snacks, and they will be donated to the Sioux City Warming Shelter in January.

How can you help? Bring any of the below items to the entry way of Homer School by Friday, Dec. 20. TeamMates will pack one of each into the bags, so please make sure you're getting travel-sized items. Monetary donations can also be sent on Venmo to @HomerTeam or dropped off at the office.

Items encouraged: band aids, Chap Stik, comb, crackers, granola bars, gum, hand sanitizer, lotion, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, trail mix, warm socks.

Old Dane gift cards

Need gift ideas for the golfers in your life? Stop by Old Dane Golf Club and grab a gift card for someone and earn one for yourself.

For every \$50 gift card, earn \$10 for yourself, and your name will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket. This will run to the end of the year.

Also, the club has some spots left in their 2025 simulator league, so give Tanner a call to get your team signed up.

Just announced

Homer Fire Hall will again be the site of the Fish Fry on Jan. 4, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. For \$15, adults will be served pollock, catfish, chicken strips, fries, coleslaw and beans. Cost

for children over five is \$8 while those five and under eat for free. Make plans now.

Santa pizza delivery in December

The folks at Homer Volunteer are again offering Pizza Delivery with Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 5-7 p.m.

Order from Bonanza Bar (402) 698-2999 or Pronto (402) 698-2485 by noon on Dec. 11, and delivery must be within five miles of Homer.

Turnout last year was fantastic. Help spread some holiday cheer on the 11th!

Cardinal Baskets in need

For many years, Cardinal Christmas Baskets has delivered food baskets to families in need in our community. Homer students have been involved in the collection of items needed for many years, as well, and this year is no different.

Elementary students help by holding a food drive competition among classes from Dec. 2-13, collecting non-perishable items. These include things like canned meats, peanut butter and jelly (no glass jars), canned or dry soup, tea bags or coffee (ground, no beans).

Items can be sent with students or dropped off at the school by Dec. 13.

School activities

Thursday, Nov. 27 - No school
Friday, Nov. 28 - No school
Saturday, Nov. 29 - BB practice, 9 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 2 - Sports Pics, 9:35 a.m.; G/B BB Jamboree at SSC, 5:30 p.m. rolling schedule.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - One Act at Districts, West Point, 11:15 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 5 - B WR triangular at Scribner, TBD; JH BB at Tekamah, 4:30 p.m.; G/B BB vs Winnebago, JV at 4:45 p.m. rolling schedule; G WR at Stanton, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7 - B WR at Howells, 9:30 a.m.; G/B BB at Lyons, 1 p.m. rolling schedule.

Resources offer crop insurance guidance

Across the United States, producers are facing unpredictable or extreme weather events which can cause financial difficulties. Risk management, in the form of crop insurance, can offer financial protection.

To aid producers new to crop insurance, whether they are commodity corn and soybean growers or raising organic and specialty crops, the Center for Rural Affairs has created the "Crop Insurance 101" series that addresses frequently asked questions.

"Signing up for crop insurance, especially for the first time, can be daunting," said Kelsey Willardson, policy associate with the Center. "With shifts in weather patterns and extreme events like flooding and drought, it is important that all producers have access to crop insurance, and sometimes this access depends on understanding the basics."

Federal crop insurance is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency and provides financial protection for producers who face yield or revenue losses caused by natural causes or market fluctuations.

The first of the series, "Weathering the Unpredictable: The Protection Crop Insurance Provides," describes common perils that result in these losses, as well as which

crop insurance policies cover each type of loss.

The series continues with resources outlining important dates to remember and instructions for filing a claim. This includes dates that producers must follow to maintain eligibility for crop insurance coverage, such as the sales closing date, premium billing date, and final planting date. In addition, the guide contains details producers need when filing a claim to ensure they receive full coverage.

"The process may seem complicated to newcomers, but there's no need to navigate the process alone," said Willardson. "These guides are meant to serve as a starting point for a conversation with your crop insurance agent."

Another resource in the series includes an overview of Prevented Plant Coverage. Many producers are familiar with crop insurance policies that offer financial protection for damaged or destroyed crops; Prevented Plant Coverage, however, offers protection from the loss of crops that could not be planted in the first place.

"Farmers face many risks in their profession, and all farmers should have access to the safety net that crop insurance provides," said Willardson.

To view these guides in both English and Spanish, visit cra.org/crop-insurance-resources.

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Our dedicated forester is really getting into the holiday spirit! He's decorating his ornament with the perfect touch: a charming Christmas tree. It's a delightful blend of nature and festivity!

Windbreaks bring host of benefits for area farmers

Windbreaks are fantastic allies in farming! They bring a host of benefits, like preventing soil erosion, providing homes for wildlife, and helping to capture carbon. One of the most valuable things they do is protect crops, which can really boost production. Wind can be tough on both soil and crops. It can lower soil temperature, increase water loss, and lead to erosion, not to mention the direct damage it can cause to plants. Issues like desiccation, abrasion, bruising, and breakage can all reduce both the yield and quality of your crops. By slowing winds down, windbreaks lend crops a helping hand, creating a more favorable environment for growth. They also create microclimates that encourage pollinators to visit, which is great for improving crop production. However, it's wise to keep in mind the balance between the space taken up by windbreaks and the benefits they provide. For the best results, it's usually suggested that less than 5 percent of a field be dedicated to these natural barriers. Many effective windbreaks consist of a single row of tall trees. This setup minimizes the space used while still providing excellent protection downwind and reducing the need for multiple barriers. Windbreaks can significantly boost crop yields in the areas that are 3 to 10 times their height downwind, with some benefits even reaching out to 15 times their height! With climate change bringing about more frequent droughts, heatwaves, and unpredictable weather, windbreaks can be crucial in helping farmers manage risks and keep their crop production steady while also enhancing quality. They can easily fit into other practices for improving soil health and adapting to changes in our climate, like cover cropping. When planning a windbreak, it's beneficial for farmers to think about factors like density, area, height, the direction of the prevailing winds, and which specific crops need the most protection. Teaming up with natural resource department can make sure your windbreak is designed and placed just right to cater to your unique farming needs. For more information about windbreaks or any other programs call (402)494-4949, or come into the Dakota City Office 1505 Broadway in Dakota City.

Trees ready for sale in area

A message from Program Specialist Mahkenna Koinzan

Hello! Autumn is my favorite season! The colorful leaves create a cozy atmosphere, and the smell of baking pies — especially pumpkin and cherry — fills the air. One thing that especially comes to mind during this time is trees. Thankfully, the Papio Missouri River Natural Resources Department has just released our order forms for the 2025 tree sales. Have you ever participated in the Papio Tree Program? We sell trees in bundles of 25 every year for \$30 plus tax. If you do the math, that's just \$1.20 per tree, and these trees are magnificent! For example, the Bur Oaks in front of McDonald's on Dakota Avenue are just a few of the impressive trees planted through this program. I haven't even mentioned the best part of the program: if you plant the trees in the Papio NRD, we will cost-share on every tree you plant. This means that the trees essentially pay for themselves, not only by enhancing the appearance of your yard but also by improving your windbreak and making the air clearer for you to breathe. Not sure what to get? We have a forester on staff in Dakota City and are happy to answer any questions you have! So come on in!!! Did you see our Nebraska state Troopers escort the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree through eastern Nebraska on the 13th this year? The tree comes from Alaska this year!!! Our office may not have the most extravagant tree, but we take great pride in supporting our farmers with brush management. Many of them have established contracts with us for this work, and to show our appreciation, we have a special tradition. We select one of their majestic cedar trees each year to serve as our Christmas tree. This allows us to celebrate the season with a beautiful, locally sourced tree and highlights our commitment to sustainable practices and our partnership with the farming community. Come in and check out our Christmas Tree and get a tree order form. I want to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy and gratitude. And thank you to all our famers! Mahkenna Koinzan Program Specialist Dakota City Field Office (402) 494-4949

Workshop planned in Dakota City on Dec. 17

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for Agricultural Profitability and Nebraska Extension will present a workshop in Dakota City for farm and ranch landowners, landlords and tenants who want to learn more about current trends in farm or ranch real estate, and best practices for managing or leasing land. "Big Questions and Innovative Solutions in Land Management" will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 17, at the office of Nebraska Extension in Dakota County, 1505 W. Broadway. The workshop will cover topics related to Nebraska's land industry for farms and ranches. Those include evaluating current land values and cash rents, lease provisions and legal considerations, proper communication strategies and considerations for successful land transitions. Workshop participants will also be able to find answers to common farmland leasing and land ownership questions. Refreshments will be provided by Farmers National Company. The program is free to attend. Registration is required by Dec. 16, by calling Nebraska Extension in Dakota County at 402-987-2140. More information is available at https://cap.unl.edu/landmanagement. This material is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2023-70027-40444.

And now... a Joke with Jorden Smith

Q: Why Do Christmas Trees have trouble sewing? A: They can't stop dropping their needles!. If you would like another tree joke or have a question about a tree, ask Jorden Smith, our local Forester, at the Dakota City office at 1505 Broadway, Dakota City or call (402)494-4949.

Natural Resources District Conservation Tree Program Order Form - 2024-2025

*Name: _____ *County: _____ *Telephone: _____
Email: _____
*Mailing Address: _____ *City: _____ *Zip Code: _____

Will trees be planted by Papio NRD Tree Planter: YES _____ NO _____
If yes, you must contact the Papio NRD to develop a planting plan prior to placing an order. *Required

Deadline to order trees is February 21, 2025
Some tree species are in short supply and are subject to availability. If you would like the NRD to plant your trees, you will need to have a plan written and trees purchased by February 21, 2025.

If no, please check the location where you prefer to pick up your seedlings.
Lower Elkhorn NRD Residents: Stanton _____ West Point _____
Papio-Missouri River NRD Residents: Walthill _____ Dakota City _____ Omaha _____ Blair _____

Each Species must be ordered in bundles of 25 seedlings

Table with 5 columns: CONIFERS, DECIDUOUS, FRUIT & NUT TREES, SHRUBS, SHRUBS. Lists 44 tree species for selection.

• Number of seedling bundles ordered @ \$30.00/25 seedlings = \$
• Small Acreage Package (shown on back) bundles x \$30.00 = \$
• Wildlife Package (shown on back) bundles x \$30.00 = \$

SALES TAX: 5.5% Tax: \$
Total: \$

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