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STAR CALENDAR

Correction

In the Jan. 16 edition of the Dakota County Star, the headline on the story regarding the Cardinal Vision project incorrectly noted the per-taxpayer cost at \$40 a year. The cost is \$40 a month. The Dakota County Star apologizes for the error.

Cardinal Preschool registration available

The Cardinal Preschool is located at E.N. Swett Elementary School. The South Sioux City Community School District is committed to providing a free preschool education to students who live in the community and have reached age 4 on or before July 31, 2025.

Early Registration until Friday, Feb. 21. Please call or visit the registrar between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday to get your child registered for Preschool.

The registration staff will be at EN Swett Preschool (2300 C St.) during Parent-Teacher Conferences from 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 12-13, specifically for Early Preschool Registration.

Chamber Coffee Friday

This week's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by the South Sioux City Marriott Riverfront and will be held at 385 East Fourth St..

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

City Council meeting

The City Council of South Sioux City will meet on Monday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda is available at [www.southsiouxcity.org](http://www.southsiouxcity.org).

Got an event?

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

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## Restaurant has until May to change its color

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

A little-known color palette guiding the look of businesses along Dakota Avenue may force a local business owner to repaint their building.

At Monday's Public Works Committee meeting, the group passed along an unfavorable recommendation by the city's Design Committee for the turquoise-dominant paint scheme at Malli's La Casa Del Taco, located at 710 Dakota Ave.

The business, which originated from a food truck and was converted into its present location, has long used the color to highlight its Mexican heritage and is a part of the Malli's brand, according to its owner, Mariana Nuno. She said her husband, Jose Luis, painted the building himself, changing it from its old orange color.

What the couple didn't realize, however, is that the city prefers more muted, earth-tone colors and the turquoise building falls outside of the preferred color palette the Design

Commission has recommended for Dakota Avenue businesses the past 20 years.

Nuno stated her case during Monday's Public Works meeting, saying that the business has long been identified by its unique blue color structure.

"It is the color we designed with the food truck when we first started the business," she said. "My husband and I talked about the color, and we want to keep it that color because customers know us from the name and the color."

Councilman and committee member Randy Meyer, who is also on the Design Committee, said that the color falls well outside the palette the committee has approved since it was first put together 20 years ago.

"The color was looked at, and it was so far outside of scope that the Design Committee decided it was unfavorable and requested that it be repainted by May 1," he said, adding that while the reason for the color choice was understood, bright colors have been used as an accent, as opposed to painting an entire building.

Mayor Rod Koch said that the Design Committee was formed years ago to give some consistency to the look of Dakota Avenue.

"It was something that was thought would be easier for new businesses coming in to integrate with everybody else," he said. "We had no rules before, and at the end of the day we got complaints from the citizens about the consistency of the look along Dakota Avenue."

Nuno said they were unaware of such a thing when they moved into the building and turned it into the restaurant that was open last year, and requested that they be allowed to keep the turquoise color, but the committee went ahead and agreed with the Design Committee's initial recommendation.

Meyer said the Design Committee has looked at making changes to the color palette and send a notice to all property owners along Dakota Avenue.

Also at Monday's meeting, the owner of the recently-purchased property at Martin Airfield told the Public Works committee that

he was going to remove the cattle from the property, which had become a concern after he requested to change the zoning of the property from C-3 to C-4.

Chance Bracht told the committee that he was going to move the approximate 100 head of cattle off the property so that they can move forward with the C-4 zoning request. The City Council will make that decision at its Jan. 22 meeting.

The committee also went over a city ordinance regarding excused absences of City Council members after concerns were raised about the number of absences at recent meetings, all of which were excused although some were not reported prior to the meeting.

City Administrator Lance Hequist said that Council members are "required to have a reason (for the absence) so you can make an informed decision as to whether it is excused or not."

Board members were encouraged to contact Hedquist before the meeting if they are unable to be in attendance.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

The wrecking ball does its work on the old grain elevator at 24th Street and Fourth Avenue as Siouxland Transload begins work to clear out the elevator and make way for future expansion.

## Old elevator meets the wrecking ball

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

A long-standing part of the South Sioux City skyline is being brought down to ground level.

Demolition began last week on a 120-foot tall grain elevator near the corner of 24th Street and Fourth Avenue that will be part of a future expansion project by Siouxland Transload.

The company bought the property from Brad Cummings in the summer of 2023, and the need for more space led to the decision to bring down the decades-old elevator.

"It will come down to about a 20-foot elevation and then we'll chip away at it throughout the summer and it should be completely gone by the

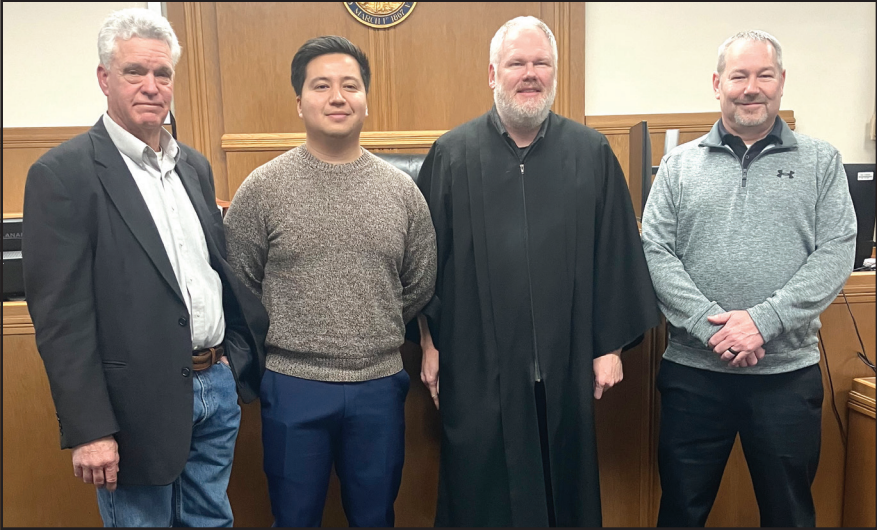
fall," said Chris Baltushis, terminal manager.

Specific plans are not available at the present time, Baltushis said, but the company is looking toward the future and wants to adapt to whatever challenges are ahead for the company, which transloads bulk liquid product from truck to rail and has customers all over the United States.

## NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SWORN IN

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Three new members of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners were sworn in Thursday by District Court Judge Bryan C. Meisner (third from left). New members sworn in were (from left) Rick Bousquet, Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobo and Jeff Reed.



## Fire Department kept busy in '24

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

The South Sioux City Fire Department had its busiest year ever in 2024, according to numbers released by Chief Doug Koopman recently.

The fire department answered 1,559 calls last year, an increase of 4.87 percent over last year. By comparison, 10 years ago the department answered only 700 calls.

Chief Koopman said the numbers are impressive for the department.

"It's actually a small increase in comparison to other cities," he told the Star. "You can generally expect a 2-to-5 percent growth as more people move into the area."

Adding to the numbers is the number of times the department's paramedic unit is called into rural areas around the county.

"Rural departments have gotten more comfortable with calling us to assist on paramedic issues and we provide that, which brings a higher level of care to them before the patient gets to the hospital," Koopman said.

The department had 192 fire calls to go with 1,367 EMS calls last year. The fire calls included five structure fires, five cooking fires, five vehicle fires, four outside rubbish fires and five trash or dumpster fires.

The department's paramedics also provided 43 advanced life support intercepts to mutual aid partners with basic life support capabilities. There were 15 mutual aid calls the department answered, and they put out 27 mutual aid calls.

A special election that moved sales tax dollars to help the department hire three full-time staff members has helped take some of the pressure off the department.

"We are a little below the recommended per-1,000 population as far as number of full-time staff, but we've been able to increase both that and our volunteer base," Koopman said. "We have 13 full-time, nine volunteer and four full-time staff right now. That's about four per shift, and we'd like to get that to five per shift."

Koopman has plans to start a volunteer academy this spring to try to pick up more volunteers. A new ambulance purchase is on tap for this spring and the city is looking to upgrade the HAAS system that alerts people using navigational maps in their vehicles of vehicles responding to a call so they can slow down and move out of the way.



## Immigrant groups brace for deportation

By NATALIA ALAMDARI  
Flatwater Free Press

Five hundred teachers, principals and superintendents across the state logged onto a Zoom call last week wondering: What do we do if immigration raids affect our school?

What do we do if Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers enter our school's front door?

What should our students know about their rights?

And what if there's a workplace raid, and our students are left alone because their parents have been detained?

"Your obligation is to your students' rights," ACLU Nebraska attorney Dylan Severino said on the two-hour call. "It's not to ICE."

Advocates, lawyers, local leaders and Nebraska immigrants have spent the months

since Election Day preparing for workplace raids, separated families and ICE presence at courthouses.

They are leading "know your rights" info sessions in Lexington and passing out planning pamphlets in Grand Island. Immigration attorneys are fielding calls from Lincoln churches and schools in Schuyler asking whether their buildings are safe. Grassroots groups are meeting on Zoom to create contingency plans.

All are bracing for President Donald Trump's promise of the "largest deportation operation in American history."

"It's like preparing for a storm. You board up your house, you take precautions," said Elsa R. Aranda, director of the League of United Latin

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## LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy National Weather Service  
FOR WEEK OF JAN. 23-29, 2025

### THURSDAY



21 6

Mostly sunny.

### FRIDAY



38 21

Cloudy skies.

### SATURDAY



33 10

Mostly cloudy.

### SUNDAY



33 17

Partly cloudy.

### MONDAY



42 23

Mostly sunny skies.

### TUESDAY



46 28

Sunny.

### WEDNESDAY



45 23

Mostly sunny.



# New Stage Players presents “Hands on a Hardbody”

Get ready for a high-stakes drama of endurance, grit, and the American Dream as New Stage Players proudly presents the gripping new musical, “Hands on a Hardbody,” based on the true story of a Texas car dealership competition where contestants must keep one hand on a brand-new truck to win it.

“Hands on a Hardbody” is based on the real-life “Hands on a Hardbody” contest, capturing the raw emotions and desperate measures people take to win a life-changing prize.

Follow a diverse cast of characters, each with their own unique struggles and motivations, as they battle it out in a grueling test of physical and mental stamina. With a powerful country-infused score, the musical delves deep into the hopes and dreams of the contestants as they fight to stay in the competition.

Performances will be at the Southern Hills Mall, located at 4400 Sergeant Road, Suite 520 in Sioux City. Performance dates will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-26 and Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at [www.newstageplayers.com](http://www.newstageplayers.com).



Former South Sioux City High School student **Esdras Majia Par** is part of the cast of the New Stage Players presentation of “Hands on a Hardbody” that is coming soon.



## DEPORTATION: groups bracing for Trump-promised deportation

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American Citizens of Nebraska. Only in this case, “you assign people to have access to your bank account. You say, ‘my sister-in-law is authorized to take care of my children.’ “We don’t want to incite fear. But we also cannot run and hide.”

Deportation on the scale that Trump and his allies have described could impact the more than 150,000 foreign-born immigrants living in Nebraska, say immigration attorneys – the undocumented workers in fields and factories; the teens waiting for hearings in their asylum cases; community members who have lived here legally for decades on temporary protected status; mixed-status families made up of children born in the U.S. with undocumented parents.

“It’s not just documented vs. undocumented,” said Kevin Ruser, who runs the Nebraska College of Law’s Immigration Clinic. “You’ve got shades of gray in here ... it’s way, way more complicated than that.”

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One Saturday morning a month, 700 families line up in the parking lot of First-Plymouth Congregational Church to receive food bank distributions.

First-Plymouth sits in Lincoln’s Near South neighborhood, where a quarter of residents speak English as their second language. The church houses a bilingual early childhood center.

“Those families are coming into our building every day,” said Juan Carlos Huertas, a First-Plymouth minister. “We want to make sure it remains a safe space.”

Huertas and church leaders are talking to immigration attorneys to answer the question: What happens if ICE tries to come into church?

ICE has long avoided sensitive

spaces like churches, hospitals and schools. But the Trump administration is considering reversing that policy.

“We’re just watching what happens, and making sure that we’re just responding to actual facts on the ground,” Huertas said. “That’s all we can do.”

Trump has repeatedly said that deportations will ramp up on Day 1 of his presidency. Main deportation targets include migrants with criminal records, and those who have already been court-ordered to leave. But there are other subgroups of documented immigrants Trump has said he’d try to deport as well.

He has said he will end temporary protected status, a program that since 1990 has allowed people to remain in the U.S. if natural disasters or armed conflict keep them from safely returning home. In Nebraska, there were an estimated 1,700 people on temporary protected status in 2018, says the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-based immigrant advocacy group. Some have lived in the state for decades.

Trump tried to roll back temporary protected status during his last presidency, but was challenged in court.

Also murky: The fate of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. In Nebraska, there are about 2,620 DACA recipients, often called “Dreamers.”

The confusion is widespread, both urban and rural, said Roxana Cortes-Mills, associated legal director for the Omaha-based Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement.

“People who are experiencing this uncertainty are in every pocket ... across the state,” she said.

A new poll of Americans suggests broad agreement on removing immigrants here illegally with criminal records, with 87 percent saying they

should be deported. A slight majority, 55 percent, support deporting all immigrants here illegally in the Ipsos poll. But Americans’ support erodes when asked about deporting children or Dreamers. Only 34 percent support “ending protection from deportation for immigrants who were children when they entered the U.S. illegally.”

It’s also unclear if the country’s immigration system can handle deportations on the scale the newly inaugurated president is proposing.

Omaha’s immigration court is so backlogged that some already wait four years for a hearing, said Ruser with the Nebraska College of Law. Dump more cases into that system and “they’re going to be setting hearings 10 years out.”

“It’s going to completely overwhelm an already overwhelmed system,” Ruser said.

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Superintendent Steve Joel’s phone started ringing in the pre-dawn hours a few days before Christmas 2006.

ICE officers had just raided Grand Island’s meatpacking plant, then owned by Swift & Company, and detained 250 suspected undocumented workers.

Joel and the Grand Island Public Schools district he then ran were left with kids who had both parents picked up by ICE. Frightened students refused to go home. Teenagers were tasked with taking care of their younger siblings. In the weeks following, families were scared to return to school. At one point, Joel sent principals door to door, trying to convince families it was safe to come back.

“It tore the guts out of the Grand Island community,” Joel said. “We had to create a plan on the fly. The message that I’m trying to present to superintendents and school boards is, you need to stay out of the politics and you need to stay focused on the most important responsibility that you have. And that’s the kids.”

Trump and his advisers have promised to bring back workplace raids, which slowed under the Biden administration.

Gov. Jim Pillen, along with 25 other Republican governors, has pledged to follow the president’s lead, whether through state law enforcement or deploying the National Guard.

In the past 20 years, Nebraska has seen two large-scale raids: The 2006 Grand Island raid and a 2018 raid of a tomato greenhouse and potato processing plant in O’Neill.

Advocates and lawyers who remember those incidents are preparing for more like them.

“We know what worked and what

didn’t,” the ACLU’s Severino said. “And what worked was people being educated.”

In Lexington, where 41 percent of the community is foreign-born, nonprofits have hosted “know your rights” presentations at the public library, walking people through what to do if they encounter ICE. Rocio Casanova, secretary of the local nonprofit El Camino, is leading a citizenship class in February for residents seeking permanent citizenship.

“People feel safe at the library,” said Casanova, who also works at the Lexington Public Library. “We want to continue that.”

ACLU Nebraska is lining up volunteer attorneys to respond if a workplace raid hits Nebraska. The Omaha-based CIRA is circulating a pamphlet for families to prepare them if a member is arrested in a raid or being deported.

“It’s almost more of an estate planning process than an immigration process,” Ruser said. “But we would be doing a disservice to folks if we didn’t encourage them to think about stuff like that.”

In the Zoom call the week before inauguration, CIRA and the ACLU walked Nebraska teachers and principals through preparations.

If ICE shows up to school with a subpoena, take the time to verify it’s valid and contact your superintendent and school attorney, Severino said.

Students should try to stay polite and calm, even in a stressful situation, and they should know their rights, he said.

If a workplace raid leaves schools in the care of kids whose parents are now detained, you must have a plan, lawyers said. The group plans to soon hold similar sessions for business owners, hospitals and nonprofits.

In Lexington, Casanova says she can already see her community dividing between Trump voters and not, and those worried about immigration raids in Lexington versus those who believe deportations won’t affect the town of 10,816.

“Some people are preparing. They’re scared. They’re like, what do I need to do in order for me and my family to be safe? Do we stay home? Don’t go out?” Casanova said. “And then there are others who are like, ‘no, we shouldn’t be worried, we’re fine. Nothing like this is going to happen.”

“A lot of us are feeling a little bit overwhelmed,” she said, “and a little bit divided, too.”

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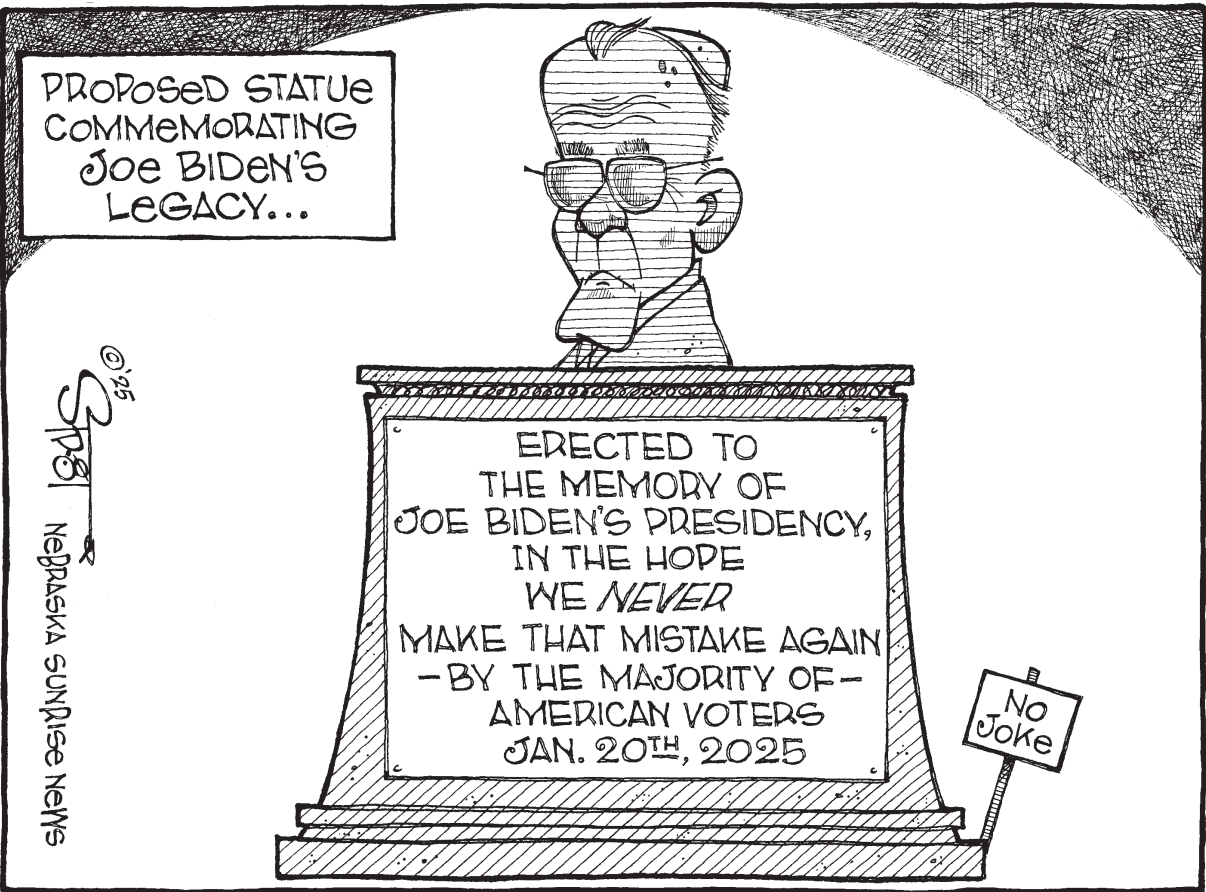
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Closing the book on Biden's failures

This week, America is closing the book on President Biden's record of failures. His policies gave our country high prices and overregulation. The American dream became less attainable for hardworking families. Biden's overspending, bureaucratic overreach, and anti-energy policies caused this. I'm working with President Trump to cut the red tape and provide relief.

The Biden administration's reckless, partisan spending sent inflation through the roof. Consumer prices have increased more than 20 percent. Families are now paying over \$13,000 per year for the same quality of life they had when he took office. Wages haven't kept up. Put simply, this means Nebraskans are worse off economically than they were four years ago.

The Biden Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) attacked American energy production in favor of Green New Deal policies. EPA Bureaucrats disregarded Nebraska biofuels in favor of delusional EV mandates. They pushed regulations like the "Clean Power Plan," which would lead to the closure of power plants across the country. They pushed a new "Waters of the United States" rule which tried to claim farm ponds and drainage ditches were "navigable waters."

Biden cancelled oil and gas lease sales, preventing American companies from utilizing our natural resources. And in the closing weeks of his failed administration, he banned new oil and gas drilling in U.S.

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coastal waters. This anti-energy record meant higher energy prices for hardworking Americans.

Overregulation also raised prices for families and job-creators. In just four years, the Biden administration finalized over 5,000 new regulations. This year alone, over 100,000 pages of new rules were finalized. That's the most pages of new rules in our nation's history. Stacked on top of one another, they would be 33 feet tall. That's as tall as a three-story building.

This flood of federal regulations cost families and slowed economic growth. One estimate found that families would pay an extra \$3,300 per year for as long as Biden's regulations continued to exist. Another study estimated they would impose \$1.7 trillion in cumulative costs on our economy. This includes adding over 300 million man-hours of new compliance costs for businesses and consumers. That's a crazy amount of new paperwork. Small businesses and American families paid the price.

Overregulation accounts for nearly 25 percent of the cost of a single-family home. For a typical apartment development, it's even worse. Regu-

lations account for 40 percent of the cost. These unnecessary rules make it harder and more expensive to build homes. That means fewer families can achieve the American dream.

Nebraskans understand the importance of hard work. We understand the importance of living within our means. We decide priorities to balance our pocketbooks. Nebraska families deserve better than to be buried in higher costs and red tape.

Relief is coming. Under President Trump and Republican leadership, America will get back to innovating instead of regulating. We will support markets instead of mandates. We will cut taxes, unleash American energy, and cut the red tape. We will support job-creators. And we will make the American dream more attainable for hardworking families.

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Change — the word of the day at the Star

"One word can bring you 'round — changes." — Yes

The late self-help guru James Arthur Ray once said, "Change is growth. If you're not growing, you're dying."

Not being one who wants to mess around with death, the start of some changes taking place at the Dakota County Star is on my mind this week.

Being a two-person operation and running a county-wide weekly newspaper is not for the faint of heart. Laury Mahr, my office assistant, and I are rarely asleep at the wheel with all that we are doing to make sure Dakota County's award-winning newspaper is putting something together each week.

We do the work of many more than the two of us — Laury handles the front office, makes sure subscriptions are updated, helps out with deliveries and makes sure such things as legal notices, advertising and our weekly Reflections look back at the past is kept up to date. She's a rock star and her knowledge of the people in our community is a big help for a newcomer like me.

As far as I'm concerned — it would be better if I had multiple-personality disorder so that I could better juggle my duties, which include publisher, editor, reporter, photographer, graphic designer, page designer, advertising representative, sports writer, website guru, paperboy and occasional director of postal procurement (I pick up the mail when Laury's not here).

As you can see, this is not for the faint of heart. So, with that in mind, I'm starting to search for individuals who might have some of these skills available and want to be part of a team that is driven to succeed and, at the same time, have a little fun.

Helping out in the writing department is an important position, as I have multiple things going on and can't always be in more than one place at a time. We've brought back Amy Buster to help out with some freelance writing, and she'll be covering some meetings and events.

I'm looking for some help with securing advertising in the Dakota County business community. If you're good at talking with people and helping businesses in the community get noticed, there is an ad in this week's Classifieds page to check out.

You'll also see some new additions to the paper, starting with this week as we begin to bring some of the City of South Sioux City directors in to talk about their responsibilities within the city. Library Director Cicely Douglas is going to offer a monthly update on what's going on at the li-

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes Star Publisher



brary, and we will continue to have Dan Nieman's weekly column about events and items to read as well.

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We've got a lot of changes planned to make the Dakota County Star your local information source, so keep reading and, if you haven't already done so, subscribe and look out for the changes coming 'round.

Speaking of change — aren't we glad the Biden regime has FINALLY been shown the door?

As bad as the last four years were, the final days seemed like a non-stop disaster as the previous Idiot in Chief seemed hell-bent on leaving the place a figurative mess.

The only thing Biden DIDN'T do in his final moments was to give clemency to every individual currently sitting in a prison cell. He pardoned more criminals in his final days than any President in history, and more than the previous nine regimes COMBINED. Had Charles Manson still been alive, I'm sure Biden would have given him an open door out of Alcatraz.

And before liberals run to the "Yeah, but Trump just pardoned everybody involved in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the White House" card — the vast majority of those who were arrested and/or convicted did nothing in comparison to those who Biden pardoned.

And Biden even went so far as to grant pardons to people who, as of yet, haven't even been formally accused of any criminal activity. Biden's family, Dr. Anthony Fauci . . . if they didn't commit a crime, why do they need a pardon?

Biden's four years in the White House will unquestionably go down as the most corrupt in this nation's long history. Additionally, the Democratic Party's relevance in American politics has taken a beating that will

take a long time to recover. He was the WORST . . . PRESIDENT EVER and there is no arguing that truth.

Good riddance, Sleepy Joe.

The next couple of weeks are going to be interesting as liberals continue their unwhinging from their version of reality.

New York Congressmen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Hakeem Jeffries are already out in front on their lunacy, claiming that the recently-introduced Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act is an open door to child predators who could, according to them, use examination of a child's genitals as an open door to their disgusting acts.

There is nothing in the bill regarding this possibility, but lunatics will be lunatics and so they continue to chirp this stupidity.

Who re-elected these dimwits, anyway?

One more thought before I try to thaw out from this week's subzero temperatures:

One of the dumbest questions that I think could be asked is "What if?"

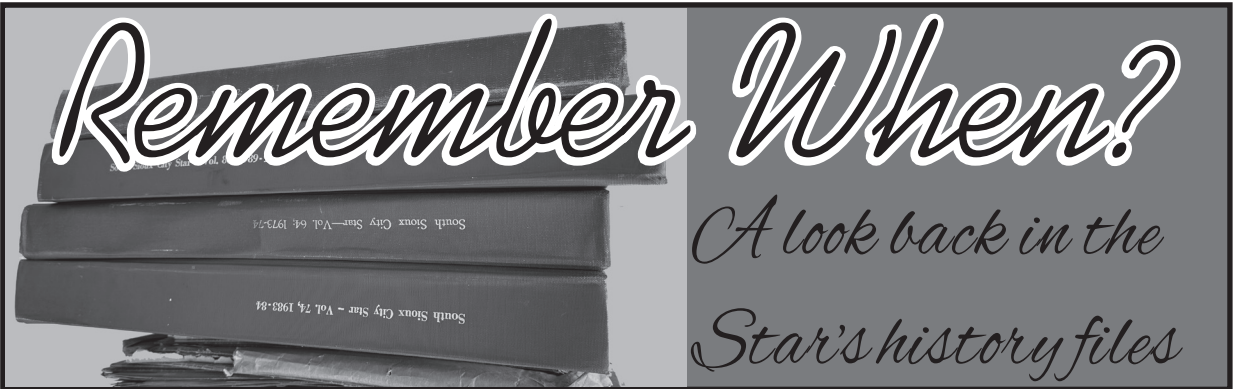
It's a question that comes up often when one is trying to make a major decision. Whether it's a business decision, a personal decision or something else, a lot of times it's the one thing that stops somebody from making that decision.

For example . . . "What if" I didn't buy this newspaper? Where would this paper be? Where would I be?

Or . . . "What if" a certain politician — any one will do — wasn't elected to a certain office? Governor, President, Mayor . . . if we elect a different leader, are the outcomes the same? Probably not.

The phrase can lock someone in a corner to the point where it becomes paralysis by analysis — so much time is spent thinking about all the "What ifs" that the wrong decision, or even no decision, ends up being made.

Stop spending time thinking about all the "what ifs" you can ponder about a big decision in your life. Like the great Dr. Wayne Dyer said — "Move forward now. The future is not promised to anyone."



10 YEARS AGO

JAN. 22, 2015

Restocking of Crystal Cove

On Jan. 15, 3,900 fish were restocked into Crystal Cove Lake. Twice a year, once in the winter and once in the fall, the Nebraska Game and Parks restocks the lake for the next fishing season. The fish stocked this time were just over 18 months old.

20 YEARS AGO

JAN. 20, 2005

Redmond offers response

In less than 60 days District Court Judge Maurice Redmond of South Sioux City will have his day in court to retort a 17-point complaint that was filed by the Nebraska Commission of Judicial Qualifications in November. But before the special hearing that will take place in front of Lancaster County District Judge Paul D. Merritt at the courthouse at Dakota City on March 29, Redmond has responded to the improprieties in question even acknowledging in that at one time, his actions did knowingly violate the Nebraska Code of Judicial Conduct. In court documents filed 10 days ago with the Nebraska Supreme Court Clerk's Office at the State Capitol in Lincoln, Redmond admits that the Nebraska Commission on Judicial Qualifications has found "probable cause to make a formal complain against" him.

30 YEARS AGO

JAN. 19, 1995

Deputies wreck on call

Foggy weather is believed to be a contributing factor in a Friday night accident involving two Dakota County Sheriff's vehicles. According to Sheriff James Wagner, two deputies were responding to a personal-injury accident in Jackson when one crashed into the back of the other. The two county cars were eastbound on Highway 35 when the first one, driven by Deputy Dale Davis, 25, of rural Jackson, slowed to make a left turn. His vehicle was struck from behind by a patrol car driven by Deputy Kenneth Blaker of Dakota City. Wagner said both officers had activated their flashing emergency lights but Davis turned his off just before attempting the left-hand turn. Davis has been with the sheriff's department for about four months, Wagner said, and is still on probation. Blacker is a nine-year veteran of the department.

40 YEARS AGO

JAN. 24, 1985

Maximum cost established for burial of indigents

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners Monday published a \$731.50 maximum cost for county burials. The new figure represents a

hike of \$131.50 over previous \$600 maximum for adults in effect during the year 1984. The maximum enforced in both 1980 and 1981 for adults had been \$550, but the amount was raised in 1982. The board's consensus was the least costly way, obviously, was cremation to reduce burial costs for indigent county residents. County Attorney Bruce Smith explained state statutes say the county must provide a decent burial, with no dollar amount specified. According to Don McKinney, city administrator of the City of Dakota City, the standard cost of a lot in the Dakota City Cemetery is \$150 for an adult and \$75 for and infant.

50 YEARS AGO

JAN. 23, 1975

Cars collide head on

Joseph Boyle, 311 West 18th St., South Sioux, was cited twice for an accident early Saturday morning according to records at the South Sioux Police Department. Boyle was cited for reckless driving and driving left of center. He was slightly injured in an accident about 2 a.m. at Seventh and Dakota Avenue. Ron Kovarna, Merrill, Iowa, was reportedly northbound on Dakota and Boyle was southbound when the Boyle auto crossed the center line, into the path of the Kovarna vehicle. Kovarna reportedly tried to turn left to avoid the collision and collided approximately head-on. Both vehicles were demolished. Boyle was treated at a Sioux City hospital and dismissed.



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## Harney Elementary earns national honor

South Sioux City's Harney Elementary School was one of two Nebraska schools among 65 across the United States that have been named 2024 National ESEA Distinguished Schools for the extraordinary success of their students.

The National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) — formerly the National Title I Association — has been selecting examples of superior, federally funded school programs for national recognition through the National ESEA Distinguished Schools program since 1996 to celebrate the efforts of schools across the country making significant improvements.

The program has annually acknowledged the success of hundreds of schools in one of three categories:

- Exceptional student performance and academic growth
- Closing the achievement gap between student groups
- Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

Two Nebraska schools were among those chosen for the award. Central Elementary in Kearney was recognized for exceptional student performance and academic growth and Harney Elementary in South Sioux City was recognized for closing the achievement gap between student groups.

The Elementary Secondary Education Act, as signed into law in 2015, is designed to ensure accountability by "maintaining guardrails and protections for the most vulnerable students and directing federal resources toward what works in helping all children learn." Title I is the cornerstone of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) — it is the largest federally funded pre-college education program in the United States. Together with other federal education programs of the ESEA, they provide funding to school districts to aid primarily in the education of economically disadvantaged students. Finally, these programs are jointly focused on student equity and access.

NAESPA implemented the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program to highlight selected schools that have effectively used their ESEA federal funds to improve education outcomes for students.

The 2024 National ESEA Distinguished Schools will be honored at the 2024 National ESEA Conference.



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FROM THE BLEACHERS



By Michael Carnes

So much for new flavors

Watching the NFL playoffs anymore is like going into a Baskin Robbins for some ice cream.

When you walk in, there are all kinds of different flavors of ice cream to choose from — Fruity Tootie, Bubble Gum, Peppermint Stick, Double Chocolate, Pistachio Nut — they’re not kidding when they say they’ve got 31 flavors.

But for as much as those flavors sound exciting and tasty, you end up sticking with the same old strawberry, or chocolate chip, or my favorite — rocky road.

There was a window of opportunity this past weekend to have two teams play for a conference title who have never been to the Super Bowl. In the previous 58 incarnations of the NFL championship game, there are just four teams who have yet to play in the big game, and two of them were in action over the weekend.

The odds were looking great for the Detroit Lions, one of the league’s oldest franchises who hadn’t been in a league championship game for as long as I’ve been alive (maybe even longer). Detroit his flirted with the big-time once or twice, but never been a regular contender until this season, going 15-2 and getting the top seed for the NFC bracket.

Sadly, it wasn’t meant to be for the Lions. A Washington team that came in as the No. 6 seed and upset a scary Tampa Bay team on the road walked into Detroit’s Ford Field and shocked the Lions with a 45-31 victory. Washington will try to finish the unthinkable trifecta with a trip to Philadelphia this weekend.

And then, there’s the AFC, where plain ol’ chocolate and vanilla seems to be all that’s available for consumption.

Every year, it doesn’t matter where they wind up in the bracket, but somehow the Kansas City Chiefs and Buffalo Bills are playing one another, more often than not with the AFC title on the line.

We had a chance to maybe have that apple cart upset last week, but the Houston Texans couldn’t get it done playing 18-on-11. Some of the officiating calls in that game were so awful, it really makes you wonder if all that talk about the league fixing games for the Chiefs is really worth listening to. (Of course, we were saying the same thing when Tom Brady and the New England Patriots were winning all those Super Bowls, so maybe it’s just a goofy coincidence.)

If there is something exciting about these playoffs, it’s the fact that the Chiefs are two wins away from doing what has never been done in the Super Bowl era — winning three straight Super Bowl titles. You have to go back to the Green Bay Packers of the early 1960’s to find the last three-peat in NFL history. The Packers also did the trifecta in the NFL in 1965-66-67, with the last two starting the Super Bowl era with the NFL champion playing the AFL winners.

So this weekend, it’s four flavors — Washington vs. Philly and the Chiefs and Buffalo — none of which are new or tasty, but will taste good enough that we’ll want to come back and maybe give something new a try.

Maybe next year we’ll get that Detroit vs. Cleveland/Jacksonville/Houston Super Bowl to dig our spoons into.

As far as who heads to Super Bowl LIX (59, for those of you who can’t figure out Roman numerals), here’s what The Bleacher Bum’s crystal ball has to say:

**AFC** -- The Chiefs win again over Buffalo, 31-28.

**NFC** -- Washington’s Cinderella story ends with a 34-20 loss to the Eagles.

**SUPER BOWL LIX** -- I’m all about seeing history happen: Chiefs 34, Eagles 31.

SSC TEAMS DEFEATED IN FIRST-ROUND RCC TOURNEY PLAY



It was a rough night at the office Tuesday for the South Sioux City basketball teams as they hosted first-round action in the River Cities Conference tournament. The Lady Cardinals (Bailee Durant firing up a shot at left) dropped a close one to Omaha Duchesne, 50-44, while in boys play (Ahmed Mohamed goes up for two at right) lost a 73-56 decision to Omaha Gross.



(PHOTOS BY LANCE SWANSON)

Lady Card wrestlers outscore West in dual

The South Sioux City girls wrestling team earned a 47-30 win over Sioux City West in a home dual Tuesday at the SSC Mini-Dome.

The Lady Cards won five of the nine contested weight classes and picked up bonus points in all five matches to help outscore West.

Pins came from Aaliyah Barron (110), Fatima Alvarez (120), Mia Caro (135) and Madelynn Bohnet (105), while Ariadne Rocha won by technical fall.

On Saturday, the Lady Cards took a limited roster to Nebraska City and finished eighth in the 12-team Rumble In River Country tournament.

Caitlyn Sohm led the four-medal effort with a

first-place finish at 235 pounds. Ariadne Rocha was second at 120, Yesenia Reyes tok third at 170 and Zulema Godinez was fourth at 190.

SSC 47, Sioux City West 30

110: Aaliyah Barron, SSC, pinned Xzahna Banta, :32. 115: Ariadne Rocha, SSC, tech. fall Josephena Marksbury, 17-2. 120: Fatima Alvarez, SSC, pinned Evey Jackson, :58. 125: Mariah Barillas, SCW, pinned Yailin Reynoso, :56. 130: Lea Medina, SCW, pinned Dayana Arrelano, 5:00. 135: Mia Caro, SSC, pinned Nyamal Koang, 1:35. 140: SSC open. 145: Jolyssa Rodes Perez, SCW, pinned Ngan Le, :17. 155: SSC open. 170: Alexandria Vaul, SCW, pinned Yesenia Reyes, :29. 190: SCW open. 235: SCW open. 100: Both open. 105: Madelynn Bohnet, SSC, pinned Natalie

Sanchez, 2:47.

Rumble In The River Team Standings

Yutan 150, Nebraska City 127, Auburn 120, Crete 117, Fort Calhoun 98, Seward 76, Plattsmouth 71, South Sioux City 59, Waverly 48, Falls City 43, Dorchester 13, Plattview 0.

SSC Medalists

120: 1. Leah Thompson, Yutan, def. Ariadne Rocha, SSC, medical forfeit. 170: 3. Yesenia Reyes, SSC, 1-2 (round robin). 190: 3. Adriana Gomez, Crete, pinned Zulema Godinez, SSC, 2:37. 235: 1. Caitlyn Sohm, SSC, 2-0 (round robin).

Lady Knights suffer first loss before bouncing back

The Homer Lady Knights dropped their first game of the season last Tuesday, but bounced back to get on the winning track again.

The Lady Knights, ranked fourth in Class C-2 by the Omaha World-Herald, traveled to Pender to take on the two-time defending Class D-1 state champions in top-ranked Pender.

Homer got out to an early lead in the first period, but Pender went on a 21-3 run in the second to turn the game around and never looked back in a 54-28 win over the Lady Knights.

Ali Albrecht was the only Lady Knight in double figures, finishing with 11 points. Rylie Harris scored five, Lilly Harris and Tori Walker both had three and Natali Loofoe, Janessa Overgaard and Makenzee Waldee had two points apiece. Hadley Walsh led

all scorers with 20 points for the Lady Pen-

dragons, while Maya Dolliver added 18.

Lilly Harris led in rebounds with five while Albrecht had four. Walker had two assists and Loofoe grabbed a pair of steals.

Homer had no trouble bouncing back on Thursday, rolling to a 65-13 win over Randolph. The Lady Knights led 25-6 after one quarter and 45-8 at the half on their way to the easy win and a 13-1 record.

Lilly Harris led a balanced effort with 15 points, followed by Walker with 14 and Loofoe with 10. Ali Albrecht had nine points, Addison Ziska scored seven, Brooklyn Hightree had three, Waldee and Jovee Valentin each had two and Macy Vanschoiack kicked in a free throw.

Albrecht led in assists with seven and steals with eight. Walker had five rebounds and Overgaard added four.

(PHOTO BY MIKE RASMUSSEN)

Homer’s Tori Walker drives the lane for two points in the Lady Knights’ 65-13 home win over Randolph.



Muskies Minute

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

Musketeers sweep Fargo, jump into third place

Courtesy Sioux City Musketeers

While the outside temperature was freezing in Fargo, the Musketeers play on the ice was hot as they used the stellar play of goaltender Samuel Urban to sweep the defending Clark Cup Champion Fargo Force.

Fargo fired off 28 shots on Friday night, none of them found the back of the net. Rather the glove, blocker, sweater or leg pads of Musketeers goalie Samuel Urban who pitched his second shutout of the campaign.

Urban was aided with first period goals from Justin Stupka and Easton Hewson which handed him a 2-0 lead that stretched into the third period before Dallas Vieau gave the game it’s final tally of 3-0.

In front of an announced sold out

crowd Saturday, the Musketeers kept the Fargo fans to a quiet murmur most of the night with a commanding 6-2 victory.

Tate Pritchard and Musketeers leading goal scorer Giacomo Martino handed Sioux City a 2-0 lead after the first period.

The Musketeers then used a three-goal middle frame to run away with the contest. Martino notched his team leading 17th goal of the year and was followed by Stupka and Jake Delaney tallies.

A Trey Jeffers goal in the third period put the game away once and for all and cemented the Musketeers sweep over the Force. It’s the first time the Musketeers have swept the Force at Schools Arena since January of 2022.

Back in net following his shutout the previous night, Urban turned away 29 of 31 shots. Urban collected a 1.00 GAA and a 0.966 save percentage to earn him the USHL Goalie of the Week award.

With the sturdy play of Urban, the Musketeers have climbed into a third-place tie with the Force with both teams having accrued 42 points and are 6-2-1-1 over their last 10 games. Since the calendar turned to 2025 the Musketeers are 5-0-1.

Urban and the Musketeers return home to Sioux City for a pair of home games, beginning on Friday night at 7:05 p.m. when they host the Omaha Lancers at the Tyson Events Center.



Samuel Urban had a solid week in goal for the Musketeers, including a 3-0 shutout Friday where he stopped all 28 Fargo shots. He stopped 57 of 59 shots by the Force to key Sioux City’s weekend sweep.

Ponca boys split vs. MSC foes

The Ponca boys basketball team stumbled this past week, losing two of three games.

Last Tuesday, the Indians got past Guardian Angels Central Catholic in a 40-26 conference tilt. It was a defensive struggle throughout, but Ponca was able to ride the game-high 18 points of Zain Stark to the home victory.

On Thursday, the Indians headed north and dropped a 55-50 decision to South Dakota’s Elk Point-Jefferson.

Tucker McGill led the Indians with a game-high 19 points while Stark and Trystan Bevelhymmer added 11 points apiece. Ben Prouty led EPJ with 16 points.

On Saturday, the Indians dropped a close one at home to Boone Central, with the Cardinals winning 55-47 in a Mid State Conference battle.

Ponca led early, but Boone Central bounced back to take a one-point halftime lead and held Ponca off down the stretch to get the win.

McGill and Bevelhymmer paced Ponca with 16 points each, while Austin Dendinger put in 11 points.

TCNE girls battles with injuries

It was a rough week for the Tri County Lady Wolfpack last week, both on the court and off.

Illness and injury took a bite out of the team’s roster and it impacted their effort in losses to Winnebago, Hartington-Newcastle and Stanton.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Wolfpack dropped a 68-48 decision at Winnebago. The Lady Wolfpack had cut a 13-point halftime deficit down to 10 going to the fourth quarter, but couldn’t maintain the momentum as they went down to defeat.

Briley Anderson led the way with 15 points and Joslyn Mackling added 10. Mica Tornez put in eight, Emily Mitchell had six, Myleah Mackling scored five and Sam Rastede had four.

Tornez and Anderson both had nine rebounds and Anderson had three assists and four steals.

On Thursday, the Lady Wolfpack dropped a 59-24 decision at Stanton.

Tornez scored 14 of the team’s points in the contest. Bre Millard had three, Rastede, Kristina Houge and Grace Ankeny each had two and Maddie Franzluebbers scored a free throw.

Tornez had 15 rebounds in the game, a season high. Rastede and Mitchell both had two assists.

On Friday, the TCNE girls dropped a 53-36 decision at Hartington-Newcastle.

Anderson led the way with 13 points, Joslyn Mackling added eight, Rastede had six, Rylinn Mitchell scored five and Emily Mitchell had four.

Anderson led in rebounds with nine and Tornez had five. Mackling had three assists and Emily Mitchell had four steals.



# Battle of No. 1's turns into a rout in RCC finals

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

The curtain on the marquee match-up of the night in the River Cities Conference tournament fell almost as quickly as it came up.

The top-ranked 215-pounders in Class A and Class B closed the annual conference meet Thursday at the SSC Mini-Dome, and the excitement of watching two of the top wrestlers in the state was quickly tamped down by a dominating effort by Omaha Skutt senior Cade Ziola.

Ziola, who recently committed to wrestle at Nebraska and is No. 1 in Class B, was relentless after an exciting first period, needing just 96 seconds of the second period to rack up a 21-5 technical fall over Palmer, who is the man to beat in Class A, to claim the conference title and finish off another conference championship for the Skyhawks.

The two wrestlers attacked and countered throughout a scoreless first period. Ziola won the toss and immediately took the down position, and 17 seconds into the period was able to reverse on the edge of the match.

Ziola conceded an escape to get both wrestlers in the neutral position, then executed a quick ankle pick to bring Palmer down for the first time this season.

Ziola recorded two more take-downs and a four-point nearfall to build 15-3 lead going to the third period, and recorded two more take-downs on the Cardinal senior to finish off the technical fall 44 seconds into the third period, handing Palmer (34-1) his first loss of the season.

Coach Jacob Renken said it was hard to keep up with the relentless attack Ziola put on Palmer.

"We didn't get to our offense the way we wanted to," he said. "I think we had an adrenaline dump that first

period and we couldn't come back when you have somebody that's so offensive like that."

On the bright side, Thursday's humbling might serve Palmer well heading into the final six weeks of the season.

"It'll put a fire under him, that's for sure," Renken said. "This is the first time he's been taken down all season, so I think it's going to help him more than anything."

As a team, the Cardinals finished third in the five-team, round-robin competition, a result that left Renken disappointed.

"It wasn't our best day today," he said. "We lost some matches that I felt we should have won today. We're getting better, but this was a step back and we'll come back from it."

The Cardinals did come away with a pair of champions. DJ Helms dominated in the heavyweight division, winning all three matches on first-period pins, and Adrian Curiel claimed top honors at 190 pounds.

Palmer and Johnny Garcia (157) finished second in their weight classes. Thirds went to Bryan Bartolo-Lopez (113), William Messerlie (132), Erick Moreno (138) and Bodey Bligh (150).

**River Cities Conference Team Standings**

Omaha Skutt 176.5, Mount Michael 130, South Sioux City 84, Omaha Gross 59, Omaha Roncalli 33.

**SSC Results (all round-robin)**

106: Kenny Mavalong, 1-3, 4th. 113: Bryan Bartolo-Lopez, 0-2, 3rd. 120: Cristian Navarro, 1-3, 4th. 126: Riggan Ferris, 1-3, 4th. 132: William Messerlie, 2-2, 3rd. 138: Erick Moreno, 1-2, 3rd. 144: Tristan Lounsbury, 0-4, 5th. 150: Bodey Bligh, 2-2, 3rd. 157: Johnny Garcia, 1-1, 2nd. 165: Dominick Delgado, 0-3, 4th. 175: Cooper Ferris, 0-3, 4th. 190: Adrian Curiel, 2-0, 1st.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

South Sioux City senior Tony Palmer controls Cade Ziola of Omaha Skutt during the second period of their 215-pound matchup during Thursday's River Cities Conference tournament at the SSC Mini-Dome. Ziola, a Nebraska wrestling recruit, dominated the match with a technical fall, handing Palmer his first loss of the season.

215: Tony Palmer, 2-1, 2nd. 285: DJ Helms, 3-0, 1st.

**Dual Result**

**South Sioux City 52, Sioux City West 21**

285: SCW open. 106: SCW open. 113: Both open. 120: SCW open. 126: Daniel Meza, SCW, pinned Riggan Ferris, 3:08. 132: Brayden Elies, SCW, pinned Aiden Tinajero, SSC, :53. 138: SCW open. 144: Trenton Baker, SCW, dec. Tristan Lounsbury, 11-4. 150: SCW open. 157: Johnny Garcia, SSC, tech. fall Jaelonni Small, 16-1. 165: Dominick Delgado, SSC, pinned Adrian Bell, :39. 175: Alonso Cota, SCW, def. Cooper Ferris, injury def.190: Adrian Curiel, SSC, tech. fall Koltynn Frisbe,

21-5. 215: Tony Palmer, SSC, pinned Jayson Joseph, 1:00.

**Archbishop Bergan Duals Team Standings**

SSC 4-0, Guardian Angels CC 3-1, Archbishop Bergan 2-2, Homer 1-3, Lyons-Decatur NE 0-4.

**Area Results**

**Homer def. LDNE, 36-30**

SSC def. LDNE, 77-6  
GACC def. Homer, 37-28  
SSC def. Homer, 50-24  
SSC def. Bergan, 53-30  
SSC def. GACC, 43-42  
Bergan def. Homer, 46-24



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Ponca's Cole Bostwick works to get away in his fifth-place match at the Battle Creek Invitational. He pinned Carson Tomasek of Stanton in the 175-pound matchup.

## Ponca wrestlers split triangular

The Ponca wrestling team split a Thursday home triangular with Madison and Wakefield before competing in the Battle Creek Invitational on Saturday.

In Thursday action, the Indians beat Wakefield 42-24, getting a win from Tim Ney at heavyweight. They followed that with a 52-18 loss to Madison, with Charlie Watkins picking up a pin at 190 pounds for the only win on the mat.

In Saturday action, the Indians finished 11th of 18 teams at the Battle Creek Invitational and brought home three medalists.

Charlie Watkins was a fourth-place finisher at 190 pounds, while Casey Chadwick and Cole Bostwick finished fifth at 132 and 175 pounds, respectively.

Aiden Simons and Heydon Velez both finished seventh at 120 and 144 pounds, respectively.

Ponca's wrestlers compete in the Mid State Conference meet Saturday in Albion at Boone Central High School.

## TCNE girl grapplers battle at Battle Creek

Tri County Northeast's girls wrestlers saw action Monday at the Battle Creek Invitational.

Tri County Northeast came home with a pair of fourth-place finishes. Jenni Olson lost her consolation match to Azlynn Johnson of Stanton at 100 pounds, while Kiya Tornez was pinned in her consolation match at 145 pounds.

On Saturday, both Olson and Tornez medaled at the Plainview Invitational. Tornez finished as runner-up at 145, falling to Bekah Butterfield of Stanton in the finals. Olson finished fourth at 100, losing again to Johnson of Stanton.

The girls will compete in the Lewis & Clark Conference meet Thursday in Winside and at the Oakland-Craig Invitational on Saturday.

## Wolfpack boys fall to Wildcats

In a Lewis & Clark Conference matchup last Thursday in Allen, Hartington/Newcastle pulled away late for a 46-35 win over Tri County Northeast.

The Wolfpack led 12-6 after one period, but the visiting Wildcats flipped the script and took a 21-18 lead at the break. They outscored TCNE 16-9 in the final period to finish off the win.

Landyn Servine scored a dozen points to pace the Wolfpack, while Thatcher Lamp and Blake Kneifl each added nine points. Ben Jorgensen scored five in the losing effort. Jorgensen, Kneifl and Servine all had five rebounds and Jaxon Hall grabbed four. Lamp led in assists with two and steals with three.

## Homer boys fall to Pender

In a non-conference matchup Tuesday, Homer dropped a 70-31 decision at Pender.

The Knights shot 31 percent from the floor in the loss and were led by Jessup Snowball, who finished with nine points. Benjamin Roost added eight points, Junius Snowball scored

five, Steve Harris and Axton Caskey each had three, Aayden Harris put in two and Reed Modlin scored a free throw.

Harris led the team in rebounds with six and Roost added five. Leidy Hunter had three assists and Modlin grabbed five steals.

### AREA SCORES (NO STATS)

Boys Results	Girls Results
Oakland-Craig 56, South Sioux City 48	Omaha Skutt 81, South Sioux City 19
Omaha Skutt 83, South Sioux City 27	Elk Point-Jefferson 52, Ponca 36
Randolph 66, Homer 51	Ponca 46, Boone Central 37
Winnebago 71, Tri County NE 35	

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**A closer look into the various departments of the City of South Sioux City.**

**By Cicely Douglas**  
Library Director



world without breaking the bank on the latest technology.

I take great pride in the work I do. Libraries offer a space for education, civic engagement, resources, and community — a space for everyone. With so many of us relying on our devices for information, the library remains a safe place to explore interests and seek answers without worrying about a digital footprint.

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## DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Benjamin Lovejoy, 24, Walthill; assault-bodily injury, fine \$500, jail 5 days, obstruct a peace officer fine \$1000, jail 8 days

Jessica I Webster-Valentino, 54, Walthill; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$300, probation 6 months, theft-shoplifting \$0-500, fine \$500, probation 6 months

Kiara R Allen, 28, Sioux City, Iowa; speeding 6-10 mph, fine \$25, nonresident violate 30-day immunity fine \$300

Junior S Ewar, 47, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$300

Zeke A Murphy, 52, South Sioux City; nonresident violate 30-day immunity fail to appear jail 7 days

Skylar A Kennedy, 26, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Sean A Pulatie, 42, Spencer, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Luis A Aramburo-Lozano, 24, South Sioux City; no operator’s license, fine \$300, possess marijuana 1oz or less 1st offense, fine \$300, expired in transit decal fine \$50, violate stop sign, fine \$75

Ethan Brandt, 19, Marcus, Iowa; operate motor vehicle/avoid arrest, fine \$1,000, no motorcycle operator’s license, fine \$50

Ulises Castillo Arroyo, 32, South Sioux City; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$100, no operator’s license, fine \$150

Maria Cruz Fuentes, 25, South Sioux City; no operator’s license, fine \$75, violate stop sign, fine \$75

Santiago Diaz Diaz, 26, no operator’s license, fine \$300, no proof of insurance, fine \$150, no valid registration, fine \$100

Jean L Formeza Miranda, 21, South Sioux City; no

operator’s license, fine \$150, speeding 1-5 mph, fine \$10

Taya J Kearnes, 26, Winnebago; speeding 21-35 mph, fine \$200, no operator’s license, fine \$150

Esdras D Mendez Carreto, 30, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance, fine \$150, fail to deliver title on sale, fine \$75

Rodulfo H Miranda Carreto, 26, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear

Sammy Snake, 50, South Sioux City; no valid reg. fine \$150, no proof of insurance, fine \$150

Luis F Aguilar Rivas, 27, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$300, speeding 16-20 mph, fine \$125

Asly C Castillo Nieto, 22, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$300, speeding 11-15 mph, fine \$75

Mary A Sohs, 26, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$150, fail to stay in lane, fine \$25

Loylee Kennedy 50, Sioux City, Iowa; theft-shop lifting \$0-500, fine \$300, jail 3 days

Garen Lasley, 21, Sioux City, Iowa; attempt of 1 misd, jail 2 days, criminal mischief, \$0-500, jail 7 days

Emmanuel G Juarez, 32, Sioux City, Iowa; obstruct government operations, fine \$500, jail 2 days, disturbing the peace, fine \$250

Heather N Mccully, 38, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

Perla Almanza, 19, South Sioux City; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$300, revoked license 1 year, no operator’s license, fine \$50, jail 7 days, fail to appear jail 3 days

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Flores Susana AIF, Vazquez Alejandro aka Alejandro Vazquez, Flores Susana, to Aragon Julio A, Aragon Gloria, Lot 50 South Ridge Estates Second Filing of South Sioux City

Midwest Fidelity Partners LLC, to NE 2 72nd Omaha LLC, Pt Lot 10 All America Subdivision of South Sioux City

NE2 72nd Omaha LLC, to Cardinal Capital Group LLC, Pt Lot 10 All America Subdivision of South Sioux City

Bowman Jason V, Bowman Erica R, to Alegria Arnoldo Echeverria, Lot 4 Oehlerking Subdivision of South Sioux City

Kendra William E, Kendra Linda J, to Kendra Linda J, Lot 18 Pioneer Village First Filing of South Sioux City

Meiers Keith A, to Barclay Carol L, Barclay Janis R, Pt Lot 10 in block 2, Homer

Mari Edward Eugene, Mari Tami D, to Hayes Brent J Trustee, Hayes Bridey G Trustee, Brent J & Bridey G Hayes, Revocable Living Trust, S-T-R 36-29-8 E PT SE 1/4 SE 1/4

HCI Real Estate Company to Fossum Mike, Lot 410 Flatwater Crossing of South Sioux City

J Hartnett Farms Inc, to Bacon Jeremy D, Bacon Mi-

chelle M, Lot 4,5 in block 16, Hubbard

Rexroad Clifford Giles, to Rexroad Selene Catherine, S-T-R 3-27-7 E PT SE 1/4 SW 1/4

Gann Tobey D, to Gann Tobey D Trustee, Tobey D Gann Revocable Living Trust, Lot 15 and PT Lot 14 North Shore Park of South Sioux City

Merchant Sr Randy R, Merchant Patricia, to DC Realty LLC, Lot 4 K & G Addition of South Sioux City, Lot 5 K & G Addition of South Sioux City

Gileta Monica, Gileta Miguel A, to Cain Properties LLC, Lot 6 in block 41, Covington Addition of South Sioux City

Rogers Kevin R, to North Ridge Holdings LLC, Lot 2 Brogers Third Subdivision of South Sioux City

Morales Cesar, to Marquez Juana, Lot 16,17 and Pt Lot 15 in block 12, First Railway of South Sioux City

Hill Staci nka Staci Pride, Pridie Robert to Pridie Staci Leann Trustee, Stacie Leann Pridie Revocable Trust, Pt Lot 3,4,5,6 in block 1, Prices Addition Homer, Lot 7,8,9 in block 1, Prices Addition Homer, Lot 10 and Pt Lot 11 in block 1, Prices Addition Homer

Delgadillo Jesus, Delgadillo Roberto, Aceves Hilda, to Delgadillo Jesus, Lot 17 in block 9, Second Addition South Sioux City

## OBITUARIES

### Vernon Charles Knecht, 93

Vernon Charles Knecht, 93, of Winnebago, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at the Wisner Care Center in Wisner. The funeral will be on Friday, Jan. 24, at 2 p.m. at the Homer United Methodist Church in Homer. Burial with Military Honors will be in the Omaha Valley Cemetery in Homer. The family invites everyone to a Celebration of Life gathering following the burial on Friday, Jan. 24, from 4-6 p.m. at the Homer VFW, in Homer. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the direction of Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home in Pender.

Vernon was born June 11, 1931, the son of Charles and Bernice (Hunter) Knecht at the Picotte Memorial Hospital in Walthill. He was raised in rural Winnebago and worked on the family farm with his dad. On June 22, 1952, he married Donna Pearson at the Whitfield Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa and the couple raised their children near Winnebago. Vernon was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953. His unit was called, “Hell on Wheels.” He served in the Korean conflict and guarded the Berlin Wall between East and West Germany. He held the rank of Corporal when he was honorably

discharged in 1955.

Vernon was a member of the Olive Branch Lodge 274 in Walthill. Initiated on July 6, 1967, and raised to the Degree of Master Mason on March 27, 1968. He served as the Worshipful Master of the Olive Branch Lodge in 1974. Vernon was initiated in the Sahrbs unit for the Abu Bekr Shrine Temple in 1970, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Vernon created his own farmstead and farmed his entire life. He was a good farmer who cared about the land he worked on, the animals he raised, and getting the crop safely in the bin. He enjoyed spending time with family, and hosting many family holiday dinners and barbecues. He was a loving father and grandfather.

Vernon is survived by his son, Kim Knecht of Walthill; son-in-law, Frank Hasenwinkel of Oakland Park, Fla.; daughters, Cathy (Curtis) Stutheit of Omaha, Sandra (Tim) Ahlers of Rosalie, brothers, Karyl Knecht of Winnebago, Wes Knecht of Omaha; sister, Marilyn DeLuera of Edgewater, Fla., seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Donna; and son, Terry Knecht.



Knecht

### Nancy L. Surber, 77

Nancy L. Surber, 77, of Sioux City, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at her residence surrounded and loved by family. Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 18, at 5 p.m. at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation, with the family present, will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Nancy was born on June 3, 1947 in Sioux City to August A. and Avonell (Porter) Fredette. She received her education at Central High School in Sioux City and was proud to have obtained her GED later in life. Nancy married Michael “Mickey” C. Surber, Sr. on March 1, 1965 in Tijuana, Mexico. Areas that Nancy called home were South Sioux City, Nebraska (1977-2000), Dixon, Nebraska (2000-2010), Concord, Nebraska (2010-2020), and Sioux City, Iowa (2020-present). She was a baker, working at Central Kitchen for South Sioux City Schools and enjoyed waitressing for the Marina Inn prior to 1982. She was very active with shopping and delivering supplies for the family

business, Concord Components in Wayne, Nebraska from 2002 until 2019.

Nancy enjoyed word games on her iPhone, Bingo, Baking, cooking, and sewing. She loved to spend time with her family, always showing concern for all in her very wide circle of friends and family. Nancy loved large gatherings, and family and friends were always welcome at her home anytime.

Nancy is survived by her children Michael C. (Brenda) Surber, Jr. of Concord, Robert L. (Walka) Surber of Long Island, N.Y., Jeffrey A. (Mary) Surber of Concord, and Sarah L. Surber of Sioux City, Iowa; Beth and Ronnie Bernier of Newberg, Ore.; brother Brian (Sue) Fredette of Council Bluffs, Iowa; 22 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and her beloved rescue baby Drake.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Michael, Sr. on March 20, 2010, sisters Beverly Berge, Barbara Smith, and Bobette Gonzales, and her brother Robert Fredette.



Surber

## Physical activity and its health benefits

Happy New Year! 2025 is under-way and many Americans are off on the right foot with new year’s resolutions. Many of these resolutions include promises to be more active and move our bodies more throughout the day, and I’m here for it! Here are some of the many health benefits of physical activity:

— Improved cardiovascular health: With heart attacks and strokes being two of the leading causes of death in the US, being physically active can reduce the risk of dying from or developing cardiovascular disease by decreasing high blood pressure, improved blood lipid profiles and improving blood flow to muscles.

— Improved metabolic health: Two common health conditions many Americans suffer from are type II diabetes and obesity, both of which can be prevented with proper weight management. Regular physical activity helps maintain a healthy weight, lose excess body weight and maintain successful weight loss.

— Increased muscle and bone strength: A strong musculoskeletal system can help reduce the risk of falls by increasing stability, balance, and flexibility. Muscular strength also helps maintain a healthy body-weight. Regular physical activity helps to build and maintain strong muscles and bones.

— Strengthens the brain: Exercise is one of the greatest stress relievers where the benefits can be felt immediately. Regular physical activity can help reduce anxiety and depression symptoms, improve sleep, keep your brain working sharply and significantly improve your mood.

### Extension Update



**JULIE BOYLE**

**Food, Nutrition, & Health Extension Educator Dakota County**

So what does regular physical activity look like? The U.S. Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans have different classes of physical activity: aerobic activity, muscle strengthening and endurance, and flexibility training.

— Aerobic Activities: also known as cardio or endurance activities are activities that use large muscle groups such as legs and arms for a prolonged period of time. Things such as walking, biking, playing pickleball, running and swimming are all considered aerobic activities. We want to shoot for at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity every week. I reach this goal by taking walks around my office building or outside after I eat lunch.

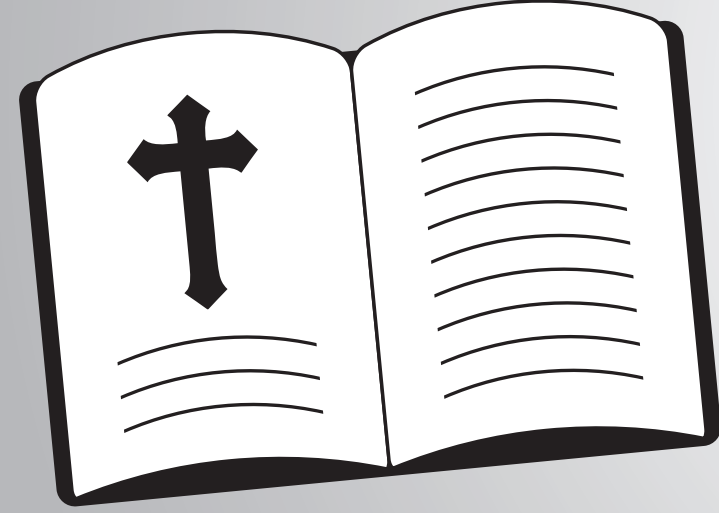
— Muscle strength and endurance: This type of physical activity uses weight or resistance to contract the muscles and build muscle strength. Every muscle group should be trained on non-consecutive days 2-3 days a week. Activities can include weight training with machines and free weights, resistance bands,

and body weight resistance such as push-ups. I like to mix it up by using a variety of free weights, resistance bands and body weight exercises for my strength training.

— Flexibility: This type of physical activity works on improving range of motion in our joints and muscles and includes activities such as stretching, mobility training, yoga and Pilates. All muscle groups should be stretched 2-3 days per week, with a 10-30 second hold for each exercise. I include flexibility training into my workouts or throughout my day taking 5 minutes here and there to do different stretches.

Everyone has their own way of staying physically active. Whether it is taking exercise classes, going to the gym, working out at home or adding short walks in to your work-day it is important to find what works for you. How ever you decide to stay physically active it’s important to meet the guidelines for physical activity to reap the many health benefits. How are you going to stay physically active this year?

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2-The date dissolution of the Corporation was authorized was December 9, 2024.

3-The proposal to dissolve the Corporation and file Articles of Dissolution was duly approved by the shareholders in the manner required by the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act and by the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.

4-James E. Dinges, sole Shareholder and a Director of the Corporation, will wind up and liquidate its affairs.

5-The Corporation has no assets and no liabilities at time of dissolution.

**Prairie Unlimited, Inc.**  
**/s/ James E. Dinges**  
**Shareholder/Director**  
**By: Lindsey Buchheit**  
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Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:

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2. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 100 Burning Tree Cir., South Sioux City, NE 68776.

3. The street and mailing address of the Company’s registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company’s registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.

4. The company was organized and commenced on January 14, 2025, the Company shall be Manager managed, and its duration is perpetual.

**S PRECIADO PROPERTIES, LLC**  
**By: /s/ Silverio Preciado,**  
**Organizer**  
**BY: John C. Ehrich (Bar #24140)**  
**Buchheit & Ehrich Law, PLC**  
**1419 Dakota Avenue, Box 215**  
**South Sioux City, NE 68776**  
**Phone: (402) 412-2080**  
**jack@buchheit-ehrich.com**  
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the following meetings located at the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1615 – 1ST AVENUE. All meetings will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall. /s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk  
Community Development Agency- 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4th, 11th and 18th, 2025  
Finance Committee – 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th and 19th, 2025  
Public Works Committee- 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3rd and 17th, 2025  
Design Committee – 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6th and 20th, 2024  
Planning and Zoning – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12th and 26th, 2025  
Parks Board- 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3rd, 2025  
Rental Board – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6th and 20th, 2025

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NOTICE OF MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Board of Education of the Homer Community School will meet for regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska.

An agenda for the meeting and public hearings, which shall be kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent’s office during normal business hours; however, the agenda may be modified at such meeting.

**Amy Brand**  
**School Secretary**  
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Legal Notice

NOTICE  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF  
DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Estate of Steven J. Nelson,  
Deceased  
Estate No. PR 25-01

Notice is hereby given that on January 21, 2025, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Rebecca L. Nelson whose address is 322 W. 23rd St., South Sioux City, NE 68776, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 26, 2025, or be forever barred.

/s/ Kerri L. Wiese  
Kerri L. Wiese  
Clerk of the County Court  
P.O. Box 385  
Dakota City, NE 68731

**/s/ John C. Ehrich**  
**JOHN C. EHRICH, (Bar #24140)**  
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**1419 Dakota Avenue**  
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City will be held on Monday, February 10th and 24th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., in the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1615 – 1ST AVENUE. All meetings will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall.

/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk  
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Legal Notice

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 licensee:

HCI Heritage Express Company  
1013 South Main Street  
Emerson, Nebraska  
Thurston County, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Emerson on or before February 10, 2025 in the office of the Village Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

**Beth Bonderson**  
**Emerson Village Clerk**  
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC’S  
RIGHTS UNDER TITLE VI

The City of South Sioux City, Nebraska operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, religion, sex and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the City of South Sioux City at City Hall, City Clerk, 1615 1st Ave., South Sioux City, NE.

For more information about the South Sioux City Civil Rights program and the procedures to file a complaint, contact the City Clerk at 402-494-7594; email nwalsh@southsiouxcity.org

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Legal Notice

NOTICE  
SECTION 3  
CERTIFICATION

The City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will receive Section 3 certifications from any and all eligible residents and businesses in Dakota County.

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing (including Public and Indian Housing) and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given top low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

Certification forms can be picked up and returned to Pat Somsky at City Hall, 1615 1st Ave., South Sioux City, Nebraska. Further information can be obtained by contacting Pat Somsky at 402-494-7502.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING  
SOUTH SIOUX CITY  
PLUMBING BOARD  
MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Plumbing Board of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska will be held on Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1615 - 1st Avenue, which meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such a meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall.

Nancy Walsh, City Clerk  
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HOMER BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL Monday, January 13, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Byron Hall: Present, Ryan Harris: Present, Samantha Johnson: Present, Tyler Kirkholm: Present, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Present, Paul Tighe: Present.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Lefdal, Principal Abbie Uhl, Principal Tom Coviello, and Board Secretary Amy Brand

Visitors present: Several

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

- I.Opening the Meeting
- I.A.Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law
- I.A.i.Posted in the room
- I.A.ii.Publication of Meeting was provided according to 84-1411
- I.B.District Mission Statement:
- II.Board Member Roll Call
- III.Excuse Absent Board Members
- IV.Oath of Office
- V.Board Member Conflict of Interest Statement
- VI.Board Member Code of Ethics
- VII.Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
- VII.A.Election of 2025 Board Officers

VII.A.i.Board President Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Byron Hall to cease nominations with the nomination of Paul Tighe for President. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Abstain (With Conflict)

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.A.ii.Vice President Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Ryan Harris to cease nominations with the nomination of Hall for Vice President. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Abstain (With Conflict), Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.A.iii.Secretary Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Samantha Johnson to cease nominations with the nomination of Nelsen for Secretary. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Abstain (With Conflict), Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.A.iv.Treasurer Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Ryan Harris to cease nominations with the nomination of Kirkholm for Treasurer. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Abstain (With Conflict), Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

VII.A.v.Recording Secretary Amy Brand was appointed as Recording Secretary.

VII.B.Board of Education Committee Assignments

VIII.Approval of the Agenda and changes to the Agenda Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Byron Hall to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX.Consent Agenda Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX.A.Approval of Mintues from the December regular meeting

IX.B.Approve claims and accounts

IX.C.Take action to accept staff resignations and retirements.

X.Consider, discuss, and take action new hire recommendations Motion was made by Samantha Johnson and seconded by Byron Hall to approve Kathy Blair as the .60 time nurse. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XI.Public Comment

XII.Information Items: Reports

XII.A.Administrator reports NS-CAS Winter Testing was discussed as well as EDUClimber training. Spring Conferences will be February 12 and 13 and TeamMates Recognition Night will be January 16th. Mrs. Uhl informed the board that sign up has started for four year old preschool and Elementary Fun Night will be held January 31st. Mr. Coviello reported Professional Development on Fridays will focus on verticle alignment.

XII.B.Superintendent report Dr. Lefdal discussed the new nursing contract, as well as current enrollment, and RFP update.

XIII.Discussion Items

XIII.A.Superintendent evaluation Dr. Lefdal's evaluation was discussed. He will bring his board goals to the next meeting.

XIII.B.Superintendent contract This will be discussed in the next couple months.

XIII.C.NASB Online Policy Update Dr. Lefdal discussed that our policies will be housed on the Sparqdata website. This process will take some time.

XIV.Action Items

XIV.A.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Policy 3132 Motion was made by Tyler Kirkholm and seconded by Samantha Johnson to approve Policy 3132. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.B.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the early retirement application for Stacie Johnson Motion was made by Samantha Johnson and seconded by Ryan Harris to approve the early retirement application for Stacie Johnson. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.C.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the Certified Staff Negotiations Agreement Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Samantha Johnson to approve the Certified Staff Negotiations Agreement. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.D.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2025-26 school calendar Motion was made by Tyler Kirkholm and seconded by Samantha Johnson to approve the 25-26 school calendar. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.E.Consider, discuss, and take action to appoint Dan Schmitt and Abbie Uhl as the Title IX Compliance Coordinators (Policy #404.12, E1 &R1) Motion was made by Tyler Kirkholm and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to appoint Dan Schmitt and Abbie Uhl as the Title IX Compliance Coordinators (Policy #404.12, E1 &R1). On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.F.Consider, discuss, and take action to designate the Dakota County Star as the newspaper of record for Homer Community School District. Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Ryan Harris to designate the Dakota County Star as the newspaper of record for Homer Community School District. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.G.Consider, discuss, and take action to designate Perry, Guthery, Haase, and Gessford as the legal firm representing the Homer Community School District. Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Samantha Johnson to designate Perry, Guthery, Haase, and Gessford as the legal firm representing the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.H.Consider, discuss, and take action to designate First Community Bank as the primary financial institution for the Homer Community School District. Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Byron Hall to designate First Community Bank as the primary financial institution for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV.I.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the Records Retention and Destruction Procedure Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Samantha Johnson to approve the Records Retention and Destruction Procedure. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

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Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XV.Next Meeting The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

XVI.Adjourment Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Byron Hall to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Dated this Monday, January 13, 2025.

ATTEST: Dr. Kristina Nelsen Dakota County School District #31R a/k/a Homer Community School Secretary

BY: Paul Tighe, President

GENERAL FUND	
Abbie Uhl.....	100.00
Appaara.....	169.59
Arianna Rave.....	77.76
Bird, Darrian.....	200.48
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Five Star Awards.....	72.25
Gill Hauling.....	863.25
Hillyard / Sioux Falls	
Branch.....	994.72
Homer School	
Activity Account.....	1,084.91
Hometown Leasing.....	1,610.70
J & J Pronto.....	785.69
Joseph Lefdal.....	300.00
Lee French	
Bleacher Repair.....	1,480.00
Lessman Electric Supply Co.....	6.82
Menards - Sioux City.....	673.57
Mid-bell Music, Inc.....	46.94
Midwest Alarm Company.....	334.20
Mindy Blackfish.....	46.92
One Source.....	48.00
Perry Guthery Haase	
& Gessfor.....	162.50
Rhianna Walker.....	236.80
Ser's Club.....	557.90
Satia Blackfish.....	99.32
Sparq Data Solutions.....	4,400.00
Stanton Music Boosters.....	90.00
Tekamah-Herman	
Public School.....	100.00
Time Management Systems.....	85.00
Unity Point Clinic.....	14,985.60
Wakefield Public School.....	87.50
Wilmes Hardware Hank.....	15.71
Total.....	84,227.98

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SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

The SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization is in the process of developing the draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) with approval scheduled for January of 2026.

SIMPCO staff is seeking public input during the development of this plan. Residents of the MPO are encouraged to fill out the survey at the link or QR code below to contribute their comments between January 6th and January 31st, 2025.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCMetroTransportation



The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan is a tool for developing safe and efficient transportation improvements in the metro area for the next 25 years. These improvements encompass all modes of transportation, including public transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel, rail, air service, and streets and highways. This document provides a vision for the future of the metro area's transportation system as well as direction and guidance for transportation investment decisions over this period.

The SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area includes Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, Woodbury County, and Plymouth County in Iowa; Dakota Dunes CID, North Sioux City, and Union County in South Dakota; and Dakota City, South Sioux City, and Dakota County in Nebraska.

Questions and comments can also be submitted to Corinne Erickson, Regional Planning Manager at SIMPCO by phone at 712-223-8686 or by email at corinne@simpcor.org.

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NOTICE

Title VII (Fair Housing) of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits discriminatory acts regarding housing if such is based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or handicap.

The following seven specific acts are prohibited by the Act:

1. Refusal to see or rent or otherwise deal with a person.
2. Discrimination in the conditions of terms or sale, rental or occupancy.
3. Falsely denying housing is available.
4. Discriminatory advertising.
5. "Blockbusting": causing person(s) to sell or rent by telling them that members of a minority group are moving into the area.
6. Discrimination in financing housing by a bank, savings and loan association or other business.
7. Denial of membership or participation in brokerage, multiple listing, or other real estate services.

If persons feel they have been subjected to housing discrimination and would like assistance in reporting instances, contact: Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, 1615 First Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776. Phone 402-494-7517.

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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 licensees:

Dakota Food & Fuel  
515 N, 14th  
Dakota City, NE 68731

Pioneer Package  
1519 Broadway  
Dakota City, NE 68731

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City of Dakota City on or before March 1, 2025, in the office of the Dakota City Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

Robert Kratky  
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer  
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF EVOCORE, INC.

Notice is hereby given that EVOCORE, Inc., a Nebraska corporation, filed Articles of Dissolution effective December 31, 2024.

1. The name of the corporation dissolved is Evocore, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Corporation".

2. The date dissolution of the Corporation was authorized was December 17, 2024, and the effective date of dissolution was December 31, 2024.

3. The proposal to dissolve the Corporation and file Articles of Dissolution was duly approved by the shareholders in the manner required by the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act and by the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation.

4. Patrick Heeney, sole Shareholder and President of the Corporation, will wind up and liquidate its affairs.

5. The Corporation has no assets and no liabilities at time of dissolution.

/s/ Patrick Heeney, Shareholder/Director

BY: John C. Ehrich (Bar #24140) Buchheit & Ehrich Law, PLC 1419 Dakota Avenue, Box 215 South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: (402) 412-2080 jack@buchheit-ehrich.com

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Legal Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Jocelyn E. Uribe, Plaintiff vs. Osmin F. Rodriguez, Defendant Case No. CI 24-186, Notice of Divorce Proceeding (With Children)

To: Osmin F. Rodriguez whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had and is the defendant in said proceedings: You are notified that on October 24, 2024, the plaintiff, Jocelyn E. Uribe filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska at case No. CT 24-186, the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken and to obtain an equitable division of the property, and to determine custody and child support, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before March 6, 2025 or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

Signature: Jocelyn E. Uribe Date: January 14, 2025

Street Address/PO Box: 311 W. 13th Street

City/State/ZIP Code: South Sioux City, NE 68776

Telephone Number: 712-212-4237

Email address: joceycx4@gmail.com

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is provided as required by title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (CFR §35.107).

The City of South Sioux City, Nebraska does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, activities or facilities, or employment practices.

Questions, concerns, complaints, requests for reasonable accommodations, or other inquiries from the public with regard to the accessibility of City services or facilities shall be directed to:

Lance Hedquist, City Administrator 1615 1st Avenue South Sioux City, NE 68776 402-494-7517

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City of South Sioux City Nebraska has designated the following person as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be direct to Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City Nebraska, 68776. 402-494-7517.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF PRECIADO COMMERCIAL RENTALS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:

1. The name of the limited liability company is PRECIADO COMMERCIAL RENTALS, LLC (the "Company").

2. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 100 Burning Tree Cir., South Sioux City, NE 68776.

3. The street and mailing address of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.

4. The company was organized and commenced on January 14, 2025, the Company shall be Manager managed, and its duration is perpetual.

PRECIADO COMMERCIAL RENTALS, LLC

By: /s/ Silverio Preciado, Organizer

BY: John C. Ehrich (Bar #24140) Buchheit & Ehrich Law, PLC 1419 Dakota Avenue, Box 215 South Sioux City, NE 68776 Phone: (402) 412-2080 jack@buchheit-ehrich.com

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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 licensee:

Emerson Grocery Cooperative DBA Post 60 Market 109 North Main Street Emerson, Nebraska Dakota County, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Emerson on or before February 10, 2025 in the office of the Village Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons,



# CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY MINUTES

## CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue in said City on the 13th day of 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None.

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

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

Schultz motioned to approve the following items on the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Peters.

MINUTES: Council - December 23rd, 2024; Public Works – January 6th, 2025

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS: January 13th, 2025

INVOICES:

- JEO
- \$1,050.00 - Well No. 10 relining.
- \$568.00 – Electrical Rate Study. Olsson
- \$2,764.00 – Empirical Traffic Study.
- \$8,600.00 – Timberline Lift Station Replacement.
- \$43,950.00 - CEMPEL ITC Economic Feasibility Study.
- \$24,234.00 – New Water Treatment Plant.
- \$4,275.00 – Interconnect Water Main.
- \$8,390.69 - Hovey Development Phase III.
- Sargent Drilling –
- \$28,920.66 – 2024 Well # 10 Relining.
- Certificate of Substantial Completion – 2024 Well #10 Relining HDR
- \$19,223.52 – Wastewater Treatment Facilities Operations Advisory Services.

Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

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

Postponed – Swearing in of Richard Magana

Mayor Rod Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING at 5:05 p.m. for El Rey Pollas Al Carbon on Class C Spirits, Wine, Beer on and off sale liquor license and catering. Present for questions on the license were rep-

resentatives for the business – the was no one present to speak in favor of or in opposition to liquor license. At 5:12 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Gunsolley motioned to have the City Attorney prepare a resolution defining the facts denying liquor application at this time. Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Parks and Rec Director Gene Maffit gave information only on lease agreement for Park’s Department for their new 2024 Ram 3500 Tradesman 4x4 Pickup with partial costs covered by the NE Forestry Service cooperative 2023 Inflation Reduction Act Urban & Community Forestry grant through the University of Nebraska (UNL). Monthly cost of \$983.39 for 35-payments totaling \$35,402.04 with a down payment of \$1,245.39 upon delivery financed through Stellanntis Financial Services.

Peters motioned to approve submitting a grant application: on behalf of the Fire Department submit application to Firehouse Subs for a thermal camera with charger for \$17,726. No match is needed. Motion seconded by Meyer. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Gunsolley motioned approval submitting a grant application: On behalf of the library submit application to the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$10,000 to support public education initiatives centered around its local history collection developed by Gary S. Sides. Motion seconded by Schultz. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Schultz motioned approval submitting application to Gary Sinise Foundation for \$10,510.00 to support costs of two One-Weight scales for each ambulance that will provide increase accuracy in medication dosing based on actual weight. No match required. Motion seconded by Peters Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Meyer motioned to approve payment using ARPA funds for an invoice from Day’s Door Company for \$14,184.00 (location 500 10th Street). Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Kriens motioned for approval on the following Resolution, seconded by Meyer:

RESOLUTION 2025 – 01  
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE STREET SOUTH OF THE YMCA AS ONE WAY ONLY

Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Kriens motioned for approval on the following Resolution, seconded by Bousquet:

RESOLUTION 2025-02  
RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE CITY; REPEALING ALL OTHER RATES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PRESCRIBING A TIME WHEN THESE RATES SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Bousquet motioned for approval on the following Resolution, seconded by Gunsolley:

RESOLUTION 2025-03  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

The City Attorney read the following Ordinance on its 2nd reading:

ORDINANCE 2024-21  
AN ORDINANCE REZONING AN

AREA WITHIN THE CITY’ EXTRA-TERRITORIAL

ZONING JURISDICTION LOCATED AT 615 OLD HIGHWAY 20 WEST (FORMER MARTINS AIRFILED) FROM C3 TO C4

Schultz motioned, seconded by Peters, to postpone Ordinance 2024-21 until there is more information on what area will be used for.

Ben motioned to amend his motion to postpone Ordinance 2024-21 and send back to Public Works with more information needed on what area is being used for. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Meyer motioned to approve Bacon Creek conduit letter of support request (The City of Sioux City is requesting a letter of support to accompany a grant application under the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program.) Motion seconded by Bousquet. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Peters motioned to approve going out for bids on the Interconnect Project – pending State review. Motion seconded by Schultz. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Economic Director Oscar Gomez stated that the report attached is what was turned into the State of Nebraska for the Inland Port Authority application. The State asked for an economic feasibility study in the area, the city hired Olsson to do study. The study talks about what are the benefits for this area.

Communications Director Matt Andrews showed what the new City website design will somewhat look like. Information only.

Meyer motioned to approve gas purchase and sale agreement with Dakota City Renewable Energy. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

City Administrator Lance Hedquist stated that WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) they are the ones behind the dams up along the Missouri River. The city get about 7 percent of our electricity from them, they are the cheapest electricity that we can buy.

Schultz motioned to nominate Jasper Kriens as Council President for 2025. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0. Abstain: 1

Schultz motioned to approve Mayor signing the Olsson completion letter for Hovey Phase III project completed by Penro Construction of Pender, NE. Motion seconded by Meyer. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Schultz motioned to allow non bargaining employees to start pension upon employment. Motion seconded by Peters. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

Ben Schultz left at 6:14 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike O’Brien asked about the new fiber being installed and asked if they were going to be offering tv.

Being no further business at 6:18 p.m. Meyer motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 7, No: 0

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

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

**Nanci Walsh CITY Clerk**  
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## Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



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(COURTESY PHOTO) Dressed in their sharp new uniforms, these select high school band members celebrate the day at the Lewis Clark Honor Band performance.



(COURTESY PHOTO) Junior high conference honor band members smile before their performance.

### Calling all alumni

It was so much fun last year, they are doing it again!

The “they” includes any alumni of Homer School, and that’s a lot of you.

The “it” is Alumni Night at one of the last home basketball games of the season on Kevin Snyder Court.

Join in as a spectator cheering on the girls’ and boys’ basketball teams. Or, if you’re a former band nerd, dust off your instrument and join the Pep Band on stage to entertain the crowd. Contact director Mrs. Moos at [paige-moos@homerknights.org](mailto:paige-moos@homerknights.org) if you’re interested in playing with the band.

### Honor band performs

Eighteen musicians from Homer Community School participated in the Lewis and Clark Honor Band day of rehearsals and concerts last Saturday, and by all accounts, they had an amazing performance.

Those selected from the junior high included Lillian Bousquet, Kylie Kocian, Lillie Oothoudt, Clara Rushing, Danaya Schincke and Derek Stroot.

Representing Homer in the high school honor band were Lila Bolles, Okie Bolles, Tawny Bolles, Caitlyn Church, Shiloh Church, Aurora Col-

lins, Lilyanna Dziurawiec, Alexis Jessen, Rylee Luesebrink, Bodie Nelsen, Mckinsie Oldenburg and Daylynn Williams.

The school band is directed by Paige Moos.

### Speech team kicks off at Wisner

Wisner, Nebraska is a popular speech and drama contest location, and that’s just where you might have found Ashley Tremayne Ziska’s speaking crew, picking up a fifth place team honor in the 18-team event, appropriately titled “Practice Makes Perfect” meet.

Earning finals’ medals for the Knights were Bergan Lefdal, seventh place in humorous prose; Ainsley Spurrell and Sam Shadbolt, seventh place in duet acting; Addie Ziska, sixth place in program of oral interpretation; Sam Shadbolt, third place in humorous prose, and Bergan and Sam with a second place finish in duet acting.

The team is back in action this weekend at North Bend Central.

### Send news

As you can see, we’ve got the school beat covered with plenty

of news and photos, but we’d sure love to cover more from businesses, churches, family and more. Consider sending in items or photos that our community could use or simply enjoy hearing about. Contact [stacie-johnson@homerknights.org](mailto:stacie-johnson@homerknights.org) or 712-898-0721.

### School activities

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

Saturday, Jan. 25 – Speech meet at North Bend Central, TBD; JH G/B BB vs. Ponca, 9 a.m.; G/B WR at Oakland-Craig, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 27 – JH GB vs. Bancroft-Rosalie, 3 p.m.; GB vs. Wakefield, JV 5:30 p.m. start time

Tuesday, Jan. 28 – G/B BB vs. Siouxland Christian, JV 4:30 start w/rolling schedule; Dance Team performs at boys’ halftime, approximately 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30 – G/B WR at Lyons-Decatur, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31 – Wayne State Honor Choir at WSC; G WR at Raymond Central, 2 p.m.; Elementary Fun Night, 6-8 p.m.

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF PRISTINE AIR DUCT CLEANING LLC**

Notice is hereby given that PRISTINE AIR DUCT CLEANING LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 1405 MYRTLE ST PO BOX 1001 DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731.

The general nature of business is to engage in and to do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on January 14, 2025, and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the Company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the Company’s Operating Agreement. The initial agent for service of process is LBS, INC at 1413 BROADWAY ST DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731.

**Lydia Pintor Organizer**

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## Tekelu makes Dubuque list

The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2024 Academic Dean’s List.

Included in the list is Rahwa Tekelu of South Sioux City.

## Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

### St. Patrick’s

Religious education is on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. The next Youth Ministry night is Sunday, Feb. 16 for our next Youth night in Jackson. Please plan to join us.

### Alpha has started again

Holy Apostles Family has started their adult Alpha program again. Meetings are Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the St. Mary’s Mission Parish Center in Hubbard.

### Book Club

It is here, we are discussing “Don Quixote” by Miguel de Cervantes at the January meeting. The January meeting is Jan. 21 at Lynnda Krampers. February books are “The Diary of Mattie Spenser” by Sandra Dallas and “Alternate Side” by Anna Quindlen.

### Pickleball

Jackson Pickleball is now using Playtime Scheduler to schedule pickleball. Log in and see when everyone is meeting. The group is still meeting on Mondays but using Scheduler to ensure there are games scheduled.

### Jackson Elementary School

Back to School – Mondays – One hour late start for teacher in service

Jackson Elementary School lunch menu for the week Jan. 27-31:

Monday – Grilled chicken, mashed

potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread and butter, fruit

Tuesday – Fish sticks, baked beans, pudding, fruit

Wednesday – Sloppy Joes, tater tots, pickle, fruit

Thursday – Popcorn chicken, macaroni and cheese, corn, fruit

Friday – Au Gratin potatoes with ham, green beans, roll and fruit

### Hours of Operation

Bank of Dixon County – Monday through Thursday, drive-through 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Lobby is open 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Lunch Box – Tuesday through Saturday – 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company – Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

United States Postal Services – Monday through Friday 12-4p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pump and Pantry - Daily 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Morrow’s House Moving – 402-632-4555 - for estimates and appointments.

Bridal Sweet - by appointment

Jackson Public Library open Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

St. Patrick’s – Sunday 9:15a.m. services

MC Salon – Men’s day every Thursday. No appointment necessary. Call 632-2011 for appointments.

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

## Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

### Hingst 80th shower

Friends and relatives of Dennis Hingst are reminded of his 80th birthday. His family is hosting a card shower. Send correspondence to Dennis Hingst, 203 113th St., Holdrege, Neb., 68949.

### Belt earns honors

Congratulations to Jackson Belt being named 2024 NCPA Fall Academic All-State Awards. Also named were two Allen students, Ben Jorgensen and Jude Ridenour.

### EBC Banquet Saturday

Saturday is the night of the fourth-annual EBC Banquet at Sacred Heart Gym. Doors open at 4 p.m. to accommodate guests so they are able to view the silent auction items and visit with friends. Following the banquet there will be the live auctions.

### StuCo donations

The Emerson-Hubbard Jr./Sr; Student Council Thanks everyone for the donations for their holiday fundraiser, They say a special thanks to Post 60 Market for hosting the event. Because of your donations, they were able to spread the holiday cheer throughout the area.

### FAFSA night Jan. 29

Allen and Emerson-Hubbard

schools will be hosting a FAFSA Night on Thursday, Jan. 29th from 4:30-7 p.m at the Emerson-Hubbard High School Library. There will be pizza and pop for dinner and a space for younger children to play that will be supervised.

### Buffett Scholarships

The Buffett Scholarships are available online. Please see Emerson-

Hubbard Counselor Sandy Ahlers for more information.

### St. Luke/St. Paul’s Church

Sunday: Worship at St. Paul’s, 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Monday: Bible study.

Wednesday: Friends 3:45 p.m.; supper 5 p.m.; Church, 5:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

## Utility Superintendent Wanted!



**Duties:**

- Ability to work with, direct, coordinate, and monitor the work of the utility crew
- Coordinate and assign work schedules for all utility systems
- Ability to operate large equipment and ensure employee safety
- Understanding of construction and building standards
- Working knowledge of electric, water, and wastewater facilities, street maintenance, and parks

**Candidate must hold/obtain the following:**

- Nebraska Wastewater certification and Water (Grade 3) certification

**Benefits:**

Starting wage: \$55,000-\$65,000 (depending on experience) plus paid vacation, holidays, sick time, company match 457b, and cost share health and life insurances

**Send resume and references to:**

City Administrator  
P.O. Box 178  
Wakefield, NE 68784 EOE.