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Lady Knights stay undefeated. Page 1B

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### Chamber Coffee Friday

This week's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by the Center for Siouxland, located at 715 Douglas Street in Sioux City.

Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program starting at 10 a.m.

### Public Works meeting

The South Sioux City Public Works Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda is available at www.southsiouxcity.org.

### SSC hosts RCC tourney

South Sioux City High School will play host to the River Cities Conference wrestling tournament at the SSC Mini-Dome.

Competition is set to begin at 5 p.m.

### County Board to meet

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. in the Dakota County Courthouse.

An agenda is available at dakotacounty.ne.gov.

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## LOCAL WEATHER

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### THURSDAY



31 13

Mix of clouds and sun.

### FRIDAY



29 11

Mix of clouds and sun.

### SATURDAY



26 14

Partly cloudy skies.

### SUNDAY



38 21

Mostly sunny.

### MONDAY



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Partly cloudy.

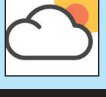
### TUESDAY



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Partly cloudy.

### WEDNESDAY



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Merry Christmas!

# Cardinal Vision price tag: \$127 million

## Most popular option will cost taxpayer \$40 per year

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

It has been more than a quarter-century since South Sioux City Community Schools last completed a major multi-million dollar facilities upgrade.

With that thought in mind, the 130 local residents attending the final Cardinal Vision workshop decided that now is the time to play catch-up on addressing the school's building needs for the future.

Given the choice of four options, those in attendance overwhelmingly favored the priciest one, totaling \$127 million that will address three aging buildings and help address an ever-growing enrollment base far into the future.

Three new buildings would replace the district's three oldest elementary school buildings — Covington, E.N. Swett and Lewis & Clark — and move sixth-grade students from the current Middle School to one of the new buildings, where they would join fifth-grade students. A new K-4 building would be built, with a third building designated for preschool students.

Tuesday's workshop was the last in a series of five that the school has hosted during the past several months. Previous workshops showcased the age and condition of the district's seven school buildings, and data regarding current and future enrollment numbers indicated that the district was facing an overcrowding issue in the coming years.

The plan that was under consideration consisted of a base concept with four options that would deal with a variety of issues at some or all of the district's seven school buildings, including five elementary schools, the middle school and the high school.

The base plan called for the replacement of the district's three oldest school buildings — Covington Elementary (100 years old), Lewis & Clark Elementary and E.N. Swett Elementary (both 64 years) — and shifting of certain grades into new buildings, with a total price tag of \$109 million.

The first of the three new buildings would be a new intermediate school for grades 5-6 that would hold up to 660 students. A potential site on the northeast part of town would be where this building would be erected and would include new safety and security features and complete accessibility.

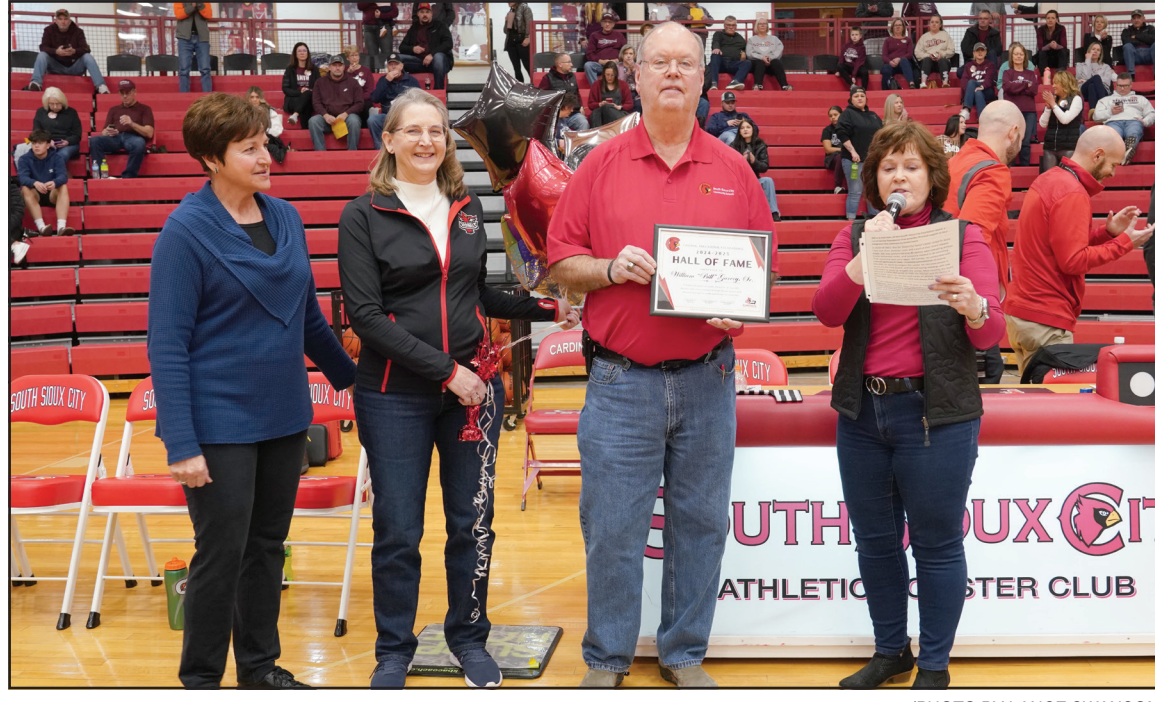
SEE CARDINAL VISION, 2A



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES) (above) School Board member Matt Aitken listens as local residents Helen Sorensen and Sue Agrimson talk over the proposed plan for renovations of buildings in the South Sioux City School District. Tuesday's Cardinal Vision workshop was the last of five that were scheduled to inform taxpayers of the school district's infrastructure and increasing enrollment issues. The Board of Education will meet Feb. 24 to determine whether or not to accept the workshop's findings and move forward with a proposed \$127 million bond issue. (right) People who attended Tuesday's meeting used green and red dots to signify their choices on four proposed options.



## GARVEY INDUCTED INTO LOCAL HALL OF FAME



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

Saturday at the Mini-Dome, Bill Garvey, Sr. was honored as the Cardinal Education Foundation Hall of Fame Inductee for 2024-2025. His remarkable contributions to South Sioux City were recognized during a special presentation held between the SSC vs. Norfolk varsity basketball doubleheader. CEF Board Chair Terri Gotch (right) shared an inspiring overview of Bill's incredible legacy, with Treasurer Deb Schroeder and Secretary Janice Hohenstein assisting in the presentation. Other board members joined in celebrating this memorable occasion, honoring a true champion of our schools and community. Thank you, Bill, for all you've done and continue to do for South Sioux City!

## SSC teachers to see pay increase

Teachers in the South Sioux City Community Schools District will see a little something extra in their paychecks next school year.

At Monday's meeting, the district's Board of Education approved the negotiated teacher agreement for 2025-26 that calls for a number of financial enhancements for teachers.

Highlighting the changes is an \$1,800 increase to the base salary to \$42,425, with a \$1,000 bonus for teachers with MA+45 at Step 16. Language from existing memorandums of understanding were included to address years of experience and pay calculations for covering unfilled positions.

Other benefits include increased insurance contributions, an increase in lost plan time compensation from \$35 to \$0 an hour, and an additional sick leave day and personal leave day for teachers with 15 or more consecutive years of service. The buy-back rate for unused sick days at retirement was raised to \$160 per day (30 day limit) and increases the rate for unused personal days.

The agreement also adds to bereavement leave options to include expanded relationships, such as significant others living in the house hold and step-relationships.

The school board also approved the school calendar for the 2025-

26 school year. The calendar will include a two-day fall break, a three-day spring break and leaving the August start date to ensure the first semester is completed before the winter break and the school year ends before June.

The board also selected its officers for the coming year. Chris Krueger was elected as board president, Robert Rapp as vice president and Marla Grier as board secretary. Rapp, Grier and Matt Aitken were appointed to serve as members of the District American Civics Committee for 2025.

The school board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. at the high school library.

## Airport rezoning request still on the runway

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

The future of Martin Airfield has yet to take off as the City Council of South Sioux City postponed the second reading of a rezoning request during Monday's meeting.

The request to rezone the old privately-run airport west of town, which was recently purchased by Chase Bracht, is up in the air as discussion of whether or not cattle can be allowed on the 140-acre property.

City Administrator Lance Hedquist said the property does not have a permit to house cattle, and there is also a question as to whether it will be a commercial zone or an agriculture zone.

Bracht has stated in previous meetings that the hangars presently on the property were going to be used for storage, with plans to sell some heavier equipment also expressed.

But the issue with cattle was the main concern during a 20-minute discussion about the rezoning request.

"There are rules in place that we're not following, so we need to sit down with a plan," Mayor Rod Koch said. "If we allow one person to come in and ask for forgiveness rather than permission, we're going to get this all the time. We need to talk about

this a little more and see what's going on and make sure we follow our own rules."

Lou Franco, who lives just west of the airport and also has cattle on her property, said there needs to be distinction as to what the cattle will do on the property.

"There is a difference between grazing cattle and cattle in a feedlot, and this looks like it's a feedlot," she said. "This needs to be addressed because there is a difference between cattle grazing and a feedlot."

Councilman Ben Schultz asked if there are consequences if the property doesn't have the proper designation, and City Attorney Mike Schmiedt said there are and it's an issue the city may see more often as it expands to the west.

"As cities grow into areas with agriculture activity, you have to allow that but we don't have a strict zoning," he said. "I believe the city has the power to regulate this and still allow for some amount of cattle. They want to change this to commercial (zoning) and commercial will not allow it."

City Code Official Kent Zimmerman said that a conditional use permit would need to be requested to have cattle on property that is zoned

SEE REZONING, 2A

## OSHA looking into fatality at Tyson Foods

An investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is under way after a workplace fatality was reported earlier this week at the Tyson Foods plant on Dakota City.

U.S. Department of Labor officials confirmed last Wednesday

that the incident happened in the warehouse material handling area on Monday, Jan. 6. Specific details of the incident were not available.

OSHA will have six months to finish its investigation. Further details are not expected until that work is finished.



About 130 local residents, including school staff, parents and community leaders, discussed the final proposal that the Cardinal Vision workshop will present to the SSC Board of Education next month.

### CARDINAL VISION: Final details worked out Tuesday

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The second buildings would be for grades K-4 and would replace both Covington and Lewis & Clark. The new building, with a potential site in the north or northeast part of the district, would also hold 660 students and include the same safety, security and accessibility additions as the first building.

A third building that would replace the Swett school, which would be built near the present building, would handle about 300 preschool students and also include safety, security and accessibility options.

With the base plan came four options that were considered by those in attendance, and the majority of positive responses added another \$18 million to the package, bringing the plan's total to \$127 million.

That package includes a full update of all infrastructure and classroom updates in the district, additional space to handle growing capacity at Dakota City Elementary, accessibility updates at Harney and Cardinal Elementary, and provide for more program space at the high school.

Discussing the pros and cons of such a project, those in attendance had some concerns, most notably the location of the new construction.

With the closing of Lewis & Clark Elementary coming as a result of the new construction, the district would be left without a building on the west side of town. Several of those who expressed this concern noted that all of the new building would be on the east side with nothing on the west, which is also an area of residential

expansion in the city. Redrawing the boundaries of the elementary schools was another concern voiced several times, again pointing back to the issue of no school buildings on the west side of town.

Other concerns that were raised included traffic congestion problems, particularly at Cardinal and Harney Elementary, busing issues for students currently attending Covington Elementary, and the additional cost — which amounts to \$1.31 per day per \$1,000 of valuation on a property in the district.

After Tuesday's final two-hour workshop, Superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega said he was surprised those in attendance chose the priciest option of the four.

"I was surprised in a good way that our community selected the most expensive option, but I think what it shows is that the community recognizes they are getting more value," he told the Star. "It's six dollars a month between the first and last (of the four options), and the thinking seems to be that we'll get a lot more addressed for the long haul."

The nine-digit price tag will no doubt be a concern for those who will be voting on the package, assuming the SSC Board of Education goes ahead with the proposal at a scheduled Feb. 24 meeting, but Ortega said that when recent cuts in the district's levy are taken into account, the price tag might not be as hefty as it first appears.

"In back-to-back years our levy has dropped by 14 cents and is now at 91 cents," he said. "The most expensive option is in the mid-20 cent

range, so if you look at how much the levy has been lowered, this option is a smaller amount."

One thing Ortega stressed after the workshop is that it is going to cost more the longer the district delays on addressing the building and enrollment issues it now faces.

"There was an attempt in 2016 before I was here, and what we've learned from that is that everything costs more," he said. "They were pitching a preschool in 2016 that would have cost \$10 million. Today, that same preschool is more than \$15 million, so the longer we wait, the more things will cost."

Ortega said the five workshops have helped the school district educate the community on where the district's infrastructure issues are and have relied on the community to provide suggestions as how the school should address those issues.

Ortega said the community will have an opportunity to complete a survey that will be released online this Friday, and from that data the school board will make a final decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposed project in the form of a bond issue that will be decided by residents within the South Sioux City school district.

After Tuesday's meeting, Ortega feels optimistic that a bond issue, even a pricy one, will be approved.

"If the people who were here today are representative of our community, then yes I feel comfortable," he said. "I think once the school board gets the survey results they'll be more comfortable with it. We'll test the option out with the community and see if there is support for it."

### REZONING: City Council postpones old airfield request

from Page 1A

as commercial, provided that the number of animals matches the size of the acreage. In this case, about 100 cattle would be allowed.

The Council decided to postpone the second reading and give Bracht, who was unable to attend Monday's meeting, a chance to explain his plans for the property.

The Council also turned down a liquor license request for El Rey Pollas AI Carbon, LLC, which was seeking to open a liquor store on a property located at 1920 Dakota Avenue.

The request raised several concerns with city officials, including its location being closer than 150 feet

from a church, as is required by state law. The proposed store would be 97 feet away from a church.

Also listed among concerns was a rooming house that was above the facility, which was not included in the original application, and an adequate amount of parking for the plan that included an old skating rink.

"For just the liquor store there would be enough parking, but for events there would not be enough parking," Hedquist said.

The request was unanimously rejected, but city officials will work with the applicants to address the issues for a future request.

In other action, the Council: — received word from Ethan Joy of JEO Consulting that plans for

expansion of the city's wastewater treatment plant are complete and awaiting funding. Once that is completed, the project will be bid out with a projected summer start and early 2027 completion.

— approved resolutions to raise electric and water rates for the coming year. The 2 percent increase in electric rates will still be lower than the city's rates in 2016 and will be effective Feb. 1. Water rates will see increases between \$3 and \$4.35 depending on the amount of usage at the residence.

— appointed Councilman Jasper Kriens as the Council president for 2025.

— received an update from Matt Andrews on the city's website, which is being redone with an expected early March release.

— approved a request from Fire Chief Doug Koopman to submit an application for a Firehouse Subs grant to pay for a new thermal camera. The \$17,726 cost will be fully funded by the grant with no city match. The fire department also receive permission for a Gary Sinise grant of \$10,510 for one-weight scales for each ambulance, which helps increase accuracy in dosing based on a patient's actual weight.

— approved a resolution designating the street south of the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA as a one-way street going west to east.

The Council's next meeting is Monday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. in Council chambers.

### Farmers optimistic about farm policy

By MARK MORAN  
Nebraska News Service

Some farm advocates in rural America, including Nebraska, are calling on the Trump administration to continue investing in small communities.

They propose that new federal investments in agriculture wind up in the hands of farmers in rural communities.

Nebraska Farmers Union President John Hansen said he is cautiously optimistic about how rural policy will look in the new administration, but said it will start with fair competition in the agriculture markets.

"The markets are not competitive now," said Hansen. "So, if they're not competitive, they're not functional. They don't perform as they should. And we want more competition. So, in order to get there, we need some appropriate regulation in order to create competition. And in the absence of competition, there's collusion."

Hansen and other rural farm advocates are calling for increased competition in the supply chain and food processing sectors of the agriculture economy, and for more federal investments at the local level - where he said farmers are facing unprecedented financial stress.

Hansen added that markets are far more consolidated today than they were when lawmakers created the Packers and Stockyards Act in 1921, especially in beef and pork.

"So, when you look at it through the lens of time," said Hansen, "are we winning or losing here?"

Hansen said consolidation and a lack of market competition have put unprecedented pressure and financial stress on farmers, and he said no matter what policies are set in Washington, most solutions happen at the local level.

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### Area students earn BCU honors

Briar Cliff University announced 302 students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year, including 91 students who achieved a perfect GPA of 4.0.

Full-time students who have a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater and part-time students who complete six or more credits in a semester with a GPA of at least 3.5 are eligible for the Dean's List.

Area students making the list include (an asterisk following a student's name denotes a 4.0 GPA):

South Sioux City — Brooklyn Heineman\*; Nayeli Lupercio; Yaz-min Morelos; Alexa Hurtado; Ubah Ali.

### Mackling on NWU honors list

Nebraska Wesleyan University has announced its 2024 fall semester academic honors list for students enrolled in traditional and adult undergraduate programs.

Students earning at least a 3.75 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale while completing a full-time course load of at least 12 credit hours of graded work are eligible.

Included in the list of those honored are Rhyanne Mackling of Emerson.

### SSC resident dies in Iowa crash

The Sioux City Journal reported Tuesday that a 19-year-old South Sioux City man died in a one-car rollover accident there over the weekend.

Angel Ibarra Ortega was driving eastbound on Highway 20 near mile marker 1 at 9:39 p.m. Saturday when he lost control of his 2004 Jeep Cherokee. The vehicle left the road and rolled down and embankment.

Ortega was taken to a Sioux City hospital, where he died as a result of his injuries.

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### Someone is celebrating her "80" birthday on Jan. 24

## Time to Celebrate

**Beverly Bates will be celebrating on Saturday, Jan. 25 with an open house from 2-4 p.m. at the SSC Senior Center, 1501 West 29th St.**

**No Gifts, Please**

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## Legislative Round-Up: Week of Jan. 8

By JOSIE GOLKA  
Nebraska News Service

# NEBRASKA NEWS SERVICE

The 109th Nebraska Legislature convened last week for the first days of the 2025 session to swear in newly elected state senators, elect committee chairmen and begin bill introductions.

The Legislature began the first day of its 90-day session on Wednesday, Jan. 8, and swore in 25 senators, including six re-elected members and 19 new members.

Senators re-elected Sen. John Arch of La Vista, who ran unopposed, as speaker of the Legislature. The Legislature also elected senators as leaders of its 14 standing committees.

The first resolution of the session, LR1, honored and commemorated the service of former President Jimmy Carter, who died on Dec. 29, 2024, at the age of 100.

Senators began bill introductions on Thursday and Friday, introducing a total of 132 measures in the first two days.

LB3, introduced by Sen. Loren Lippincott of Central City, proposes changing Nebraska's electoral vote system. Currently, Nebraska and Maine follow a split-vote system, where each congressional district casts one electoral vote for the winner of their district, and the state casts two overall votes for the winner of the state.

The bill would change the system back to winner-take-all, which would award the state's five electoral votes to the winner of the state. Senators proposed a similar measure before the 2024 presidential election but refused to consider it last fall, citing political pressures.

LB 12 introduced by Sen. George Dungan of Lincoln, would remove the statute of limitations and allow for more extensive legal punishment in child sexual assault cases.

Currently, charges cannot be brought against those who aided in child sexual assault beyond 12 years after the victim's 21st birthday. This measure would also allow those not found criminally guilty of child sexual assault to still be liable to civil

charges and fines.

LB 49, introduced by Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha, would change rules for public schools to ban individuals and students from school property.

The measure would require each district to create a specific ban policy. Each policy must state that bans cannot be applied as a form of discrimination. Policies cannot ban students unless they are an immediate danger to the student body and must allow any individual who is banned to appeal against their ban.

LB 53, introduced by Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha, would prohibit any criminal or civil prosecution of a pregnant person for any pregnancy outcome that does not result in live birth, such as stillbirth, miscarriage or abortion.

The bill is intended to provide legal protection to pregnant persons after Nebraskans voted to pass Initiative 434 in November, which cemented Nebraska's 12-week abortion ban into the state constitution.

LB 63, introduced by Sen. Tom Brandt of Plymouth, would allow for sports betting on Nebraska collegiate teams and competitions they are involved in.

LB 77, introduced by Sen. Eliot Bostar of Lincoln, would require health care insurance providers to clearly post their requirements and rules relating to prior authorization of medical treatment on their website, along with any updates to policy requirements.

LB 89, introduced by Sen. Kathleen Kauth of Omaha, would establish the Stand with Women Act. The act would provide legal definition of men and women in schools, sports teams and bathrooms and does not account for transgender individuals.

Husker athletes Jordy Bahl and Re-

becca Allick spoke at a press conference on Jan. 10, introducing the bill and advocating that the move provided protection for women's rights in sports and private spaces. Transgender rights activists cited the act as another discriminatory move in Nebraska's recent string of anti-trans legislation.

LB 117, sponsored by Sen. Rick Holdcroft of Bellevue, would eliminate taxes on utilities such as electricity, natural gas, propane and sewer services for residential use.

LB 122, introduced by Sen. Glen Meyer of Pender, would require all public schools to display the national motto, "In God We Trust," and the Nebraska state motto, "Equality Under the Law," in English in every classroom.

LB 127, introduced by Sen. Dan McKeon of Amherst, would require courts to award damages to defendants who are found not guilty or whose cases are dismissed or overturned. Damages would cover legal fees, lost wages and other losses based on the court's discretion.

Wrapping up the first week of session, Sen. Myron Dorn of Adams introduced LR7CA, which would raise legislators' salaries to \$30,000 per year. The move would require an amendment to the Nebraska state constitution and a three-fifths majority vote.

Currently, senators receive \$1,000 per month of their term or a maximum of \$12,000 per year. The measure would go into effect in 2027, when Dorn will be term-limited from holding office.

The move comes after a push to increase state representatives' salaries to allow average people and community members the financial opportunity to serve, a move senators have been trying to pass for years.

## Don't mess with the younger generation

Thoughts, observations and other random acts of silliness from the "Bits and Pieces" file:

— It's a well-known fact that young adults will sometimes do dumb things.

And then there is the Nebraska GOP.

I'm not sure WHY you would want to dismiss the young folks in your political party, but it would seem the elder statesmen of the state's lone relevant political party doesn't want the next generation to have a say in the direction their party travels in the coming years.

The Nebraska Young Republicans announced earlier this week that the party's State Central Committee decided that the young bucks don't need to have a vote on the party's Executive Committee anymore — the reasons why are as befuddling as the actual action itself.

Having been a part of political candidacies in the past, I know that getting the word out is a job best left for the young folk. They're the ones with all the energy — fill up the gas tank of their car, hand them a couple boxes full of leaflets and point them toward the door, and they'll travel all over the place to get your candidate's name out there in front of the voting public.

Granted, getting a Republican's name out there in this state is a little like preaching to the choir (as opposed to Democrats, who apparently don't bother running candidates for anything outside of local school boards and city councils). Still, you don't want to irritate the younger generation, because they tend to remember things like this as they carry on in their lives . . . and the last thing either party needs is to LOSE future voters.

— Certain members of the Nebraska Legislature seem hell-bent on keeping the public away from some important items, and these are the kind of people who should not be "representing" us in our Unicameral.

Nonpartisan Nebraska, an organization dedicated to preserving the nonpartisan structure of our Legislature, has called out a number of pro-

### Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes  
Star Publisher

posed rule changes being made, with the leader of the effort being Central City State Sen. Loren Lippincott, who is the rules chair.

Rule Change #12 is of particular concern to those of us in the media, as Lippincott would like to keep members of the press out of Executive Committee sessions, 'unless allowed by the chair.' At present, the press can attend these sessions unhindered, but Lippincott wants to limit the media's access to the work of the Legislature.

Partisanship has long been leaking into the non-partisan Unicameral for a long time now, and this seems to be an effort to speed that process up, rather than bring it back to where political party is irrelevant. It would be in Sen. Lippincott's best interests to back away from some of these proposed changes.

— No offense to the Catholic community intended here . . . but I hate Notre Dame University.

Every fan of college sports teams has their list of teams that they don't like. Whether it's geographic in nature, or part of a conference, or just a single experience that left a bad taste, we all have our teams we love to hate.

Texas fans hate Texas A&M (and vice versa). USC hates UCLA. Iowa hates . . . well, anybody with a more interesting history in football than theirs. And don't get me started on the venom that flows up I-29 between Vermillion and Brookings in South Dakota.

But Notre Dame — I don't know how anybody in their right mind could root for such an alleged "institution of higher education."

Notre Dame's history in football is unquestioned, but their team continues to fly in the face of the rules

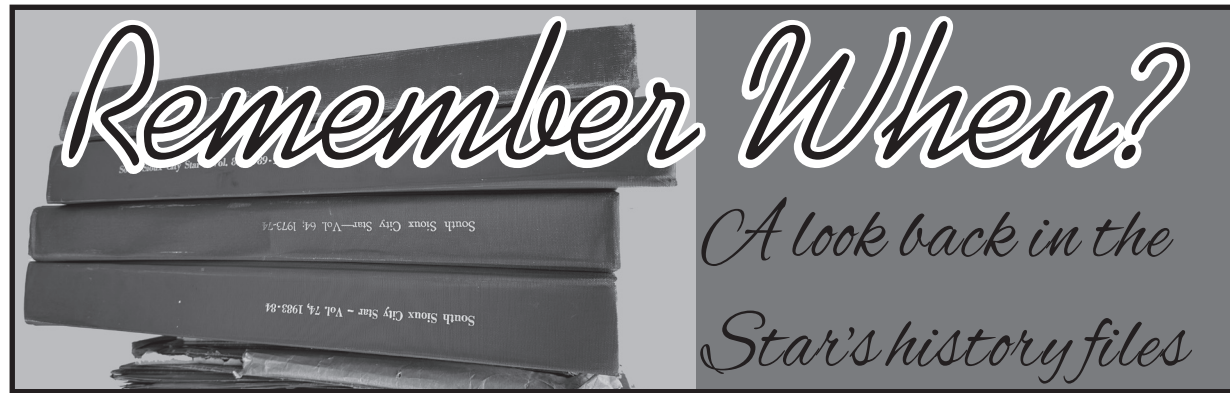
of the game by refusing to align its program within a specific conference. This gives them the ability to schedule much easier games, inflate the quality of their record and make them appear better than they really are.

Personally, as a fan of collegiate wrestling, I can't respect any program that kills its wrestling program and transfers a multi-million dollar trust fund to a football program already awash in cash. Any school that kills wrestling (to say nothing of the people in position who make those decisions) in my opinion, is no longer worthy of respect (And now you know why I spit such venom whenever the name Trev Alberts is uttered, but I digress . . .).

I'd love to root against Notre Dame in next week's College Football Playoff championship game, but there's one problem — they're playing Ohio State. Some say it's OK to root for a conference opponent, but when it's another bunch of arrogant blowhards like THE Ohio State University, it's really hard to get excited about such a matchup.

Maybe 12 teams in the CFP is too many. After all — neither of these teams were seeded high enough if the old six-team playoff were still in place. Maybe go back to six, or even four, and make Notre Dame ineligible until they join a conference.

— Speaking of football playoffs . . . for all those that whined and complained about all the blowouts in the first couple of rounds of the college playoff, here's a thought: how about the first round of the NFL playoffs last weekend? I've seen more exciting pee wee touch football games at the YMCA. (Of course — no offense intended to the YMCA.)



### 10 YEARS AGO

JAN. 15, 2015

#### Area fights back on graffiti

On the cold winter night of Thursday, Jan. 8, when many South Sioux City residents were safe at home in their warm houses, Sgt. Chris Chernock, with the South Sioux City Police Department was on duty. Chernock, along with other officers on duty, routinely patrol an area known to the police department as graffiti ally an area of town that is continuously hit with graffiti. In the past three months alone the city has issued over \$1,725 in graffiti certificates to businesses and individuals who have had their property vandalized.

accidents occurred within the city limits and two were in parking lots. For the county road department 13 employees, seven maintainers and one salter gravel road passable.

businesses which once flourished with activity have noticed a change. Typical of bar and restaurant operators who like the excitement created by the machines is Boyd Hauswirth of the El Charmido Lounge. He says he doesn't believe the video slots will come back and if they do, Iowa will have the major portion of customers.

### 30 YEARS AGO

JAN. 12, 1995

#### An Icy Mishap

The South Sioux City Fire and Rescue Squad responded to a call at 20th and B Street Friday where a child was apparently struck by a car while walking home from school. No charges were filed against the driver because of slick and icy conditions and the child was not seriously hurt. The accident occurred shortly after 4 p.m.

### 50 YEARS AGO

JAN. 16, 1975

#### 72 school kids marooned in storm on school buses

For the most part it was fun and games, puzzles and television for 72 children caught in rural Dakota County on stalled school buses Friday afternoon during the storm and the Saturday following. A total of 46 children from the three buses were stranded 100 feet from the Bill Stone farm west of South Sioux. Lewis Fowler found 15 children in a bus a short distance from his office and home at Lake Village, and Gene Robertson and Russ Seiffert of Dakota City shared 11 school-aged guests over the weekend. The children were taken home by snowmobile late Saturday afternoon.

### 20 YEARS AGO

JAN. 13, 2005

#### Winter weather forecasts call for road precautions

As weather forecasters predicted the biggest ice and snowstorm of the year were coming, road crews were already out sanding, salting and making sure traffic ran smoothly. Only 12

### 40 YEARS AGO

JAN. 17, 1985

#### Loss of slots has hurt local economy

Since midnight Dec. 31 when video slot machines were legally banned in Nebraska, many South Sioux City

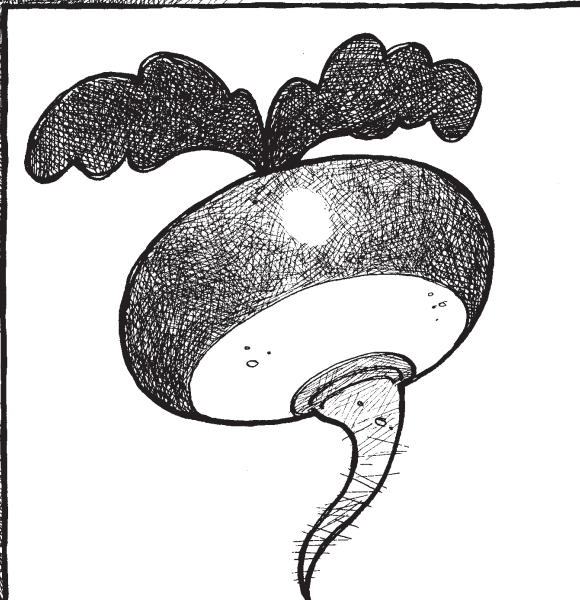
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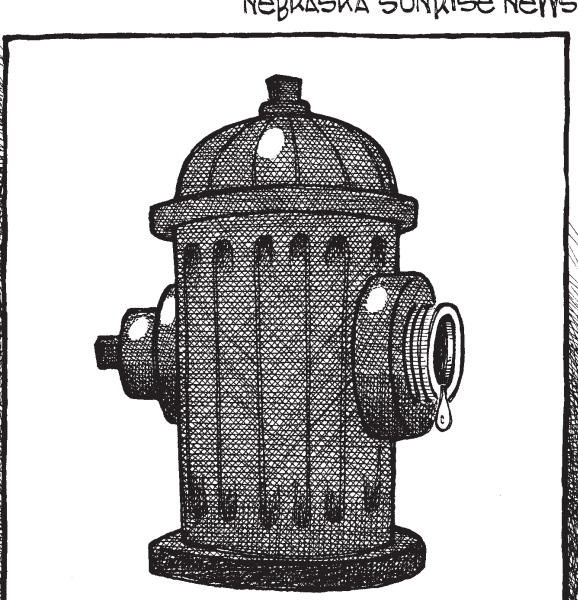
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### HARNEY CELEBRATION



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

On Friday, Harney Elementary held a special assembly to thank its incredible students, staff, and the supportive parents and community members who make success possible.

## UNL Extension offering women's farm estate workshop

A multi-state extension workshop series for women in agriculture will offer strategies to evaluate and improve farm estate and transition plans. "Leaving a Lasting Legacy for Midwestern Farm Women: A Succession Planning Series," will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 at sites across Kansas, Nebraska and Indiana. The series is being produced through a collaborative effort by extension programs at Kansas State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Purdue University. Topics covered will include motivation for succession planning, communicating with family, the financial aspects of estate and transition plans, and the legal aspects of putting a plan in place. A keynote speaker will be simulcast to every workshop

location during each meeting, with time for questions and a hands-on activity for participants. A meal will be provided on each date. "Planning for what happens to your things when you're gone can be daunting, but it's so important, especially in agriculture, so that the transition to the next generation goes smoothly," said Jessica Groskopf, director of the Nebraska Women in Agriculture program. "This series will help women learn best practices and new strategies to help the transition and estate planning processes so they can take that back to their farm or ranch and help lead the way in creating or reevaluating their plans." Groskopf said the program's structure is intended to strengthen networks of women in rural areas,

which can provide opportunities for building trust and sharing information. "Connections are so important to rural women," she said. "We have seen the benefits that come from knowing your peers, having a place to share difficulties, and mitigate the isolation that so many of us in agriculture often feel." The registration fee for in-person attendance is \$60 before Jan. 13 and increases to \$75 on or after Jan. 13. A virtual option is available for \$75. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions. More information and registration is available on the Nebraska Women in Agriculture website, [wia.unl.edu/succession25](http://wia.unl.edu/succession25).

## Vacations steeped in cultural learning all the rage

By MIKE MOEN  
Nebraska News Service  
Travel agencies say Americans are still embracing overseas trips, including destinations where the itinerary is loaded with learning opportunities about local culture. There are tips for Nebraskans on where to book and how to stretch their dollar. Those who help consumers plan their vacations report a strong appetite for experiences where cultural immersion is the main attraction. Brittany Duffy, travel expert at EF Go Ahead Tours, said it might mean going off the beaten path more in towns and villages, as opposed to sticking with the common tourist sites in the heart of a major city across the globe.

"Not just checking a trip off their list, but really becoming more connected and seeking that personal growth opportunity and having those unforgettable moments," Duffy explained. She pointed out guided tours, in places like Latin America and Scandinavia, can bring you to under-the-radar spots, like family-run farms serving dinner. Companies like EF Go Ahead Tours have flexible financing requiring a small deposit, with additional interest-free payments spread out well in advance of your trip. The University of Nebraska experts also recommended seeking out hostels for lodging as a way to keep travel costs lower. Duffy emphasized timing is another key tool in keeping vacations

budget-friendly and accessible. "Considering traveling in the shoulder season, April, May, October, November," Duffy advised. "You still see really pleasant weather but you get smaller crowds and lower prices." Research firms say younger adults are increasingly booking vacations, including solo trips, while older adults said travel is becoming too ex-

pensive. But baby boomers are still open to flying elsewhere if they can find value, such as doing so during off-peak seasons. Experts said lower costs should not come at the expense of personal safety. One example would be using public transportation late at night in unfamiliar areas. They said calling a taxi is better in such situations.

### Gov. Pillen directs flags at state buildings to fly at full staff

Tuesday, Governor Jim Pillen announced that flags at the State Capitol and all other state buildings will be raised to full staff on Monday, Jan. 20 for the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump. "The official installation of a President is a historic day in the calendar of our nation and should be recognized as such," said Gov. Pillen. "Having the flag at full

staff symbolizes the respect to that office and our nation's newly elected leader." Flags will fly at full staff from sunrise until sunset on Inauguration Day. The following morning, flags will return to half-staff, resuming the honor to former President Jimmy Carter. Flags are to remain at half-staff in remembrance of the former president through Jan. 28.

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### NEW PAPIO-MO. RIVER NRD BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Papio NRD Board of Directors welcomed three new members and three returning incumbents at last week's board meeting. Pictured are (from left) Rodney Storm, Brian Adams, Larry Bradley, Anne Hubbard, Phil Davidson, and Rich Tesar.

## Updated cottage food law expands opportunities

A recent revision to Nebraska's cottage food law provides new guidance for individuals selling homemade food products. The updated law, which took effect in 2024, expands the types of foods that can be produced and sold under cottage food regulations to include some foods that require refrigeration. The cottage food law previously allowed individuals to produce and sell certain low-risk foods made in their home kitchens, such as baked goods, jams, and jellies. The updated law now also permits the sale of foods that require time and temperature control for safety, like cheesecakes and cream-filled pastries. "With more than 2,000 registered producers and \$1 million in revenue in 2023, Nebraska's cottage food industry is a thriving example of

local entrepreneurship and community-driven economic growth," said Zulema Knievel, policy assistant with the Center for Rural Affairs. To comply with the cottage food law, producers must complete a food safety and handling education course, register their business with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and follow proper food safety and handling procedures. The Center for Rural Affairs has developed a fact sheet on Nebraska's cottage food law, providing a resource for producers to navigate the law's current requirements and recent updates. To read and download a copy of "What You Need to Know: Nebraska's Cottage Food Regulations," visit [cfra.org/publications](http://cfra.org/publications).

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## FROM THE BLEACHERS



By Michael Carnes

## Area teams looking for Lincoln trips

It may be hard to believe right now, but we're less than 50 days away from that thing they call March Madness.

Here in Nebraska, we get a head start on the craziest month on the sports calendar by holding our girls and boys state high school championships in Lincoln. Five days worth of yelling, screaming, loud music — and that's just trying to find a parking spot anywhere within a short walking distance of Pinnacle Bank Arena.

If the current records are any indication, the Dakota County Star area could have some good representation down in the capital city a few weeks from now.

Leading the charge are the Homer Lady Knights, who carried an 11-0 record into Tuesday night's road matchup at Pender, who are the two-time defending Class D-1 champions and sporting a 14-0 mark. (Highlights in next week's Star.)

The Homer girls have a really potent offense that has been very difficult to contain so far this season. Senior Ali Albrecht (17.2 ppg) and junior Lilly Harris (14.4) lead an offense that is clicking at a 62-points per game pace so far this winter, and with senior Riley Harris and junior Janessa Overgaard playing very well so far this season, the Lady Knights are on a path that could find them returning to Lincoln for the first time since 2014.

At this point, I see the Lady Knights as the favorite in the Lewis & Clark Conference, and if they can bring that trophy home, I think their chances of adding a district title plaque to the trophy case being very good.

Another area team that is looking Lincoln-bound right now are the Ponca boys basketball team.

The Indians were regular guests in Lincoln not long ago, winning back-to-back Class C-2 titles in 2017 and 2018 and finishing third in 2019. They made it back to the big city last year after a four-year hiatus, and most of the members of that team are part of this year's team that recently had a 10-game winning streak that was snapped this past Saturday in O'Neill.

Seniors Tucker McGill and Trystan Bevelhimer have been leading the charge in the scoring department this season, and while Ponca doesn't possess quite the offensive punch that the Homer girls do, they play outstanding defense and really do a great job of pressuring the ball all 94 feet.

Having seen both teams in action this year, I like to think both teams can go deep into the postseason if they continue to work hard and avoid the injury/illness bug.

Turning to the wrestling mats, where we're going to see some outstanding competition in the area this week.

South Sioux City plays host to the River Cities Conference tournament on Thursday (5 p.m. start), and if you like to see some top-notch athletes in action, you're going to want to stop by the Mini-Dome.

Perennial Class B power Omaha Skutt will be the odds-on favorite to win yet another conference title, but we could see a clash of the titans in this tournament if the top-ranked 215-pounders in Class A and Class B are both in the brackets.

The Cardinals' 215-pounder is Tony Palmer, the defending state champion and top-ranked in Class A according to the NSWCA ratings. He could get a real test if Skutt's 215-pounder, Cade Ziola, shows up. If you're paying attention to college commitments, you know that Ziola, the No. 1 kid in Class B, has already committed to wrestle for Mark Manning at Nebraska.

If the Ziola vs. Palmer match does happen, it ought to be a dandy.

The area has several kids ranked in the NSWCA ratings this time around.

In addition to Palmer, teammate Adrian Curiel is rated sixth in Class A at 190 pounds. Darius Helms is unrated right now at heavyweight, but his 26-5 record indicates that he's on the doorstep of the top six in that weight class.

Homer has a pair of grapplers in the Class D ratings. Josue Munoz

SEE BLEACHERS, 2B



Janessa Overgaard shoots for two for the Homer Lady Knights during their 51-49 win over Westwood last week at Homer High School. The win was the Lady Knights' 11th without a loss.

(PHOTO BY MIKE RASMUSSEN)

## Lady Knights run to 11th win

The Homer Lady Knights moved into the Omaha World-Herald Top 10 in Class C-2 after improving to 11-0 on the season.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Knights hung on for a 51-49 win over Westwood at Homer High School.

The Lady Rebels gave Homer a fight from start to finish, and the Knights were able to outscore the visitors 16-14 in the final quarter to claim their 10th win of the season.

As has been the case for much of the season, the Lady Knights got a balanced scoring effort with three

players finishing in double figures. Lilly Harris, Ali Albrecht and Rylie Harris all had 11 points for the Homer girls, followed by Tori Walker with eight, Janessa Overgaard with six and Natali Loofe with four.

Overgaard led the rebounding effort with nine, Walker had three assists and four steals and Lilly Harris grabbed three steals.

On Friday night, the Lady Knights traveled to Fremont and came home with a 60-49 win over Archbishop Bergan.

Albrecht hit three 3-pointers and

scored a game-high 24 points to lead Homer to its 11th straight win. Overgaard tossed in 14 points and Rylie Harris put in 12 points. Lilly Harris added eight and Walker put in two points.

Overgaard had 11 rebounds for a double-double and Walker added six. Rylie Harris dished out five assists and Albrecht had five steals.

Homer had a big matchup Tuesday with a road battle at two-time defending Class D-1 champion Pender in a battle of unbeaten. They are back home Thursday to host Randolph.

## Area teams battle at Winside

### Area Results

Homer earned third-place honors to highlight the area effort at Friday's Winside Invitational boys wrestling tournament.

The Knights finished the day with six medals, led by 138-pound champion Josue Munoz, who earned an 8-6 decision over Caleb Vinson of Osmond. Ethan Roberts was a runner-up at 165 pounds.

In consolation action, Isaac Barclay (144), Austin Pelster (157) and Trent Dunn (190) all earned third-place medals, while Tayler Probst finished fourth at 126.

Three of Tri County Northeast's four wrestlers earned medals on the day. Landon Newton and Bryan Isom both finished as runner-ups at 126

and 150 pounds, respectively, while Nate Franzluebbbers placed third at heavyweight. As a team, the Wolfpack finished seventh in the 17-team field.

Ponca was 10th overall and had a pair of medalists. Cole Bostwick was runner-up at 175 pounds, and Charlie Watkins finished fourth at 190.

### Winside Invitational Team Standings

Randolph 152, Weeping Water 134, Homer 114.5, Osmond 102.5, Winnebago 89.5, St. Mary's 82, Tri County NE 62.5, Twin River 60, Winside 59, Ponca 50.5, Bancroft-Rosalie 48.5, Cedar Bluffs 42, Millard North 29.5, Lyons-Decatur NE 29, Newman Grove/St. Edward 28, Crofton/Bloomfield 26, Niobrara/Verdigre 25.

126: 1. Keigan Couch, St. Mary's, pinned Landon Newton, TCNE, 4:35; 3. Braxtin Fowler, TR, pinned Tayler Probst, Homer, 1:39. 138: 1. Josue Munoz, Homer, dec. Caleb Vinson, Osmond, 8-6. 144: 3. Isaac Barclay, Homer, dec. Patrick Burt, Winnebago, 11-5. 150: 1. Korbin Carlson, Winside, maj. dec. Bryan Isom, TCNE, 13-4. 157: 3. Austin Pelster, Homer, pinned Luke Harms, WW, 2:48. 165: 1. Gage Jensen, Randolph, pinned Ethan Roberts, Homer, 1:13. 175: 1. Jace Rosenkrans, St. Mary's, pinned Cole Bostwick, Ponca, 1:01.190: 3. Trent Dunn, Homer, pinned Charlie Watkins, Ponca, 2:16. 285: 3. Nate Franzluebbbers, TCNE, pinned Tate Stolpe, Osmond, 2:32.

## Ponca nine-game win string snapped

The Ponca boys basketball team saw their nine-game winning streak snapped over the weekend.

The loss came on Saturday in a Mid State Conference matchup against O'Neill, with the visiting Indians falling to the Eagles, 45-41.

The hosts jumped out to a 16-8 lead after one period and held off a late rally by Ponca to drop the Indians to 10-2 on the season.

Austin Dendinger was the lone Ponca player in double figures, finishing with a game-high 13 points. Trever Alder and Braxen Eichelberger shared top honors for O'Neill with 11 points apiece.

The Indians won two games earlier in the week, taking care of business

with wins over Crofton (70-37) and Wakefield (46-31).

In Tuesday's win over Crofton, Ponca built a 41-16 halftime lead and cruised to the easy win.

The Indians had three players finish in double figures. Jace Wahls and Tucker McGill shared top honors with 12 points each and Austin Dendinger added 10. Blayke Skillings led the Warriors with 12 points.

On Thursday, Ponca held the Trojans scoreless in the first period, but needed a fourth-quarter run to put them away.

McGill led the way with 13 points for Ponca while Dendinger added 11. Wakefield's Jacob Birkley led all scorers with 18 points.

## SSC boys second at Pisale Invitational

The South Sioux City boys wrestlers earned a runner-up finish in a closely-contested Pisale Invitational on Saturday at Omaha Northwest.

The Cardinals finished just 10.5 points behind Fort Calhoun in the nine-team tournament and ended the day with nine medalists and four champions.

The Cardinals made their mark in the heavier brackets, earning wins at 175, 190, 215 and 285 pounds.

Cooper Ferris went 4-0 in round-robin action at 175 pounds to earn top honors, and Adrian Curiel was also 4-0 in 190-pound round-robin competition.

Tony Palmer (215) and Darius Helms (285) both went 3-0 in their pool and came away with championships. Palmer pinned his way to the top of the medal stand, winning all five matches in less than a minute.

Helms also pinned his way to the top with three of his five first-period wins coming in under a minute.

Other medalists for SSC included Riggin Ferris (126, 4th), William Messerlie (132, 2nd), Erick Moreno (138, 5th), Tristan Lounsbury (144, 3rd) and Bodey Bligh (150, 3rd).

SSC hosts the River Cities Conference tournament on Thursday, beginning at 5 p.m.



Thatcher Lamp drives toward the basket for Tri County Northeast during Thursday's matchup with Wynot at Allen High School.

(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

## TCNE boys drop pair of games

The Tri County Northeast boys basketball team dropped a pair of tough matchups last week.

On Thursday, the Wolfpack dropped a 57-31 decision at home to Wynot. The Blue Devils got out to a 12-3 lead early and extended the lead to 19 at the half on their way to the win.

Ben Jorgensen led the Wolfpack with 17 points, while Thatcher Lamp and Blake Kneiff each had four points. Devin Reinert scored three, Logan Morgan added two and Landyn Servine put in a free throw.

Knewiff had five rebounds and Lamp added four. Jorgensen had four steals and Reinert grabbed three.

On Friday, the Wolfpack dropped a 51-47 result to Cornerstone Christian. Lamp led the way with 19 points and Jorgensen added 14 for TCNE. Servine scored nine, Reinert had three and Kneiff added two.

Lamp led in rebounds with six with Kneiff and Atlee Anderson both had five. Jorgensen had four assists and seven steals.



## Muskies Minute

Dakota County Star's weekly update of Sioux City Musketeers hockey

## Musketeers split games on Iowa road trip

Courtesy Sioux City Musketeers

The Sioux City Musketeers made a cross-state road trip this past weekend and came away with three of the available four points on the table, including a blowout 8-1 win over Cedar Rapids on Friday and dropped a 4-3 overtime loss to Dubuque.

Seven different Musketeers lit the lamp on Friday in Cedar Rapids and scored eight unanswered goals after the RoughRiders struck first.

Luke Garry and Kason Muscutt handed Sioux City a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period which led to a second period offensive explosion.

The Musketeers netted a pair

of goals in the first 57 seconds of the middle frame off the sticks of Dallas Vieau and Tate Pritchard. A Nick Sykora goal at the 15:42 mark was followed by a Justin Stupka tally at 18:04 to finish off the four goal period and gave the Musketeers a 6-1 lead.

Vieau finished off his multi goal game by lighting the lamp at the 16:40 mark of the third and Landon Gunderson capped off the offensive out put with a goal at 18:18.

Samuel Urban returned from the World Juniors tournament where he represented his home nation of Slovakia by turning away 28 of 29 shots.

In front of an emotional sell out

crowd in Dubuque on Saturday night the Musketeers continually fought back to earn a point against the top team in the eastern conference.

After celebrating the life and legacy of the recently passed Johnny Gaudreau, the Musketeers answered an early Dubuque goal with a Luke Garry goal, his seventh of the season, third consecutive game with a goal and is currently carrying a five game point streak.

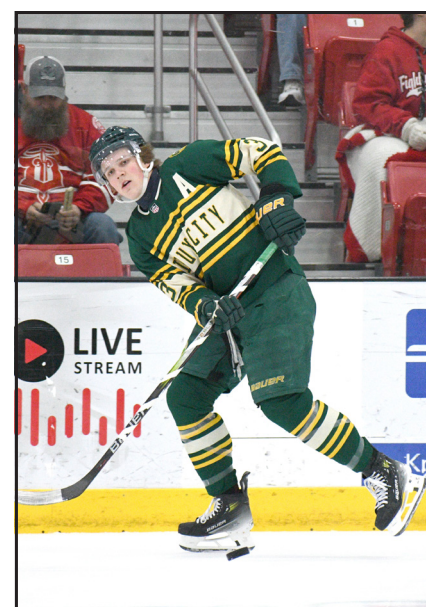
The game remained tied 1-1 into the early stages of the third period in large part to Bjorn Bronas who started in net for Sioux City and stopped 35 of 39 shots.

After the Saints took a 2-1 lead,

Giacomo Martino scored his 15th goal of the season and tied things at two. And trailing 3-2 late in the third, Gavin Garry scored an empty netter and sent the game to overtime, securing Sioux City a point in the standings.

More than three minutes into the extra period, Heikki Ruohonen scored his sixth goal of the season to lift Dubuque to the win.

Sioux City now stands with a record of 16-13-2-4 and 38 points to stand alone in fourth place in the Western Conference. The Musketeers make a road trip north to Fargo this weekend beginning on Friday from Scheel's Arena at 7:05 p.m.



Tate Pritchard scored a goal in Sioux City's 8-1 blowout win over Cedar Rapids on Friday.

# Homer boys drop pair of matchups

Homer's boys basketball team struggled in action last week, falling to Westwood (41-30) and Archbishop Bergan (88-29).

In Tuesday's home game, the Knights couldn't keep pace with the Rebels, trailing by eight points at the half. Westwood outscored Homer 21-18 in the second half and came away with the win.

Benjamin Roost led the way for Homer with 10 points, Jessup Snowball added six and Steve Harris had five for the Knights. Leidy Hunter had four points, Axton Caskey scored three and Reed Modlin put in two.

Roost also had 10 rebounds in the game for a double-double, while Aayden Harris had seven boards and Junius Snowball grabbed four. Harris had two assists and Jessup Snowball had two steals.

On Friday, the Archbishop boys raced to a 33-7 lead after one period and had the running clock throughout the second half after leading 58-16 at the half.

Jessup Snowball scored nine points and Junius Snowball had eight for the Homer boys. Aayden Harris added six points and Caskey and Steve Harris each had two. Aayden Harris grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.



(PHOTO BY MIKE RASMUSSEN)

Homer's Reed Modlin goes up for a shot during action last week at Homer High School.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Myleah Mackling tries to drive past a Wynot defender during Thursday's matchup at Allen High School.

# SSC boys get bounce-back win

After dropping an 80-40 decision at Sioux City East on Tuesday, the South Sioux City boys basketball team responded with a nice home win over Norfolk.

The Cardinals put three players in double figures at the Mini-Dome and the Cardinals were able to gut out a tough win over the visiting Panthers, 58-55.

The game was a tight one through-

out, and South Sioux City shot 34 percent from the floor to come away with the victory.

Jaden Painter led the scoring parade for SSC with a game-high 19 points on 8-of-15 shooting from the field. Prestin Blackhawk and Paul Turner both added 11 points.

Also scoring were Jaimson Housman with seven, Ahmed Mohamed and Cadin Painter each had four and

Nabiil Yussuf put in two.

Jaden Painter led the team in rebounds with six while Mohamed and Xavier Rodriguez both had five. Turner had six assists and five thefts, and Blackhawk had five assists and three steals.

The Cardinals open up River Cities Conference tournament play beginning on Monday.

# Ponca girls drop two of three matchups

The Ponca girls basketball team dropped two of three games in action last week, both coming against Mid State Conference opponents.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Indians fell to state-ranked Crofton 55-23 as the Warriors built a 19-point halftime lead on their way to the win.

Elsie Keller paced Ponca with seven points and Emerson Ehlers added six. Laken Pfister and Ava Brown both had four and Carlee Beckner put in two. Sammie Allen led Crofton with 17 points.

Brown led the Ponca girls in rebounds with nine and Ehlers had

four. Brown and Jaelen Templeman each had two assists and Beckner nabbed two steals.

Ponca bounced back on Thursday for a 44-31 win over Wakefield. Ponca led by 10 at the half and extended their lead to 19 points after three periods to pick up the victory.

Keller dropped 12 points and Templeman added eight to lead the way. Pfister and Borwn both had seven points, Beckner added five, Ehlers and Ava Voss both had two and Avery McAfee added a free throw.

Ehlers led the team in rebounds with nine, Keller and Brown both had three assists and Keller had four steals in the win.

Ponca came up on the short end of a 49-39 decision at O'Neill on Saturday.

Keller had 13 points and Pfister added nine for the Lady Indians. Templeman, Brown and Ehlers all had four points, Emma Uthof scored three and Beckner had two.

# Lady Wolfpack win on road, fall at home

The Tri County Northeast girls had perennial Lewis & Clark Conference kingpins Wynot on the ropes early, but couldn't keep up the momentum.

The Lady Wolfpack raced to a 15-4 lead early in Thursday's conference matchup at Allen High School, but the Blue Devils responded and posted a 63-41 win over TCNE.

Hot shooting on the inside by Briley Anderson and from the perimeter in Joslyn Mackling helped build the early advantage, but Wynot turned up their full-court pressure defense and turned the game around, building a lead at the half and carrying that momentum to the win.

Mackling had 12 points and Anderson added 10 to lead

the TCNE girls. Mica Tornez scored nine points, Emily Mitchell had five, Myleah Mackling scored three and Sam Rastede put in two.

Anderson led the team in rebounds with seven while Rastede and Myleah Mackling both had five. Joslyn Mackling had five assists and two steals.

Earlier in the week, TCNE got off to a fast start and rolled to a 43-20 win at Cornerstone Christian in Bellevue. The Lady Wolfpack held the Cougars to a basket and a free throw to take a 26-3 halftime lead and cruised to the easy win.

Individual statistics were not available at press time.

# Lady Card grapplers win dual

South Sioux City's girls wrestlers won a wild dual over West Point-Beemer, claiming a 44-33 triumph in road action Thursday.

Two forfeits spotted the Lady Cadets the first 12 points, and a technical fall by Ngan Le got SSC rolling. A major decision by Lysandra Torres and a pin by Baeli Phommavong gave SSC a 14-12 advantage, and a forfeit and a technical fall by Caitlyn Sohm made it 26-12.

Madelynn Bohnet and Dayana Arellano picked up pins to help close out the win after the Cadets rallied late with two wins and a decision. The hosts still had a chance to win until Arellano's second-period fall at 130 pounds closed the deal for the Lady Cards.

On Saturday, the Lady Cadets came home with a runner-up finish from the Pisale Invitational at Omaha Northwest.

Bohnet and Sohm both came home as champions, winning at 105 and 235 pounds, respectively. Fatima Alvarez (120) and Zulema Godinez (190) both finished as runner-up, as did Lysandra Torres at 155 in round-robin competition.

Ariadne Rocha finished third at 115, Arellano was fourth at 125, and Rachel Chavez (110), Ngan Le (145) and Yesenia Reyes (190) all finished sixth.

On Monday, the Lady Cards traveled to Summerland and came home with six medals and a runner-up team finish. Bohnet and Godinez both took first-place honors.

**Pisale Invitational Team Standings**  
Nebraska City 159.5, South Sioux City 151, Omaha Benson 136.5, Conestoga 135, Fort Calhoun 131.5, Omaha Marian 106.5,

Omaha Central 101, Bellevue East 91.5, Omaha Northwest 80.5, Omaha South 44, CB Thomas Jefferson 37.

### SSC Medalists

105: 1. Madelynn Bohnet, 5-0, (round robin). 110: 5. Addisyn Walters, NC, pinned Rachel Chavez, SSC, 2:26. 115: 3. Ariadne Rocha, SSC, maj. dec. Karlee Peterson, NC, 14-4. 120: 1. Elena Bridges, O. Northwest, pinned Fatima Alvarez, SSC, 1:08. 125: 3. Alison Dill, FC, pinned Dayana Arellano, SSC, 3:55. 145: 5. Esia Daraga, Central, pinned Ngan Le, SSC, 3:05. 155: 2. Lysandra Torres, 3-1 (round robin). 190: 1. Makayla Vasser, NC, pinned Zulema Godinez, SSC, 3:23; 5. Mary Jones, Central, pinned Yesenia Reyes, SSC, 1:32. 235: 1. Caitlyn Sohm, 5-0 (round robin).

### Summerland Invitational Team Standings

West Holt 129, South Sioux City 124, Wayne 120, Summerland 107, Elkhorn Valley 89.5, Winnebago 77, Boone Central 76.5, Ainsworth 70, Norfolk Catholic 68, Lyons-Decatur NE 45, Randolph 43, Wakefield 35.5, Cedar Catholic 35, Tri County NE 33, Neligh-Oakdale 27, Elgin/Pope John 24, Ord 22, Central Valley 21, Arcadia/Loup City 20, Niobrara/Verdigre 20, Creighton 18, Sandhills/Theford 12, St. Mary's 12, Homer 9, Winside 7, Madison 4, Axtell 3.

### SSC Medalists

105: 1. Madelynn Bohnet, SSC, pinned Paisley Hoffman, Ainsworth, 3:16. 120: 3. Ellison LaDeaux, Creighton, pinned Ariadne Rocha, SSC, 3:00. 145: 3. Morgan Schaaf, WH, pinned Ngan Le, SSC, 2:03. 155: 1. Avani Wilkie, Winnebago, pinned Lysandra Torres, SSC, 4:30. 190: 1. Zulema Godinez, SSC, pinned Libby Evans, E/PJ, 3:49. 235: 3. Caitlin Sohm, SSC, pinned Carleigh Jackson, WH, 1:18.

# BLEACHERS: Area teams look good

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comes in at No. 5 at 138 pounds, while Austin Pelster is sixth at 157 pounds. Both made it to state last year in their first year of competition, and both are looking good at this stage of the game.

The South Sioux City girls are ranked seventh in Class A and their younger wrestlers have been showing a lot of improvement the last few weeks.

Three Lady Cardinals are ranked by the NSWCA. Defending champions Madelynn Bohnet (105) and Caitlyn Sohm (235) are both at the top of their weights, and Zulema Godinez is ranked fifth at 190 pounds.

Of course, as any wrestler worth their salt will tell you — the only rankings that REALLY matter come that third week in February in Omaha's CHI Center — a little thing known as the State Wrestling Championships.



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**Dan Nieman**

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## OBITUARIES

# Rose "Rosie" Marie Zastrow, 67

Rose "Rosie" Marie Zastrow, 67, of South Sioux City, a cherished wife and devoted friend, passed away on Jan. 6, 2025, at an Omaha hospital. She leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and unwavering devotion to family, friends, and her community.

brought her the large and loving family she had always dreamed of, becoming the cornerstone of her life. Rose also adored her beloved dogs, Izzy and Toby, who brought her joy and companionship. Beyond her love for animals, she found great enjoyment in horse racing and treasured the relationships she built with her extended family and many friends.



**Zastrow**

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will take place on Friday, Jan. 17, from 5-7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in South Sioux City.

Rose was born on May 21, 1957, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Otto and Veronica (Crowe) Linquist. She attended South Sioux City Schools and dedicated much of her career to Atokad, ServiceMaster, and more than 20 years with the Humane Society. Her work reflected her lifelong passion for helping animals and those in need. Rose's kindness and dedication left a lasting impact on her community, as she poured her heart into every task she undertook.

On July 24, 1999, Rose married the love of her life, Hank Zastrow, in South Sioux City. Their marriage

Rose is survived by her husband, Hank Zastrow; her beloved dogs, Izzy and Toby; and her special extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Veronica Linquist, and her brother-in-law and maid of honor, Tom Zastrow.

Rose will forever be remembered for her boundless love, her warm smile, and her generous spirit. She had a way of making everyone around her feel special, and her joy in life was contagious. Her family and friends will carry her memory in their hearts, cherishing the countless moments of laughter, kindness, and love she shared. Rosie's legacy is one of compassion and connection, and she will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

# Navigating nutrition information

New Year — New Me! January is the start of making new year's resolutions and setting goals that align with your physical and emotional health.

But as you navigate setting these goals, are you confused by constantly changing and often contradictory information in the area of nutrition? New information in the areas of Keto, Carnivore, Mediterranean plant-based diets, Fasting, Intermittent Fasting, and gut health, can often be overwhelming and confusing. When people are asked where they get their information from, the internet is one of their main sources. While the internet is a vast source of information, navigating accurate and trusted information is key.

The best place to get trusted information is through research articles and scholarly journals. Articles that have been "peer reviewed" (reviewed by other experts in the field, to ensure the research aligns with standards of study and quality). However, reading journal articles can be time consuming and difficult, trying to decipher medical jargon and research terms. As, research article information becomes available to the media, it is often reported as news, but then interpretation of information is subject to the person telling the news story.

Be your own advocate to obtain the best information. Avoid simple internet or Google searches, which brings a wealth of information, but is not always reliable. Instead search through credible sources, narrowing your search, by naming your nutrition topic followed by .edu (education) or .gov. (government). For example: keto.edu or carnivore.gov,

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these searches will load your topic from multiple educational or government sources. Education-based information is based on current research and is a much more reliable source of information than a simple internet search. Another option is to search your topic followed by trusted medical institution, or health expert. When searching information about supplements, diabetes, heart health, lowering cholesterol, or cancer; these topics followed by a specific trusted professional in the field or trusted research or medical institution lends to more reliable search results. Let them read the lengthy research articles and then give you the information in simple everyday terms. "I have three or four experts in various areas of nutrition, that I will search for information and get their input and analysis on topics related to health".

After you have gathered all your trusted information, increase your chances of following through by doing three simple things. One, set goals and make them S.M.A.R.T (Specific, Measurable, Achievable,

Relevant and Time based). Two, make your goals forward focused. Focus on what you choose to add to your health, not focused on what you're trying to take away. If your goal is to reduce soda or coffee intake, make your goals about replacing them with better behaviors like drinking 6-8 glasses of water, or replacing your evening soda with green tea. When your focus is on adding positive behaviors, you are focused on what you can do, and not focused on "what you can't have". Lastly make your goals visible, hang them on your bathroom mirror, put them in your billfold, or on your desk at work. Making them visible helps you make intentional decisions throughout the day that align with your goals. But most importantly, whatever plan you intend to follow or goals you choose to pursue, the road to good health is a marathon, not a sprint. Make good choices through the long haul, and when you have small detours in your plans, give yourself permission to make mistakes, refocus and get back in the race.

# TCNE, Homer girls wrestle at tournaments

Wrestlers from the Tri County Northeast and Homer girls teams were both in action with tournaments at Winside and Summerland.

On Saturday, the two schools competed in the Winside Invitational.

Tri County Northeast had two finalists and one champion, as Kiya Tornez finished the day with two pins and a major decision to win at 145 pounds.

Jenni Olson also made the medal stand for the Lady Wolfpack, finish-

ing second in round-robin competition at 100 pounds. She won three of the four matches she wrestled in.

Lilyanna Dziurawiec picked up a medal for the Lady Knights, finishing third at 105 pounds. She defeated Mary Rose of Tri County Northeast in the consolation semifinals before getting a pin in the third-place match over Zowie Wilkie of Winnebago.

Lila Bolles went 1-2 on the day at 120 pounds for Homer.

On Monday, the two teams took

part in the Summerland Invitational.

Tornez finished as runner-up at 145 pounds, losing to Anna Naeve of Wayne in the finals. Olson placed third at 100 pounds with a 10-3 decision in her third-place match. Rose went 1-2 on the day.

Homer came away empty-handed from Monday's tournament. Dziurawiec lost in the consolation semifinals at 105, while Bolles was 1-2 at 120 pounds.

# Lady Cards come back for home win

South Sioux City used a 14-9 fourth-quarter run to come back and defeat Norfolk 39-33 in girls basketball action Saturday at the SSC Mini-Dome.

The game was a defensive battle throughout as both teams were able to frustrate the opposing offense and limit scoring opportunities. The SSC girls shot 29 percent from the floor

(14-of-49) while Norfolk was 14-of-56 (25 percent) from the field.

Bailee Durant led a balanced attack with 10 points and Izabella Moret added nine for the winners. Bayleigh Robinette and Paizley Aldrich both had six while Autumn Porter and Keyana Weaver each had four.

Moret had nine boards and Weaver added eight along with two assists.

Aldrich had to assists and Moret grabbed three steals.

In other action, SSC lost to Sioux City East 62-29. Individual stats were not available at press time.

The Lady Cardinals will begin play in the River Cities Conference tournament on Monday.

# Ponca runner-up at Pender Duals

Ponca earned a runner-up finish in last Tuesday's Pender Duals Tournament held at Pender High School.

The Indians' only loss came in a 46-30 decision to Madison, who

went on to win the six-team matchup.

Ponca posted wins over Tri County Northeast (30-24), Pender (42-30), Lyons-Decatur Northeast (36-30), and Winnebago (48-18).

The Wolfpack went 0-5 in the tournament, with losses to Ponca, Madison (36-24), Pender (48-24), Winnebago (29-12) and Lyons-Decatur Northeast (36-24).

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eliot Anthony Wilson Monzon, 27, South Sioux City and Natalia Garcia Rosales, 23, South Sioux City  
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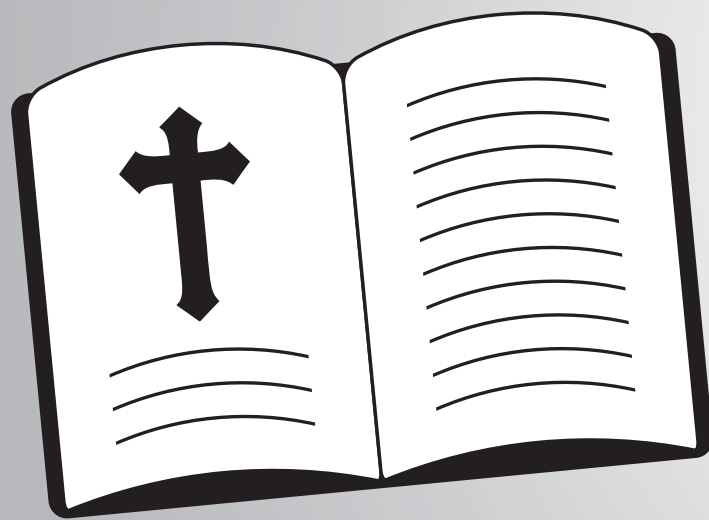
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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY SUBDIVISION REQUEST Bloch Addition

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the South Sioux City Council Chambers located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of Bloch Addition, a 1 lot subdivision located near 1491 Lake Avenue, legally described as follows:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 88 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE S01°26'19"E (ASSUMED BEARING), ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 174.71 FEET; THENCE S88°32'28"W, A DISTANCE OF 300.91 FEET; THENCE N01°27'16"W, A DISTANCE OF 361.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 4, FILED FOR RECORD ON MAY 16, 2024 BY LS #408 IN THE NEBRASKA SURVEY RECORD REPOSITORY; THENCE N88°32'28"E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 4, A DISTANCE OF 301.05 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 4 AND THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE S01°25'31"E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 187.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners is seeking residents interested in serving on the Dakota County Planning Commission. Three appointments will be made, one from each of the following geographical areas: Rural/Village of Homer; Village of Hubbard; and the Village of Jackson. Please contact the Dakota County Road Shop-Hubbard at 402-632-5006 or email dakotacoroards@dakotacounty.ne.gov or County Clerk at 402-987-2130 or email conley@dakotacounty.ne.gov for an Application for Membership. Deadline to submit a Membership Application is January 24, 2025.

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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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 4:00 P.M. on Monday January 27, 2025, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, the meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such a 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**  
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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27th, 2025 the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 – 1st Avenue, which meeting will be open to the public in the matter of Shiv Mart LLC as Smokin Express at 109 West 11th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Liquor License – Class D Beer, Wine, Spirits Off Sale Only

**/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk**  
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, January 16, 2025. - ZNEZ

## 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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## Legal Notice

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTH SIOUX CITY PLANNING COMMISSION CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST

Expand a Residential Use in a Commercial Zoning District 701 West 9th Street. South Sioux City, NE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025** at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of a conditional use permit request to expand a residential use in a commercial zoning district. The subject property is located at 701 West 9th Street.

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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

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**/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk**  
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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 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**  
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## Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Equalization will hold a reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 2:45 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, and which said meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

**Cherie Conley, County Clerk**  
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## Legal Notice

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTH SIOUX CITY, CITY COUNCIL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST

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## DAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Dakota County Board of Commissioners**  
**Monday, January 6, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**County Board Meeting Room, First Floor**  
**Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska**

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

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the prior BOE meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Giese, Launsby. Absent: Van Berkum. 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. Hohenstein "-" Love to excuse Commissioner Van Berkum from the meeting. RCVUMC.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

Love "-" Giese to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes - December 23, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims (if any). RCVUMC.

Payroll: General Fund: Gross Salaries-\$206,890.04; Net Pay-\$148,533.59; Total Retirement-\$14,980.36; Total FICA-\$15,350.46; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$215.49; Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$22,005.25; Net Pay-\$16,486.86; Retirement-\$1,485.33; Total FICA-\$1,676.17; 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-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Health Program Grant Employer 2504: Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24;

Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507: Gross Salaries-\$1,647.00; Net Pay-\$1,365.18; Retirement-\$111.17; Total FICA-\$123.19; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$15,784.53; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$215.49; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,508.90; Principal Life - premiums - \$2,964.70; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,364.44; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,700.92; VSP, premium-\$548.66. Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$201.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,040.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,693.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$22.06; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$788.07; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,475.60; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,352.34; VSP, premium-\$44.66; Insurance Fund 1275: Mid-American Benefits, admin fees - \$33,209.30; Mid-American Benefits, medical claims-\$36,719.04; Point C FSA - withdrawals - \$1,540.45; VSP- COBRA pymt - \$19.17; Health Fund 2502: DC FSA Acct, deduction - \$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premium - \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; Health Fund 2504: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium - \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; Juvenile Services Fund 2507: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.85; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.38; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Love "-" Giese to approve the request from Pat Wojcik, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking to adopt the Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Launsby to approve providing a letter of support to SIMPCO/SRTS in their efforts to apply for a RAISE grant to expand their facility in Sioux City, IA and build a satellite location in Le Mars, IA to benefit the Tri-State area and approve Chair to sign. RCVUMC.

Love "-" Giese to approve the snow removal contracts for 2025 from Oban Construction, Steve Harris Construction Inc. and Lux Bros should their services be needed. RCVUMC.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025.

Commissioner Love moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 6, 2025 at 3:24 p.m. All in favor.

**Dakota County Board of Commissioners**  
**Martin Hohenstein, Chair**  
**Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary**  
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 Thursday, January 16, 2025. - ZNEZ

**Dakota County Board of Equalization**  
**Monday, January 6, 2025**  
**2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting**  
**County Board Meeting Room, First Floor**  
**Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska**

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Chair Love called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Love, Giese, Launsby, Hohenstein. Absent: Van Berkum. Also present was Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, Christy Abts, Assessor, Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was noted for all citizens in attendance.

Love "-" Giese, to excuse Board Member Van Berkum from the meeting. RCVUMC.

Launsby "-" Giese to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting. RCVUMC.

Giese "-" Launsby, to accept the recommendation of the Dakota County Treasurer and approve the Heartland Counseling Services Inc., application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for the 2012 Dodge Grand SXT Van VIN# 2C4RDGCG9CR190646. RCVUMC.

Giese "-" Launsby to approve the Tax List Correction for Bowman #220072388 Homestead Exemption percentage change from 70% to 90% per the order of the State Department of Revenue. RCVUMC.

There was no mail, emergency business or public comment.

Chair Love adjourned the January 6, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting at 2:48 p.m.

**County Board of Equalization**  
**Scott Love, Chair**  
**Cherie Conley, Secretary/County Clerk**  
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 Thursday, January 16, 2025. - ZNEZ

## VILLAGE OF HUBBARD

**Minutes of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 8th 2025**

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on January 8, 2025 at the Village of Hubbard Community Center, 7:00 p.m. for the regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Members of the Board of Trustees present for roll call were Trustees: Jason Martineck, Jim Harral, Shawn Jensen, Alvin Satterwhite and Dale Gaither. Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minutes.

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

Harral motioned, Jensen 2nd to dispense the reading of the December 11th, 2024 minutes. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Guest Comments: None  
 Lynette Meyer, a representative from Nichols Rise presented the audit report. Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd to approve the report. Aye: Martineck, Harral, Jensen, Satterwhite, and Gaither. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Kristi Gaither presented a proposal to form an Advisory Board for the Village of Hubbard Community Center. The board would consist of the Village Clerk, HBC President and one citizen from the Village. Gaither motioned, Jensen 2nd to accept the proposal. Ayes: Martineck, Harral, Jensen, Satterwhite and Gaither. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Kristi Gaither presented a review of the HBC for 2024.

Discussion was held regarding the Papio NRD Tree Grant. Jensen states he will give some suggestions of locations to plant trees to the HBC.

New Business:  
 The lagoon issues were discussed. At this time the lagoon does not need to be pumped to change out the valves. Harral is waiting on Zeisler to confirm a price for the equipment and labor. Martineck contacted the state, but has not heard any response. Discussion was held regarding the discharge limits, etc. Clerk Bousquet will attempt to locate the expired permit.

Discussion was held regarding snow removal in the Village.

Purchase of a new Stair Chair was tabled until a future meeting.

Old Business:  
 Bousquet is working on creating a sewer plan.

The kitchen will be complete within the next few days.

No updates on the Water Security Grant.

No updates on USDA Paving.  
 No update on electricity outside of the Fire Hall.

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

Miscellaneous & Emergency Items:

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

Correspondence: None.  
 Clerk Bousquet presented bill to be paid as follows:

Dick McCabe \$146.75, Gill Hauling \$832.50, Heaney Fam Ptshp \$550.00, Ron Hunn \$200.00, Lisa Bousquet \$881.87, Jason Martineck \$225.00, NNPPD \$1,137.84, NNTC \$162.34, DCPSSA \$1,548.53, NE Public Health \$462.00, Cray Huff \$820.00, Ron Collins \$240.00, NE Dept of Rev \$172.98, JEO \$738.75, Harral \$410.00, Dakota Co Star \$151.23, Staples \$100.48, Wilmes \$78.51, Dale Gaither \$100.00, Alvin Satterwhite \$100.00, Shawn Jensen \$200.00, Ace Refrigeration \$11,839.07, Bousquet Ateam \$429.18, One Call \$4.34, Butch's Propane \$1,161.43, US Treas \$502.52, American Legal Pub \$650.00.

Jensen motioned, Satterwhite 2nd to pay all bills as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: Martineck. Motion carried.

Next meeting: February 12th, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M. at the Village of Hubbard Community Center  
**Chairman, Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Hubbard, Nebraska**  
**Jason Martineck**

Attest:  
**Lisa Bousquet**  
**Village Clerk**

This is a condensed version of the January 8, 2025 minutes. A full version is available in the Village Office.

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 Thursday, January 16, 2025. - ZNEZ

## DAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

**Dakota City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Dakota City City Council met in a regular session on January 9, 2025. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations and sent out to various media outlets, as well as, was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Jerry Yacevich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Lane, Korthuis, Groetken.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Jerry Yacevich asked for a moment of silence in memory of the 39th President of the U.S. Jimmy Carter and the victims of the fires in California. The mayor announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

Public Comment Period: None

Moved by Lane, seconded by Korthuis to excuse Councilman Rasmussen from the meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Absent Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Korthuis, to approve the consent agenda for January 9, 2025. Said motion includes approval of minutes from December 5, 2024, acknowledgement of receipt of financial statements, and approval of bills and payroll to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Groetken, Korthuis, Lane. Nay: None. Absent Rasmussen. Motion carried.

A&B GOURMET COFFEE -

366.00, ADVANCE AUTO PARTS APP FINANCIAL - 394.35, 85.78, AFLAC / REMITTANCE/ PROC SERVICES - 68.04, 146.52, ALPINE HEATING AND COOLING LLC - 512.23, ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SERVICES - 257.25, AT&T - 68.47, Ameritas Life Ins-RP - 2076.48, 525.68, Ameritas-Dent/Vis - 308.90, 103.60, Ariana Paz - 204.29, BARNES & NOBLE - 555.69, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE - 1496.13, BOUND TREE MEDICAL 198.72 BRUNO GALVAN - 50.00, BankFirst-Norfolk - 60.00, Broyhill Company - 5.00, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES - 72.32, CENTURY LINK - 99.64, 77.78, CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY - 46.00, 50.00, CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM - 2638.75, CRYSTAL OIL CO. - 415.63, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT - 47.94, City of South Sioux City Nebraska - 250.00, DAKOTA COUNTY STAR - 120.81, DAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER - 6193.93, 200.00, Dakota City Sales Tax Fund - 13956.19, Dakota County Public Safety Services Ag. - 13956.19, ELECTRIC PUMP - 7431.91, 1042.50, EMC INSURANCE COMPANY - 4925.22, 2873.05, 410.44, Eakes - 12.82, F & M Bank, N.A. - 725.83, FIBER-COMM - 127.76, 36.75, Farmer's Pride-Battle Creek - 1644.49, GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING - 207.71, GILL HAULING, INC - 277.79, 11622.75, GRAYMONT (WI) LLC. - 15240.06, GREG WARREN - 50.00, H-1 SERVICES - 300.00, HAWKINS INC - 20.00, HOME TOWN LEAS-

ING - 188.52, JASON KLEIDER - 50.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP - 6423.00, 3000.00, JONES PEST CONTROL - 128.40, 128.40, L.F. NOLL, INC - 733.36, MATHESON-LINDWELD - 5125.00, MAX I WALKER - 146.46, 74.61, MENARDS - 189.00, 169.99, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - 102.03, 81.00, 228.00, MIDWEST ALARM COMPANY-SIOUX CITY - 83.76, Midlands Credit Management Inc - 165.88, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 49.00, NICK LAKES - 50.00, 195.66, Nebraska Public Power Dist. - 4289.76, 6438.60, 59.88, Nebraska Rural Water Assoc. - 400.00, One Call Concepts, Inc. - 77.86, PEOPLE SERVICE, INC - 4213.00, Principal Life Insurance Company - 29.26, 58.52, Quick Med Claims - 390.34, ROBERT KRATKY - 100.00, STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT - 311.04, South Sioux City Community Schools - 1000.00, Sparklight/Cable One - 165.60, 219.30, 153.60, Summit Fire Protection - 672.49, 310.38, 103.43, THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP - 400.00, 84.00, 962.50, 6850.00, 268.00, 168.00, VISA-CITY CARD - 589.08, 443.74, 27.65, Verizon Wireless - 40.01, Williams & Company, Inc. - 1800.00, 1200.00, Wilmes Hardware Hank - 230.60, 104.30, ZACKERY RASMUSSEN - 50.00, Total - 142080.40

Communication: None.

Alexandria Dreeszen and Kathleen Bakker presented information on ways to control the stray cat population in the city. They left information

with the mayor and attorney for review.

Moved by Groetken, seconded by Korthuis, to approve the attorney to draft a right of way agreement between the city and FARR Technology/Quick Current to place fiber optics for the council to review at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Absent Rasmussen Motion carried.

Moved by Yacevich, seconded by Lane, to appoint to the Councilman Groetken to the SIMPCO Board of Directors and Mayor Yacevich to the SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board and City Administrator Bob Kratky on the committees he is currently serving on. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Absent Rasmussen Motion carried.

Moved by Lane seconded by Korthuis, to approve the purchase and installation of a Kice Blower at the water treatment plant by Donaldson for \$9,925.25. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Absent Rasmussen Motion carried.

Council Members provided comments concerning City Departments, Current Projects, Ordinances, and Statutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jerry Yacevich at 5:58 p.m.

**/s/ Robert Kratky**  
**City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer**  
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 Thursday, January 16, 2025. - ZNEZ

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2025, for the following retail liquor license:

Old Dane  
 466 Highway 35  
 Dakota City, NE 68731  
 Dakota County, Nebraska  
 Class I Alcoholic Liquor on Sale (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS)

Notice is also hereby given that written protest to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County on or before February 10, 2025, in the Office of the County Clerk. In the event protests are filed by three or more persons, a hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

**Cherie Conley**  
**Dakota County Clerk**  
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Old Dane  
 Dba Landmand Golf Club  
 2073 S Bluff Rd  
 Homer NE 68030  
 Dakota County, Nebraska  
 Class I Alcoholic Liquor on Sale (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS)

Notice is also hereby given that written protest to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the County on or before February 10, 2025, in the Office of the County Clerk. In the event protests are filed by three or more persons, a hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.

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Ellanay Country Events, LLC  
 Dba Ellanay Country Events  
 1265 Moody Rd  
 Jackson NE 68743  
 Dakota County, Nebraska  
 Class I Alcoholic Liquor on Sale (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS)

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**Cherie Conley**  
**Dakota County Clerk**  
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Covington Links Golf Course  
 C/O Martin E. Johnson  
 497 Golf Road  
 South Sioux City, NE 68776  
 CLASS IB - Alcoholic Liquor On Sale/Beer Off (OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS)

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Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

HyVee Inc.  
Hy-Vee Gas  
1030 W 25th St  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

DeLeon, Lorenzo (\*spouse)  
Maria's Fashions,  
Groceries & Cloths  
2205 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Nilkanth Mart LLC  
Speedmart  
801 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Ma Brown, Inc.  
Tobacco Hut 17  
1903 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Sam Thongphet  
Laos Asian Market  
2620 Dakota Avenue  
Class B  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Walgreens Co.  
1020 W 21st St  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

NE Lodge LLC  
Cottonwood Inn and  
Conference Center  
4401 Dakota Ave

Class I  
South Sioux City, NE 68776

El Mexicano 5 Inc  
605 W 29th Street  
Class B  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Alejandro Macias  
Old Barrel Grocery & Liquor  
2301 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

La Morena Family Restaurant LLC  
1215 Dakota Avenue  
Class I  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Family Dollar #26088  
1622 Dakota Avenue  
Class B  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Los Altos Mag Inc  
Los Altos Mexican Restaurant  
Class I  
1901 Cornhusker Drive St. 155  
South Sioux City, NE 68776

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**/s/Nanci Walsh, City Clerk**  
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HRA, Inc.  
Select Mart  
800 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

AZ Inc.  
Circle S Stop N' Shop  
604 W 29TH St  
Class B  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

AZ Inc.  
Circle S South  
5312 Dakota Avenue  
Class B  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Wal-Mart  
1601 Cornhusker Dr  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

EM Investments LLC  
Suxfresco  
1723 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Casey's General Store  
1424 Dakota Avenue  
Class D  
South Sioux City,  
Dakota County, Nebraska

Kum & Go  
3808 Dakota Avenue

## Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



"For All Your Crop Insurance Needs" LAURITSEN INSURANCE



Dave Jenkins, Brock Maslonka, Kevin Chambers, Greg George, Dave Nyfelt, Brent Harris, Coach Thompson, Glenn Nelson, Paul Tighe, Robert Guy, Jeff Appleton, Brian Robertson, & Gail Jensen.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Fifty years ago, these young men comprised the 1975 Homer Knights basketball team under the direction of Coach Roger Thompson. No season statistics were available, but honored for Second Team, All Conference Honors were Glenn Nelsen and Paul Tighe.

### Book club gives green light

Good Roots Book Club will be reading Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey this month, a book unlike any others they've read before as a group. Greenlights is a self-help memoir full of life lessons.

The book club will meet next on Monday, Feb.3 at 6 p.m.

If you're an audiobook lover, this might be the one to listen to as the author narrates himself. "Alright, alright, alright!"

While we're talking about Good Roots, let's visit the new Valentine's menu the baristas are making: chocolate-covered strawberry latte, love potion latte, conversating hearts lotus, cupid's bow infusion, and bleeding-heart blender. Stop in and give them a try.

### Fish fry dates posted

The Homer Fire and Rescue Department has announced dates for the next three fish fry nights at the fire hall. These include Feb. 28, March 14, and March 28. Good news for fish and chicken lovers and community camaraderie.

### Elementary Valentine dance news

Are you a parent of a preschool through fifth grade child at Homer Community School? Then the school's got a Valentine's surprise for you.

A Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son dance is set for Saturday, Feb. 15 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the school. The date will include dancing, music, snack and games with a \$15 fee for a pair and \$5 for each additional child. This event is sponsored by the Homer Cheer Squad. Contact coach

Cassie Spurrell at cheercoach@homerknights.org with questions.

Photos from last year's event showed kids and adults alike kicking heels up and having a good time. Please join in by registering at the school. Students will be coming home with forms, or you stop in to see Lynn or Hollie in the office.

### Honor roll announced

First semester of the 2024-25 school year has wrapped, and that brings honors to students achieving high academic success. The following students are on the "A" Honor Roll:

**Seniors** — Isaac Barclay, Lila Bolles, Rylie Harris, Liz Karrick, Hadyn Vanschoiaek

**Juniors** — Lilyanna Dziurawiec, Annah Harris, Bodie Nelsen

**Sophomores** — Wesley Baker, Allison Blackbird, Caitlyn Church, Nevaeh Cimino, Brooklynn Hightree, Reed Modlin, Maximus Wiggs

**Freshmen** — Waverly Barclay, Shiloh Church, Bergan Lefdal, Riley Oligmueller, Gage Otterpohl, Triston Owens

**Eighth grade** — Kylie Kocian  
**Seventh grade** — Camden Allyn, Lillian Bousquet, Luke Hightree, Harper Ubbinga, Eleanor Wiggs

**Sixth grade** — Jace Fogarty, Kole Harris, Sydney Kocian, Clara Krause, Kamri Krause, Ainsley Madison, Emma Oldenburg, Sofia Reed, Haryson Vanschoaick, Ava Walker

Students on the "A/B" Honor Roll include the following:

**Seniors** — Ross Abts, Landon Ahlman, Ali Albrecht, Jasmine Allyn, Spencer Elsea, Tayven Kemp, Dawson Kollars, Josue Munoz, Michael Rice, Ethan Roberts

**Juniors** — Caden Barclay, Rilee Barclay, Okie Bolles, Tawny Bolles, Jaedyn Bousquet, Aayden Harris, Lilly Harris, Eimile Jessen, Janessa Overgaard,

Jocelyn Parker, Conner Probst, Madison Roeber, Ainsley Spurrell, Ethan Torticill, Jovee Valentini, Makenzie Waldee

**Sophomores** — Clover Hirsch, Alexis Jessen, Isabella Jensen

**Freshmen** — Halle Cain, Hannah Cain, Brode Claassen, Aurora Collins, Ryleigh Heitzman, Tanith Holverson, Nelson Inos, Kinley Murphy, Sydney Newlon, Macy Vanschoiaek, Addison Ziska

**Eighth grade** — Elli Boggess, Lucas Bousquet, Archer Caskey, Jett Fogarty, Jaden Inos, Mia Lyons, Hannah Morrison, Isabelle Pieper, Danaya Schincke

**Seventh grade** — Kinley Barto, Kinnick Cale, Tenley Dorcey, Sammi Martin, Clara Rushing, Connor Schooley, Derek Stroot

**Sixth grade** — Gabriella Cale, Brianna Collins, Brysten Harrison, Sophie Newlon, Charlotte Pieper, Jackson Rohde, Elizabeth Stroot, Kaleb Uhl, Collin Ziska

### School activities

Thursday, Jan. 16 — G/B BB vs. Randolph, JV games 4:30 p.m. rolling schedule; TeamMates recognition night at halftime.

Friday, Jan. 17 — B WR at Archbishop Bergan, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18 — JH BB tourney at Homer, 9 a.m.; Lewis & Clark Conference Honor Band; Speech meet at Wisner, TBD.

Monday, Jan. 20 — G WR at Battle Creek; JH GB at Winnebago, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 — JH GB at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, 3 p.m.; G/B BB vs. Tri County NE, 4:45 p.m. JV start w/ rolling schedule; Dance Team performs, boys' varsity halftime.

Thursday, Jan. 23 — G WR at Winside, TBD; B WR Conference meet at Winside, 11 a.m.; JH BB vs. Wakefield, 3 p.m.; G/B BB at Walthill, G JV 4 p.m. start w/ rolling schedule.

Friday, Jan. 24 — G/B BB vs. Omaha Nation, 4:45 p.m. JV start w/ rolling schedule; Cheer Camp performs, girls' varsity halftime.

## Dakota City News

### Dakota City Public Library

Book Club is currently reading "When I Found You" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The group will discuss this book in February. During their monthly meeting in January, the group went through a list of suggested titles and selected books that they would like to read in 2025. New members are welcome to join anytime. Extra books are usually available to be able to read along with the group.

Story Hour will be Thursday, Jan. 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for all area school age children. This month's theme is Pizza and the group will listen to "Pete's a Pizza" by William Steig.

Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, contact library staff or a Friends member.

The Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

## Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

### Honor rolls announced

The first semester academic honor rolls at Emerson-Hubbard Schools were announced recently.

Earning High Honor Roll honors for first semester were:

Sixth Grade — Ty Nielsen.  
Seventh Grade — Madyx Beacom, Karlee Duncan, Abe Mueller.  
Eighth Grade — DeLaney Fuchser,

Drayden Nielsen.

Freshmen — Allyson Belt, Madelyn Franzluebbers, Keegan Hightree, Isabella Maise, Chloe Peters.

Sophomores — Ivy Martineck, Jayda Stallbaum.

Juniors — Emelia Herral, Thatcher Lamp.

Seniors — Kimberly Ahlers, Jackson Belt, Myleah Mackling, Rylinn Mitchell, Mica Tornez, Alejandro Usngan.  
Making the Honor Roll list were:

Seventh Grade — Grayson Anderson, Curtis Kearnes, Lux Mackling, Easton Millard, Jack Olson, Erika Ramos.

Eighth Grade — Benjamin Bousquet, Isabella Dewaele.

Freshmen — Logan Morgan, Cy Mueller.

Sophomores — Joslyn Mackling, Shaelynn Miller, Emily Mitchel, Jamil Usngan.

Juniors — Rachel Bousquet, Makayla Horak, Ava Luber, Jenni Olson, Drayden Zayas.



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