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#### Star offices closed

The Dakota County Star's offices will be closed Tuesday at 12 p.m. for the New Year holiday. The office will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, and will reopen at the regular time on Thursday, Jan. 2. That week's edition of the Dakota County Star will be delivered a

All editorial deadlines remain the same for next week's edition.

#### **Chamber Coffee Friday**

There will be no Chamber Coffee this week. The next scheduled event will be hosted by the Dakota County Star and will be held at the South Sioux City High School library.

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### **THURSDAY**

42 31 Overcast skies

45 Cloudy.

## SATURDAY



42



Mix of clouds and sun.

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31

40 Cloudy skies.

Partly cloudy.

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# Old airfield re-zoning request questioned

By MICHAEL CARNES

The new owner of the Martin Airfield property is looking to change the zoning designation, but questions were brought to the City

The 60-year old airport just west of South Sioux City was recently purchased by Chance Bracht, who is looking to farm most of the more than 140 acres and had asked to change the property's designation from C-3 to C-4. At Monday's City Council meeting, ques-

tions about the zoning designation in comparison to what the property would be used for were brought up during a public hearing, and one resident wondered why it wasn't rezoned with an agricultural designation.

Lou Franco, who lives just west of the old airport, said that cattle were already on the property and thought that should make it eligible to be zoned as ag land.

know the buildings are being used for storage over if he wants to change it now."

or some other heavy equipment that requires a C-4 designation," she said. "How does it make sens to make it C-4 now and come back later to change it to ag?"

Bracht told the Council that he made one request to move all three properties to the same designation out of convenience.

"We just did the C-4 for the whole thing just for the ease of getting it done," he said. "I don't have a problem with coming back later and re-zoning it as ag.

The Planning and Zoning commission recently gave Bracht's request a favorable vote, which forwarded the ordinance on to the City Council for consideration and approval.

City code official Kent Zimmerman told the Council that it would be up to Bracht to make a request on any zoning changes, but doing so would reset everything and require him to go through all the legal requirements.

"It's up to him as to what he wants to re-"All three parcels are zoned C-3 and I quest," he said. "He would have to start all

Bracht already has a small herd of cattle before." grazing on the property, which Franco said should make that property agriculture-orient-

"If he has cattle and alfalfa and pasture, that's ag property," she said.

Since the only notation on the application was to "add commercial storage buildings," City Attorney Mike Schmiedt said that was the only thing the Council could address regarding the ordinance. Whether or not he can keep cattle on the land was a separate issue that the Council would need to address outside of the ordinance request.

While any property owner within the city's zoning jurisdiction can have animals on the property, the request has to be approved by the Public Works Committee before going to the City Council for final approval.

"That would be a separate request," Zimmerman said. "If you want to have horses in your backyard, you could have that with Council designation, which has been done

Former Councilman Rick Bousquet, who owns property with cattle within the city's jurisdiction, encourage the Council to support Bracht's decision to bring cattle on the

"One out of four jobs in the state is animal agriculture. It's the bedrock of this state, and if he wants to put cattle out there you should embrace him and help him do it," Bousquet said. "Regardless if it's C-4 or C-3, he should be able to have cattle out there.

City Attorney Mike Schmiedt said that the Council could only decide on the information included in the request, and he would look into whether or not cattle could be allowed on property that is zoned as C-4. In the meantime, he suggested the Council could approve the first reading of the ordinance, giving him the opportunity to further research the issue.

"All I'm asking is that we follow proce-

SEE **REZONING**, 2A

### MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK



Jenna Tellez Castillo (facing camera) and Willa Garvey were among more than 90 local residents who vollunteered to help fill 275 boxes as part of the annual Cardinal Christmas Baskets event, which provides a holiday meal for those in our commuity who are less fortunate. More than 6,000 cans of food were collected by students from schools in South Sioux City, Homer and St. Michael's and the boxes were filled during a hectic evening inside the South Sioux City Fire Department Memorial Hall. More photos from the event are on Page 4A.

# **Community effort needed to load** 275 Cardinal Christmas Baskets

The scene looked liked a condensed version of a TSA check-in line in a busy airport on

About 90 people weaved around a series of rows of tables inside the South Sioux City Fire Department's Memorial Hall on Friday night, passing by stations where volunteers would place food in an oversized box. The boxes were carried around to its final destination, where they were quickly sealed up and stacked near the entrance for the Saturday morning delivery to those in need.

When all was said and done, it took about 90 minutes to pack 275 boxes full of everything from cans to boxed items and popcorn, all to be delivered the following morning as part of the annual Cardinal Christmas Baskets effort to help out those in need this holiday season.

For more than 60 years, what started out as Pete's Feeders has become an annual holiday tradition here in Dakota County, and the community support for the effort to provide for a holiday meal for those who might not otherwise be able to enjoy has long brought out a grand effort of community support.

Baskets about 17 years ago, co-chair Bill Garvey said, and the effort to fill the boxes has long been a work in progress that, if Friday was any indication, has almost been perfected.

"There have been years where we had over 200 here and the room gets stifling hot and crowded," he said. "We had about 90 people there Friday and that was a workable number and it took us less than half an hour. After 17 years of doing this, we've learned over the years how to make it more efficient.'

The operation has been going every year except during the Covid pandemic of 2020-2021. That put a dent in efforts, and Garvey said he hopes that eventually things will return to nor-

"We were out of the cycle for two years and when things like that happen, sometimes it falls over peoples' memory boards and it's hard to get that back," he said.

The non-profit had a goal of raising \$30,000 this year and received more than 6,000 cans of food from school children in South Sioux City, Homer and from St. Michael's Catholic School.

Our community donations have been down from last year, and I know the economy has been horrible this year and it will come back

items from HyVee and everybody who got a box will get a gift card, so if they know how to shop they should be able to put something good on

The city has been assisting Cardinal Christmas Baskets with handling the cash donations that come in, and Garvey said he was given about \$1,000 Friday night by some of those who came to help out. Donations have come from all over, including a Saturday morning bell-ringing event earlier this month with help from groups like the South Sioux Morning Optimists, the SSC Fire Department, the Scottish Rite and oth-

"If we didn't have them ringing bells, it would be tough," he said. "We also get a lot over coverage from the Dakota County Star and the Chamber of Commerce has been really good at getting the word out. Even with the bad economy and bouncing back from Covid, we've had a lot of support from the community.

On Saturday morning, the fire department and the Iron Pig Motorcycle Club, a group of retired police officers from the area, took the boxes to families in need, the end of another successful venture to help out the less fortunate in our com-

# Bowman steps down on Council

By MICHAEL CARNES Star Publisher

It's been some years since a Sunday-morning idea moved a South Sioux City native to run for the City

Jason Bowman has been a longtime member of the Council, and on Monday he announced that he has to step down from the position due to work commitments.

Bowman was recently elected to his seventh term on the City Council, beginning his service on the board in 1996. Aside from a two-year stretch where he opted to run for the Nebraska Legislature, he has been a part of city govern-

ment for all or part of four decades. And he's not one

to toot his own horn about it. "It's never been

about politics on this board, it's always been about the betterment of the commu-

nity," he said in announcing his resignation during Monday evening's City Council meeting. A 1988 South Sioux City High

School graduate, Bowman had recently returned home from the service when an idea popped into his "My wife and I were laying in bed

one Sunday morning, and I thought I had this great idea that maybe I'd give back to a community that gave me a lot, so I threw my name in and the community elected me," he said after Monday's meeting.

He took two years off in the early 2000's to run for the Nebraska Legislature, and when that wasn't successful, he ran again and has been on the board since.

Bowman said that he has missed several meeting of the City Council and the Public Works Committee which he has chaired for several years, due to work commitments. His work will be taking him to the Kansas City area, and he said the family may move, but wouldn't say for sure when or where.

"My job has caused me to miss a lot of meetings, and in the best interest of myself and the Council, I think this is the thing to do," he said.

While a number of Council members and Mayor Rod Koch praised Bowman for his service on the board, he was quick to point out that it has never been a one-man show.

"It's been a group effort, there's no one individual on this council," he said. "I think there have been some tough decisions but I think we've acted in the best interests of the community. Administrator Lance City

Hedquist said that Bowman has always been a positive part of the board during his years of service.

"He's always been a caring Council member and always listens to the situation and cares about the indi-

SEE **BOWMAN**, 2A

### F&M BANK DONATES TO CARDINAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS



F&M Bank (FMB) presented Cardinal Christmas Baskets (CCB) with a donation of \$1,200 last wek. Representatives of F&M Bank  $\,$  and CCB are pictured. "Cardinal Christmas Baskets is a time-honored tradition in South Sioux City, and we are very proud to do our part to support them," Brent Ruch, F&M Bank senior vice president, said. "They do great work every holiday season to bring a little bit of extra cheer into the homes of families who are in need. Everyone at F&M Bank is happy to donate our Jeans Day money to them for 2024." "We are very happy that F&M Bank and their employees chose Cardinal Christmas Baskets for their annual Jeans Day donation," added Bill Garvey, CCB spokesperson. "Cardinal Christmas Baskets is proud to carry on the tradition that began in 1946, then known as Pete's Feeders. Even though our name changed in 2008, we carry on that same legacy by providing food baskets to families and individuals in need throughout Dakota County. For 2024, we delivered 273 baskets on Saturday. We wouldn't be able to continue this endeavor every year without the support of our local community, businesses, and schools. We are grateful." FMB employees raise funds throughout the year by paying for the opportunity to wear jeans on the last Friday of each month. The Bank then matches the funds raised by the employees. Employees choose the organization to which they wish to donate the funds. This year the F&M Bank employees chose Cardinal

# **Farmers no longer feeling Farm Bill** anguish, but relief might be fleeting

Nebraska News Connection

Farmers in Nebraska and across the nation might not be in panic mode anymore thanks to another extension of the Farm Bill but they still want Congress to look past political divisions to ensure producers are getting the right support for the long haul.

As part of their budget deal to avoid a government shutdown, federal lawmakers also decided to keep the current Farm Bill, which technically expired in 2023, in place for another year. It is usually updated every

John Hansen, president of the

a tough market right now and they kets for farmers but it faces a broad saster aid included. But he pointed industry. out farming communities still feel overlooked.

"Those of us who represent agriculture see a deepening financial crisis that a lot of farm families are facing," Hansen explained. "We look to Congress for relief."

He noted farmers are still largely working under 2018 spending levels even as their operational costs go higher. The National Farmers Union said it is especially unhappy about a key provision kept off the table, which was granting nationwide yearround sales of E-15 blends of etha-Nebraska Farmers Union, said it is nol. It said it would open more mar- tance programs and conservation aid.

were happy to see economic and di- range of opponents, including the oil

Hansen and other advocates hope a new Congress does not fall into the same trap it did last year, urging them to develop a permanent plan.

"As we look into the next year, we hope that the Farm Bill does not languish for another September 30th deadline," Hansen stressed.

It's uncertain how newly shaped agriculture committees, as well as the budget-cutting goals of a new Trump administration, will influence debate over certain elements of Farm Bill funding, including food assis-

### YMCA Summer Camp registration opens Jan. 1

registration will begin next week.

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to join in on the excitement.

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### **REZONING:** Old airfield will see some ag-related use

dure," he said. "We are not stopping anything, I just want to make sure we do it right and that benefits everybody, because any zoning decision can be challenged by anybody in the community.

The Council approved the first reading of the ordinance on a 7-0 vote, with Councilman Jim Gunsolley absent from Monday's meeting.

Honoring local veterans with a series of banners was pitched to

salad, tropical fruit, green pepper

apple, glazed carrots

the Council by Sioux City resident Don Claeys, who is hoping to have a series of banners of local veterans decorating light poles in Sioux City, South Sioux City and North Sioux

Claeys said the idea came after a visit out east, and he wanted to honor is four brothers, all of them veterans, with something similar. While Sioux City's light poles are not owned by the city, the poles in South Sioux City are city property, and he suggested the city could help out with

Printing and installing the banners would cost about \$400 per banner, and the ones that would be installed in South Sioux City would all be veterans from the community. The individual's photo, name, branch of service and years of service could be printed on each banner, along with

Administrator Hedquist said he liked the idea and it could be forwarded to the city's Veteran's Committee. He suggested that banners could be installed on the bridges coming into the city, as well as at Veterans' Park and at Freedom

Killed in Action, Medal of Honor or other designations.

### Lance

Students that achieved a 4.0-grade asterisk (\*)

family have been a great asset to this community, and it's hard to see him leave the Council but you have to take care of the family.

the city has the option to either have the mayor ask for applications and appoint someone, or they can have a special election. In the past, most recently with Monty Peters, the city

has chosen to appoint an individual, and all indications are that is the direction the city will go to replace

week's Dakota County Star and will run again next week. After that, Koch has four weeks to present a candidate for Council approval, which can be done in a regular meeting or in a special meeting. That individual will serve out the rest of Bowman's term, which runs through 2028.

# **Concerns about M Avenue discussed**

By MICHAEL CARNES

Star Publisher

Traffic along M Avenue has long been a concern for residents in the area, and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners discussed the future of the road during their final meeting of the year Monday morn-

The road, which runs from Highway 35 in Hubbard south toward Kramper Lake, gets a ton of traffic on it when you include vehicles traveling to the lake and during the harvest season. The road, which is about 28 feet in

width, is due for work in the spring that would widen it to about 30 feet, but some residents were wondering if that's not wide enough when two semis meet on the road.

County Board member Trov Launsby said he talked with a resident along the road who had concerns about the road's width. 'Dan Lux had talked to me and

he's concerned about the 28-foot road width," Launsby said. "He has some pretty big equipment and is worried it's not quite wide enough with the trailers coming through County highway superintendent Jolene Gubbels said that the road,

which runs just south of the lake road to near Fiddler Creek, is 28 feet according to state specifications. The road could be widened, but too much width could create some issues, including the possibility of the contract having to be redone. The engineer said we could go

to 30 feet, but there would need to be a change order," she said. "We may have to rebid everything, and with this being an ARPA project that leads to some issues as well.

Kenny Gubbels, who lives along the road, said there are a lot of traffic concerns that need to be addressed.

"Anybody who lives out there will tell vou, M Avenue has a lot of traffic and the line of sight is not very good on that road," he said. "I have major safety concerns given the number of semis that run on that road, especially during harvest."

### **Area students** graduate from UNL

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred 1,149 degrees during commencement exercises Dec. 20-21 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Area graduates, including colleges and degrees, include the following:

DAKOTA CITY — Alexia Guadalupe Reves, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, Bachelor of Journalism.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY -Nyabuay Gatluak Diew, UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service, Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice; Sofia Reynoso, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human

### **Area students earn Morningside honors**

Morningside University Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Chris Spicer announced the 475 students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67-grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a

point average are denoted with an

SOUTH SIOUX CITY — Anahi De Anda\*, Mari Gallegos, Itzel Gonzalez\*, Evelyn Gonzalez Jimenez, Marco Lira, Jiselle Mendoza, Alisondra Miller, Alexa Munhofen, Stephanie Olivarez.

### **BOWMAN:** Councilman steps down

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vidual," Hedquist said. "He and his

City attorney Mike Schmiedt said

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### the road beyond 30 feet would require the county to purchase right of way from the landowners and would mess with easements already in place

along the road. Board member Bob Giese said that a local resident had asked about having the state help out with construction costs, but that idea is a non-

"Trudy Jepsen was here earlier this summer and asked about the possibly having the state participate on the paving from the highway to the lake entrance, but being this is a county road, the state said they would not participate in the project," he said.

One option that Ms. Gubbels mentioned was the possibility of hav-

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the road, which runs directly south of Highway 35 and connects at the city's main street. Doing so would allow the county to enter into an interlocal agreement where they could work with the village on the paving and maintenance of the road.

"It's not completely dead in the water if the village would want to take a look at it," she said.

Board chair Martin Hohenstein noted that upcoming changes instituted by the Nebraska Legislature regarding county budgets could make such a project obsolete.

"With some of the changes coming from the state, it might be a while before the county has another paving project," he noted.



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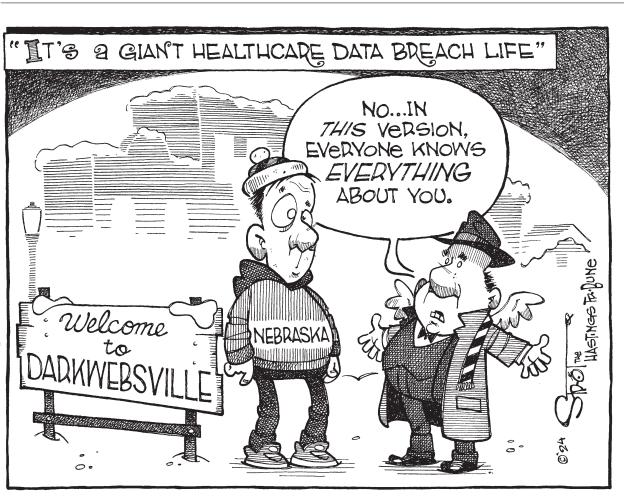
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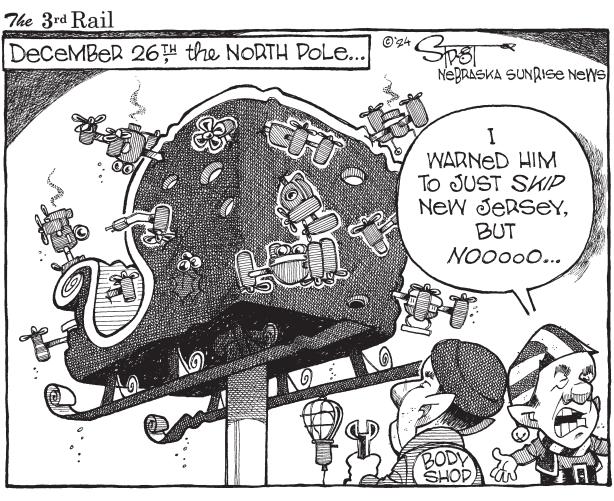


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### **So long, 2024 – it's been quite a year**

As the clock ticks on 2024, the only thing I have to say about this year is this:

Welll, THAT was interesting.

I don't know how your year went, and I hope that you had more than enough positives to offset any negatives that took place.

For me, this year started rough and ended in fantastic fashion.

My dad passed away in January of last year after a battle with heartrelated issues. We nearly lost him on Christmas Day the month before — I was spending the evening with him and my step-mother, Jan, and we noticed that he was very tired and lethargic, and after a check of his blood pressure, we took him to the hospital. He had a stent inserted into his heart earlier in the year and some leakage developed, so he got to ring in the new year in an Omaha hospital.

He was doing well and recovering in therapy by the end of the month. I had season tickets to the first year of the Omaha Supernovas pro volleyball team and attended the season opener the night before he passed. I stopped in the next morning to fill him in on the details — he really loved to hear me talk about sporting events that I attended — and I told him that when he got back to 100 percent we would go to a game together.

I drove home to get some work done when I got the call that he had taken a turn for the worse. By the time I made the drive back up to Omaha, he was fighting to stay alive. I stayed for a couple of hours and went back home, hoping to see him the next morning — as I rolled over to turn off the light next to my bed and saw my sister's ID on my cell phone, I knew — he was gone.

I've missed Dad a lot in the past year, especially during some of the great memories that I've experienced this year.

First and foremost — I know he would be overjoyed to have seen the lead story of the June 6 edition of this paper, announcing that I had purchased the Star from Jason Sturek. Jason and I have worked with and alongside one another for many years. I took him on as a client for my freelancing business, Mikey C Productions, first in helping with his sports coverage and then about 4 1/2 years as his managing editor. Jason and I were just starting negotiations for the purchase when Dad passed away, so he knew this day would be coming soon. He enjoyed reading my

### Don't Get Me Started





work, especially when I would post my biting politically-based humor, or rage against the Husker fans who still hadn't accepted that the Osborne Era was almost 30 years ago, on Face-

"You just keep givin' 'em hell, son," he would say.

I know he would have been equally as proud to watch his youngest granddaughter, Carli Canham, sink the winning putt to give the Wayne High girls golf team the Class C title

My dad absolutely LOVED being a grandpa, and he had 10 of them to deal with (two from me, three from my sister, and the rest from his three step-daughters). He would attend most of their events, from marching band to sports and everything in be-

As for me, this year has been quite an amazing year. My dad's passing notwithstanding, I've had the kind of year that I wish we all could have. There were a lot of great, positive moments (buying the Star leading the list, obviously), and just enough challenges to keep me humble.

The challenges I've faced as I have made the transition from freelance media specialist to newspaper publisher have been eye-opening. At the same time, taking over this newspaper has brought so many new people into my world, from business owners to leaders in city and county government. When you have lived in one place for as long as I have (15 years in Wayne), making the kind of change that I am working on in moving from there to here is not anywhere near as easy as it might sound. While I'm a big fan of engaging in change and seeing new opportunities arise (as has happened here at the Star), actually executing those changes is tough.

We've already made some changes her, including the addition of the dakcostar.com website, and more changes are coming at the Star for 2025. Laury Mahr, my outstanding frontoffice guru, and I will be welcom-

ing some new faces in the coming weeks who will help take a few items off our overloaded plates. We'll be introducing webcasts to the website, setting up a digital subscription for those who like to read the paper online, and there will be a TON of advertising opportunities that businesses will be able to take advantage of to help promote themselves to our ever-growing list of readers.

To be sure — 2024 was an interesting year . . . and I can't wait for what's to come in 2025.

A few closing thoughts, courtesy of comedian Steven Wright:

- What's another word for "thesaurus?'

-- Whenever I think of the past, it brings back so many memories.

-- I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time" . . . so I ordered French Toast during the Re-

-- I busted a mirror and got seven years bad luck, but my lawyer thinks he can get me five.

-- If you are in a spaceship that is traveling at the speed of light and you turn the headlights on, does anything

Last night I stayed up late playing poker with Tarot cards . . . I got a full house and four people died. -- If you think nobody cares about

you, try missing some payments. -- I think it's wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly.

-- Why don't the make the whole plane out of that black box stuff?

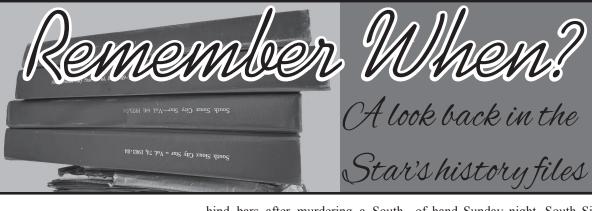
-- Curiosity killed the cat . . . but for a while, I was a suspect.

-- I went to a general store, but they wouldn't let me buy anything specific.

-- If you were going to shoot a mime, would you use a silencer?

-- When I woke up this morning, my girlfriend asked me, "Did you sleep good?" I said, "No, I mad a few

Merry Christmas to all . . . see you



### 10 YEARS AGO

DEC. 25, 2014

### **Lighting contest winners** give back

Christmas time is a time of giving and for two Dakota City residents, giving back to the city just seemed like the right thing to do. On Tuesday, Dec. 16 when Jerry and Bonita Yacevich and Terry and Charmaine Cantrell won the annual Dakota City Christmas Lighting Contest, they did what came natural to them, they gave back. The two families both took their winnings from the contest and donated back to the city of Dakota

#### **Postal Service forwards** letters to Santa

With a little help from the U.S. Postal Service, children's letters to Santa will never be left unread. The Postal Service's Letters to Santa program began 102 years ago. Although USPS began receiving letters to Santa Claus before the year 1912, its involvement was made official when Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock authorized postal employees to tend to the letters. "we collect and forward on all the Santa letters," said Elmer Smith, acting postmaster of South Sioux City Post Office. According to Smith, one post office in the area is assigned to coordinate all of the to Santa. This year the surrounding post offices are forwarding the letters to the postmaster in Naper, Neb., the letters are then read and the children are sent back a response from Santa.

### **20 YEARS AGO**

### DEC. 30, 2004 **Former SSC minister**

An Urbandale, Iowa man is be-

murdered in Iowa

hind bars after murdering a South Sioux City man in Clive, Iowa, a Des Moines suburb, early Monday morning. McGee, 23, was arrested and charged with the first degree murder of Graham, 52, who was a resident of Cottonwood Landing in South Sioux City along with his wife Nancy. Graham, the former minister of Glad Tidings Lighthouse Church, located in South Sioux City, was apparently on a business trip for Liberty Food Service out of Storm Lake, Iowa, when he was killed.

### **30 YEARS AGO**

DEC. 22, 1994

### School awarded \$57,700 for milk carton composting

What do you do with 12,500 empty half-pint milk cartons a week? Save the environment and make money doing it, decided Rick Feauto, business manager of the South Sioux City Community School District. Fieauto, along with South Sioux City administrator Lance Hedquist and company officials from International Paper of Middleton, N.Y., devised a plan to recycle the empty milk cartons that result from feeding lunch to the district's 500 junior and senior high students. The project recently got a shot in the arm when the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund awarded the school a \$57,700 grant.

### **40 YEARS AGO**

DEC. 27, 1984

### **Brawl develops At Christmas party**

In what was termed "mothing short of a riot" by local law enforcement officers, four men were arrested and a number of others injured when an IBP Christmas party at the South Sioux American Legion Hall got out beginning Jan. 1.

Police Sgt. Bill Abbe and Patrolman Chuck Carson, together with state Trooper Mike McFerran and Dakota County Deputy Sheriff Bob Day, were called to the scene by Cathy Chapman and Marilyn Dewitt. Police say Chapman and DeWitt were forced to use a telephone across the street when a fight broke out at the party. IBP supervisors tried to escort them from the building and they apparently started kicking out windows in the Legion Hall. One supervisor was shoved through the glass front door. Approximately, 100 people were inside the hall at the time. Three people were taken to Marian by am-

### **50 YEARS AGO**

DEC. 26, 1974

### Process to select new judge begins

There was considerable speculation in the three-county Eighth Judicial District this week as to who will succeed Judge Joseph E. Marsh of South Sioux City, who will retire from the bench on Feb. 28, 1975. His replacement will be named by Nebraska Gov. J.J. Exon from two nominees selected by an eight judicial District nominating committee. Judge Marsh, who is 66, said he planned to stay in South Sioux City after retiring. Born in Jackson, he is a lifelong Dakota County resident. He served 26 years as a county judge and eight as a district judge. Nebraska judges have such a wonderful retirement program, I want to get out and take advantage of it. Judge Marsh said. Judge Marsh receives \$27,500 annual salary. The district judges salary will increase to \$32,500 a year

### **VOLUNTEERS LOAD 275 BOXES FOR THOSE IN NEED**



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(PHTOS BY MICHAEL CRNES

(Clockwise from top left) Karsyn and Annistyn Garvey did their part in filling boxes with bags of popcorn while their aunt, Katie, and grandma, Donna Garvey, helped out. The younger girls are the fourth generation in the Garvey family to help out with the Cardinal Christmas Baskets effort. Sealing the boxes after they were filled was done with machine-like precision thanks to the quick hands of (from left) Bill Garvey Jr., Shane Potts and Robert Rapp. Vivienne Chochon puts ramen noodles in a box as two young men carry the box around the 20 stations that filled 275 boxes during Friday's volunteer effort.



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### **Homer News**

By Stacie Johnson

### Cheerleaders busy on court

Cheer coach Cassie Spurrell is overjoyed to announce that the Homer Cheer Team won first place at the Norfolk Cheer and Dance Competition recently.

A Saturday, Jan. 18 Cheer Camp for children in grades preschool through sixth grade are invited to attend, but registration is fast approaching, due Friday.

The camp runs from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 18 with several fee options. Forms are available at the school of-

After completion of the camp, little cheerleaders will join the high school cheer squad at the first half of the home basketball games on Jan.

### Fish fry reminder

Saturday, Jan. 4, from 5-7 p.m. at the fire hall is the date and time of the next Fish Fry in town. Pollock, catfish, chicken strips, fries, coleslaw and beans are on the menu.

See you there!

### Knights in holiday tourney

Winter break for basketball players means a holiday tournament is on the schedule. Homer's boys' and girls' squads travel to Tekamah-Herman next weekend for theirs.

The girls' team, coached by Merlyn Tremayne and Paul Tighe, face Bancroft-Rosalie at the 1 p.m. opening contest. The boys' team, coached by Aaron Sasges and Ty Vanschoiack, also take on the Panthers of B-R at 2:30 p.m.

In the other bracket are teams from the home school, Tekamah-Herman, and Omaha Nation. Second-round action finishes up on Saturday, Jan. 4 with matchups to be determined.

### Students contribute to Christmas baskets

Homer students did an outstanding job collecting canned goods for the annual Cardinal Christmas Basket campaign, collection a total of 1,101 items

Top collectors within the school were the fifth graders on the elementary side and Mrs. Pat Wright's homeroom on the 7-12 side of the

building.

National Honor Society and Student Council members led the drive and volunteered time to drop off and sort donations for the Christmas Basket program in South Sioux. All students did an excellent job representing our community.

### Sweet Like Honey receives donation

**donation**A local nonprofit, spearheaded by field

the benevolent Robyn Lieber, was lucky enough to be the recipient of a recent donation, the Giving Campaign 2024 from Sioux City Scheel's.

Scheel's representatives presented a \$4,000 check to Robyn on behalf of Sweet Like Honey after being nominated on Facebook by many support-

Four other nonprofits received similar checks, including Support Siouxland Soldiers, Unity in Action, Agape Community Services and Forever Wildlife Lodge & Clinic.

Robyn is a well-known friendly face around Siouxland for her work with spreading kindness in any way a person can – writing notes, re-purposing flowers, and more recently, leading a group of middle schoolers at Homer in a monthly Kindness Club meeting.

### **Speaking of heroes**

Who are the heroes of our community? That person who goes above and beyond with acts of volunteerism, kindness, or leadership that inspires others? We want to hear about them!

Nominate your community hero today. Once a month, News Channel Nebraska will recognize a community hero and that person will have a \$1,000 donation made in their name to a non-profit of their choice. A simple act of doing good could help a local non-profit.

Nominations can be made on the website northeast.newschannelne-braska.com/community-hero.

### NSAA Champions for Coaches program

At the heart of every successful student experience is a coach who inspires, leads, and empowers. The Nebraska School Activities Association is proud to announce that nominations are open to honor these exceptional leaders with the Champions for Coaches program.

Students, administrators, parents/guardians, and community members are invited to nominate coaches who embody this spirit of excellence from across the 24 sports and 5 activities offered through Nebraska high schools.

Nomination forms are available on the NSAA website. Deadline for nominations is Monday, Jan. 27 and will be reviewed by an NSAA selection committee.

One coach from every activity will be honored during a special reception in March at the boys' state basketball tournament. Homer has some fine coaches wor-

thy of nomination. Consider nominating your favorite today: from football, cross country, volleyball, play production, basketball, wrestling, speech, music, golf, track and field.



(COLIDTESY PHOTO)

Homer School Board president, Paul Tighe, presented board member Aaron Reis with a plaque for his twelve years of service on the board. Thanks go out to Aaron from this writer and the entire community for his dedication and willingness to serve on the board and make Homer Community School a better place.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

National Honor Society students helping with the food drive included Max Wiggs, Wesley Baker, Triston Owens, Tyley Jump, Hanna Cain, Kinley Murphy, Jaedyn Bousquet and Nevaeh Cimino, pictured here at the drop off and sorting site.



Homer cheer squad after its victory in Norfolk.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

## Emerson News By Lulene Sebade



(PHOTO BY LUI ENE

Picture is of volunteers at the Emerson Hubbard Food Pantry. They were treated to a breakfast honoring their service. Pictured from left to right are Barb and George Albrecht, Mary King, Curt Frey, Mike Sebade, Laurie Stamp, Ted Rudberg, Susan Rudberg, Diane Thomson, Beth Rohde, Dianne Fuchser and Ben King.

#### Thanks for support

The Emerson-Hubbard Food Pantry appreciated the generous community for donating 1,248 food items during the Thrivent Food Shelf Challenge. They surpassed the challenge of collecting 500 items. The local food pantry will be granted \$500 from the Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network-Nebraska Region. Post 60 Market was very valuable in assisting with the program

### School program Sunday

St. Paul's and St. Luke Lutheran Church Sunday school program will

be held on Sunday at 9 a.m..

#### **Emerson-Hubbard Schools**

Friday: Boys and Girls Basketbal Holiday Tournament at Stanton at 2 p.m. Saturday: Girls Varsity Wrestling at Tekamah 10 a.m.; Boys Wrestling at Newmam Grove, 10 a.m.; Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball at Stanton.

Note: Emerson-Hubbard school resumes an. 6.

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

Sunday: Church at 9 a.m.; No Sunday school.

Wedneday: No activities.

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### FROM THE BLEACHERS



Michael **Carnes** 

# **Put away** the flags

The people running major colege athletics need a good kick in the mouth right about now.

In this me-me-me day and age of big-time sports, it is unquestionably clear that the inmates are running an asylum that has a bunch of dimwits serving as gatekeepers.

Gone are the days when athletes were recruited for their talent and were given scholarships that they used to get an education that they could use when their playing days were done. Administrators laid down the law on those who chose to break it. Common sense was, for the most part, the straw that stirred the drink when it came to the rules of the game, both in and out of the competitive arena.

Fans sat in the stands and yelled "Go Team!" and were able to take their family to a game without having to max out a credit card. Rivalries were heated and, for the most part, friendly. Here in Nebraska, we SAID we hated Oklahoma, but the truth was that they were two of the blue bloods of the game so it was more a respectful degree of hate than today — Colorado fans are the biggest thugs in the area, as any Husker fan driving their own vehicle to Boulder will tell you (slashed tires, broken windshields, keys dragged deep into a car's paint, drunken riots . . . and that's during tailgating before the game). Iowa fans are slightly LESS disrespectful (mainly because they haven't come close to winning a national title since Eisenhower was in the White House), and let's not even discuss what some other schools

No, wait a minute — let's DO discuss some of this, because it's gotten beyond mean-spirited and is walking down Stupid Street and school and NCAA administrators seem to lack in the intelligence or courage to do something about it.

are doing when their rivals come to

In recent weeks, some particularly arrogant members of certain college football teams decided that winning a game on a rival team's home field wasn't enough — they had to go and jam flagpoles into the middle of the home team's logo on the football field and declare that they had conquered the other team's stadium.

Yeah, classy.

It has been done before (Oklahoma won at Ohio State years ago and their quarterback. Baker Mayfield. took an OU flag and planted it in the middle the Buckeyes' field) and it was taken to a new level as this season came to an end when Michigan, a double-digit underdog, walked into rival Ohio State's field, beat them for the fourth year in a row, and celebrated by planting a flag in the middle of field.

Ohio State's players took exception to the action and the result was an ugly post-game brawl. Naturally, once they did it, others had to follow with similar results. Unbelievably, Texas coach Steve Sarkisian called the act to a halt as his team beat rival Texas A&M later that evening, saying it was unnecessary and adding that he saw what happened in the Michigan-Ohio State and decide d his team didn't need to lower themselves to that level.

Administrators COULD have taken some kind of meaningful action to bring this stupid, unsportsmanlike activity to an immediate half. Sadly, as administrators have shown over the years, they lacked the spine needed to take some kind of action that would make it clear to all involved that this activity is no longer

Oh sure, the leadership of the Big Ten talked the big talk in chastising Michigan and Ohio State for their collective act of unsportsmanlike behavior. And they DID fine both schools a whopping sum of — brace yourselves — \$100,000 each.

Wowwwww — that HAD to

Seriously, throwing out that small a number at athletic departments that are annually bringing in eight and nine-figure sums would be like telling me I can't have a cup of coffee at next week's Chamber Coffee.

Oh, ouch, that hurts so bad. (If your sarcasm meter didn't start smoking after reading that, you need a new meter.)

Sportsmanship seems to be at an all-time low in this day and age of college athletics, and it seems to be at its worst in football. All the jaw-

SEE **BLEACHERS**, 2B

By



South Sioux City swimmer Giovani Alvarado swam a solid race in the 200-meter individual medley during last week's dual with Gretna at the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA pool.



Morgan Warner keeps it going in the 200-meter freestyle for the South Sioux City girls swim team during action last week at the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA pool.

# South Sioux tankers see action at home dual

The South Sioux City swim teams staged the best finishes of the day for the SSC girls. place. their first home dual of the season on Thursday as Gretna competed with the Cardinal tankers. Gretna's boys won their dual 101-39, while the visiting Lady Dragons outscored SSC 149-

Avan Salas won the 100-meter freestyle to account for the only first-place finish of the day for the Cardinals. He also took second in the 50-meter freestyle. Giovani Alvarado finished second in the 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter individual medley. South Sioux's three relay teams all finished second as well.

Makenzie Jensen and Morgan Warner had

Warner was fourth in the 200-meter freestyle while Jensen took fourth in the 100-meter backstroke.

The SSC boys also competed in the Elkhorn at Columbus Invitational on Saturday to close out the preholiday docket, scoring in three events.

South Sioux's 200 medley relay and 200 free relays both earned scoring finishes. The 200 medley team of Alvarado, Tyrese Gill, Salas time of 2;09.19, while the 200 free relay tan-Salas clocked a time of 1:51.67, good for 14th back: 4. Jensen, 2:11.15.

Salas was 14th in the 50-meter freestyle, finishing in 25.45 seconds.

SSC returns to the pool Jan. 11 with a dual

#### **SSC Swimming Results Girls Results**

200 free: 4. Morgan Warner, 3:04.99. 50 free: 6. Renatra Meraz Trevino. 39.81: 7. Fatima Moiica, 42.00: 8. MacKenzie Jensen, 43.94. 100 free: 6. Warner, and Ty McIntyre-Nguyen finished 12th in a 1:09.257 Meraz Trevino, 1:23.55; 8. Mojica, 1:43.33; 9. Izzabella Guentz, 1:59.06, 200 free relay: 4. SSC dem of McInthyre-Nguyen, Gill, Alvarado and (Mojica, Jensen, Meraz Trevino, Warner), 2:45.07. 100

200 medley relay: 2. SSC (Giovani Alvarado, Tyrese Gill, Avan Salas, Ty McIntyre-Nguyen), 2:09.11. 200 free: 4. Eric Garrison, 2:49.60. 200 IM: 2. Alvarado 2:55.69. 50 free: 2. Salas, 25.01; 4. McIntyre-Nguyen. 33.07. 100 free: 1. Salas, 59.61; 4. Garrison, 1:09.40; 5. McIntyre-Nguyen, 1:14.76. 200 free relay: 2. SSC A (Gill, Garrison, Alvarado, Salas), 1:50.63; 3. SSC B (Melusi Ngelcka, Nathan Robles, Steve Linares, Sebastian Limon), 2:14.46. 100 back: 2. Alvarado, 1:20.64. 400 free relay: 2. SSC (Robles, Linares, Garrison, McIntyre-

# Ponca boys put two in win column

The Ponca boys basketball team played well and put two in the "W" column before the holiday break with a pair of home wins.

On Tuesday, the Indians played a tough matchup with Laurel-Concord-Coleridge and held on for a 50-35 win over the visit-

Ponca got out to a 14-9 lead after one, but the visitors stayed with it and were within three at the half before Ponca pulled away in the closing minutes.

Tucker McGill led the way for Ponca with 19 points and Zane Stark added. LCC's Gibson Roberts led all scorers with 21 points.

On Friday, the Indians had no trouble with Tri County Northeast, getting a game-high 25 points from McGill to roll to a 60-31 win.

Ponca led by 10 after one and used a 17-4

fourth quarter to put the game away. Jace Wahls added 12 points for the winners. Bernard Juarez led TCNE with 10

Ponca is back in action during the holiday break with the Wisner-Pilger Tournament on Friday and Saturday.



Cooper Stewart fires an open jumper for the Ponca boys during their 50-35 win over LCC last Tuesday at Ponca High School.



(PHOTO BY MIKE BASMUSSEN)

Homer's Rylie Harris goes up for a shot in the paint during action at the Tyson Events Center last week. The Lady Knights are a perfect 7-0 on the season after winning three last week.

# Lady Knights on a roll, go to 7-0 with victories

roll early in the season, running their six and Vanschoiack with two. winning streak to seven with a trio of victories before the holidays.

Last Tuesday, Homer went on the five. Lilly Harris had eight assists and

road and rolled to a 62-36 win at Wynot. Homer led 26-19 at the break and put the game away with a 22-4 thirdquarter run.

Ali Albrecht rolled in a game-high 20 points to lead the Lady Knights to victory. Lilly Harris added 17 points, Riley Har-

ris poured in nine and Tori Walker had five. Rounding out the scoring were Natali Loofe and Janessa Overgaard with four each and Macy Vanschoiack with three.

Overgaard led the rebounding effort with six, Walker had four assists and Albrecht had five steals while six, Loofe and Walker both had five, Lilly Harris added four.

Homer competed in the Bomgaars Classic on Thursday at the Tyson and Brooklyn Hightree added a free Events Center in Sioux City and had throw. no problem with Lawton-Bronson, posting a 70-42 win.

Four Lady Knights finished in double figures, with Albrecht and Lilly Harris each tossing in 17 points. Rylie Harris added 11 and Walker had the Tekamah-Herman Holiday Tour-10. Also scoring were Overgaard nament.

The Homer Lady Knights are on a with seven, Makenzee Waldee with

Overgaard led the rebounding effort with seven and Rylie Harris had

> five steals and Walker made six steals. Homer had no prob-

lem with Lutheran High Northeast on Saturday, rolling to a 67-37 home win.

The Lady Knights jumped on the visitors early, building a 40-16 halftime lead to improve to 7-0 on the season.

Albrecht scored a game-high 25 points for Homer, followed by Lilly Harris with nine and Rylie Harris with eight as 10 of the 11 players who saw action found the scorebook.

Also scoring were Overgaard with Jovee Valentin and Ainsley Spurrell each had three, Vanschoiak had two

Albrecht recorded nine rebounds and Ryle Harris had six boards, six assists and three steals for Homer. Walker led in assists with seven.

Homer is back in action Jan. 3-4 at

# Holiday Hoops Schedule

### **Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout**

Friday, Dec. 27 games at Wayne State College **Girls Bracket** 

9:30 a.m. - SSC vs. Pierce 12:30 p.m. - Pender vs. Hartington CC 4 p.m. - Wayne vs. Winnebago 7 p.m. — LCC vs. Plattsmouth

**Boys Bracket** 

11 a.m. - SSC vs. Pierce 2 p.m. — Pender vs. Hartington CC 5:30 p.m. — Wayne vs. Winnebago

8:30 p.m. — LCC vs. Plattsmouth Saturday, Dec. 28 schedule at Wayne State College Girls Bracket

9:30 a.m. — SSC/Pierce loser vs. Pender/HCC loser 12:30 p.m. - Wayne/Winnebago loser vs. LCC/Plattsmouth

4 p.m. — SSC/Pierce winner vs. Pender/HCC winner 7 p.m. - Wayne/Winnebago winer vs. LCC/Plattsmouth

**Boys Bracket** 

11 a.m. — SSC/Pierce loser vs. Pender/HCC loser 2 p.m. - Wayne/Winnebago loser vs. LCC/Plattsmouth loser 5:30 p.m. — SSC/Pierce winner vs. Pender/HCC winner 8:30 p.m. - Wayne/Winnebago winer vs. LCC/Plattsmouth

> Monday, Dec. 30 schedule **Girls Bracket** at Wayne High School

> > at Wayne State College

12:30 p.m. — Seventh-Place Game 3:30 p.m. - Fifth-Place Game at Wayne State College

12:30 p.m. — Third-Place Game 3:30 p.m. — Championship Game **Boys Bracket** at Wayne High School

2 p.m. - Seventh-Place Game 5 p.m. - Fifth-Place Game

winner

2 p.m. — Third-Place Game 5 p.m. - Championship Game

### Stanton Invitational

Friday, Dec. 27 games **Girls Bracket** 

2 p.m. - Tri County NE vs. Neligh-Oakdale 5:30 p.m. — Stanton vs. Twin River

**Boys Bracket** 3:45 p.m. - Tri County NE vs. Neligh-Oakdale

7:15 p.m. — Stanton vs. Twin River Saturday, Dec. 28 schedule **GIrls Bracket** 

2 p.m. - Consolation game 5:30 p.m. — Championship game

**Boys Bracket** 

3:45 p.m. — Consolation game

7:15 p.m. - Championship game

### Wisner-Pilger Invitational

Friday, Dec. 27 games **Girls Bracket** 

2:30 p.m. — Plainview vs. Santee 5:30 p.m. — Wisner-Pilger vs. Ponca

**Boys Bracket** 4 p.m. - Plainview vs. Santee

7 p.m. - Wisner-Pilger vs. Ponca Saturday, Dec. 28 schedule

**Girls Bracket** 2:30 p.m. — Consolation game

5:30 p.m. — Championship game **Boys Bracket** 

4 p.m. - Consolation game 7 p.m. — Championship game

### **Tekamah-Herman Invitational**

Friday, Jan. 3 games

**Girls Bracket** 1 p.m. — Homer vs. Bancroft-Rosalie 4 p.m. — Tekamah-Herman vs. Omaha Nation

**Boys Bracket** 2:30 p.m. - Homer vs. Bancroft-Rosalie

5:30 p.m. — Tekamah-Herman vs. Omaha Nation

Saturday, Jan. 4 schedule **Girls Bracket** 

1 p.m. — Consolation game.

4 p.m. - Championship game.

**Boys Bracket** 2:30 p.m. - Consolation game. 5:30 p.m. — Championship game.

# Lady Cards get big dual win

dual over Schuyler to start a busy three-day stretch to 100: SSC open. close out the pre-holiday part of their schedule.

The Lady Cards outlasted the Warriors 44-36 on Thursday, getting wins from Madelynn Bohnet (115), Fatima Alvarez (125), Dayana Arellano (130), and Lysandra Torres (155). Four forfeits also aided the SSC cause.

On Friday, SSC competed in a tough Wahoo Invitaional, placing fifth out of 21 teams.

The Lady Cards had six medalists, led by champions Bohnet (110) and Zulema Godinez (190), both by firstperiod pin. Caitlyn Sohm finished as runner-up at 235, Lysandra Torres was fourth at 155 and Rachel Chavez (110) and Baeil Phommayong (170) both finished sixth. SSC completed the three-day, three-event effort Saturday with an eighth-place finish in the 21-team Platteview

spectively. Torres was consolation champion at 190 and Godinez claimed third at 190 pounds.

Bohnet and Sohm both earned titles at 110 and 235, re-

SSC returns to the mats Friday, Jan. 3 at the Winnebago Invitational.

#### **Varsity Result**

South Sioux City 44, Schuyler 36

105: Sherlyn Vicente, Schuyler, pinned Brianna Torres, :41. 110: Schuyler open. 115: Madelynn Bohnet, SSC, tec. fall Ester Miranda, 15-0. 120: Courtney Briones, Schuyler, pinned Yailin Reynoso, :30. 125: Fatima Alvarez, SSC, dec. Nadia Pond, 9-4. 130: Dayana Arellano, SSC, pinned Kiera Ladehoff, :47. 135: Lauren Wemhoff, Schuyler, pinned Monserrat Perez-Jones, 4:38. 140: Miriam Deanda, Schuyler, pinned Marleen Alamillo, 2:51. 145: SSC open. 155: Lysandra Torres, SSC, pinned over Laura Ardiano,

#### Wahoo Invitational **Team Standings**

Yutan 172.5, Lakeview 162, West Point-Beemer 137.5, Battle Creek 133.5, South Sioux City 126.5, York 112.5, Blue River 110, Arlington 85.5, Palmyra 79, Plattsmouth 76, Fillmore Central 74, North Bend Central 39, Scribner-Snyder 29.5, High Plains 28, Dorchester 19, NEN 175, Cedar Bluffs 15, Wahoo 12, Norris 9, Malcolm 6. Southern 0.

#### **SSC Medalists**

110: 1. Madelynn Bohnet, SSC, pinned Hailey Ekeler, FC, 1:35; 5. Eva Vandenberg, BR, pinned Rachel Chavez, SSC, 2:07. 155: 3. Briley Koehler, BC, tech. fall Lysandra Torres, SSC, 18-0. 170: 5. Kendra Baete, BR, pinned Baeil Phommavong, SSC, :36. 190: 1. Zulema Godinez, SSC, pinned Lauren Lindeman, Palmyra, 1:13. 235: 1. Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich, Palmyra, pinned Caitlyn Sohm, SSC,

#### **Platteview Invitational Team Standings**

Yutan 155, Millard West 134.5, Bellevue East 124.5, Ralston 121.5. Omaha North 118.5. Omaha Brvan 104.5. Nebraska Citv 104, South Sioux City 83.5, Crete 72.5, Millard North 63, West Point-Beemer 50, Louisville 46, Scribner-Snyder 43, Southwest Iowa 41, Falls City 38.5, Raymond Central 26, High Plains 23, Millard South 10, Waverly 10, Platteview 8, Weeping Water 0.

**SSC Medalists** 

110: 1. Madelynn Bohnet, SSC, pinned Dymond Green, ON, 1:53. 155: 3. Lysandra Torres, SSC, pinned Taytum Maddux, FC, :15. 190: 3. Zulema Godinez, SSC, pinned Tatiana Orozco, SWI, :48. 235: 1. Caitlyn Sohm, SSC, pinned Kendall Holtmeyer, Bryan,

### Cardinal boys earn McGrath medals

The South Sioux City boys wrestlers headed into the holiday break

with some medal-winning efforts. Last Tuesday, the Cardinals were outscored by Papillion-LaVista

South in dual action, falling 58-24. Match winners for the Cardinals included William Messerlie (138). Adrian Curiel (190) and top-ranked Tony Palmer (215), all by pin.

On Friday, the Cardinals competed in the Jim McGrath Invitational at Ralston and won a trio of medals.

Both Curiel and Palmer earned first-place finishes at 190 and 215 pounds, respectively. Palmer pinned his way through the bracket while Curiel won a 6-1 decision in

flapping and posing and fake-show-

manship exhibited by some of these

young men is an embarrassment

to themselves, their families, the

schools they represent and the sport

And seriously — WHERE is it said

in the rules of football that you have

to plant ANYTHING into the turf af-

ter game to declare victory? For the

last 150 years, the only thing you re-

ally needed to determine success or failure was a scoreboard. Somebody

won, somebody lost, and that was it

(unless there was a tie, which evi-

dently made both sides so angry that

they began doing overtime periods so

win . . . I'm sounding more like one

You want to get rid of this non-

sense? You need to send a REAL

message that such activity is not al-

lowed and will not be tolerated. You

need a penalty that hurts the school,

the team and the dimwits on the team

(or in the stands) who took part in

"So, Mikey C," you ask, "What

these acts of moronic behavior.

have you got in mind?"

Helms rounded out the medal haul with a runner-up finish at 285. The SSC boys wrestle Friday at the Grand Island Central Catholic Invitational.

Papillion-LaVista South 58, SSC 24

106: Angel Rubio, PLS, pinned Kenny Malavong, 1:59. 113: Oscar Kriegler, PLS, tech. fall Bryan Bartolo-Lopez, 19-4. 120: SSC open. 126: SSC open. 132: Benjamin Lawson, PLS, pinned Riggin Ferris, 1:42. 138: William Messerlie, SSC, pinned Courtney Skogerboe, 1:59. 144: Chase Gable, PLS, pinned Erick Moreno, 1:56. 150: Reece Santamaria, PLS, pinned Tristan Lounsbury, 1:24. 157: Carter Gable, PLS, pinned Bodey Bligh, 3:22.

**BLEACHERS:** Make flag-planting penalties REALLY hurt

sportsmanlike acts of conquest after

a game will result in a forfeit — OF

THAT GAME. Shake hands with

the other side, acknowledge the fans

who made the road trip to see you

win, run into the locker room and

celebrate there. You want to plant a

tor's locker room, shower up, hit the

bus and head home. You get the same

result without the on-field fight and

the public embarrassment you create

— In addition, make it a require-

ment that the school be fined for its

act of unsportsmanlike behavior. Se-

SOMEBODY could go home with a that hit to the wallet REALLY hurt — your school (provided, that is, that

instead of \$100,000, how about \$10

fine the Big Ten Conference issued

on those two schools doesn't make

a ripple in the money bin. Make it a

has to pull that out of the athletic de-

partment's safe. If somebody is los-

ing that kind of coin as a penalty, I

can guarantee that the message will

- And while we're at it, how

Glad you asked — how about the your team's season ends without a it could make all these acts of sports-

for those who support you.

flag? Do it in the trash can of the visi- you FINALLY get that option?

riously — \$100,000 for an athletic money available for all those entitled

program that brings 100 TIMES that kids who think they're the next Tom

much in revenue every year? Make Brady or Jerry Rice who will play at

big enough amount that an excavator istrative offices at those schools will

about this option: plant a flag and and (expletive) walks" is true, and if

postseason invitation, whether it's manship disappear tomorrow, why

TODAY.

65: Jack Sherrell, PLS, pinned Dominick Delgado, :41. 175: Barrett Gourley, PLS, tech. fall Cooper Ferris, 16-1. 190: Adrian Curiel, SSC, pinned Jett Kearns, 5:05. 215: Tony Palmer, SSC, pinned Timothy Melrose, :44. 285: PLS open. Jim McGrath Invitational

#### **Team Standings**

York 215.5, Elkhorn South 201, Bellevue West 128, Ralston 109.5, Lexington 69.5 South Sioux City 60, Gretna 52.5, Crete 45.5. **SSC Medalists** 

190: 1. Adrian Curiel, SSC, dec. Anthony Baughman, Ralston, 6-1. 215: 1. Tony Palmer, SSC, pinned Cooper Perrien, ES, 1:05, 285; 1. Keagyn Linden, York, pinned Darrius Helms, SSC, 1:51.

invitation to one of the 50-60 Your

Name Here Bowls that clog the

holiday calendar. And if you're one

of those particularly arrogant teams

who beats ONLY their rival and oth-

erwise has a losing record, the pen-

alty carries over until the year when

nothing speaks louder than the al-

mighty dollar. George and Abe and

Ben and company have a lot of push

with their greenbacks, and that mon-

ey needs to come in large bunches

for these schools so that they can

build bigger locker rooms and have

they don't get a better offer in be-

tween seasons). Penalize a team with

a REAL penalty that puts a healthy

divot in their bank accounts, and I

will guarantee you that the bean-

counting dolts in the higher admin-

stop by for a Come To Jesus (or Al-

lah, depending on how woke their

administrators are) to make sure such

activities cease to exist . . . starting

The old saying that "Money talks

In the world of college athletics,



Ben Roost is fouled by a Lawton-Bronson defender during action last week at the Tyson Events Center.

### **Homer boys** fall to 2-5

It was a rough week for the Homer boys basketball team, as they dropped their final three games heading into the holiday break.

The Knights dropped a 72-39 decision on the road at Wynot on Tuesday, as the hosts raced to a 40-15 halftime advantage.

Jessue Snowball led the Knights with 11 points on the night, going 4-of-13 from the floor. Leidy Hunter added seven points, Steve Harris had six, Junius Snowball scored five, Aayden Harris had four and Axton Caskey and Benjamin Roost each had three points.

Hunter had seven rebounds, Junius Snowball had six and Harris and Reed Modlin both had five. Junius Snowball had four assists and three thefts, while Jessup Snowball made three steals.

Homer returns to action Jan. 3-4 for the Tekamah-Herman Holiday



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES) Ponca's Laken Pfister looks for a screen from Avery McAfee during action last week against LCC at Ponca

High School.

### AREA SCORES (NO STATS)

**Boys Results** South City North 86, SSC 55

Columbus 67, SSC 49 Lawson-Bronson 62, Homer 26 Lutheran High NE 60, Homer 36 Girls Results

Ponca 48, LCC 34 Tri County NE 45, Winside 38 Vermillion 55, Ponca 33 Ponca 42, Tri County NE 25 Columbus 51, South Sioux City 24

# **SSC** girls use fast start for 61-48 win

nals got off to a quick start at home Robinette kicked in 10. Yoseline Al-Thursday and came away with a 61-48 win over Sioux City North.

lead after one period, then held off a fourth-quarter rally by the visitors to pick up the victory. Bailee Durant hit for a game-high

22 points for the winners while Abby

The South Sioux City Lady Cardi- McCoy had 11 points and Bryleigh rich added six, Keyana Weaver had five, Autumn Porter, Naomi Aldrich The Lady Cards built a 10-point and Paizley Aldirch had two apiece and Braelee Groves hit a free throw.

> The SSC girls will take part the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout. Dec. 27-30 at Wayne State College.

### TCNE boys drop two

basketball team dropped its final two games before the holiday break.

On Thursday, the Wolfpack lost a

heartbreaker to visiting Winside, as the Wildcats came away with a 54-The game was close from start to finish, but a slow offensive effort ear-

ly on put TCNE in catchup mode and they couldn't quite overcome their Lewis & Clark Conference rival. Ben Jorgensen led the 'Pack with 16 points while Jaxon Hall added 14.

Thatcher Lamp and Bernard Juarez both had nine points and Landyn Servine scored three. Jorgensen and Blake Kneifl both

four assists and Jorgensen had seven On Friday, TCNE got in a 10-point

hole early and couldn't dig themselves out as they fell at home to Jorgensen and Knefil each had six

points to lead TCNE, while Lamp had five and Servine and Tucker Anderson had two apiece. Jorgensen and Lamp shared honors in rebounds

The Wolfpack will play in Stanton over the holidays, competing in the Stanton Invitational on Friday and

### TCNE, Ponca battle at meets

Tri County Northeast and Ponca met in a quadrangular at Bancroft-Rosalie on Thursday and were on the mats for Saturday's Osmond Invitational to close out the pre-holiday schedule. At Saturday's Osmond Invite.

Ponca had four medalists and the 18 by Winnebago. Ponca fell to Win-Wolfpack came home with three. Leading the area effort was Pon-

ca's Cole Bostwick, who steamrolled the six-man bracket with a 5-0 effort that included five first-period pins.

Casey Chadwick was a consolation champion at 132 pounds for the Indians. Haydon Velez was fifth at 154 and Charlie Watkins claimed runner-up honors at 190 pounds. For TCNE, Bryan Isom and Nate

Franzluebbers were both runnerup in their brackets. Isom went 2-1 in round robin action at 157, while Franzluebbers reached the finals at 285 before losing by pin Aidan Isom rounded out the area

effort with a sixth-place medal at 138

In a dual quadrangular Thursday at Bancroft, the two teams squared off with Ponca winning 42-12

Only two matches were wrestled in the dual. Franzluebbers pinned Mike Ney of Ponca at 285, while Velez earned a pin over Aidan Isom

TCNE also lost to the host Panthers 18-15 and were outscored 41nebago 35-30 and did not wrestle the host team. **Osmond Invitational** 

**Team Standings** 

### Battle Creek 160, West Point-Beemer

149, West Holt 146, Creighton 125 Osmond/Wausa 114, North Central 113.5 Ponca 78.5, Tri County NE 44.5, Niobrara Verdigre 29, Newman Grove/St. Edward 24.5, Crofton/Bloomfield 16.5. **Area Medalists** 

### 132: 3. Casey Chadwick, Ponca, pinned

Kamden Showalter, BC, 1:49. 138: 5. Ethar Kuhlman, Creighton, tech. fall Aidan Isom. TCNE, 15-0. 157: 2. Bryan Isom, TCNE, 2-1 (round robin). 144: 5. Haydon Velez, Ponca 1-4 (round robin). 175: 1. Cole Bostwick Ponca, 5-0 (round robin). 190: 1. Isaac Fanta, Creighton, pinned Charlie Watkins Ponca, 1:11. 285: 1. Connor Heiderman BC, pinned Nate Franzluebbers, TCNE

# **Knights finish fifth at Wisner**

The Homer boys wrestling team posted a fifth-place finish at Saturday's Wisner-Pilger Invitational.

sion over Konner Bourek to claim top honors.

Josue Munoz was a runner-up at 138 pounds, losing on a technical fall in the finals to Corbin Hoefer of Neligh-Oakdale.

honors at 190 pounds and Isaac Barclay was fourth at 144 pounds.

Drake Ickler and Tayler Probst both placed fifth at 113 and 126 pounds, and teammates Colton Victor and Brode Claassen faced off for Langhorst, C/L, 3:27. 285: 5. Colton Victor fifth place at 285, with Victor win- Homer, pinned Brode Claassen, Homer ning by pin.

Wisner-Pilger Invitational

**Team Standings** 

Neligh-Oakdale 123, East Butler 116, Homer came home with eight Randolph 97.5, Sandy Creek 80, Homer medals on the day, led by Austin Pel-70.5, Wisner-Pilger 68, Winside 66, Omaha ster's first-place finish at 157 pounds. Westview 46.5, Howells-Dodge 41.5 He earned a hard-fought 10-4 deci- Lutheran High NE 36, Cedar Bluffs 34 Oakland-Craig 30.5, Clarkson/Leigh 28 Lyons-Decatur 26, Wakefield 19, Bancroft-

#### **Homer Medalists** 113: 5. Drake Ickler, 0-4 (round robin).

126: 5. Tayler Probst, Homer, pinned Embry Trent Dunn earned consolation Fraizer, SC, :44. 138: 1. Corbin Hoefer N-O, tech. fall Josue Munoz, Homer, 18-3 144: 3. Levi Uecker, LHNE, pinned Isaac Barclay, Homer, 4:16. 157: 1. Austin Pelster Homer, dec. Konner Bourek, H-D, 10-4 190: 3. Trent Dunn, Homer, pinned Wyat



— planting flags or other un- the College Football Playoff or an not?

of those "Get of my lawn!!" old fo- MILLION? If that doesn't change geys every day. Let's just move on . a few tunes, nothing will — but the

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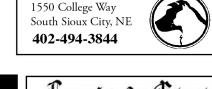
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# Start the new year right with the South Sioux City Public Library

with nothing to do. While we have holiday hours on Dec. 31 (half day) and Jan. 1 (full day), we have a full slate of activities for children of all

Story Time for children age three to seven and is held on Friday Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. Bring your

little one to sing, read, and do a fun activity with Miss Donna.

Tween Time is for youth age eight to twelve. It is on Friday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 from 2:30-4:45 p.m. Come join us for some tween activities. Crafts and challenges, activities and events,

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come hand out with us and get learn new skills or make

to friends. Drop-in December is a program

for adults only on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 10-4 p.m. This is your opportunity to stop at reference, check in with reenie, and create one of the many craft ideas from 2024's programmed nights. Whatever supplies we have left will be crafts you will get to choose from! Mini menus with the available crafting options will be printed and ready for you to make your selection. While supplies last! Max of two crafts per person per Saturdav.

Bingo's Birthday is on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 2-4 p.m. Join us at the library for Bingo's National Birthday month, where the theme will be the

Let's Craft is on Monday, Dec. 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join our youth librarian in making a fun craft! All supplies are provided and all ages are welcome.

Hot Chocolate Greetings is on Monday, Dec. 30 from 6-8 p.m. No registration is required for this adults only event. 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 the counts. Greeting cards will be supplied or created, or bring your own if you would like.

Toddler Time is on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 10-11 a.m. Bring your little one to sing, read, and do a fun activity! This story time is designed for

oounds by Ivette Ozuna of Wayne.

Tri County Northeast's girls wrestlers earned a handful

of medals in two tournaments heading into the holiday

The Lady Wolfpack won three medals in the Elgin/

Pope John Invitational, highlighted by a runner-up finish

from Kiya Tornez, who was pinned in the finals at 145

Mary Rose was a consolation champion at 105 pounds

with a first-period fall over Jadyn Kratz of West Holt,

Homer came away empty-handed from the Elgin meet,

On Saturday, TCNE came away with two medals from

Tornez finished fourth at 145 pounds, while Olson was

The Lady Wolfpack and Lady Knights will both head

south after the holiday break for the Winnebago Invita-

Élgin/Pope John Invitational

**Team Standings** 

Wayne 174, Summerland 136, Elkhorn Valley 95.5, West Holt

while Jenni Olson finished fourth at 100 pounds

scoring four points in the 21-team event.

a very challenging Pierce Invitational.

a sixth-place medalist at 100 pounds.

tional on Friday, Jan. 3.

Thursday, Jan. 2 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Play games and learn to be a money smart kid! Each Thursday in January, join us to play games to grow your financial knowledge. These games include activities like running a farm, planning parties, getting a pet and so much more. You can also check out our Thinking Money for kids tablets and play the games at home.

Dungeons & Donna is on Thursday, Jan. 2 from 4:30-6 p.m. Interested in learning about Dungeons and Dragons or other tabletop games? Join Miss Donna to make a character and play in a short adventure. Everyone is welcome. You can also come anytime and join in.

Good Will of the Great Plains will be here with their Career Cruiser on Friday, Jan. 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Career Cruiser will be here to help you with job preparation. Bus will be in the Parking Lot.

Kids' Karaoke is from 10:00-11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4. Hang out with the youth librarian and sing your heart out

Start 2025 off with one of these

"HTML, CSS, & JavaScript allin-one," by Paul McFedries (006.74 MCF). Looking to start an exciting new career in front-end web building and design? Or maybe you just want to develop a new skill and create websites for fun. Whatever your reasons, it's never been easier to start learning how to build websites from scratch than with help from HTML, CSS, & JavaScript All-in-One For **Dummies** 

"I Did a New Thing: 30 days to living free," by Tabitha Brown (153 BRO). Years ago, Tabitha Brown started a 30-day personal challenge that she called "I Did a New Thing!" The challenge was simple. Every day she would do something she'd never done before. In this book, Tab shares her own stories and those of others, alongside gentle guidance and encouragement to create these incredible changes for yourself and see what good can come from them.

"Fundraising for Dummies," by Beverly A. Browning (361.7 BRO). Fundraising For Dummies is your guiding light and saving grace as you prepare and implement a fundraising

**TCNE girls earn medals in two meets** 

"3D Printers," by Richard Horne something new.

Money Smart Kids is held on mies series. It is an easy reference for anyone new to the process of taking a digital file and turning it into an object in the real world.

> "The New Gardener's Handbook: everything you need to know to grow a beautiful & bountiful garden," by Daryl Beyers (635 BEY). From one of the experts at the New York Botanical Garden, this guide shares the science of good gardening in a design-forward, beginner-friendly way that will appeal to new gardeners ev-

> 'Complete guide to Sewing: step-by-step techniques for making clothes and home accessories,' from the Readers' Digest Association (646.2 COM). An indispensable volume for beginning and advanced sewers alike that guides readers through necessary equipment, techniques, fabrics and more.

"Natural and Curly Hair," by Johnny Wright (646.7 WRI). A celebrity hairstylist, who maintains the hair health of his most notable clients- -Queen Latifah, Tamron Hall, Kerry Washington and Michelle Obama--presents the right tricks, tips and advice for getting a halo of soft, healthy curls without using chemicals. Centers natural and curly hair within the African diaspora. This is part of the For Dummies series.

"Clever Girl Finance: the side hustle guide: build a successful side hustle and increase your income," by Bola Sokunbi (658 SOK). This book will target women, specifically women of color who are interested in leveraging a side hustle business to increase their income in order to build wealth.

"House Rules: how to decorate for every home, style, and budget,' by Myquillyn Smith (747 SMI). You want to create a beautiful, livable home, but you feel stuck. House Rules is your guide to understanding why some rooms look great and other rooms don't look quite right.

"Home Therapy: interior design for increasing happiness, boosting confidence, and creating calm," by Anita Yokota (747 YOK). Therapy meets home design in this holistic, beautifully photographed guide to incorporating self-care and mental wellness into all your living spaces.

Have a great new year and start

94, Schuyler JV 77, Neligh-Oakdale 74, Norfolk Catholic 54,

Plainview 40, Tri County NE 39, Central Valley 33, Elgin/Pope John

24.5, Arcaida/Louip City 24, Sandhills/Thedford 24, NG/SE 23,

Randolph 21.5, Niobrara/Verdigre 18, St. Mary's 18, Creighton 17,

**Area Medallists** 

:37. 105: 3. Mary Rose, TCNE, pinned Jadyn Kratz, WH, :30. 145: 1.

Pierce Invitational

**Team Standings** 

Chadron 126.5, Schuyler 124, Pierce 122, Lincoln High 105,

Battle Creek 101, Fremont 96.5, Aurora 94, Wayne 85.5, Elkhorn

Valley 79.5, Lyons-Decatur NE 73, Tekamah-Herman 71.5, Stanton

56.5, Fort Calhoun 39, Omaha Concordia 35, Cedar Catholic 34.5,

Niobrara/Verdigre 28, Wakefield 28, Bancroft-Rosalie 20.5. Tri

**Area Medalists** 

2:25. 145: 3. Adday Tewahade, Chadron, pinned Kiya Tornez,

100: 5. Azlynn Johnson, Stanton, pinned Jenni Olson, TCNE,

100: 3. Yuritza Mejia, Schuyler JV, pinned Jenni Olson, TCNE,

Lincoln Standing Bear 6, Homer 4, Fullerton 0.

Ivette Ozuna, Wayne, pinned Kiya Tornez, TCNE, :51.

County NE 18.5, Madison 17, Columbus 6, Winside 3.

### **OBITUARIES**

## **Patricia Ann Slaughter, 83**

Slaughter

great-grandmother and cherished com-

munity member, who peacefully left us on Dec. 17, 2024, at the age of 83.

A Celebration of Pat's life will be held at Morningside Lutheran Church, 700 S. Martha St, Sioux City, Iowa, at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 19, from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel. Burial will be in the Lyons Cemetery in Lyons.

Pat was a long-term resident of South Sioux City, where she touched countless lives with her philanthropy, humor and unwavering commitment to her family and community.

Born on June 20, 1941, Pat was known for her infectious laughter and warm spirit, which made her a cherished figure to all who knew her. She was the proud matriarch of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her legacy of kindness and strength will live on through them.

Pat's devotion to her community was boundless. She spent many years volunteering on the local school board, working to improve the educational experience for students in her area, and improving her own educational experience by going back and earning her Masters in Social Work from UNO. Her passion for giving back to the community was also evident in her establishment of memorial scholar-

It is with deep sadness that we announce the pass- ships for South Sioux City High School students, a ing of Pat Slaughter, beloved mother, grandmother, gift that continues to help the students pursue their dreams.

A woman of immense generosity, Pat always found ways to support those around her, whether it was lending a helping hand or sharing a laugh during tough times. Her ability to make everyone feel seen and appreciated was one of her greatest gifts. Pat's wit and sense of humor were leg-

endary. She had a unique ability to find joy in the smallest moments and made everyone around her smile. Her laughter was truly contagious, and she leaves behind a legacy of joy that will not soon be forgotten. Pat is survived by her children, Shelly (Bob) Kuhl and Shane (Diane) Slaughter, grandchildren Kayla

Shaye Slaughter, Samantha (Austin) Goehring and Blair Slaughter, great-grandchildren Norah McMullen, Gia McMullen and Margo Martin, sister Connie (Bernie) Heier and niece Tiffany (Donnie) Heier

(Daniel) McMullen, Jenna Kuhl (Owen Martin),

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry, and her father and mother, Carroll (Red) and Winona

Pat's memory will live on in the laughter she brought into our lives and the generous spirit that touched us all. She will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

### DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

James T. Deview, 39, Sioux City, Iowa; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, jail 7 days, fail to appear jail 7 days Jalen R. Thompson, 28, Sioux Falls, S.D.; theft-shop-

lifting \$500-1,499, probation 24 months Jose H. Antonio, 27, South Sioux City; no operator's

license, fine \$150, no proof of insurance, fine \$300 McKenzie B. Buck, 26, Hinton, Iowa; theft-shoplifting \$0-500 fine \$300

Jesse Castillo Jr. 19, South Sioux City; possess mari-

juana loz. or less, 1st offense, fine \$300 Bhavin Chaudari, 24, South Sioux City; sell tobacco

elec nicotine, fine \$300 Alfred L. Dunigan II, 33, aiding and abetting a class misdemeanor, fine \$300

Tyler M. Fader, 20, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear

Yonal M. Fernandez Nunez, 30, South Sioux City; no operator's license, fine \$500

Lizzie V. Freemont, 50, Macy; no proof of insurance,

Jose A. Gonzales, 24, South Sioux City; no valid registration, fine \$50, no proof of insurance, fine \$150 Armando Gonzalez Benitez, 64, South Sioux City;

no valid registration, fine \$50, no proof of insurance, fine

Ian T. Greger, 30, Vermillion, S.D.; defendant failed to

Cetan A. Heminger, 27; disobey stop light, fine \$75, no proof of insurance, fine \$300

David R. Johns, 83, Emerson; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$500

Rudicel Matos-Pena, 25, South Sioux City; no operator's license, fine \$150, fail to dim headlights, fine \$25 Aboulaziz A. Abdullahi, 27, South Sioux City; fail to

yield entering roadway, fine \$25 Terry L. Jones, 41, South Sioux City; fail to yield ROW after stopping/parking, fine \$25

Antonio M. Simon Diego, 49, South Sioux City; DUI-alcohol 1st offense, fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days, no operator's license, fine \$150

Javier Hernandez Hernandez, 42, Jefferson, S.D.; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$1,000, carry concealed no disclosure 1st, fine \$500

Aaliah R. Cruz, 22, South Sioux City; DUI .15+, fine \$500, jail 2 days, probation 9 months, revoked license 1

### **Dakota City News**

### **Dakota City Public Library**

The Dakota City Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year. We will be open regular hours on Monday and Thursday.

Book Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss "Inland" by Tea Obreht. The next selection, 'When I Found You" by Catherine Ryan Hyde will be available at that time. The group will be selecting which books they would like to read in 2025. New members are welcome to join anytime. Drop in Monday, Jan 6 and help choose titles to read. The group orders kits from the Nebraska Library Commission to read each month. The books are sent back to Lincoln after the discussion each month. The Dakota City Library also tries to keep a copy in their collection of all titles discussed in Book Club.

Need reading materials this winter, but dread going out in the cold and bad weather? Check out your materials on the Libby App through the Nebraska Overdrive Library System. Have the staff check to make sure that your li-

brary card is activated with the Overdrive System. The Library receives credit for all books checked out by their patrons on the Overdrive System. Call and visit with staff if you have any questions or need help utilizing this ser-

Set your calendars for January Story Hour; Thursday, Jan. 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

If the kids are bored during the holiday break, send them to the library. We have an assortment of board games and puzzles available to play in the library. New books added; "Construction Site Garbage Crew

Family" by Katherine Applegate, "Dog Man; Big Jim Begins" by Dav Pilkey, "Horse" and "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks, "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate, "Virgil Wander" by Leif Enger, "Shanghai Girls" and "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See, "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano, "Last Christmas in Paris" by Hazel Gaynor, and "Resistance" by Jennifer Nielsen.

Happy Holidays from the staff at the Dakota City Public Library!

### **Legislature to be broadcast in Spanish**

Nebraska Public Media is making new technology integrates closed convenes on Wednesday, Jan. 8, gavlegislative floor debate and committee hearings held at the Nebraska State Capitol accessible to more Nebraskans.

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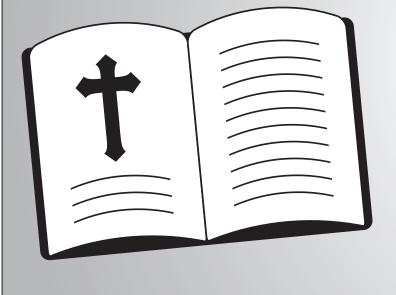
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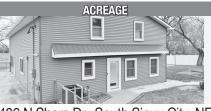


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# **Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION** 

Notice is hereby given that That One Hair Extensions LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 601 West 29th Street, South Sioux City, Ne. The initial agent for service of process is Amira Mari, 458 Red Rock Lane, South Sioux City, Ne 68776. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Company com-

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menced its existence on Dec 1, 2024

and its duration shall be perpetual.

Organizer Name: That One Hair Ex-

### **Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS** IN THE COURT (PROBATE **DIVISION) OF DAKOTA** COUNTY, NEBRASKA

To: Any interested party with respect to the Petition for Appointment of Permanent Guardianship filed by the Petitioner, Marleny Rigoberta Mendez Hernandez, for appointment as permanent Guardian of Alina Marialisa Mendez Martin, case PR 24-62.

You are hereby notified that on November 27, 2024, a Petition was filed to appoint a Permanent Guardian for Alina Marialisa Mendez Martin, that the hearing on appointment of a permanent guardian will take place on February 10, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. in Dakota County Court, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, the object of which is to have Petitioner appointed as the Permanent Guardian of Alina Marialisa Mendez Martin. You are required to answer this Petition on or before that date or the Court will proceed with the appointment of the permanent

Marleny Rigoberta Mendez Hernandez, Petitioner

s/\_Tyler D. McIntosh Tyler D. McIntosh Attorney at Law **ROTH WEINSTEIN, LLC** 713 S 16th Street Omaha, NE 68102 Ph: 402-800-6690 Attorney for Petitioner

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### **Legal Notice**

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC.

Walkers Island Homes, Inc. (the "Corporation") has filed Articles of Dissolution effective December 12, 2024, and the terms and conditions of such dissolution are as follows:

1. As soon as practicable, the Corporation shall, by and through its President, Peggy Akins, collect its assets, dispose of such of its properties as are not to be distributed in kind to its shareholders, pay, satisfy or discharge all its debts, liabilities, and obligations, or make adequate provision for payment, satisfaction or discharge thereof, and do all other acts required to liquidate its business and affairs.

2. The Corporation's assets and liabilities are as follows:

a) The Corporation has no remaining assets.

b) The Corporation has no re-

maining liabilities. WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC.

By: Peggy Akins, President Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, December 19 and 26, and January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

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**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION** 

WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC. TO ALL PERSONS INTEREST-ED AND CLAIMANTS OF WALK-ERS ISLAND HOMES, INC .:

Walkers Island Homes, Inc. has filed Articles of Dissolution effective December 12, 2024. All persons with claims against Walkers Island Homes, Inc. must present them as follows:

1. The claim must include the name of the claimant, the address of the claimant, the telephone number of the claimant, the amount claimed, the date the claim was incurred, and the detailed basis for said claim. All claims must be accompanied by all written evidence of said claim, including, but not limited to, invoices, leases, notes and documents evidencing security interests.

2. Claims must be addressed and mailed postage prepaid to Walkers Island Homes, Inc., Attn: Peggy Akins, President, 2700 G Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776. 3. NOTWITHSTANDING FILING

OF A CLAIM, ANY CLAIM AGAINST WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC. WILL BE BARRED UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC. By: Peggy Akins, President Publish in the Dakota County Star

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### **Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION** 

**BONANZA TRUCKING, LLC** 

1-The name of the company dissolved is BONANZA TRUCKING, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Company.'

2-The date dissolution of the Company was authorized was December 6, 2024.

3-Any claims against the Company shall include the name of the claimant, the date and description of the actions and situations surround the claim, and the amount of such

4-Claims must be mailed to 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, NE 68776.

5-A claim against BONANZA TRUCKING, LLC, will be barred unless an action to enforce the claim is commenced within five (5) years after the publication date of the third required notice.

BY: John C. Ehrich (Bar #24140) Ehrich Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. 1419 Dakota Avenue, Box 215 South Sioux City, NE 68776

Phone:402-412-2080

jehrich@ehrichlawoffice.com Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, December 12, 19 and 26, 2024. - ZNEZ

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

TRIUNITY INVESTMENTS, LLC

**Legal Notice** 

1. The name of the company dissolved is TRIUNITY INVESTMENTS. LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Company"

2. The date dissolution of the Company was authorized was December 19, 2024, and the effective date of dissolution shall be December 31, 2024 3. Any claims against the Com-

pany shall include the name of the claimant, the date and description of the actions and situations surround the claim, and the amount of such 4. Claims must be mailed to 1419

Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, NE 68776. 5. A claim against TRIUNITY IN-

VESTMENTS, LLC, will be barred unless an action to enforce the claim is commenced within five (5) years after the publication date of the third required notice.

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

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### **Legal Notice**

**NOTICE** 

In the County of Dakota County,

Estate of Bill J. Gotch, Deceased. Estate No.: N/A

Notice is hereby given that Bart Gotch was nominated/appointed as PR of the estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims and submit to P.O. Box 981, South Sioux City, NE 68776 on or before December 31, 2024 or be forever barred.

> Bart Gotch, PR P.O. Box 981 South Sioux City, NE 68776

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### **Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS** IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF **DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA** 

To: Geremias Martin Perez, Defendant, whose whereabouts are unknown and upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had.

You are hereby notified that on November 27, 2024, Plaintiff, Marleny Rigoberta Mendez Hernandez, filed a Complaint for Custody and Paternity against you in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, case CI 24-209 the object of which is to establish custody, and paternity of a minor child.

You are required to answer the Petition within 30 days of the last publication of this notice or the Petition will be taken as true. Marleny Rigoberta

Mendez Hernandez, Plaintiff

/s/\_Tyler D. McIntosh Tyler D. McIntosh Attorney at Law ROTH WEINSTEIN, LLC 713 S 16th Street Omaha, NE 68102 Ph: 402-800-6690 **Attorney for Plaintiff** 

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### **Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF VACANCY** CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF **SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA** 

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provision of Section 32-569. R.R.S., 1943 as amended, that there is a vacancy on the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebras-

The Mayor has placed the issue of filling such vacancy on the agenda for the regular meeting of the City Council of South Sioux City, Nebraska to be held on Monday, January 27th, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue. At that time, the Mayor will submit a name of a qualified elector to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

Applications to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term by interested qualified electors may be obtained by inquiring at the office of the City Clerk, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, or by requesting an application by phone at 402-494-7503. Applications must be returned to the office of the City Clerk, at the address stated above or via email listed on the application, by 12:00 p.m. on January 20th, 2025.

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### VILLAGE OF HOMER

#### Village of Homer **Regular Public Meeting** November 14, 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, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM 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 Eriksen to approve October 10, 2024 regular board meeting minutes and special meeting minutes for October 22 and October 25. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Cain and seconded by Amber Barclay to approve the following payables:

Nebraska Department of Revenue ..... 380.40

Nebraska Child Support	251.08
Internal Revenue	
Service	2,305.32
Elvin Vavra	1,615.71
Bruce R. Ubbinga	532.25
AMGL CPAs & Advisors	3,240.00
Black Hills Energy	58.09
Bomgaars	
Bullseye Fire	
Sprinkler, Inc	1,060.57
Canon Financial Services	42.89
Capital One	22.29
Century Link	203.69
Country Computers	120.00
Crary Huff Law Firm	
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Dakota County Treasurer	

EMC – Northeast Nebraska Insurance ......9.534.00 Firstnet AT&T......102.90 Gill Hauling ......3,518.15 Industries, LLC .....2,200.00 J and J's Pronto.....79.04 Kevin O'Dell Electric.....33,858.00 League of Nebraska

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Motion carried. Moved by Cain and seconded by Utemark to approve Resolution 24-08

**Legal Notice** 

**Board of Education** 

Regular Meeting

Monday, November

11, 2024 5:00 PM

**High School Library** 

3301 G Street

South Sioux City, NE 68776

Attendance Taken at 5:00 P.M.

Pamela Camarillo: Absent

Shawna Messerlie: Present

Excuse a Board Member(s): The

board moved to excuse Pam Ca-

marillo from the board meeting. This

motion, made by Robert Rapp and

ments of Sydney Chance, Grace

Danke, Jodi Klemme, beginning

second semester and Morgan Miller,

effective upon certification, the Oc-

tober 15, 2024 Regular Board Meet-

ing Minutes, the October 28, 2024

Committee of the Whole Minutes,

the Claims and Accounts, and the

Treasurer's Report, subject to audit,

were approved as part of the Con-

sent Agenda. This motion, made by

Robert Rapp and seconded by Marla

moved to approve the audit, as pre-

sented. This motion, made by Robert

Rapp and seconded by Marla Grier,

moved to adjourn. This motion, made

by Robert Rapp and seconded by

Star Thursday, December 26, 2024.

Matt Aitken, Passed.

- ZNEZ

Adjourn: At 5:36 p.m. the board

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Approval of Audit: The board

Consent Agenda: The appoint-

seconded by Matt Aitken, Passed.

Matt Aitken: Present

Marla Grier: Present

Chris Krueger: Present

Robert Rapp: Present

Wilmes Hardware ......8.43

Zimco.....342.48

All members present voted Aye.

Village of Homer and signing of year- ten (10) working days and prior to end street certification of 2024 street superintendent. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the request of JEO Consulting to be appointed as the Village Engineer. Elvin Vavra recommended that the village hire engineers on a project by project basis. At the end of discussion, no action taken. Moved by Eriksen and seconded

by Jarod Barclay to approve the renewal of Sewer Account CD #10887 for 6 months at the current interest rate of 4.25%. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Moved by Eriksen and seconded

by Jarod Barclay to approve the renewal of Special Assessments Account CD #10768 for 6 months at the current interest rate of 4.25%. All members present voted Aye. Motion Moved by Erikson and seconded

by Utemark to approve the renewal of the Wastewater Facility Permit. All members present voted Aye. Motion Moved by Amber Barclay and

seconded by Eriksen to renew the Village's membership with the Nebraska Rural Water Association. All members present voted Aye. Motion Elvin Vavra reported that the Vil-

lage has no findings of lead service lines, but that notices were sent to customers regarding either unknown or galvanized service lines. He recommended that an ordinance be adopted to address who is responsible for any replacements that might be required by the EPA. The interim clerk was asked to contact the ning with the week of December 23, League of Nebraska Municipalities Moved by Eriksen and seconded

by Jarod Barclay to have the Village Clerk job posting published in the Dakota County Star for the next two weeks. All members presented voted Aye. Motion carried. Citizen Concerns - Jon Kurtz

raised concerns about the water pressure at his house. Discussion followed. Elvin will put a curb stop in front of Mr. Kurtz's house, and will try to determine where the leak is located between the current curb stop and meter pit.

a business owner about parking in the business district. Another discussion centered around the 150th Celebration and having the village board maintain financial control over it.

Clerk Report - The interim clerk briefly reported on his work to date.

Moved by Cain and seconded by Eriksen to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Jarod Barclay - Village Board

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 hours prior to said meeting; that the actions taken by the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees on November 14, 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 Star Thursday, December 26, 2024. appointing Matthew Smith of Olsson the foregoing proceedings have been - ZNEZ

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

2,229 notice is hereby given that the

undersigned has formed a domes-

tic corporation under the Nebraska

Model Business Corporation Act in

Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes

8 Auto Sales, Inc. with its initial

principal office at 1019 6th Avenue

Sioux City, Nebraska 68776. The

street address and mailing address

of the Company's initial registered

office in Nebraska is 202 East 17th

Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska

68773 and the name of its registered

agent at such address is Efrain To-

This company is organized to en-

gage in and to do any lawful business

for any lawful purpose, for which a

corporation may be organized under

the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The Company's duration is perpetual

beginning on the date the Articles

of Incorporation were filed with the

Secretary of State of Nebraska with

an effective date of January 1, 2025.

The affairs of the corporation are

conducted by the board of directors

and shareholders and such other of-

ficers as may be provided for in the

By-Laws. The Company has 10,000

shares of common stock with the par

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value of \$10.00 per share.

700 4th Street, Suite 300

Sioux City, IA 51101

Attorney at Law

Efrain Tostado, President

Robert J. Rehan, Incorporator

The name of the corporation is

of Nebraska.

Pursuant to the Neb.Rev.St. §21-

as the Street Superintendent for the extracted were in written form within the next convened meeting. IN WIT-NESS WHERETO, I have hereunto set my hand on December 12, 2024. Al Vacanti – Interim Village Clerk

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#### Village of Homer Special Public Meeting December 5, 2024

A special 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, December 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM 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 Utemark and seconded by Cain to approve the hiring of Jenny Albrecht to serve as the Village Clerk/ Treasurer on a part-time basis begin-2024. All members present voting Aye: Cain, Utemark, Jarod Barclay. Members present voting Nay: Amber Barclay. Members present abstaining: Eriksen. Motion carried.

Moved by Cain and seconded by Utemark to raise the hourly rate of pay for the Village Clerk/ Treasurer to \$21.50. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Moved by Eriksen and seconded

by Cain to republish the current job listing for the Village Clerk/ Treasurer with updates. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eriksen and seconded Board Reports - Elvin will talk to by Cain to adjourn. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Jarod Barclay - Village Board

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 December 5, 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 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 WIT-NESS WHERETO, I have hereunto set my hand on December 12, 2024. Al Vacanti – Interim Village Clerk

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#### **Legal Notice Legal Notice**

12400 Olive Blvd Suite 555 St. Louis, MO 63141

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,

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By: Sara Pelikan.

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### **Jackson News**

By Laura Sullivan

### **Nebraska Extension in Dakota County**

Calling all teen leaders! Nebraska 4-H is seeking facilitators for this year's Ag Innovators Experience, Protect the Plate. Application dead-line for Local Teen Facilitators has been extended to Jan. 15, 2024. More information and applications are available at 4h.unl.edu/ag-innovators-experience.

### 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.

#### **Indoor Pickleball is Back** Pickleball is back in Jackson El-

(PHOTO BY LORI OVERFELT)

**Hubbard News** 

This last Friday, the Hubbard Fam-

ily Fun Night group held their an-

nual Christmas Carnival Night at

the Hubbard Community Center.

Winners of the three sleds were

(from left) Leah Bousquet, Addie

Gubbels, and Charlie Millard.

They had games, prizes, crafts,

and served pizza and cookies af-

ter. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to

visit and goody bags handed out

to all the kids. There were about

80 people in attendance. Raffle

winners included Leah Bousquet,

Watson Woltman, Charlie Millard

Minutes of the Village of

Hubbard, Nebraska

**Board of Trustees Meeting** 

December 11th 2024

regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

present for roll call were Trustees:

utes. Jason Martineck was absent.

Following roll call Hunn motioned.

Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd to

dispense the reading of the Novem-

ber 11th, 2024 minutes. Ayes: Unani-

mous. Absent: Martineck. Motion

dispense the reading of the Novem-

Jensen motioned, Hunn 2nd to

Clerk Bousquet presented the

treasurers report. Harral motioned,

Jensen 2nd that the treasurer's re-

Aves: Unanimous, Absent: Marti-

neck. Motion carried.

and Addie Gubbels.

By Lori Overfelt

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

### **Book Club**

The group met and discussed "The Ghost at the Table" by Suzanne Berne we couldn't identify with any of the characters. Then we played American Trivia and had a ton of fun. The big book for this year is "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes and will be discussed at the January meeting.

### **Jackson Elementary School**

Return to School – Monday, Jan. 6.

### Dec. 23- Jan. 3 – Christmas Break

MC Salon - Men's day every Thursda No appointment necessary. Call 632-201 for appointments.

**Hours of Operation** 

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Jackson Public Library open Monday

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4555 - for estimates and appointments.

Bridal Sweet - by appointment

and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m

through Friday 12-4p.m., Saturday 11:3

Thursday, drive-through 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m

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a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

a.m.-1 p.m.

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

### **Legal Notice**

#### NOTICE OF MEETING **BOARD OF EDUCATION** HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Board of Education of the Homei Community School will meet for regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library at the Horner Community School, Homer Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting and public hearings, which shall be kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours; however, the agenda may be modified at such

Amy M. Brand **School Secretary** 

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, December 26, 2024.

### **Legal Notice**

13160 Foster, Suite 100 913-663-7600

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** 

secured by a deed of trust executed by Kurt S Bahney and Janna Lynn Mertz, dated September 13, 2004. and recorded on September 20. 2004, Document No. 04-002710 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds. Dakota County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on January 31, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at Main Lobby of the Dakota County

Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: Lot Seventeen (17) and the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Eighteen (18) North Shore Park, a Subdivision of Government Lot Six (6), Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twentynine (29) North, Range Nine (9) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Dakota County, Nebraska and Lot Seventeen A (17-A) and Lot Eighteen B (18-B), North Shore Park, a Subdivision of Government Lot Six, Section

subject to all prior easements. restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, it

South 68 degrees 22 minutes 54

seconds East for a distance of 75.00

feet to the point of beginning., com-

monly known as 480 N Shore Dr.

Liliana E. Shannon Successor Trustee

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Col-

at 7:00 P.M. at the Village of Hubbard lection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that pur-

> mation, visit www.Southlaw.com Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, December 12, 19 and 26 2024 and January 2 and 9, 2025. -

### SouthLaw, P.C.

**Overland Park, KS 66213-2660** FILE NO. 248490

For default in the payment of debt

Thirty-two (32), Township Twentynine (29) North, Range Nine East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Dakota County, Nebraska, which is more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 17 of North Shore Park, a Subdivision of Government Lot 6, Section 32, Township 29 North, Range 9 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Dakota County, Nebraska, thence 21 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 147.25 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 21 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 144.77 feet thence North 66 degrees 39 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 75.03 feet; thence North 21 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 142.52 feet; thence

South Sioux City, NE, 68776 any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

First Publication: December 12

NOTICE

pose (No. 248490). For more infor-

Bonial & Associates, P.C.

### **Notice of Trustee's Sale**

Dakota City, NE 68731:

COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

dition of the property.

Trustee, NSBA# 23602 Bonial & Associates, P.C. 12400 Olive Blvd Suite 555

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COL-

December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024.

#### port be accepted. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. **Guest Comments: None** Attorney Hines administered the

Oath for newly elected Board Mem-

bers Dale Gaither and Alvin Satter-Jensen motioned, Gaither 2nd to appoint Jim Harral as Chairman Pro-

carried.

carried.

Tem of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Hubbard for 2025. Ayes: Harral, Jensen, Gaither, Satterwhite. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Jensen motioned, Satterwhite 2nd

to appoint Jason Martineck as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Hubbard for 2025. Ayes: Harral, Jensen, Gaither, Satterwhite. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Jensen motioned, Satterwhite 2nd to appoint Lisa Bousquet as Village

Clerk for the Village of Hubbard for 2025. Ayes: Harral, Jensen, Gaither, Satterwhite. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Jensen motioned, Gaither 2nd to appoint Lisa Bousquet Village Treasurer for the Village of Hubbard for

2025. Ayes: Harral, Jensen, Gaither, Satterwhite. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Jensen motioned, Gaither 2nd to reappoint the current members to the

Village Board of Health. Ayes: Harral, Jensen, Gaither, Satterwhite. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Harral introduced and read aloud Resolution 24-6. A resolution appoint-

ing Steve Parr of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Street Superintendent and engineer for 2025. Jensen motioned, Gaither 2nd to approve the resolution as read. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Martineck, Motion carried. Harral introduced and read aloud

Resolution 24-7. A resolution authorizing employment of the Village Attorney. Jensen motioned, Satterwhite 2nd to approve the resolution as read. Aves: Unanimous. Absent:

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on Decemto add Jim Harral as an authorized signer to all Village checking, savber 11, 2024 at the Village of Hubbard Community Center, 7:00 p.m. for the ings and other bank accounts. Ayes:

VILLAGE OF

HUBBARD

Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Members of the Board of Trustees Emergency Sewer Plan. Clerk Ronald Hunn, Jim Harral, and Shawn Bousquet will compile information Jensen and Ron Collins. Lisa Bousand report back to the board at a fuquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minture meeting.

Harral, Jensen, Gaither, Satterwhite.

Old Business:

The HCC remodel is on hold until Jensen 2nd to approve the agenda. the new tables and equipment have heen delivered Jensen has snoken to Heeney Electric. He will move the bathroom lights, update the kitchen lights and install an outlet in the kitchen for the freezer.

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

Discussion was held on the la-

ber 20th, 2024 minutes. Ayes: Unanigoon project. mous. Absent: Martineck. Motion The new Christmas lights were discussed.

> Delinquent accounts were discussed. A notice will be sent to the individuals that are subject to discon-

Miscellaneous & Emergency

Attorney Hines states he has not had any contact with the residents of 320 Cherry Street. He will contact Inspector Christensen regarding sending a new citation in January.

Correspondence: Clerk Bousquet presented the letters sent regarding account ownership and the School House apartments. Both issues have

been rectified. Clerk Bousquet presented bill to be paid as follows:

Dick McCabe \$233.00, Gill Hauling \$832.50, Heeney Fam Ptshp \$550.00, Ron Hunn \$100.00, Lisa Bousquet \$863.43, Jason Martineck \$25.00, NNPPD \$988.42, NNTC \$163.19, DCPSSA \$1,536.86, NE Public Health \$531.00, Crary Huff \$760.00, Ron Collins \$220.00, FM Bank \$30.00, NE Dept of Rev \$14.10, JEO \$3,613.75, Harral \$320.00, Menards \$30.80, Dakota Co Star \$53.31, NENE Ins \$50.00, Swanson Septic \$1,450.00, Staples \$176.46, 5Star \$85.00, Wilmes \$182.14.

Jensen motioned, Gaither 2nd to pay all bills as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried. Next meeting: January 8th, 2025

Community Center. **Chairman Pro Tem Board of Trustees** Jim Harral

Village of Hubbard, Nebraska

Attest: Village Clerk Lisa Bousquet This is a condensed version of the

December 11, 2024 minutes. A full version is available in the Village Of-

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### Martineck. Motion carried. Kristi Gaither gave the HBC up-New Business: Jensen motioned, Satterwhite 2nd

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# Snow and Ice can cause serious damage to trees



#### By Chrissy Land Nebraska Forest Service

Nebraska's winters have been known to throw a curveball or two with unique storms that produce excess amounts of snow or possibly ice. When these weather events occur, trees can expect some serious damage. Many times the extent of damage relies on the seasonal timing of the storms and the temperatures they bring.

#### It always snows, what's the big deal?

In 2018 and 2019, Nebraska experienced unusual weather patterns with sharp temperature drops as early as September and October, which did not allow the trees the time to properly prepare themselves for the winter to come. In both years, many parts of the state experienced blizzards and ice storms earlier in the winter in November or December and again later in the winter in February and March. Many recall the damage done by the blizzard storm dubbed the 'Bomb Cyclone' of March 2019.

Conservation Tree Program

Services and Prices

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Conservation Tree

nterested in planting trees and shrubs for windbreaks, living snow fences,

the order form on the other side to order seedlings. Below is a list of other

services available through the Conservation Tree Program:

There is a minimum planting charge of \$100.00 per project

Seedlings cost \$30.00 plus tax for a bundle of 25

Each species must be ordered in lots of 25

There is a charge of \$0.75/seedling

SALES TAX: 5.5%

Signature of Purchaser

A check must be enclosed with this order, made payable to the:

Tree and Shrub Seedlings -

livestock protection, forest buffers, woodlots, and wildlife habitat. You can use

Machine Planting Service - Not available for Small Acreage or Wildlife Packages

The Papio NRD does not guarantee the growth or survival of the seedlings you are

purchasing. We do guarantee that the seedlings are purchased from quality nurseries

nd are maintained in good condition at our distribution center. Contact the NRD if

**Program** offers a wide variety of seedlings and services to landowners

When high pressure in the atmosphere builds rapidly, heavy snowfalls paired with high winds can occur, creating a recipe for disaster. Trees that are improperly cared for are more likely to have damage and breakage. Weakened structures from poor or no pruning and preexisting wounds under the weight of wet heavy snows, ice loads, and high winds can push the tissues to their breaking point. Ultimately the trees become a serious concern for the safety of any person or property

### Types of damage

The most common types of tissue damage that can happen to trees under the weight of snow or ice loading include stress fractures, twisting, complete breaks, entire splitting and tissue damage similar to bruising in which case damaged tissue cannot recover. Trees do not heal wounds, they can only seal them if the correct meristematic cells (which are responsible for multiplying and expanding), are available to grow new tissue over the openings or internal damage. These cells are found in branch collars, branch unions, branch and root tips, buds, nodes of stems, and in a fine layer in the trunk known as the

Stress fractures can be one of the less obvious wounds created by snow or ice loading. They occur when the weight causes the tissue along the top of a branch to become stretched while the tissue along the bottom is compressed. This typically creates a split in the wood horizontally within the branch when the weight load is gone. From the ground, this damage is rarely detectable in large shade trees. When left unmanaged, these types of wounds can be the cause of a complete break in the next storm.

Open wounds provide pathways for microorganisms to enter the vascular system of the tree, potentially infecting the tree with a harmful fungus or bacteria. Regular care of trees is recommended to manage the damaged or dead tissues to prevent future problems. Proper removal of damaged branches is key to make sure the correct growth cells are near the intentional wound from a pruning cut in order to allow the tree to properly seal off the opening. It is best to allow trees to complete their natural processes to seal wounds after proper pruning cuts are made.

#### When to remove snow

Evergreens are typically more prone to damage from snow and ice accumulations as they have more surface area with their foliage to collect and hold the snow and ice. In the winter all tree and shrub tissue can be brittle, so it is very important to be gentle when making attempts to remove the weight load of snow.

When light snows occur, it is not necessary to remove the accumula-

Please note: The Small Acreage and Wildlife Packages

do not qualify for machine planting services or cost-

tion from the branches. However, when wet, heavy snow begins to accumulate on branches, now is the time to step in and help trees and shrubs. When conditions are safe, regularly remove the snow throughout the storm, or wait until the storm

When removing snow it is very important to not use any top-down motions. A hand or a broom can be used with gentle upward motions to lift the branch and very gently shake the snow off. If the tree is under a great deal of snow, start with the lowest branches and move upward, and if necessary repeat again from lowest to highest. Try to avoid bouncing motions, support the branch when gently shaking it so it does not bounce back after the removal of the weight; being brittle, it could snap and/or create internal

Do not stand below the tree, it is unsafe as branches could snap or heavy loads of snow could fall. It is absolutely not recommended to climb ladders to reach the tops of trees in snowy or icy conditions, only work from the ground. If concerned about damage to trees that cannot be reached from the ground, it is best to contact a certified arborist to safely care for the tree.

If ice accumulates on trees or shrubs, unfortunately, there is nothing to do other than let it naturally melt off. Most methods to remove ice would cause more damage. The use of artificial heat can cause damage to the tissues and deicing products have chemicals in them that are harmful to the trees.

What to do when tree is damaged? If trees are damaged/wounded:

 Be aware of the surroundings for safety reasons, power lines etc...

- If unsure about the trees' safety/health, contact a certified arborist Only attend to trees or branch-

es that pose an immediate hazard

risk/problem - Leave insignificant damage to be managed in late winter

- Pruning in early winter could expose trees to more freeze damage Pruning just before dormancy breaks is best

- Annual checkups by a certified arborist can improve the structural integrity and remediate any damage unseen from the ground.

Have a question about a damaged tree? Come in to the Dakota City office and talk to your local forester.

### **Abandoned water wells can pose hazards**

Unused water wells left unsecure are a hazard to water quality, people, livestock, and pets. The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (Papio NRD) is aiming to help educate landowners within its six-county area of the importance of abandoning unused wells, as well the cost-share program it provides to help with the associated

Wells that aren't properly abandoned provide a pipe-line to groundwater and can be easily polluted with chemicals, fertilizers, and other contaminates. They can also pose safety risks to people and animals that may not see the wells and become trapped or potentially seriously injured."To help eliminate or reduce these hazards and assist landowners with the cost of abandoning unused wells, the Papio NRD provides the Well Abandonment Program," said Terry Schumacher, land and water programs coordinator for the Papio NRD. The Well Abandonment Program provides cost-share at a rate of 75% of the total eligible costs with a maximum of \$750 for domestic drilled wells; \$1,000 for dug wells; and \$1,500 for city, irrigation, commercial or municipal wells. Ed Thiele, project engineer for Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, took part in the program, as the organization is developing sites in Sarpy and Douglas counties to build new homes. "We decommissioned three wells in Sarpy County and two in Douglas County," said Thiele. "Obviously, starts and families move in. The Papio NRD's cost-share program was of tremendous value for us on many fronts

Eligible costs of the program include pulling rods and

The Papio Missouri River Natural Resources Depart-

gram? 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

For example, the Bur Oaks in front of McDonald's

on Dakota Avenue are just a few of the impressive trees

and I would most definitely recommend it to others," said

pump, filling cistern, chlorination, sand, bentonite, plug. and concrete. A State of Nebraska licensed well contractor, driller or pump installer must complete the abandonment to proper Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations.

"It's really a win-win opportunity," said Schumacher "Our program offers landowners and others, like Habitat for Humanity, significant financial assistance to help protect our drinking water, groundwater, the public and make the process as easy as possible."

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.

Dakota City and are happy to answer any questions you

Not sure what to get? We have a forester on staff in

#### 4 Schubert Chokecherry notify you when they arrive. The LENRD does not guarantee the growth or survival of the seedlings.

\*Species available for 2024-2025:

Small Acreage Package

The **Small Acregae Package** is an option for landowners who want to diversify the trees and

Wildlife Package eir planting. In this package you will receive 20 seedlings for \$30 plus tax, 4 each of 5

ifferent species:

4 Chinese Chestnut 4 Gambel Oak 4 Domestic Apple 4 American Hazelnus

4 Concolor Fir

4 White Lilac

4 Chinkapin Oak

\*Species available for 2024-2025: \*Please note\*: The species provided in the Small from the nursery. If a species listed is unable to be

ment has just released our order forms for the 2025 tree sales. Have you ever participated in the Papio Tree Pro-

Acreage and Wildlife Packages are pending availability ourced, an alternative providing similar benefits will be selected and substituted.

# MISSOURI RIVER

NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT



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

\*County: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Telephone: \*Mailing Address: \_\_\_ \_\_ \*City: \_\_\_ \*Zip Code: \_ 

Each Species must be ordered in bundles of 25 seedlings					
CONIFERS	DECIDUOUS	FRUIT & NUT TREES	SHRUBS	SHRUBS	
Black Hills Spruce     Colorado Blue Spruce     Concolor Fir     Eastern Redcedar     Jack Pine     Norway Spruce     Ponderosa Pine     White Pine	9.         American Elm           10.         American Linden           11.         American Sycamore           12.         Catalpa           13.         Cottonwood           14.         Hackberry           15.         Honeylocust           16.         River Birch           17.         Silver Maple	18. Black Cherry 19. Black Walnut 20. Bur Oak 21. Crabapple 22. Hazelnut 23. Manchurian Apricot 24. Northern Pecan 25. Red Oak 26. Swamp White Oak	27. American Plum 28. Amur Maple 29. Aronia (Chokeberry) 30. Buffaloberry 31. Chokecherry 32. Cotoneaster 33. Cranberry 34. Elderberry 35. False Indigo	36. Golden Currant 37. Gray Dogwood 38. Lilac 39. Nanking Cherry 40. Red-Osier Dogwood 41. Sandcherry 42. Serviceberry (Juneberry) 43. Skunkbush Sumac	

Tax:

Total:

Lower Elkhorn NRD

Norfolk, NE 68701

402-371-7313

Natural Resources District survival of the seedlings you are purchasing. We guarantee that the seedlings are purchased from quality nurseries and are maintained in good

#### Can you hear the bells ringing in sustainability!

the distance, signaling that the year is coming to an end? As we take a moment to reflect on all the memorable experiences we've had, it's time to wrap up this chapter and get excited about the new opportunities the upcoming year will bring! I look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and success in our conservation efforts with all of you.

these trees are magnificent!

planted through this program.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your contributions this year. I especially thank the farmers and partners for their commitment to sustainable practices that protect our environment and support local ecosystems. Your hard work and dedication to conservation efforts are essential for maintaining a healthy balance between agriculture and nature. Thank you for everything you do to nurture the land while promoting biodiversity and

### And now ... a Joke with Jorden Smith

Q: What did the forester say when we told him that the Papio Missouri River Natural Resources Departments is selling trees?

A: That's unbeleafable!

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 1505 Broadway, Dakota City or call (402)494-4949.

See you in the next year, stay warm, don't burn the pie, and thank you to all of you!

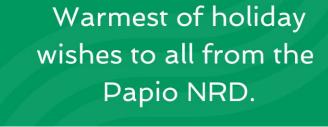
have! So come on in!

Papio/Missouri River NRD has trees for sale

Merry Christmas!

**Message from Program Specialist Mahkenna Koinzan** Mahkenna Koinzan -**Program Specialist** Dakota City Field

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