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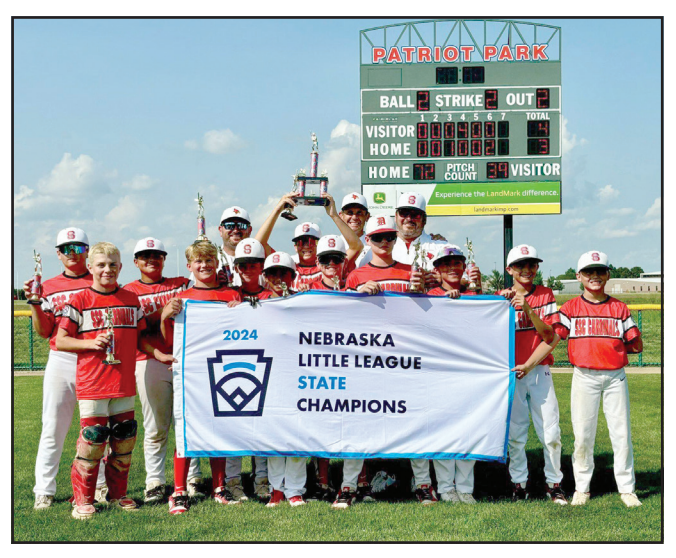
By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher
The year that was 2024 kept the pages of the Dakota County Star turning with a wealth of local stories.



1. Summer flooding hits Missouri
Heavy rains in the Siouxland region late in June created a wide path of destruction along the Missouri River.



2. YMCA breaks ground on addition
With the help of a bunch of preschool-age kids with plastic shovels, ground was broken on a \$5 million construction project at the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA.



3. SSC Little League to regionals
It was a first for the South Sioux City Little League Majors as they won the state title and qualified for a regional tournament in Indianapolis.



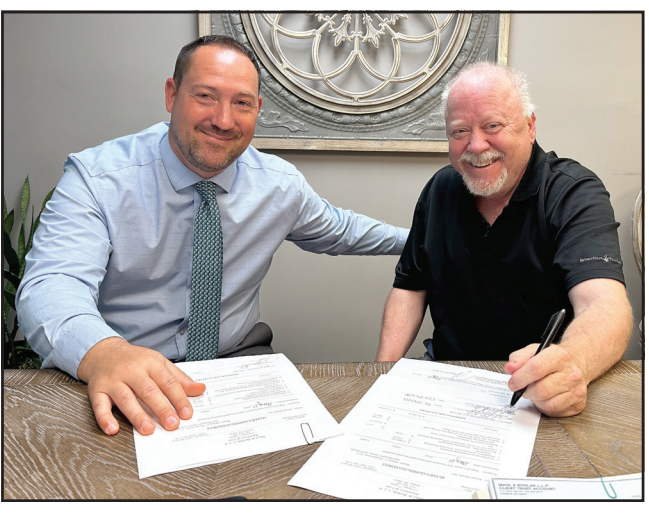
4. Cardinal Vision effort begins
There has not been a major capital improvement project in the South Sioux City Community Schools system since 1999, and the aging buildings have become a major concern.



5. Change on City Council
Two new members were sworn in as members of the South Sioux City City Council as Randy Meyer and Mahamud Osman joined incumbents Jason Bowman and Ben Schultz.



6. Casino work to begin soon
The coming year will see the beginning of a new casino and horse track in South Sioux City. Ho-Chunk, Inc. has spent the last few years building casino/racetracks in Lincoln and Omaha.

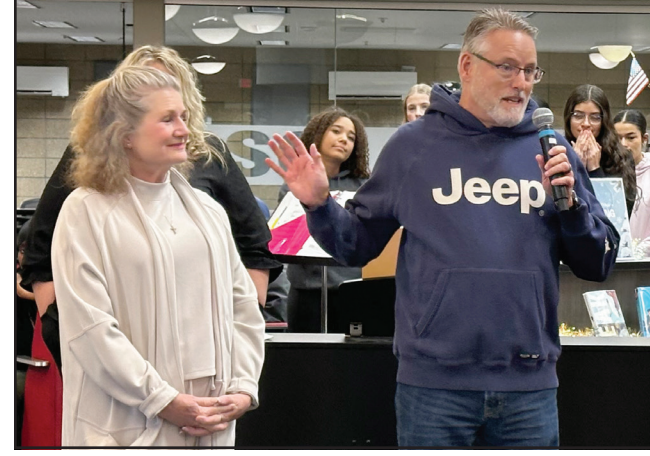


7. Star changes ownership
Not to toot our own horn, but the sale of the Dakota County Star was a big story in its own right.

C Productions, LLC, purchased the newspaper from Jason Sturek of Sturek Media, LLC. The newspaper is beginning its 115th year of publication and has been through several owners in the past 25 years.



8. Martin Air Field sale
More than 60 years ago, Gene and Virginia Martin turned 136 acres of land west of South Sioux City into Martin Field Airport, starting with a grass landing strip.



9. New Chamber director
The South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce turned to a familiar face to serve as its new president. Lori Warner returned to the position, having served as the Chamber's president from 2012-2016.



10. Three state wrestling champs
It's said that good things come in threes, and that was certainly true for the wrestling programs at South Sioux City High School during last winter's State Wrestling Championships.

LOCAL WEATHER
Data Courtesy National Weather Service FOR WEEK OF JAN. 2-8, 2025
THURSDAY 27 10
FRIDAY 19 11
SATURDAY 16 8
SUNDAY 14 0
MONDAY 12 1
TUESDAY 14 0
WEDNESDAY 12 3

Looking Back

A recap of the top news stories of 2024

JANUARY

Former South Sioux City girls basketball coach Kelly Flynn will be inducted into the Cardinal Educational Foundation's Hall of Fame this year. Flynn built a basketball powerhouse during his years as the Lady Cardinals mentor. He won 508 games in his tenure at South Sioux City High School, including a decade-long run of unprecedented success that included 10 state titles in an 11-year period from 1995-2005 (SSC was the runner-up in 1999). All told, the Lady Cards made 17 appearances in the state tournament and was nationally-ranked eight times (including a No. 1 ranking by USA Today in 2001).



Two winter storms, remembered as Snowmageddon 2024, hit within days of each other in early January throughout Dakota County.

Kevin Warneke, about a man who was knocked off his tractor by a passing vehicle on a Nebraska highway in 2013 and survived the experience thanks to Good Samaritans who came to his rescue through heroic measures and seemingly routine gesture of kindness, which included the current pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Pastor Michael Awe.

Mother Nature gave Dakota County a good 1-2 punch, dropping more than a foot of snow as temperatures dipped well below zero and stayed there for the better part of three straight days. The first storm dumped

anywhere from 8-10 inches on the county, closing state highways and county roads and leaving people stuck in their homes. By the end of the week, a second storm followed, adding more of the white stuff and bringing an arctic blast along for the ride, with temperatures falling into the teens below zero and wind chills as cold as 50-below zero putting a healthy crust on the drifts that were built over the weekend. Chris Kleinberg, Dakota County Sheriff, said his department did help some people who got stuck in the storm, but it wasn't as bad as it could have been.

A project more than three years in the making is nearing the finish line, and the head of the Nebraska Medal of Honor Foundation couldn't be more happy. "It's been a long road, but it's worth every moment of it," Thurston resident Daryl Harrison told The Dakota County Star when discussing news that the U.S. Senate had given unanimous consent to the designation of U.S. Highway 20 as Medal of Honor Highway. The project has been several years in the making and included a more than 430-mile walk from the Wyoming border to South Sioux City in the spring of 2021.

Fixing the state's broken property tax system was the highlight of Gov. Jim Pillen's hour-long town hall meeting in South Sioux City, which included eliminating taxes on Social Security and stating a goal of cutting state spending by 3 percent in 2024 and 6 percent in 2025.

A change in leadership within the South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce board was announced recently with Mike LaCroix taking the gavel as the new board chair. LaCroix, who serves as vice president at Siouxland Federal Credit Union, said he is excited to step into the position and promised the Chamber would "have fun" in 2024. LaCroix takes over for Chris Rich, who served his second term as the board's leader and was happy to pass the torch on.

Nothing new here . . . just another Ponca vs. Wynot game going down to the final buzzer. Two weeks earlier, the Indians were able to outlast the Blue Devils in double overtime on a last-second shot. This time, it was a last-gasp chance that fell short, handing Ponca its first loss of the year in a 38-37 thriller against Wynot Monday in the Lewis & Clark Conference finals, held at Wayne State College's Rice Auditorium.

For much of its time in South Sioux City, Haven House Family Services Center has operated in some pretty tight quarters. That changed this month, as the final touches on their new building at 921 B Street were completed in anticipation of the sexual assault and domestic violence support service opening its new facility, which is almost four times bigger than the space they have done their work from at 117 East 28th Street.

The winning bug was biting into a lot of Cardinal-and-black tinted wrestling singlets during the 2024 Nebraska State Wrestling Championships, and by the end of the championship finals at the CHI Center, three South Sioux City wrestlers found themselves at the top of the medal podium as one of the 70 state champions who were crowned during the final day of the three-day tournament. Madelynn Bohnet and Caitlyn Sohm came away with state titles in the girls division, winning at 100

FEBRUARY



A longtime teacher and community leader was recognized by the City Council. Retired teacher Jan Johansen was honored with a Community Pride Award for his many years of service as a teacher, library advocate and Civil Service Commission member. Johansen has served on the city's library board and library foundation board, has been a longtime member of the Civil Service Commission and spent 40 years teaching math at South Sioux City High School. Johansen was appreciative of the honor and touted many of the "good" people he has come in contact with over his years in the community.

and 235 pounds, respectively. And not to be outdone was Tony Palmer, who gutted out an exciting 1-0 win to claim his gold medal in the Class B 215-pound division.

You always remember your first time, and there's no double Josue Munoz will remember his first trip to state. The Homer 132-pound junior and his teammate, Austin Pelster, were Homer's first two qualifiers to the Nebraska State Wrestling Championships.

After 44 years in the Ponca school system as a middle school science and math teacher and coach, Emerson-Hubbard alum Bob Hayes said it's time to do something new. He announced his retirement as elementary principal, athletic director and girls basketball coach at the end of the school year. Hayes has seen a lot

during more than four decades as an educator and coach and spent much of his career coaching boys and girls basketball. Hayes led the Ponca boys to a runner-up finish in 2000 and won the Class C-2 title in 2007. He stepped down from the position in 2012 and was out of coaching for five years, but returned in 2016 to lead the girls program. During that short eight-year period, the Lady Indians made it to state six times and were Class C-2 runner-up in 2020 and 2021. With a career record of 526-196, it was a run that Hayes enjoyed, regardless of how well a team did each year.

Ponca Public Schools announced that is making a move from the Lewis & Clark Conference to the Mid State Conference, effective with the 2024-25 school year.

MARCH

If Nebraska had an official "face" — that face would no doubt belong to Dakota County native Allen Beermann. Now 84 and enjoying retirement in Lincoln after more than half a century of service to the state, the son of Albert and Amanda Beermann has put his lifetime as a Dakota County farm boy, Nebraska Secretary of State and longtime executive director of the Nebraska Press Association together in a book, "Nebraska's Allen J. Beermann: Ambassador To The World." Beermann and the book's editor, Chris Christen, answered questions from about 30 people who attended a book-signing event at the Francie & Finch Book Shop in Lincoln and listened to a handful of an endless collection of stories about Beermann and his career in state politics and as the quarterback for the state's newspaper industry.



It was the end of the road for South Sioux City seniors Brooklyn Heineman (4), Emily Penne (1) and Abbi Aitken as the Lady Cardinals were defeated by Omaha Skutt in the first round of the Class B State Girls Basketball Championships in Omaha. The seniors led the team to their first state trip in several years, and while they may look disappointed as the time winds down, they have plenty of which to be proud of in helping the Lady Cards get back to the state tournament.

requested would cover most of the ridership costs. Any county resident is eligible for a ride.

The City Council of South Sioux City unanimously rejected more than \$4 million in tipping claims made by Wells Fargo regarding the now-closed Big Ox Energy facility. A series of 11 claims totaling

\$4,054,493.54 had been invoiced by the Des Moines, Iowa-based financial institution to the City of South Sioux City regarding the now-closed company that dumped raw sewage into the city's sewer system, creating a variety of health issues that forced more than two dozen residents from their homes.

One of the area's most popular private airports is coming in for a landing. Martin Field Airport is on the real estate market, as the 136-acre facility now has a \$2.5 million price tag on it after being listed by the Sioux City-based Keller Williams Siouxland real estate agency. Gene Martin and his wife, Virginia, have owned and operated the airfield since it was built in 1958. The Martins leased property from KD Feeds and started with a grass-strip runway before the first pavement was laid in 1960. A state grant allowed for an expansion of the runway to its current length of 3,326 feet. The private airport has seen a lot of traffic over the past six decades and is still active to this day with more than 30 pilots housing their planes at its location just off Old Highway 20 west of South Sioux City.

Modern-day technology couldn't pinpoint the location of Dakota County's oldest cemetery, so area historical enthusiasts are leaving it to the dogs. About a year ago, the Dakota County Historical Society, working with the Nebraska State Archeologist, used a ground-penetrating radar machine to try to locate the Omadi Cemetery, located just west of Highway 77 between Dakota City and Homer. The machine searched a property about two blocks long, but could not come up with any information that would indicate the cemetery's existence there. The radar search came two years after an initial search of the property turned up nothing.

South Sioux City was named a 2023 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management. The community also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and an outstanding level of tree care. South Sioux City achieved Tree City USA recognition for the 33rd time by meeting the program's four requirements: maintaining a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, dedicating an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

A paving project at Likuwanta Drive near Crystal Lake would cost just over \$1 million to complete, ac-

APRIL



Students at Lewis & Clark Elementary get a good look at the eclipse as it passed over the area during the spring.

ording to engineers to spoke with the Dakota County Board of Commissioners. County officials asked Civil Engineers Construction to study the project and offer cost estimates for paving the road, either with concrete or asphalt, and received dif-

ferent early numbers for the two options, with concrete costing about \$1.1 million and asphalt about \$1.3 million. Both numbers are above the \$700,000 the county has budgeted for the project.

Fog blamed in two-vehicle fatality near Jackson

Foggy conditions were to blame for a two-car accident near Jackson Friday that resulted in the deaths of two people.

According to the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, the accident oc-

curred on Highway 20 about two miles west of Jackson at about 7:34 p.m. on Friday. A Nissan Maxima driven by David Podany, 68, of rural Allen collided with a GMC Sierra pickup driven by Christopher Wed-

more, 26, of Lawton, Iowa. Both were pronounced dead at the scene.

According to the report, Podany's vehicle was traveling westbound and Wedmore was eastbound when the vehicles collided. A 26-year-old female and a 3-year-old male child in the Wedmore vehicle were both injured and taken to a Sioux City hospital, where they were last reported in stable condition.

Rescue units from Dakota Covington Volunteer Rescue and Ponca and South Sioux City rescue units responded to the scene. The Dakota County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Nebraska State Patrol in the investigation of the scene.

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Friday, Jan. 3 — Pork chop, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, pears, lettuce salad

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Tuesday, Jan. 7 — Grilled ham and cheese, tomato soup, lettuce salad, pears

Wednesday, Jan. 8 — Ham and bean soup, cottage cheese, tomato juice, cracker squares, corn bread, applesauce.

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MAY

A South Sioux City man was unintentionally shot and killed over the weekend at a local apartment complex. According to the South Sioux City Police Department, a 911 call was received at about 4:23 a.m. Saturday regarding a shooting in the Flatwater Crossing Apartments at 2800 Flatwater Drive. Upon arrival, SSCPD officers found a 24-year-old man dead due to an apparent gunshot wound to the chest. Reports indicate that Tobias Thomas of Sioux City, Iowa, unintentionally shot the victim as he was handling a firearm. He was arrested and taken to the Dakota County Jail on a manslaughter charge. Alcohol was believed to have been involved in the incident. The victim's name was not identified, pending notification of relatives.



The 10th annual Thunder on the Missouri ride brought veterans and their motorcycles from all over the Midwest to South Sioux City.

The Dakota County Star was cited with three awards during the Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest awards banquet Saturday in Lincoln. The Star received a first-place award for its special section honoring the 2023 South Sioux City girls wrestling team after winning its second straight state championship. Stories by Michael Carnes, photos by Carnes and Mary Vanderbeek and advertising by Jason Sturek were part of the section that was honored. Carnes also received awards for writing excellence. A story on the search for the Omadi Cemetery was honored for second place in Best News Feature, while a feature story on Emerson-area stock car racer Jace Malasek was cited for a third-place award in Best Sports Feature.

Ponca ran the table and claimed both team titles during Saturday's Lewis & Clark Conference meet at the Ponca Athletic Complex. The Lady Indians edged Homer by 12 points to claim the girls team title, while the Ponca boys were 9.5 points better than Bloomfield in the boys team race.

Two Dakota County schools are among more than 170 from across the state who were part of \$10 million in grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Education's Safety and Security-Related Infrastructure Grant program. Schools from across the state had a chance to submit projects that would be considered for the grant. A total of 174 applications were tabbed for grants out of 217 that were submitted earlier this

year. South Sioux City Community Schools will receive \$147,000 from the funding, while Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools will get \$30,886 for one of two projects the school submitted. Both schools' superintendents told the Star they were happy to have been one of the schools selected for the grant funding.

At Monday's City Council meeting, the board voted in favor of putting a special election to voters this July that would allow the city to use sales tax funding to hire three full-time firefighters for the South Sioux City Fire Department. The proposal would split the current half-cent city sales tax, which currently goes exclusively toward infrastructure needs, to a 75-25 split between infrastructure and public safety. This would allow about \$325,000 to go to public safety that would be used to hire three additional firefighters.

When you're breaking ground on a \$5 million construction project, many hands make the work a little lighter. About 20 preschool-age kids helped more than a dozen older folks break ground on a new childcare facility at the Norm Wait Sr. YMCA on a sunny Friday afternoon as the regional non-profit announced plans for a new 12,000-square foot facility that will help address an ever-growing need for quality childcare in the Siouxland region. About \$3.3 million of the funds needed to build the project have been raised, and YMCA CEO Rhonda Robson told the Dakota County Star that the project will

help provide some much-needed support for families working and living in the area.

The Ponca foursome of Avery McAfee, Ava Brennan, Ashtyn Pick and Ellesyn Hrouda walked away with the gold medal in the Class C girls 3,200-meter run at the Nebraska State Track and Field Championships at Burke Stadium.

South Sioux City came home with one medal-winning effort at the state track meet. The 400-meter foursome of Izabella Tranmer, Khyah Vaughn, Bailee Durant and Emily Penne finished seventh in a time of 49.59 seconds. Ponca senior Brody Taylor was the only area male athlete to find a spot on the medal stand, coming through with a fifth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:35.44.

Two people were arrested and one was shot by a South Sioux City police officer during an incident here. An incident involving a stolen Budget Rental truck from Kansas took place Saturday in the 800 block of Dakota Avenue. According to police reports, a stolen Budget Rental truck was parked at a local business and the passenger, Brian Leroy Church, moved from the passenger seat to the driver seat and recklessly took off, drawing fire from South Sioux City police officers. The truck was pursued into Iowa and into Elk Point, S.D., where authorities successfully deployed stop sticks and Church was taken into custody.

The ink is dry and the paperwork has been filed, marking the official sale of the Dakota County Star. The transaction, completed Friday morning, moves ownership of the county's lone newspaper from Jason Sturek of Sturek Media, Inc., to Michael Carnes of Mikey C Productions, LLC, effective Saturday, June 1. The weekly newspaper will continue its operations at 1000 West 29th Street, Suite 215A, in South Sioux City. Carnes will be moving his business office from Wayne to the Star office in South Sioux City in the near future, with plans to move his home here forthcoming.

Beginning this fall, students at South Sioux City High School will take part in a new education initiative that is designed to prepare students for both college and careers by integrating academic learning with hands-on experiences in a variety of career fields. The College and Career Connected Education program provides students with opportunities to get a close-up look at certain career fields, tying those opportunities into their academic studies at the school.

She's certainly not a member of the Hell's Angels, but Clara Maurice recently celebrated a special birthday with a gift from the heavens. At 101 years of age, the Homer native and resident at Continental Springs Assisted Living in South Sioux City got a special gift for her birthday — riding on the back of a motorcycle to her old home town for a special birthday party. Having never been on a motorcycle before, it was an extra-special day for her as her fellow residents and the staff at Continental Springs helped celebrate the day, which included a 12-vehicle convoy that traveled from South Sioux City to Homer, traveling through town and out toward where her old residence was on Fiddler Creek Road before making a U-turn and coming to the St. Paul Lutheran Church for a second birthday party with more than 50 guests.

A data center that was proposed to have been built in South Sioux City more than a decade ago has never materialized, and the City Council voted to return a \$685,500 Community Development Block Grant to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED). The grant, totaling \$690,500, was originally



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presented to the city to complete the purchase of 108 acres of land in Dakota County to develop a data park. The \$1.7 million project — which included more than \$1 million in other Community Development Agency funds — was to feature a data center that would have included more than 20 full-time jobs benefitting low-to-moderate income persons.

Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen told a group of about 20 residents Tuesday that a special session of the Nebraska Legislature will be called later this summer. While the exact date is yet to be determined, Pillen said he has informed the 49 state senators that it will be held sometime before Aug. 15 as he will work with the Legislature on addressing an out-of-control property tax system. "We have a crisis and we have to fix it," Pillen told those in attendance at the South Sioux City Fire Department Memorial Hall.

The Dakota County communities of South Sioux City and Emerson were blessed with numerous honors during the annual Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) awards ceremony last Thursday at the Cottonwood Inn and Conference Center in South Sioux City. South Sioux City was named the group's Community of the Year, and leaders from both South Sioux City and Emerson were chosen by

SIMPCO staff for awards that were announced during the evening event. South Sioux City was honored as the Community of the Year for its efforts to successfully promote and implement community and economic development activities.

Rising flood waters rushed into the lower levels of the South Sioux City Scenic Park campground Sunday morning, and by the end of the day it had covered almost half of the 135 stalls, forcing a number of campers to move to higher ground. City Parks director Gene Maffit told the Dakota County Star that the east side of the campground began flooding Sunday morning and had taken out about 65 camping stalls, along with several cabins. All but one of the RV's that were parked in that area were moved before the water covered the area.

Calie Cockburn, 2024 graduate of Emerson-Hubbard High School, is a State FFA officer. Calie was an officer in the local chapter and expressed interest in the state level after attending the State FFA conventions throughout the years. She sent in an application, had several interviews and was accepted. She was elated, as it is something she has always wanted to be a part of.

JULY

Golfweek magazine recently cited a Dakota County golf course as one of the nation's best modern golf courses. Landmand Golf Club, located northwest of Homer, opened in 2022 and has quickly become a popular destination for golfing enthusiasts. The course was ranked 40th out of 200 courses cited by the magazine, and one of the top three in the state of Nebraska.

Emerson Police Chief Chuck Chinn has called Emerson his home since June of 1984. He came to Emerson from the Police Academy and applied for a job. He was hired and worked under then-Police Chief Ken Duncan. Upon Mr. Duncan's departure from the Emerson community, Chinn was promoted to Police Chief in October 1988. Chinn's duties include Administration, training, investigations, traffic control, parking violations, etc.

A late-night traffic stop early Monday morning turned into a major situation for Dakota City residents and nearby industrial plants. The Nebraska State Patrol reported that a trooper was preparing to make a traffic stop when he failed to negotiate a curve near 164th Street and D Avenue behind the Tyson Foods processing

plant in Dakota City. The car slid off the road and struck a gas line, causing a sound that some local residents said sounded like a jet engine. The trooper was able to get away from the situation safely and suffered only minor injuries.

Not only do children 18 and younger receive free lunches each weekday, the district's exceptional summer meal program has been once again recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture with a Silver Level award. This spring, South Sioux City was one of nine summer meal sponsors in the state of Nebraska to be recognized with a "Turnip the Beet" award for its efforts in 2023. It was the second year the district has received this recognition. Only 140 districts were recognized nationwide.

Last week's 291-25 vote by residents of South Sioux City will allow the city to hire three new full-time firefighters for the city's fire department. The special election that was approved by voters will allow the city to shift revenue from the city sales tax that it collects from the road budget to the fire department's budget. The additional \$325 thousand in projected revenue will allow the fire



A summer running camp in Homer drew cross country runners from all over the area for a day of fun and, of course, a run through town.

department to expand its full-time staff from 10 to 13, which Koopman hopes will be completed by the end of this year.

City of South Sioux City employees were in for a surprise when they turned on their computers Friday morning. Almost all of the city's computers were out of order for a few hours after a CrowdStrike cy-

bersecurity software glitch was unloaded into the computers, rendering those computers useless until city's technology staff could fix the problem. The software update began Thursday evening after city offices were closed, and city officials were notified before the start of the regular work day.

AUGUST

Local authorities arrested a local woman on charges of being an accessory to a 2023 murder involving her estranged husband in Dakota Dunes, S.D. Dakota County Sheriff's Office and South Sioux City Police Department arrested Reyna P. Castellanos, who is being charged with accessory to class 1A/1B/1C/1D felony (Murder), accessory to felony not class 4 (1d/e/f), misdemeanor compounding a felony and misdemeanor false reporting. The arrest is in connection with the murder of Jordan Beardshear, who was murdered by Alfredo Castellanos-Rosales in Dakota Dunes in April of 2023. Alfredo Castellanos and Reyna Castellanos are currently married.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust has awarded the City of South Sioux City \$623,300 for a unique project that will allow for construction of a 2,500-foot street that will include millions of recycled plastic bags. The project will pave the dirt road that leads to the John Durandara Memorial Dog Park located on the west end of Veterans Park.

An arrest was made Saturday as the result of an accident last year on Highway 35 that killed a Dakota County teen. The Dakota County Sheriff's Office stated that Chad Ev-

erett Bundy, 50, has been charged as the result of an April 27, 2023 injury accident two miles west of Dakota City on Highway 35 that killed Kassandra Classen, 17, a rural Dakota City resident. The death is alleged to be caused by an unsecured load on a flatbed straight truck driven by Bundy.

Aron Wehr said he and his growing family have fallen in love with South Sioux City since he took over as president of the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce a little more than a year ago. But as their family expanded in recent months, the need to be closer to family has prompted Wehr and his wife, Lauren, to move, meaning he will step down as the Chamber of Commerce's leader.

Dakota County will be looking for a new treasurer after Dawn Bousquet announced during the County Commissioner meeting that she is stepping down. Bousquet, who moved into the position after Bob Giese moved on to the county board in 2021, was elected to the position in 2022 and has served as the county treasurer since that time. Her last day in this position will be Oct. 11. Bousquet said her decision to step down was personal, and she is planning on moving out of the county later this



The construction markers came down Tuesday morning on the bridge that links Homer to Highway 77. Resurfacing of the bridge began in mid-July and potholes in the bridge were patched up.

fall.

The district manager for Gill Hauling said his company will look for another location in South Sioux City after the blight project study that would have allowed for TIF funding to build a new facility was turned down at a City Council meeting. Mike Keeran told the Dakota County Star that a misunderstanding over a proposed office and parking area for more than 50 garbage trucks near the corner of Ninth Avenue and Golf Road created some unintended anger from residents living near the proposed facility.

Students at South Sioux City High School will be limited in using their cell phones during the school day this coming school year. The SSC Board of Education updated a policy that sets expectations for students at SSC High School regarding the use of their cell phones during the school day. The school is prohibiting cell phone use during class time, in all restrooms and locker rooms and during school assemblies. Students may use their cell phone before school, during passing periods, at lunch when in the commons, and after school.

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SEPTEMBER

On Sept. 27, 1984, a group of 39 residents came together to start up what is now the last remaining service organization in South Sioux City. The Morning Optimists have been meeting every Wednesday, bright and early, at 7 a.m. to put their efforts together to help the community, focusing on our youth and some of the needs that they have. The Optimists International service organization has been around for more than a century, and a group of its members in Sioux City came across the river to start a chapter here in South Sioux City.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners extended its connection to an Enhanced E-911 Agreement during a meeting in the Dakota County Courthouse. The agreement is an extension of one that was last signed in September of 2019, and the new agreement runs through Sept. 30, 2029. Several other government entities, including the cities of South Sioux City and Dakota City, the villages of Homer, Emerson, Jackson and Hubbard, and the Emerson, Homer and Dakota-Covington rural fire districts, are expected to sign on to the agreement yet this month.

South Sioux City Community Schools will be hosting a series of Cardinal Vision Community Workshops at the SSC Middle School gymnasium. The school noted that it has been 25 years since any significant improvements have been made to the district's buildings, and some are in serious need of updating to help students in the future.

On a 6-0 vote Monday night, the City Council of South Sioux City approved its 2024-25 fiscal year budget, one that sees a decrease in the operating budget with a slight increase in property taxes. The good news is that the city's operating budget of \$112.3 million is 15 percent lower than last year's operating budget of almost \$132.5 million. The bad news — a 5 percent increase in the city's property tax asking, from \$4.14 million to \$4.36 million.

We remember -- we won't forget. The oft-repeated phrase rang out as the sun slowly set on the annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony held Wednesday evening on the east side of Freedom Park in South Sioux City. A gathering of veterans, fire and law



South Sioux City senior running back Tony Palmer tied a Class A state record with seven rushing touchdowns in a win over Sioux City West.

enforcement officials, families and friends enjoyed the ceremony, held here every Sept. 11 in honor of the 2,977 people who lost their lives in the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 in New York City, Washington, D.C. and in Pennsylvania. Representatives of law enforcement, public safety and American Legions around the area, along with VFW and Legion Riders members, were recognized for their service to the community and country during the 45-minute-long ceremony.

A local man with a history of past sexually-related crimes was sent to federal prison last week on another sexually-related charge. Clifford Halverson, 57, will spend 30 years in federal prison after pleading guilty in June in U.S. District Court on a charge of receipt or distribution of visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. As part of a plea deal, two counts of production of visual depiction of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and one count of possession of visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct were dismissed.

The pink postcards mailed out by the State of Nebraska made a lot of Dakota County taxpayers see red, and they were able to vent their frustrations at a public hearing Monday at the SSC Fire Department's Memorial Hall. A mix of residents and city and county officials were on hand for a 90-minute discussion concerning

fiscal year 2024-25 budgets approved by both the Dakota County Board of Commissioners and the City Council of South Sioux City that were above the 2 percent limit made by the State of Nebraska.

More than two years ago, it was an empty space. Today, the new buildings that house Northeast Community College's truck driving and welding classrooms are open and college officials are looking forward to meeting two growing needs in the Siouxland area. At Friday's Chamber of Commerce Coffee Hour, college officials and community leaders came together to cut the ribbon and officially open the new facilities, which will help address the need for more commercial truck drivers and welders in the region.

At the first of five Cardinal Vision workshops held last Wednesday in the middle school gymnasium, school officials presented information about the school district's challenges dealing with a growing enrollment and educating those children in buildings that, in some cases, are well past their age of usefulness. The average age of a school building in the United States is 49 years. Of the SSC district's seven buildings where children are going to school, the average age of the district's buildings is at 59 years, led by Covington Elementary, which reached the 100-year mark this year.

NOVEMBER

A 9.41-mile stretch of Highway 35 will get some long-overdue attention about a year from now. The Nebraska Department of Transportation announced last week that a stretch of Highway 35 from west of Hubbard to the intersection with U.S. Highways 75 and 77 will begin sometime in the fall of 2025, with an expected completion sometime in the fall of 2026.

Homer played host Norfolk Catholic tough in the early going of Saturday's C2-4 district championship match and were in a position to tie the match before the bottom dropped out. Norfolk Catholic ran off nine straight points midway through the second set, turning an 18-14 deficit into a 23-18 advantage. That momentum carried over into the third as they sprinted to a 9-2 lead and never looked back, earning the trip to state with a 25-21, 25-20, 25-10 win.

A vibrant political season like few in recent memory concluded Tuesday night as votes were counted in the various local, area, state and federal elections that determine our nation's course of action for the next four years. Nearly 60 percent of eligible voters in Dakota County went to the polls to make their voices heard on their choices for the various seats that were open and for a record six statewide initiatives, ranging from abortion to marijuana.

South Sioux City High School senior Izzie Tranmer had the 2024 Presidential election all figured out, even down to the two states with split electoral votes, in predicting Donald Trump's 312-226 win over Kamala Harris in last week's race for the White House. While the news networks and pollsters were all trying in vain to predict who would win which state, Tranmer did her research, made some tough decisions on close races, and wound up correctly picking the winner in all 50 states, including Maine and Nebraska, where the electoral votes are split based on who wins each state's district.

Allowing golf carts to be driven in residential areas of South Sioux City was under discussion during Monday's City Council meeting. A request by a local resident to be able to drive a golf cart on a residential street in town prompted city officials to look into what would be required to allow these vehicles on city streets and what concerns there might be involved. City attorney Mike Schmiedt said that the city has an ordinance regarding off-terrain vehicles, but allowing golf carts would require a number of items, including a city-issued permit, proper insurance and headlights and taillights. Schmiedt



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said that if the Council wished to go ahead with the ordinance, it should take its time.

Tuesday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting was highlighted by a suggestion to include M Avenue in a road construction project that was announced for next year. Hubbard resident Trudy Jepsen asked if the county could look into some type of plan to include M Avenue from Highway 35 to the entrance to the Danish Alps State Recreation Area that would pave the gravel road leading into the rec area and include a lower speed limit that would be a safer path to the facility.

Recent groundbreaking events in South Sioux City are hoping to address a need in the community and spark growth for South Sioux City and Dakota County in the years ahead. Earlier this month, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Harvest Meadows development is already seeing movement to address the need for housing options in the community. The 63-lot development located just west of Kuehn Auto on the west side of town is already entering its second phase, with most — if not all — of the 17 lots in the first phase already spoken for. On Friday, a second groundbreaking ceremony was held along the recently-completed Commerce Way that connects another 35-acre piece of commercial property that will bring more business to town. Businesses like South Sioux Animal Hospital and the recently-opened Leon Insulation have already opened their doors in this

area, and with paving now complete, Davis said there are options for businesses to move into town here and grow the city's expanding business area. The project was done with the help of the Economic Development Administration in Washington, D.C., and local work by the city's economic development director, Oscar Gomez, and the city's grant writer, Pat Somski, helped generate the funds that got the paving work completed to open the door for possible additions to the business community.

When South Sioux City Councilwoman Carol Schultdt was asked why she was stepping down after serving the past 10 years on the City Council, she showed her sense of humor. "I'm old," she deadpanned. The 81-year-old lone woman on the eight-member board saw her last meeting Monday evening as the City Council held its second meeting of the month, ending a 10-year, 2 1/2-term run with the city that she said she has thoroughly enjoyed.

One hundred years is a long time. Who better to understand that than the owners of Curry Floor and Acoustics, a South Sioux City business anchor that celebrated its 100th year of existence last week with a party at its downtown location at 2510 Dakota Avenue. Ben Curry is the fourth-generation owner of the business, which started with his great-grandfather Wallace Curry setting up the business just south of the current location. Curry noted that the family business is so old, it's older than — well, a lot of things. "Sliced bread," he started. "It started before Mickey Mouse, the Great Depression, construction of the Empire State Building, bubble gum and even before the Star Spangled Banner was adopted as our national anthem."

What should be the most important things to consider in planning the future of the buildings in the South Sioux City Community Schools District? That was the question of the night as a reporter-estimated 150 people gathered for the second Cardinal Vision workshop Tuesday at the SSC Middle School gymnasium. With most of the district's nine buildings well past the nationwide 49-year average for school buildings — including the 100-year-old Covington Elementary — the district is asking the community for input on how the district should proceed, with options including patching up long-overdue problems to building new buildings to replace the older facilities.

At Monday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting, the commissioners unanimously approved Stephanie Gatzemeyer as the county's new treasurer. Gatzemeyer will serve the remainder of the four-year term left vacant by Dawn Bous-



Emerson resident Bill Zeisler was a member of the Honor Flight of Sioux Falls, S.D. that traveled to Washington, D.C. in September to view the monuments and statues representing recent War memorabilia. Bill, 93, was accompanied by his son, Jon.

quet, who retired from the position effective earlier this month. Bousquet, who was selected to fill out the term of then-treasurer Bob Giese after he was elected to the county board in 2020, was in the middle of her first term as an elected county treasurer before she decided to step down. Three individuals were considered for Bousquet's replacement, and County Board chair Martin Hohenstein told the Dakota County Star that Gatzemeyer was the best option of the three.

Getting and keeping firefighters and police officers on staff in South Sioux City has been a cause

for concern that led to an agreement between the city and the two departments. At Monday's City Council meeting, the city's Human Resources manager, Mary Clark, talked about a recent meeting between the city and the heads of the city's fire and police departments regarding the issues both departments have had in hiring and keeping staff on board. After negotiations between the three sides, both the fire and police departments will see additional raises for this year with the promise of working to provide more competitive pay when the two sides' contracts come up for re-view in 2025.

Homer's still-young cross country program had quite the coming-out party Thursday at Rolling Hills Country Club. The sport has been a part of the school for less than 10 years, but showed no signs of being the new kid on the block as the boys, girls and junior high teams claimed team titles in the Lewis & Clark Conference championships. The wins for the high school teams was one of the big goals the teams had set for themselves when the season started back in August.

Melusi Kalubi-Ngeleka, a senior at South Sioux City High School, was announced recently as one of 48 high school students from across the state as winners of the Nebraska School Activities Association's "Believers & Achievers" program.

Ponca and Homer had some impressive efforts at the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships. Both schools represented themselves well in Class D competition and brought home a little hardware for the effort, with Ponca's Ava Brennan and Homer's Lilly Harris both earning individual medals.

DECEMBER

When Natalie Barclay was a senior at Homer High School, she would come home each day to enjoy a cup of coffee with her mom. Amber Barclay was running a daycare center in her home at the time, and the daily cup of coffee with her daughter led to a lot of discussions about life — including starting up a coffee shop. Taking a short break after three years working at Scooter's Coffee in South Sioux City, Natalie discovered that starting your own coffee shop is even more fun than working at one. With that idea in mind, she and her mother opened Good Roots Coffee Co. at its location in downtown Homer this past summer.

The fourth of five Cardinal Vision workshops regarding the future of the eight buildings in the South Sioux City Community Schools district ended with some potential numbers for a long-overdue plan regarding those buildings. The base plans addressed a variety of issues, from the district's aging facilities to providing additional space to address future overcrowding at the district's six elementary schools. Each base plan had a price tag ranging from \$88 million to \$123 million, with additional costs that would take care of everything from infrastructure to safety and security additions.

A couple of last-minute changes to the proposed ordinance regarding the use of golf carts on city streets in South Sioux City were made before the City Council gave its final approval. Concerns about the difference in speed led to the first change, which will limit golf carts to only be allowed on streets where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or slower. Police Chief Ed Mahon also liked a suggestion that flags should be attached to golf carts, and that should be at least five feet above the top of the vehicle to help approaching motorists better identify the carts as they approach. A motion to make the changes, including the flag and limiting the carts to streets where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less, was approved unanimously by the board.

The South Sioux City Public Library is proud to announce it has been awarded Gold Accreditation status by the Nebraska Library Commission for the 2025-2029 period. This prestigious recognition represents the highest standard of excellence in library services and operations. The Nebraska Library Commission is responsible for the statewide promotion, development and coordination of library services. The Gold Accreditation highlights



Amber Barclay (pictured) and her daughter, Natalie, have opened up Good Roots Coffee Co. in downtown Homer.

the library's commitment to exceptional community engagement, innovative programming, and outstanding resource management. Achieving this designation involves meeting rigorous criteria in areas such as library governance, technology, collection development, and community outreach.

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

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SSC teams finish seventh at NE Shootout

FROM THE BLEACHERS



By Michael Carnes

Finally: something Husker fans can enjoy

It's been a long time coming for Husker football fans.

Too long, many will say. If you had Nebraska football on your wish list this holiday season, no doubt there were two things you were BEGGING Santa Claus for -- like a winning season and a bowl game for the Big Red to play in.

It wasn't pretty and wrapped up in a nice bow . . . it was ugly, mud-caked and rain soaked.

But a win is a win, and with it the Huskers were able to do something they haven't done in some time: finish the season with a winning record AND a bowl game victory.

Saturday's 20-15 win over Boston College in the Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium in New York City will not go down as the prettiest of football games.

Played on a cold, dreary, rainy Saturday afternoon inside Yankee Stadium, the game featured a number of miscues (most notably in Nebraska's special teams, which gave up a blocked punt and a blocked PAT that was returned for two points) and not much in the way of memorable plays, but it gave a hungry football fan base something it has been dying for this past decade: hope.

Matt Ruhle came on board two years ago with a reputation for turning college programs from laughingstocks into competitive institutions of (alleged) higher learning. Temple and Baylor saw their programs flipped under Ruhle's leadership, and the hope here was that he could do the same for a program in desperate need of a makeover.

It hasn't been easy, especially here in Nebraska where we have been known to fire coaches for winning ONLY nine games in a season. (The nerve -- to win 75 percent of your games and expect to keep your job?)

There have been a number of missteps along the way, games that the Huskers seemed to find ways to lose. They were one win away from bowl eligibility with four games to go last year -- and went 0-4 to miss out.

This year, a 5-1 start turned into 5-5 with longtime nemesis Wisconsin and those pesky eastern neighbors from I.O.W.A. standing in the way of a bowl trip. Nebraska was able to take care of business against Whisky before reverting to their old ways against an Iowa team that, frankly, had no business winning that season finale but came out on top with another buzzer-beating field goal to win 13-10.

Getting to a bowl game was so important for this program for so many reasons. Never mind getting that losing monkey off our backs -- the extra practices will help for next year's team to prepare for the season, and the extra face time the program gets during the bowl season puts Nebraska in the minds of those recruits who could be difference makers down the road.

With all that said, Husker fans still need to have their mindsets adjusted. Some believe this team under-performed in going 6-6, and an argument can be made for that assessment. There were four games (Illinois, Ohio State, UCLA, Iowa) that the Huskers could have won were it not for their own mistakes. The only game this season where Nebraska was clearly dominated was in that 59-0 drubbing at Indiana.

Going from 5-7 to 7-6 IS a step in the right direction for Ruhle and his team, and Husker fans will be expecting that momentum to continue forward in 2025. Some will say "playoffs or bust" and that will be a myopic hope. Get this program to 8-9 wins next year and that will be satisfactory, in this writer's view. The rise to the elite that took place in prior generations was not an overnight sensation, nor will this effort. The fall from greatness, also, took time due to incompetent leadership in the front office and bad coaching hires. We didn't go from outhouse to penthouse and back again overnight -- it was a process that took 40-plus years.

Thankfully, we won't have to wait any longer to enjoy a winning season and a bowl victory. Ruhle got Husker fans what we needed and leaves us with the hope of even better things to come. Go Big Red.



Autumn Porter tries to drive to the basket for the South Sioux City Lady Cardinals during action at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout in Wayne.

Lady Cardinals handle Winnebago

After dropping their first two games, the South Sioux City girls basketball team managed a win in their final game of the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout Monday at Wayne High School.

The Lady Cardinals built a 19-point halftime advantage and cruised to a 58-39 win over Winnebago in Monday's seventh-place game.

Bailee Durant had the hot hand for the Lady Cards, scoring a game-high 22 points. Keyana Weaver and Paizley Aldrich both hit double digits with 10 points apiece. Also scoring were Autumn Porter with seven, Yoselin Aldrich with four, Naomi Aldrich and Abby McCoy with two each and Bryleigh Robinette with one.

The Lady Cardinals opened the tournament Friday with a 47-25 loss to Pierce, as the Lady Jays pulled away with a 12-2 third-quarter run.

Weaver and McCoy led the way with six points apiece, Paizley Aldrich added five, Porter and Robinette had three each and Braelee Groves scored two.

In Saturday's consolation matchup, SSC fell to Hartington Cedar Catholic by a 58-46 count.

Durant led the way with 15 points for the 2-7 Lady Cards, followed by Weaver with 11 and Naomi Aldrich with 10. Yoselin Aldrich and McCoy both had three and Robinette and Porter had two apiece.



Abby McCoy fires up one of two 3-pointers she hit in SSC's loss to Pierce in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Ponca boys claim W-P honors

The Ponca boys basketball team took the championship trophy from the Wisner-Pilger Invitational with two wins over the holiday break.

On Friday, Ponca beat the hosts 55-38 behind a solid second-half defensive effort.

Tucker McGill had a game-high 15 points to lead the Indians in the win, while Zain Stark added 14 points.

Wisner-Pilger was led by Jaxon Knoell with 10 points.

In Saturday's final, the Indians won a defensive struggle over Plainview, claiming a 39-25 triumph.

McGill led the way again with a game-high 17 points while Austin Dendinger added 11. Wyatt Schroth led the Pirates with eight points.

Wolfpack second at Stanton

The Tri County Northeast boys basketball team earned runner-up honors at the Stanton Invitational.

The Wolfpack opened the two-day, four-team tournament with a 67-9 blowout of Neligh-Oakdale, racing to a 45-1 halftime lead on their way to the win.

Everybody who saw action scored for the Wolfpack, led by Ben Jorgensen's 16 points. Landyn Servine was also in double figures with 10 points.

Also scoring were Tucker Ander-

son with eight, Bernard Juarez had seven, Thatcher Lamp scored six, Devin Reinert had five and Jaxon Hall, Blake Kneiff, Logan Morgan and Atlee Anderson each had two points.

The Wolfpack lost a heartbreaker in the finals, losing to Twin River 62-58 in overtime. The Wolfpack outscored the Titans 17-12 to force the extra period, but could not carry that momentum into the extra session.

Individual statistics were not available at press time.

Card grapplers 3-2 at GACC invite

The South Sioux City boys wrestling team got back on the mats over the holiday break, going 3-2 in dual action at the GACC Invitational in West Point.

SSC opened the six-team dual tournament with a 47-36 win over Tekamah-Herman, recording six pins

and a technical fall in the victory.

Columbus Scotus edged the Cardinals 39-37 in the second dual of the day, followed by wins over the host Bluejays (43-35) and Bancroft-Rosalie (72-12).

SSC finished the day with a 50-28 loss to Bishop Neumann.



Prestin Blackhawk tries to drive past a Pierce defender during opening-round action in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne State College.

SSC boys come back for 57-52 win

South Sioux City's boys basketball team went 1-2 in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout and finished seventh in the three-day tournament in Wayne.

The Cardinals opened play Friday with a 56-42 loss to Pierce. The game was close until the fourth quarter, when the Bluejays outscored SSC 20-8 to pull away with the win.

Prestin Blackhawk and Paul Turner led a balanced SSC attack with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Caden Painter added seven points, Ahmed Mohamed scored six, Jaden Painter had four and Jamison Houseman scored two.

In consolation play Saturday, the Cardinals were run over by Hartington Cedar Catholic in a 79-42 blowout. The Trojans hit SSC and led 26-5 after one period to take control early.

Houseman led SSC with 16 points and Turner and Blackhawk both scored nine. Jaden Painter and Akram Ibrahim both had three and John Tramp added two.

In Monday's seventh-place game, the Cardinals came back from a five-point halftime deficit to defeat LCC, 57-52.

Trailing 26-21 at intermission, the



Ahmed Mohamed gets bumped by a Pierce defender during the Cardinals' opening-round loss to the Bluejays in the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Cardinals exploded for a 21-5 third-quarter run to take the lead for good, holding off a Bear comeback in the final period to improve to 4-5 on the season.

Blackhawk led three Cardinals in double figures with 19 points, followed by Jaden Painter with 13 and Turner with 11. Caden Painter had six points, Jagger Sims scored five, Houseman had two and Yusef added a free throw.

AREA HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout

Friday, Dec. 27 at Wayne State College

Girls Bracket
Pierce 47, South Sioux City 25
Pender 68, Hartington CC 41
Wayne 66, Winnebago 32
LCC 66, Plattsmouth 58

Boys Bracket
Pierce 56, South Sioux City 42
Pender 52, Hartington CC 36
Wayne 59, Winnebago 43
Plattsmouth 79, LCC 50

Saturday, Dec. 28 at Wayne State College

Girls Bracket
Hartington CC 58, South Sioux City 46
Plattsmouth 69, Winnebago 49
Pender 51, Pierce 37
Wayne 48, LCC 35

Boys Bracket
Hartington CC 79, South Sioux City 42
Winnebago 69, LCC 63
Pender 42, Pierce 32
Wayne 67, Plattsmouth 39

Monday, Dec. 30 results

Girls Bracket
at Wayne High School
Seventh Place: South Sioux City 58, Winnebago 39
Fifth Place: Hartington CC 61, Plattsmouth 47
at Wayne State College

Consolation: Pierce 53, LCC 51
Championship: Pender 51, Wayne 26

Boys Bracket
at Wayne High School
Seventh Place: South Sioux City 57, LCC 52
Fifth Place: Hartington CC 67, Winnebago 61
at Wayne State College
Consolation: Plattsmouth 50, Pierce 45
Championship: Wayne 61, Pender 45

Stanton Invitational

Friday, Dec. 27 games

Girls Bracket
Tri County NE 49, Neligh-Oakdale 41
Stanton 53, Twin River 39

Boys Bracket
Tri County NE 67, Neligh-Oakdale 9
Twin River 48, Stanton 34

Saturday, Dec. 28 schedule

Girls Bracket
Consolation: Twin River 55, Neligh-Oakdale 24
Championship: Stanton 51, Tri County NE 32

Boys Bracket
Consolation: Stanton 73, Neligh-Oakdale 11
Championship: Twin River 63, Tri County NE 58

Wisner-Pilger Invitational

Friday, Dec. 27 games

Girls Bracket
Santee 48, Plainview 43
Ponca 35, Wisner-Pilger 32

Boys Bracket
Plainview 59, Santee 46
Ponca 55, Wisner-Pilger 38

Saturday, Dec. 28 schedule

Girls Bracket
Consolation: Wisner-Pilger 52, Plainview, 12
Championship: Ponca 46, Santee 28

Boys Bracket
Consolation: Santee 54, Wisner-Pilger 48
Championship: Ponca 39, Plainview 25



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Dan Nieman

The Nebraska Department of Labor representative will be here on Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by with any questions about filing for unemployment or navigating the NE-Works website. Technical Difficulties: Do we blame technology when really it's just us? Do we avoid tasks at the mention of technology? Technical Difficulties offers anyone the opportunity to have their tech questions answered. Mobile device help, computer information, streaming devices, and more. This is on Monday, Jan. 6 from 5-6 p.m.

Beads 'N' Wires is held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come learn a new hobby for National Hobby Month where we'll be using decorative beads and jewelry wire to create spiders. This is a program for adults only. Registration is required. Registration is required. There are no seats available but a waiting list is available.

Tangled Yarns is on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Join us for some stitching fun.

Football is flying with the expanded college football championship and professional football's season coming to a climax, we cannot help but a little football on the brain, whether we want to or not. The following are some fiction and nonfiction titles about football or football adjacent topics.

"The Boys of Riverside: a deaf football team and a quest for glory," by Thomas Fuller (796.33 FUL) is the true story of an all-deaf high school football team's triumphant climb from underdog to undefeated, their inspirational brotherhood, a fascinating portrait of deafness in America, and the indefatigable head coach who spearheaded the team—from the publisher.

"Out of the Darkness: the mystery of Aaron Rodgers," by Ian O'Connor

(BIO ROD). Drawing on original interviews to answer the most penetrating questions about the league's most enigmatic player, a New York Times best-selling author takes on four-time the NFL MVP, revealing all sides of an all-time great and delivering a portrait of a complex man that will forever shape the way he's viewed. "Why We Love Football: A History in 100 Moments," by Joe Posnanski (796.33 POS) is a warm hearted look at the history of football.

In fiction we have the following offerings. "The Striker," by Ana Huang (FIC HUA), "She's the only woman he wants...and the only one he can't have. Asher Donovan is a living legend — the darling of the Premier League, the (arguably) greatest footballer in the world. But his reckless antics and recent team transfer have caused much controversy, and when his feud with his rival-turned-teammate costs them a championship, they're forced to "bond" during off-season cross-training. Surviving the summer shouldn't be hard . . . until Asher meets their new trainer. She's beautiful, talented, and no matter how hard he tries, he can't take his mind off her. The only problem? She's his rival's sister--and completely off limits." — from the publisher. Yes, this is world football, soccer to the rest of us.

"Born to be a Badger," by Shelly Laurenston (FIC LAU). Honey badger shape shifter Emily "Tock" Lepstein-Jackson attempts to stop human traffickers with the help of sexy, a dog-loving, football-playing tiger shifter. Yes a shape shifter gets their own series. Here are some new titles available at the library. "The Resurrectionist," by A. Rae Dunlap (FIC DUN). Edinburgh, Scotland, 1828. Naïve but determined James Willoughby has abandoned his posh, sheltered life at Oxford to pursue a lifelong dream of studying surgery in Edinburgh. A shining beacon of medical discovery in the age of New Enlightenment, the city's university offers everything James desires--except the chance to work on a human cadaver. For that, he needs to join one of the private schools in Surgeon's Square, at a cost he cannot afford. In desperation, he strikes a deal with Aneurin "Nye" MacKinnon, a dashing young

dissectionist with an artist's eye for anatomy and a reckless passion for knowledge. Nye promises to help him gain the surgical experience he craves — but it doesn't take long for James to realize he's made a devil's bargain . . . Nye is a body snatcher. And James has unwittingly become his accomplice. Intoxicated by Nye and his noble mission, James rapidly descends into the underground ranks of the Resurrectionists — the body snatchers infamous for stealing fresh corpses from churchyards to be used as anatomical specimens. Before he knows it, James is caught up in a life-or-death scheme as rival gangs of snatchers compete in a morbid race for power and prestige. James and Nye soon find themselves in the crosshairs of a shady pair of unscrupulous opportunists known as Burke and Hare, who are dead set on cornering the market, no matter the cost. These unsavory characters will do anything to beat the competition for bodies.

"Generative AI for Dummies" by Pamela Baker (006.3 BAK). Generative AI tools capable of creating text, images, and even ideas seemingly out of thin air have exploded in popularity and sophistication. This valuable technology can assist in authoring short and long-form content, producing audio and video, serving as a research assistant, and tons of other professional and personal tasks. Generative AI for Dummies is your roadmap to using the world of artificial intelligence to enhance your personal and professional lives. You'll learn how to identify the best platforms for your needs and write the prompts that coax out the content you want. Written by the best-selling author of ChatGPT for Dummies, this book is the ideal place to start when you're ready to fully dive into the world of generative AI.

"1000 words: a writer's guide to staying creative, focused, and productive all year round," by Jami Attenberg (808.02 ATT). The book extension of the growing writer's movement and challenge to write 1,000 words a day helps readers and writers discover how to uncover their creative desires and stay motivated and offers advice from over 50 well-known writers.

Have a great week and read good books.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Towler Julie, Giese Sr Robert J aka Robert J Giese, Giese Nancy, Jungers Sheila, Jungers Mark, Giese David W, Giese Tamara J, to TCMI Properties LLC, Lot 6 in block 2, Original Addition South Sioux City

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Lane James, to Sanders Cassidy J, Sanders Mark E, Lot 1,2 in block 142, Dakota City

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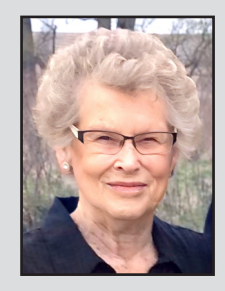
Stoos III Nickolas Joseph, Stoos Jodi, to Salazar Jonathan Galicia, Hernandez-Villapando Cristina, Pt Lot 5, 6 in block 4. Homer

OBITUARIES

Alice M. Schmedding, 95

Alice M. Schmedding, 95, of Winnebago, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at Heritage of Emerson in Emerson. Visitation will be on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service starting at 7 p.m. at Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home in Pender. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Walthill. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Walthill. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the direction of Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home in Pender.

In June 1954, their only child, Debra Kay, was born. Alice and Ivan were members of the neighborhood pinocle club. Alice was active in the Altar Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Walthill, the neighborhood birthday club, the extension club, and bowling leagues. She enjoyed her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens and helping with livestock and field work on the farm. In 1966, Alice and Ivan bought part ownership of the Gambles Store in Walthill with Kenny English.



Schmedding

Alice was born to Alvin and Helen (Olson) Kelly on March 19, 1929, near Macy. She attended Rosalie Public School. She left high school early to work in Sioux City at JC Penney as a shoe sales lady. Alice has always loved shoes! She did earn her high school diploma later in life and completed her GED in 2005.

Alice met the love of her life, Ivan Schmedding, in 1948 in Walthill when they went to a dance at the Legion Hall. They dated for two years, spending many nights dancing at the Tomba Ballroom and Shore Acres Ballroom. They had their Thursday nights reserved for square dances, round dances, two steps, and polkas.

On Feb. 21, 1950, Alice and Ivan were united in marriage at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Winnebago. They moved on to the farm outside of Winnebago where they lived throughout their marriage.

Alice's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her son-in-law Stan Modlin and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Bradley (Devon) with children Presley and Brady of Bakersfield, Calif.; Jason (Amy) with children Karrena, Raegan, Ryan, and Reed of Dakota City; Melissa Johnson with children Justice, Jaxon, and Grace of Bancroft; Wesley (Ashley) with children Logan, Landon, Luke, and Brooklyn of Omaha; Jarrod (Allison) with children Brett and Bryce of Omaha; and her great-great grandson, Dawson.

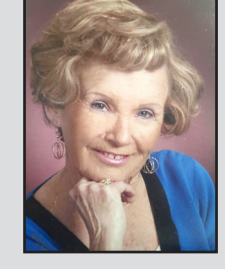
She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ivan; her beautiful daughter, Debra Kay; two infant sons, Charles Alvin and Eugene; five siblings, Francis Kelly, Betty Mayberry Lane, Charles Kelly, George Kelly, and Connie Mitchell; sister-in-laws Ann Kelly and Maxine Kelly; brothers-in-law, Donald Mayberry, Donald Lane, and Dale Mitchell; and great-granddaughter Elizabeth Rose Modlin.

Beverly Jean Beeken-Stotts, 90

Beverly Jean Beeken-Stotts, lovingly known as Bev, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her cherished loved ones on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at the age of 90.

with a song created just for her on her 89th birthday — an unforgettable token of her impact on the lives surrounding her.

A Service to celebrate Bev's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Dakota City Cemetery in Dakota City.



Stotts

Born on Oct. 12, 1934, in South Sioux City, the daughter of Theodore and Mary (Fowler) Saltzman, Bev radiated warmth and joy throughout her life, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Bev dedicated a significant portion of her career to the food service industry, where she brought joy to countless customers with her bubbly spirit and careful attention to detail. Her time working at Sunshine Bakery and Burger King in Sioux City was just as fulfilling as her years spent in food service at the local school, where she nurtured young minds and filled their hearts and bellies alike.

A woman of many talents and interests, Bev was known for her incredible baking skills, especially her "world famous" cream puffs that delighted family and friends at every gathering. An enthusiastic shopper, she had a keen eye for fashionable high heels, purses, and clothing, often settling for nothing less than a great deal. Bev's passion for life was infectious, exemplified by her love for dancing and the memorable "ho downs" that brought many together in celebration. As a special touch, she was honored

Bev was an avid sports fan, passionately following the Minnesota Twins and Iowa basketball alongside her devoted partner, Merlin "Mac" Neilsen. The bond they shared was filled with laughter and moments of pure joy, reflecting the zest for life that characterized her spirit.

Bev's legacy is carried on by her loving family, which includes her sons, David Beeken of Rio Verde, Ariz., Jeffery (Janna) Beeken of Norfolk, and Brian (Joy) Beeken of South Sioux City. She was adored by her grandchildren: Ryan Beeken, Nicole Van Wyhe, Josh Beeken, Brian Beeken, Natalie Beeken, and Nicolette Beeken, as well as 13 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, who brought her immense joy. She shared her life's journey with her brother, Alvin Saltzman of Beatrice, and surrounded herself with the warmth of extended family and friends.

Bev was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Theodore and Mary Saltzman, and the two husbands who journeyed with her through life, David Beeken and Gerald Stotts. She also mourned the loss of her brothers, Harold Saltzman and Theodore "Ted" Saltzman Jr., as well as her special uncle, Alvin "Alvie" Fowler.

In remembrance of Bev, we will carry her spirit in our hearts, continuing to cherish the laughter, love, and kindness she gave so freely. She has left an irreplaceable void in our lives, but her memory will live on, inspiring us all to embrace life as fully as she did.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

- Mario J Alcaraz, 36, South Sioux City; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice \$250
- Tracie R Russell, 48, South Sioux City; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
- Adriana B Sanchez, 37, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
- Ever Duarte, 45, South Sioux City; animal at large fine 1 year
- David Williams, 56, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear
- Javier Azpeitia Romo, 40, South Sioux City; DUI.15+, fine \$500, jail 2 days, probation 6 months, revoked license 1 year

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Israel Prado Torres, 21, South Sioux City, and Emily Deanda, 19, South Sioux City
- Virgilio Cristobal Simon, 36, South Sioux City, and Ana Maria Lucas Perez, 23, South Sioux City
- Randy Joe Howard, 45, Homer, and Alexis Ann Mcfarlane, 25, Homer
- Mahmoud Adel Sharaf, 46 Sioux City, Iowa and Sara Jdiaa, 35, Canada
- Gabriel De La Torre Tapia, 53, South Sioux City, and Dania Raquel Martinez Torrez, 37, South Sioux City



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Homer News

By Stacie Johnson

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

The future Homer Knight wrestlers have been busy prepping for their meet in Pender on Sunday, Jan. 5, using the Legion Hall as their practice facility. Good luck, grapplers!

Fish fry Saturday

Leave the cooking up to Homer Volunteer this Saturday, Jan. 4, from 5-7 p.m. at the fire hall. Pollock, catfish, chicken strips, fries, cole slaw and beans are on the menu with prices set at \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Those age 5-under eat for free. See you there!

Trenna said she's now offering hair extensions along with the multitude of other salon services she provides. She also announced that they are now booking for 2025 brides. Contact Broadway Beauty Bar at (402) 241-8460.

Cookies by Jovee

Have a sweet tooth that needs attention? Shop local with Cookies by Jovee, a gourmet teenager bursting onto the cookies (and more) scene.

Jovee offers dozens of flavors of gourmet cookies for \$15 per dozen as well as 12-inch decorated chocolate chip cookie cakes, cake pops, bars and more.

The entire menu is available on her Facebook page, or call 816-481-0764 for more information. Watch this space for more on Jovee and her sweet start-up.

from all walks of life. Since its inception, TeamMates, including the Homer chapter, has served more than 49,000 students. As great as that is, there are still hundreds of students waiting for a mentor in their local chapter, including dozens at Homer.

The best gift you can give is your time. Consider signing up today by contacting katiecurry@homerknights.org.

Not quite ready to donate your time? Your financial gift also plays a vital role in serving mentor-mentee matches. No matter how you give to TeamMates, you are appreciated for doing so. You are making a difference. To read more about the program and to donate, head to teammates.org.

School activities

Friday, Jan. 3 – G WR at Winnebago, 9 a.m.; G/B BB vs. Bancroft-Rosalie at Tekamah, 1 p.m., rolling schedule

Saturday, Jan. 4 – G/B BB at Tekamah tourney, TBD

Monday, Jan. 6 – JH BB at Winnebago, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – G/B BB vs. Westwood, JV starts 4:30 p.m., rolling schedule

Friday, Jan. 10 – B WR at Winside, 10 a.m.; G/B BB at Archbishop Bergan in Fremont, G JV starts 4 p.m., rolling schedule.

School resumes soon

Students and staff at Homer Community School return for the second semester on Monday, Jan. 6.

Book club meets Monday

Head to Good Roots Coffee Company on Monday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. for the next book club meeting. Elin Hildebrand's "Winter Street" is this month's title.

Broadway Beauty Bar hours, changes

Proprietors of the Dakota City's Broadway Beauty Bar send out a huge thank you to everyone who attended their recent open house.

Nicholle Launsby and her youngest daughter Trenna, Homer alum, operate the hair salon and spa at 1600 Broadway in D.C. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan



(PHOTO BY LAURA SULLIVAN)

St. Patrick's Parish celebrated Christmas Eve mass with the traditional Holy Family, angels and shepherds. We were a little short on shepherds this year due to illness. The children did a beautiful job. Pictured with Father Mark Beran are: (front) Gianni Stroot, Haileigh Bos, Luella Bousquet, (back) Ella Watkins, Drew White, Levi Watkins and Jacob Stroot.

Remember When?

A look back in the Star's history files

10 YEARS AGO

JAN. 1, 2015

2014 Stories Of The Year

The passing of Stephanie Dahl, Fillipi receives Nebraska National Distinguished Principal Award, Cardinal Farms earns 2013 NBDC Champion of Small Business Award, Vietnam Veterans Wall Dedicated, Grier dismissed as South Sioux City soccer coach, Dakota City devastated by storm, Dakota City Water Plant Rehab project completed, Ford, Kleinberg take over for Foust at LEC, Dakota Avenue re-opens after 6-month long reconstruction project, Lady Pirates heading to State after 40-year drought, Gonzales found guilty in 1013 Baker Shooting.

are because of the personal hurdles the students have overcome and their willingness to continue their education. Senior Chris Fagala, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, senior Ryan Moore, who has endured more than 40 surgeries, also freshman Lino Naveja who has juvenile diabetes. The other three students who will receive DVD players are freshmen Juan Carlos Guerrero and Lindsey Noteboom and junior Francisco Gutierrez.

machines had been shut off at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. A state law banning the operation of slots in Nebraska went into effect Jan. 1. The slots will remain in place in South Sioux City businesses for the most part, awaiting the outcome of a court hearing later this month which operators hope will permit the slots to be turned on. If that fails, action by the Nebraska Legislature would be necessary in order for the slots to continue operating in the state. City Administrator Lance Hedquist said the city had raised \$750,000 from the video slots.

30 YEARS AGO

DEC. 22, 1994

Teachers receive scholarships

Bart Gotch, President of Siouxland National Bank, along with Mike Pererson, the assistant superintendent of the South Sioux City school system, are with Donna Sewell of St. Michael's school and Sharlyn Iversen of Harney Elementary. Both Sewell and Iversen along with Bobbi Austin and Peg Thompson were given continuing education scholarships in recognition of National Education Week by Siouxland National Bank and the South Sioux City Schools.

50 YEARS AGO

JAN. 2, 1975

Boston native finds happiness in Midwest

Can a young girl from a big city on the East Coast find happiness in a small Midwestern community? The answer is "yes" if that gal is Miss Honora Dixon, 22, a bubbly, dark-haired, dark-eyed Massachusetts native who recently started teaching fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade mathematics at St. Michael's School. Miss Dixon majored in special education and elementary education at Boston College, receiving her degree last spring. She intended to take a teaching position in the Boston area, starting in January, but fate intervened. She loaded all her belongings in her Volkswagen and promptly started back to the Midwest. She did substitute teaching in Sioux City public schools before coming to St. Michael's.

20 YEARS AGO

DEC. 30, 2005

New waiting room diversions

The holidays got a whole lot brighter for six deserving South Sioux City High School students. In conjunction with the South Sioux City Walmart and the 185th Air National Guard, each student received a Durabrand mini DVD and a \$100 Walmart gift certificate. SSC High School attendance secretary, Beth Horan noticed that the six students were missing school because of illness and thought it would be a great idea to keep them occupied while waiting at doctor's office. Assistant principal Justin Wagner said the gifts

40 YEARS AGO

JAN. 3, 1985

Video slots turned off

The game room at the Paddock Steak House in South Sioux City was quiet Wednesday as the video slot

Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

Ag students attend clinic

In December seven agriculture students attended a Poultry Clinic at Bloomfield High School presented by Michael Foods. These students learned how to evaluate the sizes of different broiler and layer chickens, how to grade whole carcasses, how to handle and identify defects in eggs and how to identify the different retail cuts. The students learned a lot and are excited to test out their new skills in the Poultry Evaluation Contest.

meet Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village office.

No meetings this month

There will be no Library or Cemetery Board meetings in the month of January.

School back in session

Emerson Hubbard schools resume at regular time on Monday, Jan. 6.

EBC Banquet Jan. 25

The EBC Banquet will be Saturday January 25 at Sacred Heart Gym. Doors open at 4 p.m. with silent auc-

Village Board to meet

The Emerson Village Board will

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Friday: Girls wrestling, Winnebago; Basketball at Cornerstone Christian in Omaha

Saturday: 9th-10th Boys Basketball at Allen.

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Happy New Year! Time to pick out some new books to read in 2025. Now's the time to challenge yourself with a Reading Challenge for the new year. There are several ideas online and we have run off a copy of a few.

Some suggestions are: 26 Authors — Choose an author for each letter of the alphabet. You can use first name, last name, or middle initial to match each letter. Another is a 52 book challenge — choose different genre or theme for each. A monthly theme calendar may be — January-cozy, February-Time, March-Food, April-Games, May-Mother, June-award winning, July-Island, August-Sunflower, September-Whimsy, October-Superstition, November-pets, and December-White. Design your own challenge and let us help you find books to fill in the titles.

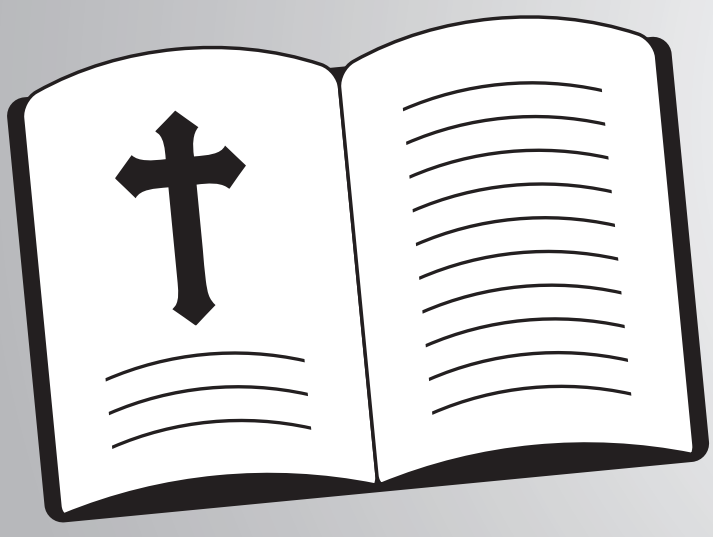
Book Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

to discuss "Inland" by Tea Obreht. The next selection "When I Found You" by Catherine Ryan Hyde will be available to the group at that time. The group meets on the first Monday of each month and has a full month to read the selected book. Extra copies are usually available and the library keeps a copy of each selected book in their collection for anyone interested in following along. New members are always welcome.

January is National Pizza Month and the children are encouraged to attend January's Story Hour. The book will be "Pete's Pizza" and crafts, snacks, and activities will center around the pizza theme.

New items include: "Familiaris" by David Wroblewski, "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks, "Stupid Things I Won't Do When I Get Old" by Steven Petrow, "The Blue Hour" by Paula Hawkins, "The Next Mrs. Parrish" by Liv Constantine.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 011 IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 13, 2025, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, this meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the School Administration Office of said District, at 210 West 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, during normal business hours.
Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendent
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

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

CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ VILLALPANDO
Organizer

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC.
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED AND CLAIMANTS OF WALKERS 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Thursday, December 19 and 26, and January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF TRIUNITY INVESTMENTS, LLC
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 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 claim.
4. Claims must be mailed to 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, NE 68776.
5. A claim against TRIUNITY INVESTMENTS, 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 COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Katherine J. Shelly, Deceased
Estate No. PR 24-66
Notice is hereby given that on December 20, 2024, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Elizabeth A. Anderson, whose address is #8 Crystal View Court, South Sioux City, NE 68776, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 3, 2025, or be forever barred.
/s/ **Kerri L. Wiese**
Kerri L. Wiese
Clerk of the County Court
P.O. Box 385
Dakota City, NE 68731
JOHN C. EHRLICH, (Bar #24140)
Buchheit & Ehrich Law, PLC
1419 Dakota Avenue
P.O. Box 215
South Sioux City, NE 68776
Ph: (402) 412-2080
Fax: (402) 412-2082
Jack@buchheit-ehrich.com
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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to the Neb.Rev.St. §21-2,229 notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a domestic corporation under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act in Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
The name of the corporation is **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 Efraim Tostado.
This company is organized to engage 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 officers as may be provided for in the By-Laws. The Company has 10,000 shares of common stock with the par value of \$10.00 per share.
Efraim Tostado, President
Robert J. Rehan, Incorporator
Attorney at Law
700 4th Street, Suite 300
Sioux City, IA 51101
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, and which said meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.
Cherie Conley, County Clerk
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Equalization will hold a regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 2:45 PM at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, which said meeting is open to the public. The agendas for these meetings will be kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.
Cherie Conley, County Clerk
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

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 DISSOLUTION OF 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 remaining liabilities.
WALKERS ISLAND HOMES, INC.
By: **Peggy Akins, President**
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DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, December 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

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

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby. Absent: Love. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

Van Berkum "-" Giese to excuse Commissioner Love from the meeting. RCVUMC.

Giese "-" Launsby to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes - December 9, 2024; (b) approval of the previous emergency meeting minutes - December 11, 2024; (c) approval of payroll claims for December 8 to December 21, 2024 subject to final review after meeting; (d) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (e) approval of monthly accounts payable claims; and (f) Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. RCVUMC.

Payroll: General Fund: Gross Salaries-\$184,134.62; Net Pay-\$131,278.31; Total Retirement-\$13,265.16; Total FICA-\$13,584.94; Health Plan-\$45,920.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$215.49; Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$19,565.95; Net Pay-\$14,307.77; Retirement-\$1,320.67; Total FICA-\$1,452.02; Health Plan-\$5,040.00; Dental Plan-\$180.00; Life Insurance-\$22.06; Health Planning Grant Employer 2502: Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,254.28; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$124.11; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Health Program Grant Employer 2504: Gross Salaries-\$1,734.84; Net Pay-\$1,341.64; Retirement-\$117.10; Total FICA-\$129.91; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507: Gross Salaries-\$1,674.00; Net Pay-\$1,384.80; Retirement-\$113.00; Total FICA-\$125.26; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55.

Payroll Accounts Payable: Gen-

eral Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,207.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.41; FSA Medical - \$926.03; Health Plan, premium-\$49,920.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,532.569; Globe Life Liberty, pre-mium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$215.49; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,950.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,649.35; Point C Health FSA-admin fees-\$75.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,441.63; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,169.88; VSP, premium-\$549.08. Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$243.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,490.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,352.55; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$22.06; Neb Dept of Reve-nue, state taxes-\$674.89; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$192.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,201.16; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,904.04; VSP, premium-\$54.54; In-surance Fund 1275: Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$80,429.41; Health Fund 2502: Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$109.62; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$61.38; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$248.22; Health Fund 2504: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.26; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$50.30; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$195.17; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$259.82; VSP, premium-\$15.66; Juvenile Services Fund 2507: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$51.95; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.33; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$250.52; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: A Team, bldg supp-\$518.76; Angela Abts, reimb-\$69.43; AT&T, phones-\$647.64; AutoZone, supp-\$135.79; Avariity, medical-\$128.75; Billion, vehicle repair-\$407.46; Blue360 Media, manuals-\$390.60;

Bob Barker, prisoner supp-\$1,037.36; BOKF NA, Likuwanta bond interest pymt-\$9,390.19; BreeAnna Gomez, witness fee, mileage-\$21.34; Brimer Francis, interpreter fee-\$50.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$3,027.72; City of So Sioux City, fuel, LEC cost shares-\$57,368.32; Crary Huff, atty fees-\$256.50; Cystral Oil, fuel-\$29.51; Dakota Co Court, court cost-\$1,223.60; Dakota Co Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,681.70; Dakota Co Treasurer, elk/pigion/omadi drainage, bonds, interest pymts-\$30,061.25; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supp-\$2,009.09; District Court, court fees-\$398.00; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Drain Specialist, bldg repair-\$120.00; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supp, mics-\$1,741.32; Echo, bldg supp-\$361.70; Electronic Engineering, monitoring, new button-\$343.95; ES&S, election coding-\$3,460.97; Farrell's Heating & Air, bldg repair-\$124.00; Fitzgerald,Vetter, Temple, atty fees-\$2,503.90; Foulk Brothers, bldg repair-\$1,254.64; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$81.00; G&R Control, bldg serv-\$150.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$1,211.90; General Fund Transfer, inter fund transfers-\$126,883.47; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$554.60; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$346.55; Groves Emergency Lighting, vehicle repair-\$150.00; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$246.84; Hobart Sales & Serv, janitorial supp-\$184.00; Hot Water, bldg repair-\$2,923.22; IAAO, dues-\$480.00; Im On, phones-\$775.95; Innovative Appraisal, re-assmnt hrs-\$2,123.50; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,350.65; JD Power, JD power bok-\$450.00; Julie Boyle, reimb-\$54.94; Justice Data Solutions, data processing-\$5,500.00; Kathy Watkins, witness fee, mileage-\$23.35; Kathy Wiltgen, reimb-\$369.84; Kelli Harris, witness fee, mileage-\$32.06; Lane's Wholesale Nursery, tree replacement-\$305.00; Leafy, copier contract-\$702.09; Linda Carson, PYS-\$11.00; Lynn Peavey, blood,alcohol kits-\$118.61; Marco, copier contract-\$569.71; Marco Techn, copier contract-\$269.18; Margie Rahn, PYS-\$12.00; Menards, bldg supp, tools-\$1,134.94; MercyOne, EAP-\$234.84; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$2,027.00; Midwest Alarm, bldg repair-\$1,943.06; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, software-\$3,782.59; Modlin Construction, scope work-\$500.00; NE DHHS- Beatrice State

Center, institution-\$273.00; NE DHHS- Lincoln Regional Center, institution-\$366.00; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$374.00; Nicholas Nieman, reimb-\$487.09; NLETC, training-\$142.00; Norm Waitt, membership-\$184.50; Northeast Weed Management, dues-\$100.00; NPPD, utilities-\$3,704.13; Old Republic Surety, notary supp-\$45.00; Olson Farms & Trucking, reimb Olson Farms -\$2,900.00; One Office, supp, copier contract, misc-\$2,875.58; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fee-\$150.00; Physicians Lab, autopsys-\$3,202.00; PMRNRD, rent-\$750.00; R Rohan Electric, bldg repair-\$597.77; Radar Shop, radar recertification-\$1,070.00; Redwood Toxicology, drug testing-\$64.27; Region 4 Behavior Health, Qrt 3 FY25 mental health-\$10,822.75; Richard Thrammer, atty fees-\$3,277.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$13,760.19; Rodney Soole, reimb-\$46.51; RTI, IT support-\$5,319.20; Sandhills State Bank, pymt-\$18,197.49; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$149.19; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical-\$617.25; Stanard Appraisal, resl reval-\$18,766.00; Stuart B Mills, atty fees-\$278.75; Summit Food, food & bev-\$29,627.20; Thomson Reuters West, supp-\$1,014.00; TransUnion, searches-\$123.00; Trembly, pest control-\$155.00; Tri-State Comm, repair radios-\$2,175.00; US Bank, supp, conference, janitorial supp, meals, misc-\$5,272.99; Verizon, phones-\$85.97; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, supp-\$50.94; Wilmes, supp-\$11.91; Wilmes Hardware, supp-\$115.15 Road Fund: Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$15,654.26; Black Hills Energy, emerson serv repay-\$600.00; Bomgaars, shop supp-\$48.56; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$5,334.36; Cornhusker International, parts-\$5,354.62; Dakota Co Star, publ-\$50.94; DSG, blades,bits-\$375.00; Elkhorn Valley Bank, pymt-\$32,551.30; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; H204U, water-\$52.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$30.24; Hefner Oil & Feed, fuel-\$483.60; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$233.06; J&M Repair, parts-\$508.87; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, parts-\$55.72; Scott Jorgenson, clothing money-\$100.00; K&K Hubbard Mart, fuel-\$964.60; Dave Kneiff, clothing money-\$97.58; Kimon Litras, clothing money-\$100.00; Lowes, bldg repair-\$112.10; Lyles Garage Door, gravel-\$507.95; Marx Trailer, parts-\$36.74; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$162.80; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$185.00; Arnie Mellick, PYS-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy,

utilities-\$147.35; MID Country Machinery, rental-\$792.90; NPPD, utilities-\$106.45; North American Truck & Trailer, parts-\$319.54; Northeast NE Telephone, phone-\$121.92; Northeast Power, utilities-\$305.71; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supp-\$51.87; Tanya Orr, clothing money -\$100.00; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$2,383.87; Robertson, parts-\$68.00; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$197.97; Gunner Stanwick, clothing money-\$100.00; Scott Stolze, clothing money-\$39.02; Titan Machinery, parts-\$2,836.10; Unity-Point Clinic, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, labor, misc, tools-\$328.05; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.95; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$39.03; Warren Oil, diesel-\$7,375.80; Wilmes Hardware, supp, tools-\$136.87; Ziegler's, parts, labor, blades-\$1,818.29; 0302 Hard Surface: Certified Testing Serv, Likuwanta maturity method-\$429.00; Road & Bridge Improvement: Norfolk Contracting, final pymt jackson s bridge-\$51,504.75; Oban Construction: S ave project pymt-\$55,413.75; Veenstra & Kimm, S bluff Road culvert extension-\$880.54; Visitor Promo: SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$20,994.53; P&M Fund: Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; Health Grant 2502: Chloe Coover, reimb-\$205.69; US Bank, supp, misc-\$72.19; Health Grant 2504: US Bank, supp, website-\$242.20; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; DCHD Covid fund 2508: Ford Motor Credit, lease pymt-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$145.39; ARPA Fund: Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$7,987.50; Builder First Source, dmv door-\$1,207.25; DSG, grass blankets for road project-\$2,090.00; MEI, construction engineering M ave-\$7,384.00; R Rohan Electric, bldg electrical upgrade-\$7,594.55; US Bank, grass seed for road projects-\$1,114.51; Universal Windows, basement windows-\$1,101.68; Public Safety 2960: RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$21,548.76

Giese "-" Launsby to approve the Road Departments request to purchase a semi of plastic culverts for road projects with the low bid going to DSG-Sioux City using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Giese "-" Van Berkum to approve quote from One Office Solutions for new desks in the County Clerk office using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Hohenstein "-" Giese to approve paying MEI for the engineering oversite of M Avenue in the amount of \$25,000 using ARPA funds. Any fees above this amount will be paid from the Road's budgets. RCVUMC.

Launsby "-" Hohenstein to approve adding additional cameras in the Road Department shop and the quote from Quality Telecommunications using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Hohenstein "-" Van Berkum to approve the bid from Dakota Comfort Heating & AC LLC for repairs to the HVAC mini-split in the DMV area using ARPA funds RCVUMC.

Van Berkum "-" Launsby to approve the Building and Grounds department request to purchase from Walthill Service a TYM T224H tractor with a cab, loader, 48" front-mount Becomac snowblower and 48" Brush Chief rear blade using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Giese "-" Launsby to approve the Road Departments request to purchase from Buyers Products Co a SaltDogg Gas Stainless Hopper Salt Spreader using ARPA funds. RCVUMC.

Hohenstein "-" Van Berkum to split equally and distribute the remaining ARPA funds to the Emer-son Volunteer Fire Department, Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Department and Homer Rural Volunteer Fire Department. RCVUMC.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Launsby and Commissioner Hohenstein attended the NACO convention and reported it was a good conference and budget changes will be challenging.

Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of December 23, 2024 at 11:02 a.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary

Publish in the Dakota County Star

Thursday, January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY CLAIMS

City of South Sioux City
December 2024 - Claims
ABBREVIATION FOR THIS DOCUMENT:

adv.-advertisement; equip-equipment; exp-expense; imp-improvement; ipay-incentive pay, ins-insurance; inv- investments; mi-mileage; mve-motor vehicle expense; pension; pt - parts pub-publication; re-reimbursement; rep-repairs; rpt-report, rt-rent; sa-salaries; se-services; su-supplies; tx - taxes; wh-withholding

24/7 LOCKSMITH SERVICE, REP, \$270.00; ACCESS SYSTEMS, SE, \$1,395.33; AEP ENERGY, SE, \$158,625.00; AIRGAS USA, RT, \$190.72; AJ PHILLIPS PUBLISHING, EXP, \$800.00; ALS GROUP USA CORP, SE, \$743.50; APX INC, EXP, \$77.70; ARTHUR J GALLAGHER, INS, \$143,021.68; ARTISAN PRESS, PUB, \$2,450.00;

ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL & SM LIBRAR, EXP, \$75.00; AT&T MOBILITY, EQUIP, \$1,479.38; A-TEAM HEATING AND COOLING, REP, \$7,730.00; BADGER BODY & TRUCK EQUIP CO, MVE, \$48,212.00; BAIRD HOLM, SE, \$864.00; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, \$3,252.53; BARKLEY ASPHALT, REP, \$8,900.00; BARNES & NOBLE INC, SU, \$26.00; BEKINS FIRE & SAFETY, PTS, \$152.64;

BIO-AQUATIC TESTING, EXP, \$905.00; BLACKSTRAP INC, SU, \$2,068.28; BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SU, \$2,491.88; CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING, EQUIP, \$292.57; CIDER MILL DEVELOPMENT, EXP, \$609,831.27; CITY OF SIOUX CITY, SU, SE, \$122,994.43; CITY OF SSC, INS, \$128,326.76;

COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER, WH, \$434.20; COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT, INS, \$966.02; COMBINED TACTICAL SYSTEMS, SU, \$671.20; CORE & MAIN, REP, PTS, \$18,066.80; COTTONWOOD WIND PROJECT, SE, \$104,686.50; CULIGAN SIOUX CITY SOFT WATER, REP, \$45.00; DAKOTA CO REGISTER OF DEEDS, SE, \$104.00;

DAKOTA CO STAR, PUB, \$1,491.75; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, SU, \$7.71; DANIEL GESY POWER WASHER, SE, \$100.00; DELTA DENTAL, INS, \$475.32; DELTA FIRE AND SAFETY, SU, \$424.32; DEMCO, SU, \$123.60;

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SE, \$69,799.10; DG NEBRASKA ENERGY STORAGE, SE, \$9,196.66; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$568.40; ELECTRIC PUMP, EXP, \$10,509.80; ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS, SE, \$34,047.21; EQUIPMENT BLADES, EQUIP, \$1,748.60; EQUIP TRUCK & MACHINERY, REP, \$1,391.82; FARRELLS HTG & A/C INC, SE, \$988.00; FELD FIRE, EXP, \$340.00; FIBER-COMM, EXP, \$32.93;

FIRE DPT LOCAL 644-MIKE WRIGHT, EXP, \$895.36; FIVE STAR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING, SE, \$2,225.60; FREMONT TIRE, REP, \$1,362.25; GILL HAULING, SE, \$638.25; GILL INC-HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, SE, \$135,501.00; GLOBE LIFE, INS, \$209.50; GREAT PLAINS NURSERY, SU, \$14,045.25; H204U, SU, \$274.70; HACH COMPANY, SU, \$3,405.21; HAWKEYE ADJUSTMENT SERV, WH, \$420.00; HAWKINS, SU, \$40,906.70;

HDR ENGINEERING INC, EXP, \$77,523.96; HEALTHINVEST HRA PLAN CON, EXP, \$2,966.31; HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, EXP, \$5,150.00; HOA SOLUTIONS, SE, \$1,571.81; HOOPLA, SU, \$1,296.58; HYDRO TECH SERVICE, SE, \$3,100.00; I STATE TRUCK CENTER, EXP, \$168.72; ICMA MEMBERSHIP, EXP, \$1,085.15; INFO USA MARKETING INC, EXP, \$1,050.00; IOWA ONE CALL, SE, \$20.70; IRS, TX, \$67,880.57; JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT, SU, SE, \$1,006.85;

JEO, SE, EXP, \$22,325.00; JOHN T JONES CONST CO, EXP, \$370.32; JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY, EXP, \$563.06; KERRI BLIGH, SE, \$25.00; KERRY HEGGE, SE, \$5,771.00; KEVIN ODELL ELECTRIC, REP, \$4,281.00; KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST, EXP, \$204.31; KOLEY JESSEN P C, EXP, \$4,449.50; L G EVERIST, EXP, \$302.05; LANCE HEDQUIST, MI, \$267.00; LEC, SA, \$23,766.68; LEGALSHIELD, SE, \$135.99; LEWIS & CLARK TITLE & ESCROW, EXP, \$25,000.00;

LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, EXP, \$2,600.00; LINDBLOM SERVICES, SU, \$760.00; LONG LINES, EXP, \$3,629.11; LYNN PEAVEY CO, SU, \$68.21; MACQUEEN, EXP, \$4,213.50; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, EXP, \$4,722.24; MAIL HOUSE, SE, \$1,829.78; MAIN CITY,

SA, \$184,478.50; MARCO, EXP, \$371.46; MARK ALBENESIUS, EXP, \$1,348.88; MARY WILTGEN, EXP, \$27.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, EXP, \$187.55; MAX I WALKER, EXP, \$294.56; MERCYONE SIOUXLAND OCC HEALTH, SE, \$1,767.00; METRO ELECT, SU, \$2,950.43; MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INS, \$53,765.51; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, SE, \$25,491.19; MIDWEST ALARM COMPANY, EXP, \$139.78; MIDWEST ENGINEERING, SE, \$1,780.00;

MIDWEST RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES, SE, \$1,645.00; MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES, EQUIP, \$922.03; MISSION SQUARE, PEN, \$41,644.43; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC, SU, \$4,452.52; NAT ACCT SYSTEMS, WH, \$405.19; NATIONAL LEAG OF CITIES, EXP, \$1,752.00; NDEE, EXP, \$65.00; NDEE FISCAL SERVICES, EXP, \$1,092,132.67;

NE CHAMBER OF COMM & INDUSTRY, EXP, \$483.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT, WH, \$992.72; NE LIBRARY COMMISSION, EXP, \$1,381.40; NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EXP, \$852.50; NE PUBLIC POWER DIST, SE, \$560,103.45; NE STATEWIDE ARBORETUM, EXP, \$150.00; NEBRASKA FOP, EXP, \$1,092.00;

NETSYS INC, REP, \$2,115.50; NEXTLINK INTERNET, SE, \$598.12; NEXTRA ANALYTICS, EXP, \$100,000.00; NORTH AMERICAN ELEC, EXP, \$3,615.87; NORTH-EAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SE, \$800.00; NREDA, EXP, \$395.00; OLSSON, EXP, \$92,554.94; ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS, EXP, \$5,014.67; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, \$368.40;

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PTS, \$1,277.41; OSCAR GOMEZ, MI, C, EXP, \$4,449.50; OVERHEARD DOOR CO INC, SE, \$175.00; POAN, EXP, \$20.00; POINT C, EXP, \$4,527.58; POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, SU, \$86.79; PROGRESSIVE NORTHERN INS, WH, \$877.32; RADAR SHOP, REP, \$832.00; REVIZE LLC, EXP, \$10,450.00;

RIVER VALLEY UNDERGROUND, SE, \$6,150.00; ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT CO, PT, SU, \$1,015.35; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$15,285.37; SERVICE MASTER OF SOULAND, SE,

\$400.00; SHANES TOWING, SE, \$90.00; SIOUX CITY TRANSIT, EXP, \$5,695.83; SIOUXLAND CONCRETE, SE, \$1,090.53; SIOUXLAND HYDRAULICS, EXP, \$1,000.00;

SIOUXLAND TOWING, SE, \$90.00; SOULAND BOBCAT, SU, \$63.59; SPRINGSHARE LLC, EQUIP, \$138.00; SSC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, EXP, \$95.00; SSC POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, EXP, \$530.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIP, EQUIP, \$4,031.94; STAR TREE SERVICE, SE, \$145,000.00; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, EXP, \$417.49;

STEFFEN, EQUIP, \$1,390.04; SUSAN COMSTOCK, SE, \$562.50; TELEFLEX LLC, SU, \$2,200.00; TESLA SOLAR, EXP, \$3,280.24; THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP, REP, \$611.70; TITAN MACHINERY, PT, \$495.60; TRANSIT WORKS, REP, \$224.07; TRAVELERS, INS, \$1,094,071.00; TRI STATE NURSING OCC,EXP, \$90.00; TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS, EXP, SE, \$1,650.00; TRI-STATE NURSING OCCUPATION, SE, \$129.75; TRIUMPH ROOFING COMPANY, EXP, \$1,400.00;

TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, SU, \$8,831.23; UL LLC, SE, \$5,957.50; UNITED WAY OF SIOUXLAND, EXP, \$332.00; UTILITY EQUIPMENT, EQUIP, \$124.66; VAN METER, EXP, \$76.13; VERIZON WIRELESS, EQUIP, \$1,276.08; VERMEER, EXP, \$124.00; VISUAL EDGE, EQUIP, \$293.07; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS, INS, \$14.40; WILLIAMS & COMPANY, SE, \$5,462.00;

WILMES HARDWARE HANK, PTS, SU, \$1,651.83; WOODHOUSE BLAIR, EXP, \$8.69; WOODS & AITKEN, EXP, \$1,015.00; WRENNS PLUMBING & HEATING, RT, SE, \$8,347.80;

Grand Total: \$5,529,909.09; CDA: CRARY HUFF, SE, \$7,304.25; DAYS DOOR, SE, \$705.00; NA UNITED, EXP, \$21,897.19; NPPD, EXP, \$62.21; RICE COMPANIES, EXP, \$142,193.00; RIVER VALLEY UNDERGROUND, EXP, \$6,134.00; Grand Total: \$178,295.65 Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

Van Berkum "-" Launsby to approve and designate the Dakota County Star as the legal newspaper of the County for 2025. RCVUMC.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for December 8, 2024 to Decem-

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, Nebraska.

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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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 guardian.

Marleny Rigoberta Mendez Hernandez, Petitioner

By: **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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CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 23, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue in said City on the 23rd day of December 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members Jason Bowman, Jasper Kriens, Dan Bousquet, Ben Schultz, Monty Peters, Randy Meyer and Mahamud Osman.

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

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

Kriens motioned to excuse Jim Gunsolley from the meeting. Motion seconded by Schultz. Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Meyer motioned to approve the following items on the consent agenda MINUTES: Council – December 9th, 2024, Public Works – December 16th, 2024 and Finance – December 18, 2024

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS – December 23rd, 2024

Street Platting and Naming
• 45th Street
• Klasey Park
• Veterans Drive named: Newhouse Circle

Treasurer's report – ending November 30th, 2024

Approval of update on financial reporting policy

REC credit sale and numbers add WAPA credits and to get bids every 6 months

Electric Rate Study

Housing funds – Sioux City, IA - raise limit to \$14,999.00

\$11,868.00 - NetSys+ - invoice 95147. (12-month backup for 6-12 servers. AutoTek Offsite with DR loaner server hardware)

Nebraska Department of Transportation – FY25 program 305 agreement, state funds only

Quote - Air Compressor replacement - air compressor with cold weather package

• \$23,582 for CPS 185-100 air compressor with cold weather package with trade in deduction and shipping. (from Stan Houston Equipment)

INVOICES:

JEO
• \$4,125.00, Drainage Improvements (TIF).
• \$7,000.00, Road Program.
Olsson
• \$30,800.00, Scenic Park NEMA Storm Safe Room.
• \$7,634.94, Hovey Development Phase III.
• \$14,092.50, Interconnect Water Main.

• \$13,671.84, new Water Treatment Plant.
\$34,000.00 - Cider Mills Development – Draw request #2 – Dale Hans development area

• CDA to pay - \$220,000 – Lift Station
• City to pay 60% of \$120,000 = \$72,000

\$14,875.00 - Dale Hans Excavating and Utilities, LLC (Senior Center – install storm drain inlet)
Penro Construction.
• \$163,253.13 - Hovey Phase III. Certificate of Payment # 4

• Change Order No. 001
Original Contract Price: \$754,626.00
Increase this Change Order: \$30,018.18

Contract Price incorporating the Change Order: \$784,644.18
Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

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

Kriens motioned to approve the Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. Seconded by Bousquet. Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Veterans Request (Hometown Heroes and Banners) – Dan Claeys. The council suggested to take to the Veterans Committee for further discussion.

CONGRATULATIONS to the South Sioux City Library for achieving the Gold Accreditation for 2025-2029.

There was NO Public Hearing on the rezoning of 500 block of Old Sawmill Road. Request has been withdrawn.

At 5:17 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the rezoning request at 615 Old Highway 20 West (Former Martins Airfield – from C3 to C4). Present to speak on the rezoning request:

• Lou Franco – states that it should not be zoned as C4 but as AG since Bracht has cattle in the area. Wondering what sense, it makes to make it C4 and come back later and rezone parts to AG, should just go to AG.

• Department Head Kent Zimmerman stated AG use if the property depends on what it is going to be used for (cultivating crops and so forth). Livestock is another issue, talked to Bracht about, needs to talk to City Attorney on animal issue. Rezoning request is for entire property for use of the buildings to also add storage and other building which needs to be zoning of C4. To split it up has to have legal descriptions then the process

needs to start all over.

• Chance Bracht states that the C4 is to just get it done, has no problem coming back to do it AG.

• Councilman Jasper Kriens asked how it came to Council with the animal issue being in C4, request for cattle has not been brought forward to Council.

• Bracht says he has no issue changing zoning but starting it as C4 until he gets it figured out where he wants the buildings, then in a later date can put in AG.

• Rick Bousquet states the city has jurisdiction of zoning but they don't have any other jurisdiction other than city limits. He believes that he can put anything in that area up to 300 animals without any authorization. Bracht is in the zoning district not city limits.

• City Attorney states he will check into the state law. Issue is there is a procure that needs to be followed. This issue was not brought up at Planning and Zoning, not part of the application. All that needs to be decided today if going from C3 to C4 – what is on the application. The cattle issue is another issue that will need to be addressed.

Being no further discussion Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed at 5:40 p.m.

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance

ORDINANCE 2024-21

AN ORDINANCE REZONING AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA LOCATED AT 615 OLD HIGHWAY 20 (FORMER MARTINS AIRFILED) FRO C3 TO C4

Kriens motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-21 on its first reading, seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 6; No: 1

At 5:43 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the subdivision request Ogden 3rd Addition Phase 3, a new subdivision located at the corner of East 17th and Ogden Court. There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed subdivision request.

At 5:44 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Schultz motioned, seconded by Peters, to approve the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2024 – 38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS GARY OGDEN 3rd ADDITION: PHASE 3, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF EAST 17TH AND OGDEN COURT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Kriens motioned approval of JEO Contract # 242035 for engineering professional services not to exceed \$585,375 for development of final design plans for repairs from June 2024 Missouri River flood event. Motion seconded by Meyer. Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

No action taken on 36-months for

Chrysler Capital Motor Vehicle Lease with Gene Steffy Auto Group for new park 2400 Ram 3500 Tradesman 4x4 RE supported by IRA Urban Community Forestry grant. Vehicle is no longer available.

Kriens motioned to approve the following items for APRA funds:

• G and R Controls - \$15,156.00 (library)
• Water pickup - \$96,400.00
• Storm Pump - \$15,750.00
• Foundry Road match

• Quote: Electric Pump - \$29,962.00. For back up sewer pump for West 21st Street
Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Meyer motioned to approve YMCA requesting to have the road that goes from pool to the Y be a one-way going from the pool to the YMCA. Seconded by Bousquet. Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Information only: Housing and Property Tax. The City Administrator stated that everyone should look at the slides attached, good information.

Meyer motioned to approve the following appointments for 2025. Seconded by Schultz:

• Electric Superintendent: Tim Murphy
• City Street Superintendent – Engineer: Steve Parr
• Police Chief: Ed Mahon
• Fire Chief: Doug Koopman
• Water / Sewer Supervisor: Russ Chester

• Street Supervisor: Eddie Hernandez

• Physician Medical Director for the South Sioux City Rescue Squad: Dr. Rick Colwell.

• MFO Representative: Nanci Walsh

• Municipal Facilities Corporation: Nanci Walsh
Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Schultz motioned to authorize the following for 2025. Seconded by Peters:

• Authorization for Mayor to Sign City's Document and Community Development Block Grant Documents for 2025.

• Authorization for Council President to Sign City's Documents and Community Development Block Grant Documents in the Mayor's Absence for 2025.

• Appoint Financial Institutions for 2025

F & M Bank, Siouxland Bank, BankFirst, Great Southern Bank, Union Bank and Trust Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust

Public Trust Advisors – Investment Management Services Nebraska Class Nebraska Federal Investment Trust

• Approve 2025 City Signers at Financial Institutions:
Rod Koch, Mayor
Lance Hedquist, City Administrator

Nanci Walsh, City Clerk/Treasurer
Josiah Boneschans, Deputy Treasurer

Mary Clark, Human Resources

• Declare Official Newspaper for 2025. Dakota County Star

• Authorize the following places as 2024 Official Posting Sites:
SSC Chamber of Commerce
SSC Public Library
City Hall

• Grant submission and online portal contract / grant activity requiring an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR): Nanci Walsh, Pat Somsy, Itzel Martinez
Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

Peters motioned to approve the following committees for 2025. Seconded by Meyer:

• Public Works: Ben Schultz, Monty Peters and Mahamud Osman
• Finance: Jasper Kriens, Dan Bousquet, Jim Gunsolley and Randy Meyer

YEAR TO YEAR
• LEC Board: Jasper Kriens, Mike O'Brien and Ben Schultz

• SEDC Representative: Chance Bernstraugh, Lance Hedquist and Oscar Gomez

• Tree Board: Dick Leitschuck, Bill Huser, Ron Macomber, Carol Larvick, Brad Greer

• Parks and Rec: Bill Huser, Ardel Bengston, Rick Voss, John Jager Jr., Rhonda Robson, Mary Macomber - Trail Committee Board: Steve Shadle

• Citizen Advisory Board: Chance Bernstraugh, Pam Camarillo

• Rental Board: Randy Meyer, Monty Peters, Jeff Lantz and Josiah Boneschans

• Nebraska League of Cities: Lance Hedquist, Randy Meyer

• South Sioux City Chamber Legislative: Lance Hedquist

• Keep Nebraska Beautiful: Gene Maffitt

• Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful: Gene Maffitt

• SIMPCO: Jim Gunsolley

• SIMPCO MPO Representative: Randy Meyer

• SIMPCO Finance: Dan Bousquet and Lance Hedquist

• SIMPCO Tech Committee: Lance Hedquist and Oscar Gomez as alternate

• Nebraska Municipal Power Pool: Lance Hedquist

• LOESS Hills RC & D: Lance Hedquist

• Selection Committee: Jim Gunsolley, Rod Koch, Monty Peters

• SIMPCO Comprehensive Economic Develop. Strategy: Lance Hedquist, Oscar Gomez

LONG TERM COMMITTEES (these boards have terms of 2, 3 or 4 years)

• Planning and Zoning: Robert Rapp, Gary Ogden, John Lounsbury, Mike Wojcik, Martin Hohenstein

• Library Board: Mary Macomber

• Housing Authority: Gertrude Malcom

• Electric Board: Bill Addison and Kevin O'Dell

• Plumbing Board: Denny Moore, Jon Koskovich, Shawn Haggerty and Devon Bousquet

• Community Foundation: Bart Gotch, Gloria Oorlog, Arlan Kuehn, Dr. Rony Ortega, Jim Gunsolley, Pat

Wojcik, Pat Brandes, March Mahon, Bill Garvey Sr., Robert Rapp

• Police Pension: Jocquin Orduno, Shawn Jensen, Jeremiah Johnson, Jeremy Grace, Nanci Walsh, Dave Gerkin (as alternate) Randy Meyer (Council Member)

• Fire Pension: Blake Bruns, Daniel Gassaway, Rich Magana, Jennifer McCune, Nanci Walsh, Josiah Boneschans

• CDA: Chris Krueger

• Electric Board: Todd Cavillo
Voting Yes: 7; No: 0

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

A copy of the minutes in their entirety is available at City Hall, 1615 1st Ave., Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am-5:00 pm. and on the City's website at www.southsiouxcity.org

Nanci Walsh, City Clerk
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, January 2, 2025. - ZNEZ

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 commenced its existence on Dec 1, 2024 and its duration shall be perpetual. Organizer Name: That One Hair Extensions LLC.

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, December 26, 2024 and January 2 and 9, 2025. - ZNEZ 25

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION OF JAMES L. GABEL, LLC

Notice is hereby given that James L. Gabel, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, filed an Amended Certificate of Organization with the Nebraska Secretary of State on March 27, 2024. The Amended Certificate of Organization amends the name of the entity from James Gabel, LLC to James L. Gabel, LLC. The designated office is located at 305 Southfork Place, South Sioux City, Nebraska, 68776. The agent for service of process of the Company is James Gabel, 305 Southfork Place, South Sioux City, Nebraska, 68776.

James L. Gabel, LLC
f/k/a James Gabel, LLC

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