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STAR CALENDAR

Railroad repairs

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The City of South Sioux City reported to the Star that the crossing will be closed for repairs Monday, March 31 through Friday, April 4.

Post 307 Meeting

The American Legion Post 307 invites all veterans to attend the monthly meeting, set for Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

The Legion is located at 109 East 19th Street in South Sioux City.

Chamber Coffee Friday

Friday's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by Askkase Home Health Care, located at the South Sioux City Library, located at 2121 Dakota Ave.

Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 10 a.m.

City Council meeting

The City Council of South Sioux City will meet on Monday, March 24 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda is available at south-siouxcity.org.

NAIA tourney to start

The NAIA women's national basketball tournament will run March 20-25 at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City.

For more information on the tournament, go to www.naia.org/sports/wbkb/visitors-info.

St. Paul spaghetti feed

St. Paul Methodist Church will have its annual spaghetti feed on Saturday, March 22 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the church, located at 2003 A Street.

For more information, call (402) 494-4138.

Inland Port Authority opens doors for growth

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

What does South Sioux City have in common with bigger Nebraska cities like Omaha, Bellevue, Fremont and North Platte?

Each is among a group of five communities that have been designated with Inland Port Authority status by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, giving this area a unique chance to bring in significant business and industrial opportunities to grow the area and bring more sales tax revenue into South Sioux City and Dakota County.

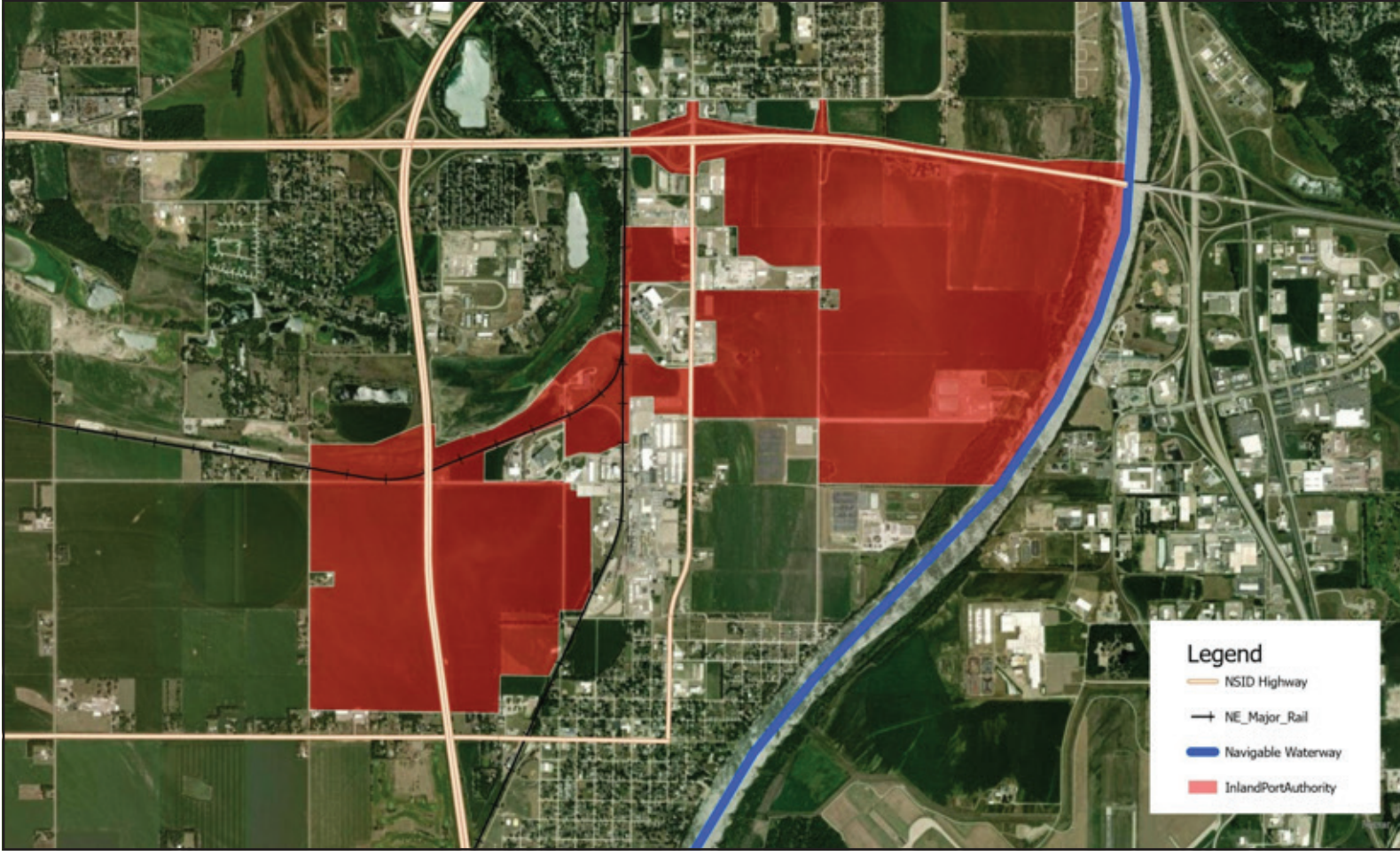
The Port Authority Act of 2021 authorized the state's Department of Economic Development to certify up to five inland port districts. South Sioux City was the last of the five that received the designation when its application was approved in January of this year, joining Bellevue, Omaha, Lincoln County (North Platte) and Dodge County (Fremont).

To receive this designation, a city must have at least two of four things in place:

- a four-lane highway,
- a railroad system next to the designated property,
- be located next to a body of water, and
- a regional airport.

"We have three of the four," Oscar Gomez, the city's economic development director, told the Dakota County Star in a recent interview. "We could have included Martin Air Field before it closed, and we couldn't count the airport in Sioux City because it is across the state line. When we determined that we had the other three, though, we decided to start with the process."

Through a joint venture between the city, Dakota City and Dakota County, more than 1,500



An overview of more than 1,500 acres of land that has been designated for use as part of the city's Inland Port Authority status, which was approved by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development recently.

acres across two properties has been designated as part of the application — 300 acres south and east of the intersection of Dakota Avenue and Highway 20/129, and another 1,200 acres just to the south of the Roth Industrial Park. The two are connected by Pine Street, which would be extended to Highway 77 to connect the two pieces of land.

By being designated as one of the five Inland Port Authority cities, South Sioux City can share in a pot of money the Nebraska Legislature designates as part of the Municipal Inland Port Au-

thority Act of 2021. The state started the fund with \$10 million and adds more each year to help these communities with development of new economic development opportunities, including infrastructure development, land acquisition and other items.

"Anything that allows for economic growth, and you're only competing with the other four cities rather than the entire state," Gomez said.

Once the city began the process, it worked with Olsson Associates to create a 16-page study that outlined what South Sioux City and Dakota

County has and the potential growth opportunities that are in place.

South Sioux City has already been designated as one of six cities that can host a casino and horse race track, and that project is set to officially be announced within the coming days, Gomez said.

"This (Inland Port Authority) will allow us to work with the City Council to determine what we will see out there," he said. "We'll have the ca-

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SPEAKING ABOUT KINDNESS AT SSC



Dr. Mark Adler, superintendent of schools in Ralston, spoke to South Sioux City middle and high schoolers last week on the negative aspects of bullying and the importance of being kind.

Mental health providers: Medicaid cuts would 'reverse progress'

By MARK MORAN
Nebraska News Connection

Nebraska mental health professionals worry the Trump administration's proposed \$880 billion in Medicaid funding cuts would threaten progress the state has made in providing help to those who need it.

The reductions could have a dramatic impact on the 345,000 Nebraskans who rely on Medicaid as their only source of health insurance.

Aileen Brady, president and CEO of Omaha-based Community Alliance, said Nebraska has had recent success in getting higher Medicaid reimbursement rates for providers, and has expanded services.

She added that cuts would hurt people who need help the most - those struggling with mental health problems, people with disabilities, and kids.

"Nearly half of Medicaid enrollees in Nebraska are under the age of 20," said Brady, "and I think people need to understand that impact it'll have on our children in Nebraska - and that means our future in Nebraska."

A recent survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says at least 50 percent of American

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CEO, Community Alliance

adults will need treatment for a mental health issue during their lifetime.

Brady said such steep cuts at the federal level would require dramatic cuts in services to Nebraskans, especially when considering the degree to which the state relies on the federal money.

"Fifty-eight percent of every dollar is a federal dollar, 42 percent of those dollars are state dollars," said Brady. "If those cuts would come into play, that \$880 billion over a period of time, that's going to create a fundamental shift in how services are delivered - the shift of cost to the states - or it's going to result in a significant cut."

CDA bylaws address membership

By MICHAEL CARNES
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At Monday's Public Works Committee meeting, the four-member board unanimously approved an addition to the bylaws of the city's Community Development Authority regarding membership.

The addition states that CDA members must live within the city of South Sioux City or within its two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction.

City administrator Lance Hedquist told the committee that the CDA bylaws had not indicated where a member could live, and by adding this language they would be able to avoid the appointment of a member who did not live in the city. The change also allows for representation from people who don't live in the city, but live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

A resolution regarding the addition to the bylaws will be presented at Monday's City Council meeting for final approval.

The Public Works committee also heard from the city's fire chief, Doug Koopman, on a proposed agreement that would allow the city and North Sioux City, S.D., to be able to call on

each other's fire departments in the event such help is needed.

Because the agreement is between cities in two different states, Koopman said it can't officially be called mutual aid, but works much the same as a mutual aid agreement would with nearby communities within the state such as Dakota City or Homer.

"I don't think it will be used very often, but we need to have something in place in case something of significance were to happen here," he said.

Approval of the agreement was postponed, as Koopman said North Sioux City officials want to finalize language for approval on their end, which had to be delayed because the city's fire chief recently had a stroke. The agreement will be brought back to the Public Works group once things are in place on North Sioux City's side.

The committee also approve a pair of final plats, including Harvest Meadows second addition and Blom Addition.

All items approved at Monday's meeting will be moved for final approval to this Monday's City Council meeting, which begins at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

County agrees to continue SRTS funding at \$15,000

At Monday's Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting, the board approved a request to continue funding to aid the Siouxland Regional Transit System in providing transportation to county residents.

The \$15,000 request made by Brian Pearson, facility and transit director for SIMPCO, assists with providing up to 1,500 rides per year in rural Dakota County. The funding will handle transportation needs with the start of the upcoming fiscal year in July and run through June 30, 2026.

The funding has been an annual request made by SRTS and has provided thousands of rides to rural Dakota County residents.

Two other items on the agenda, including an update on a water line along Likuwanta Drive and change orders for the M Avenue roads project, were continued to the next meeting.

The county board's next meeting will be Monday, March 31 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

SSC STUDENTS HELP DELIVER BOND RESOLUTION



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

A few of Educators Rising students joined South Sioux City Community Schools superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega in officially delivering the resolution to the Dakota County Courthouse for the \$127 million bond issue that local residents will decide on in a May 13 special election, seeing firsthand how communities come together to shape the future of education.

RAILROAD AT 29TH STREET TO BE REPAIRED



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

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AARP Nebraska ups focus on crypto scams

By MARK MORAN
Nebraska News Connection

AARP Nebraska has increased its focus on educating people about cryptocurrency scams.

A measure tightening restrictions on crypto kiosks, often used by criminals trying to divert money, could face a vote in the state legislature as soon as today. Legislative Bill 609 requires operators of cryptocurrency kiosks, which operate a lot like ATMs, to be licensed under the state’s Money Transmitters Act.

Jina Ragland, associate state director for AARP Nebraska, said the bill fits perfectly with the organization’s savings and resilience initiative for the month of March, focusing on guarding against criminals who carry out financial crimes.

“We know fraudulent activity targeting older Americans specifically is on the rise and even here in the state of Nebraska,” Ragland reported. “A lot of that financial resilience and that education is learning about perpetrators of financial crimes.”

Fraudsters typically foist romance scams on their victims, pose as government officials or offer phony online investment opportunities. Victims are often 50 years old or older. Ragland noted typically, if something appears too good to be true, it often is.

Ragland pointed out AARP Nebraska has advocated for tougher cryptocurrency kiosk regulation for several years and reminded older consumers not to overreact when they are presented with a crisis, even when it seems like time of is of the essence.

Cow costs webinar set

The Nebraska Extension will host another “Calculating Annual Cow Costs” webinar course on March 24, 27, and 31.

“We had exceptional interest in the first Calculating Annual Cow Costs course, so we decided to offer a second course in late March,” said Aaron Berger, Nebraska Extension Livestock Educator. “Knowing annual cow costs is the foundation for evaluating and making management decisions that can improve profitability for a cow-calf enterprise.”

Input costs can challenge producers to examine the cost of production and identify opportunities to adjust the production system. Calculating costs and breaking them into categories can help producers understand where changes may be possible.

The webinar series will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. It is \$70 per person and includes a resource workbook. The course is limited to 40 participants. To register, go to go.unl.edu/cow_costs. Registration is requested by March 17 since materials will be mailed out.

For questions about the webinar series or more information, contact Aaron Berger, Nebraska Extension Educator, at 308-235-3122 or ab-erger2@unl.edu.

“Even in the heat of a moment when you feel emotionally involved and caught up, we always tell people ‘Just stop and pause and step back from the situation,’” Ragland advised. “There is no situation no matter how dire it is that has to be solved

in that immediate moment.” The city of Omaha has taken cryptocurrency to kiosk regulation a step further. Businesses operating the machines have to post a written notice warning consumers of the potential fraud risks that accompany using them.



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sino and race track, but what do you want to see around it? Do you want to see hotels, restaurants . . . you want to develop the area so that people will come here and spend their money here, and those sales tax dollars is something South Sioux City needs.”

With the new wastewater treatment plant located to the south of the eastern 300 acres, an opportunity to cre-

ate some type of buffer between the casino and the established industrial area could bring in anything from more commercial-oriented business to a possible convention center.

“That’s the exciting thing about bringing a casino in, is the types of businesses that will be around it. Having something like that in our community is going to be huge,” Gomez said.

To the west, a 1,200-acre piece of

property that connects South Sioux City and Dakota City is in line for some major development, including a potential \$200 million project with more than 100 jobs that may be announced yet this spring.

With that growth comes more traffic, and Gomez said the connection of Pine Street that brings the two properties together would allow for that street to be extended all the way out to Highway 77, creating another road that would take some pressure off of the stretch of Dakota Avenue between the two cities.

“What that does is, it creates another truck route to take some pressure off of Dakota Avenue and gives Tyson another exit for traffic,” he

said. “Tyson hires 4,500 people and you have all that traffic from there and places nearby like Emperical, so if you open up that road it’s another way to get in and out.”

Gomez said the next step is to work with engineers and local groups like the Community Development Authority to determine what will go in these designated spaces, and he said he is looking forward to see how that plan comes together.

“It’s going to be nice for the development of not only South Sioux City, but Dakota City and Dakota County,” he said. “It’s going to be big and I hope we can attract a lot of business and industry to help the community grow.”

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Thursday, March 20 — Chili, cheese, tomatoes, 5-bean salad, apple-sauce, crackers

Friday, March 21 — Tuna and noodles, peas, pickled beets, mandarin oranges

Monday, March 24 (Evening meal) — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit salad, broccoli

Tuesday, March 25 — Beef and noodles, cole slaw, peas, peaches, carrot sticks, tomato juice

Wednesday, March 26 — Fish sandwich, scalloped potatoes, green beans, peaches, carrot sticks, orange juice

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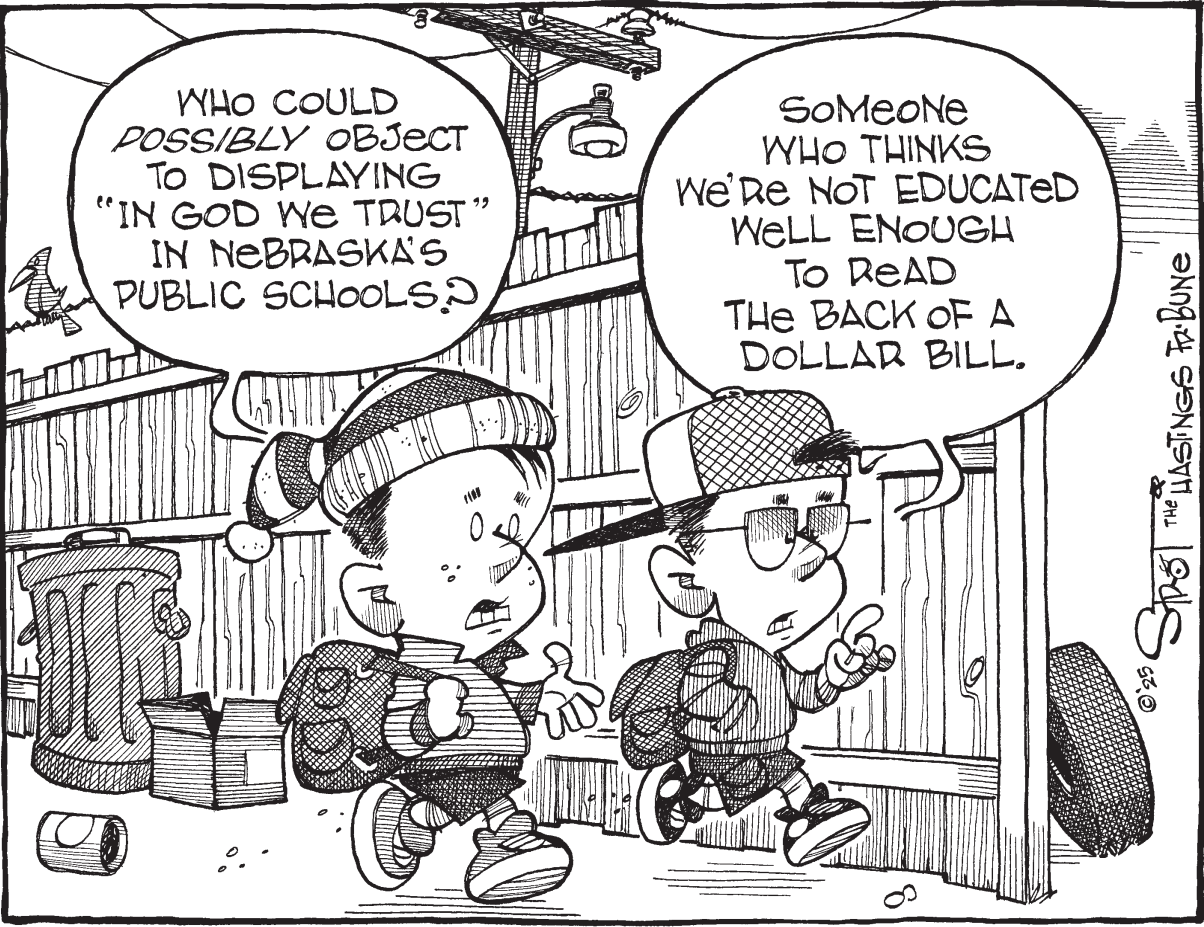
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Congratulations to area athletes

I would like to begin today by congratulating the Pender High School girls' basketball team for winning the Class D-1 state basketball championship. The Lady Pendragons dominated Elm Creek in the championship game and have now won three consecutive state championships. I would also like to congratulate Tony Palmer and Madelynn Bohnet, both wrestlers for South Sioux City High School. Tony took gold in the Class A 215-pound weight category and Madelynn won the Class A 105-pound class, both by pinning their opponents. Both have now won gold two years in a row.

Nebraska state senators don't win medals for passing bills in the Unicameral Legislature. In fact, the pay and benefits that come with being a Nebraska State Senator are actually quite austere. Nebraska state senators only make \$12,000 per year (\$1,000 per month), which means that they work for less than the state minimum wage. State senators who qualify also get a travel per diem. While state senators may participate in the state healthcare program, they must pay for it themselves.

I share this information with you today because of what is happening in the State Legislature this year. Talking about state senator pay and benefits is one of the most awkward subjects that I could ever address, but I am doing so today because of the public's right to know. Last Friday, LR25CA was debated on the floor of the Legislature and advanced to the second round of debate, which is also known as Select File. LR25CA is a resolution for a constitutional

Legislative Report

State Sen. Glen Meyer
District 17



amendment to raise the rate of pay for state senators and provide them with state-paid medical benefits. Because this piece of legislation comes in the form of a resolution for a constitutional amendment, it would become a ballot initiative for the voters to decide in 2026.

So, what would LR25CA do? LR-25CA would raise the rate of pay for state senators to the state minimum wage and provide them with healthcare benefits equivalent to Medicaid. An amendment to the resolution, AM 526, further establishes a commission to oversee the rate of pay for state senators going forward. The commission would be comprised of private citizens who have never worked in government.

I fully expect this resolution to pass this year. Although a filibuster on the resolution began last Friday, I expect the effort to kill the bill will fail. The resolution has a lot of support. The resolution was selected as the Executive Board's priority resolution this year by way of a unanimous vote by all nine members of the Executive Board, and the resolution received overwhelming support at the public hearing with only one person testifying in opposition to it.

Because the resolution puts the decision in the hands of the voters, I will support the resolution when it comes up for a vote.

On another note, last Friday was the deadline for state senators to declare their personal priority bills for the year. On Wednesday evening the Health and Human Services Committee advanced my bill, LB 382, out of committee and on to General File. So, the very next day I declared LB 382 as my personal priority bill for the first session of the 109th Legislature.

LB 382 bails out our state's Area Agencies on Aging. Currently, these Area Agencies on Aging are operating with a \$4 million deficit. My bill would take \$2 million for 2025 and another \$2 million in 2026 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Cash Fund to sustain our Area Agencies on Aging for the next two years until the Legislature can figure out how to properly fund them. By taking the money from this excess cash fund, it would have no bearing on the State's Biennial Budget. I believe LB 382 is important because our Area Agencies on Aging provide essential services for our state's senior citizens.

Securing American agriculture

Nebraska farmers and ranchers produce the safest and most abundant food supply in the world. Agricultural inputs have further increased efficiency, improved resiliency to disease and drought, and reduced impacts on the environment. Nebraska producers have led the way on all those fronts. They feed and fuel the world. This week, I introduced bipartisan legislation to secure our food and agricultural supply chains.

Communist China is the single greatest foreign threat we face. A Communist China-led world would mean coercion instead of choice, tyranny instead of liberty, and dictatorship instead of democracy. We must defend our security and our way of life. I continue to fight for an all-of-government response to these challenges. One way to do that is by protecting key supply chains. We discovered the risk of being dependent on China during the pandemic.

Among other supply chains, Communist China has gained significant market share in the production of essential agricultural inputs. Inputs like vitamins, veterinary pharmaceuticals, and crop protection tools. China now controls over 90 percent of vitamin C and vitamin B6 production. They control up to 85 percent of amino acids used in animal feed. That high market share threatens the existence of independent supply chains for key inputs.

Losing access to these inputs could have major negative consequences on productivity, prices, and food se-

Washington Report

US. Sen. Pete Ricketts
(R) Nebraska



curity. A University of Wisconsin-Whitewater study found that China's domination of the amino acids market could potentially destroy 30,000 U.S. jobs. It could also reduce economic activity by \$15 billion per year. We can't let that happen. We must diversify our supply chains.

This week, I introduced the Securing American Agriculture Act with Democrat Elissa Slotkin of Michigan. Our bipartisan, bicameral bill will bolster and protect our food and agricultural supply chains. It will also reduce our reliance on foreign adversaries.

Specifically, our bill does two things. First, it requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct an annual threat assessment. This would examine food and agricultural supply chains. It would look at current domestic production capacity for critical inputs. The assessment would also examine current and potential bottlenecks in our supply chains.

Second, our bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to recommend solutions to mitigate threats from Communist China. This would mean recommending new rules or laws to

encourage diversifying our supply chain away from China. That way, we can onshore more production and protect our supply chains.

Our bill is bipartisan and bicameral. Iowa Congresswoman Ashley Hinson and Illinois Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi are leading the legislation in the House. We're working to get this common-sense bill over the finish line.

China's strategic control over crucial sectors of our food and agricultural supply chains poses a serious national security threat. Food security is national security. Losing access to key inputs could reduce productivity, increase food prices, and undermine food security. My Securing American Agriculture Act will bolster and protect these supply chains. It will reduce our reliance on foreign adversaries. It will protect Nebraska farmers and ranchers. I'll keep fighting until we pass it.

My team and I are here to serve you. Contact us anytime by phone at 202-224-4224. You can also view my website at www.ricketts.senate.gov/ contact.

Pay it now ... or pay a lot more later

About eight weeks from now, taxpayers in the South Sioux City Community Schools district will have an opportunity to voice their say on the future of the district's schools.

And the choice will be very simple — do you want to pay now Or pay a lot more later?

The \$127 million bond issue that was approved by the Board of Education at last week's meeting will go toward addressing building issues that have, for too long, been kicked down the road by previous boards and school administrators.

Five of the district's eight buildings are well beyond the national average in terms of age. The national average is 49 years and the district has two that have long past their life expectancy, including Covington Elementary, which celebrated its centennial last year.

Buildings such as Covington, Lewis & Clark, E.N. Swett and Dakota City Elementary have been around for 50-plus years and are showing their age, from foundation issues to piping that is on the brink of catastrophic failure.

It would be easy to assess blame to previous boards and administrators for their unwillingness to address these issues in the past when the opportunity was there at a much cheaper cost than what it will take to fix them today, but that accomplishes nothing. Kudos to the current board and Superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega for having the courage to take these issues on, especially during a time when we are still trying to recover from the inflation brought on by the previous regime leading our nation in Washington.

Having seen other communities deal with issues similar to what South Sioux City is facing and asking its taxpayers to take on bond issues such as this, I can say that this was not an easy ask and the Cardinal Vision sessions that looked at all of the district's building and infrastructure needs and decided the best approach

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher



would be to take care of everything at once should be commended for their efforts. I sat in on each of the workshops and was able to see the process take shape. Those who took part in the five-meeting series offered a lot of good ideas, asked the questions that needed to be asked, and came up with four options to consider.

The option that was ultimately chosen was the only one that took EVERYTHING into consideration and included the safety and security of our community's youth in its asking. Not only does this \$127 million package address structural issues and a continually-growing population's educational needs for the future, it also puts the safety and security of our kids at the front of the line.

Yes — asking for \$127 million to do all of this is a BIG ask. It's basically \$40 a month for every \$200,000 of property value over the next 25 years — less than \$500 a year for a tax base that, for the past two years, has seen no increase in regard to what the school district asks taxpayers. The school district's tax levy has actually gone down each of the past two years, so what taxpayers will see is a return to 2022-2023 fiscal year numbers to build three new buildings (replacing Covington, Lewis & Clark and E.N. Swett), address infrastructure issues at the remaining buildings and make improvements in every building that will benefit the district's growing student population.

And for those who think this is the wrong time to be asking for \$127 million, know this — the building that would have come from a \$10 million bond issue that was voted

down a few years ago is now worth \$15 million. You can say no to this issue if you choose, but understand that the problems this bond issue addresses will not only get worse, but will cost more. Experts I've talked with have said that if this issue is rejected, the same work (plus whatever else comes up with further deterioration) will put this project in the \$145-150 million range.

Everybody in this community has skin in the game on this issue, including those whose families have aged out and no longer have children going to school here. The students who graduate from our local school in the years ahead will be future residents — and, yes, taxpayers — of this community. Getting a good education from their hometown school is something that will pay off for everybody as they go off to college or learn a trade and then — as many will eventually do — come back to their home towns to fill jobs, start up new business or otherwise become a contributing member of our community.

As the only regional media outlet to have been at every meeting and had the opportunity to see the Cardinal Vision effort take shape, the Dakota County Star fully supports the approval of the \$127 million bond issue that will be voted on by district taxpayers on May 13. You will be receiving your ballot in the mail soon and have until May 13 to return your completed ballot via mail.

The choice to set up our school district for future growth and success is very simple — you can pay for it now, or pay a lot more for it later.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Farm Crash?

Given the latest slash and burn from felon Trump, I think of my summer and fall trips from the Big O to Dakota County — all the Red Signs poked into rolling fields. I couldn't help but think, given the fiasco of the last tariffs, an estimated \$80 billion loss to the farmers due to his China trade embargo. And here we go again.

Second run, with an unelected bureaucrat, Musk, in tandem: he holds Trump in one hand, a chainsaw in the other. Cut federal programs he and his young Muskrites deem wasteful . . . the USDA included. Well, unless it's guarding the nuclear stockpile . . . oops, Elon says, scratch that.

Given Trump's crash and burn his first time, like ignoring the COVID pandemic and thousands died. Due, according to the National Library of Medicine, by "an

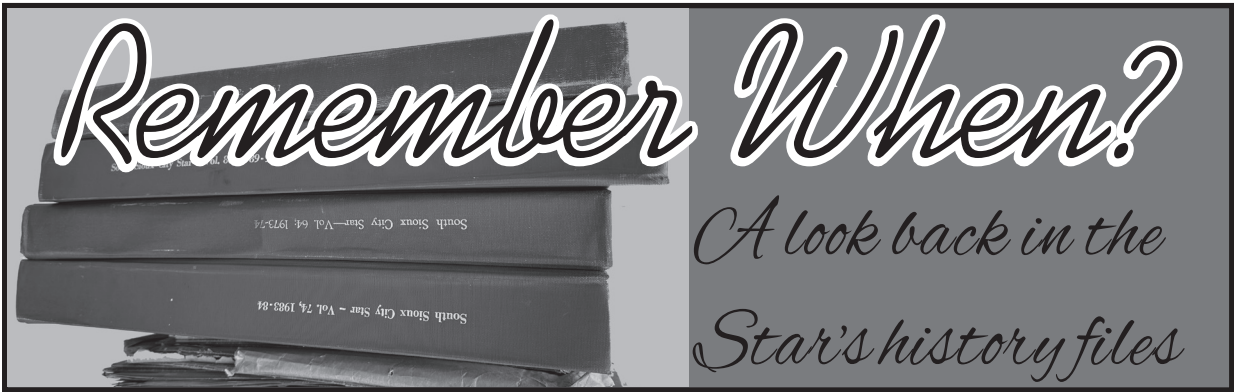
inability to mount an effective and timely response."

"Maybe try bleach," he had advised . . . oops, Donald says, scratch that.

Meanwhile, according to Military.com, the Department of Veterans Affairs "plans to fire more than 80,000 employees under a sweeping reorganization . . . planned to comply with Trump's order to slash the federal government."

You wonder. How did this twice-impeached guy get elected? Given that 77 percent of the Midwest farmers stepped in, here's your answer. As reported by the Daily Kos Feb. 12, "There are 444 counties in the United States classified by the United States Department of Agriculture as farming-dependent." This is defined as counties where either 25 percent of its earnings come from agriculture.

SEE FARM CRASH, 4A



20 YEARS AGO

MARCH 17, 2005

Sioux City teen killed

A 17-year-old Sioux City teen was killed in an early-morning accident south of South Sioux City on Friday. Austin Danaiel Wermes was a passenger in a 1993 black Chevy Suburban driven by Matthew Hansen, 17, also of South Sioux City. As Hansen's vehicle which was traveling northbound on Highway 77, attempted to exit onto the eastbound lane of Highway 20, the Suburban left the road and rolled over multiple times, killing Wermes and injuring Hansen and two other passengers, who were all treated at Mercy in Sioux City. None of the four involved in the one-vehicle accident were wearing seatbelts, according to Nebraska State Patrol, who investigated the accident along with the Dakota County Sheriff's and South Sioux City Police Department.

30 YEARS AGO

MARCH 16, 1995

Deputies on bike patrol

Getting more in touch with the community is a goal the Dakota County Sheriff's Department wants to implement, personally and, if you will, recreationally. At the Dakota County Commissioners meeting Monday in Dakota City, Sheriff James Wagner met with the county board and discussed the addition of a new sheriff's deputy who would work entirely on community oriented policing. A new Community Ori-

ented Policing Services grant would fund the program.

40 YEARS AGO

MARCH 21, 1985

Jackson Marina asks beer license

Ernest D. Harrigfeld, doing business as the Jackson Marina, Rural Route Jackson, has made application for a liquor license for the sale of retail beer on and off the premises. Because of the request, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 8, to allow supporters or protesters to offer testimony. Legal description of the Harrigfeld property is Lot 1 and 2, Pasado Tiempo Villa Addition, Dakota County, Neb.

50 YEARS AGO,

MARCH 20, 1975

Warrants in theft of meats

Three persons have been arrested near Gary, Ind., while selling boxed beef stolen March 3 from Iowa Beef Processors in Dakota City. Dakota County Sheriff Allan Bligh stated that a load of meat valued at \$30,000 was to have been delivered to a town near Boston. It was picked up March 3 and March 8, the Dakota County Sheriff's office issued a warrant on the truck and trailer and a warrant on the driver, Richard Gravink, a Pennsylvania native who signed for the beef. The Indiana State Police arrested the three persons selling beef out of the trailer.

Mosher still hauling

G.E. Mosher, 77, has come a long way since he began hauling heating oil in a mule-drawn tank wagon in 1918. Five trucks, four mules and 56 years later, he's still hauling oil products for a few old customers. "After I got rid of the mules, I picked up a Model T tank truck, lot easier to work with. After that wore out I got a Dodge and since then, I've had three Chevy's," Mosher remembered.

65 YEARS AGO

MARCH 17, 1960

Snows measure 62.9 inches

Weather forecasters predict continued unseasonably cold weather and considerable snow. The Northeast Nebraska area, already rocked by a long winter and repeated snowfall, apparently is in for more of the same. According to the 30-day weather outlook, precipitation is expected to exceed normal. Already this year, the weather bureau has reported 62.9 inches of snowfall. The record is the 72.8 inches which fell in the winter of 1916-17.

Rural roads to be opened

First District Commissioner Robert Blessing said his rural road crews are opening county roads as quickly as possible. "We're trying to open the roads used most often, first, and are working as earnestly as possible," Mr. Blessing said. Blessing said he was opening mail route roads, routes to schools and roads used most often first. He said it was impossible to open all the roads at one time.

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Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



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(COURTESY PHOTO)
These middle schoolers made beautiful music last Wednesday at the WSC solo and ensemble festival.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Paul O'Connor, great grandson of Captain Cornelius O'Connor, shows off one of his many paintings of area scenes. It's fitting that Paul will be sharing his artwork at the Stews and Brews event this week, the week of St. Patrick's Day, as the O'Connor family and the historic mansion is a symbol for the Dakota County Irish. The extended O'Connor family achieved important success in agriculture, business, and education. Paul certainly comes from a strong lineage.

Fish Fry Friday is back

Bring your family and friends to the Homer Fire Hall from 5-7 p.m. this Friday, March 21 for the next installment of the popular community fish fry. The turnout last week was amazing, and organizers admitted they nearly sold out of everything!

"An extra special thanks to the non-firefighters who came out to help and covered for those of us who left to fight a field fire in Emerson! It takes a village!"

If you can make it out, you'll be treated with pollock, catfish, chicken strips, fries, cole slaw and beans. Last week, carp was added to the menu at the last minute. Head to the hall Friday to see if there's more. Adults eat for \$15, children for \$8, and youngsters age five and under eat free.

Soup and lip sync time

It's nearly here! We've been telling you all about Stews and Brews, a festive fundraising and just plain fun night planned in Homer.

This Saturday, March 22 event will be held at the Rohde/T-Rone Trucking shop one mile north of Homer on South Bluff Road from 5-11 p.m. With a lip sync battle, a soup competition and taste testing and drinks, what more could a villager want?

Paul O'Connor, great grandson to Captain O'Connor, will have his artwork of local scenes on display and available to purchase during the celebration.

Everyone is welcome to help kick off Homer's 150th anniversary celebration coming up in June.

In search of food trucks

The 150th Anniversary Committee is also seeking food trucks to be a part of the grand celebration on Friday, June 27. Check with your favorite foodies and contact folks at homercelebration@gmail.com.

DCHS board vote

Maybe you read about the changing of the guards of the Dakota County Historical Society in a recent issue of the Star. More news from the DCHS: All DCHS members are welcome to stop in for the Historical



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Members of the Homer Speech Team pose with their medals from conference competition last week. Every member of the team earned a medal. Impressive!!!

Society meeting to cast their vote for Board Members at the Dakota City Public Library this Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

The DCHS showcases local history and works tirelessly to keep our local history alive, featuring gems such as the O'Connor House, Combs School and more.

Middle school makes music

Homer sixth, seventh and eighth graders competed and performed at the Wayne State College Solo and Ensemble Festival last Wednesday.

The choir received a superior rating and the band received an excellent rating!

The musicians included two vocal solos, six vocal duets, 11 band solos, three band duets, and three band ensembles who also received a combination of superior and excellent ratings. Congrats to all.

Speaking of music

The Homer Elementary students will showcase their musical voices at the PK-5 Spring Concert to be held on Thursday, March 27 with an Ocean Theme!

Students in preschool through second grade will be on stage at 6:30 p.m. with the third, fourth, and fifth graders taking their turn at 7:15 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Fine arts alive and well

With sports seasons on a transitional break, talented student speakers and actors are taking their turn in the spotlight. Recently competing in the Lewis and Clark Conference Speech Contest, Homer talent brought home plenty of medals and an impressive fourth place finish in a tough field.

Senior Sam Shadbolt led the way with second place in Humorous Prose and fifth place with partner Ainsley Spurrell in Duet Acting.

Securing a fourth-place medal were two freshmen, Addie Ziska in POI, and Bergan Lefdal in Humorous Prose. Bergan also picked up a sixth-place medal with partner Conner Probst in Duet Acting.

Clover Hirsch brought home fifth in Poetry while Lilyanna Dzurawiec garnered fifth in Extemporaneous Speaking and sixth in Informative

Speaking.

Allison Blackbird rounded out the scorers with a sixth-place medal in Entertainment Speaking.

The crew has a busy and important week this week with district competition in Schuyler on Saturday, March 22 with potential for State Speech on the line.

Though many of their competitions are out of town, the Homer Speech Team will host a public showcase on Monday night, March 24 at the school, starting at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out!

Old Dane update

Most likely you've seen heavy equipment operating around Old Dane Golf Club at the four-way in Dakota City, and for exciting reasons.

Proprietors at Old Dane have some operation and hours updates for patrons. They will be open normal hours, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday until March 29. The following Monday, March 31, the club will be moving to lunch only from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

With the conclusion of winter league and course renovations occurring this summer, Old Dane will be fully closing effective April 19. They plan to reopen for food and simulator play late winter of 2025.

"Thank you for all the support of Old Dane and the exciting new changes. We can't wait to show off our new course in 2026," Old Dane Management said. "This isn't goodbye, it is 'see you soon.' Hope to see everyone before we close."

School activities

Thursday, March 20 – BIG Show Art Day at WSC.

Friday, March 21 – Track at Wayne State College, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22 – District Speech at Schuyler.

Sunday, March 23 – Boys' BB banquet, 4 p.m.

Monday, March 24 – Speech Showcase; Spring activity picture day; preschool picture day.

Thursday, March 27 – State Speech at Kearney; Spring PK-6 Concert, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 – Class C All-State Band at Kearney.

Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

State basketball visitors

Fred Denker and Todd and Joanne VonSeggern were in attendance at the Nebraska State Boys Basketball tournament to see the Atkinson West Holt boys play last week. Their brother-in-law, Todd Hale, has been a longtime coach for West Holt. The team hasn't appeared in the state tournament since 2018 and defeated Yutan. The team record was 22 wins and 5 losses going to the state tournament. Todd Hale is married to the former Jeanine Denker.

Saturday evening, a former Emerson resident and student at Emerson-Hubbard but now a member of the Wynot school system, Andrew Haberman, is a senior starter of the Wynot boys basketball team. The team lost but, received second place in the tournament. Andrew is the son of Troy and Janelle Haberman.

Congratulations to both teams who made it to the state tournament.

Village Board meeting

The Emerson Village board met March 12 with all board members in attendance. Elijah Kaufman from the Department of Natural Resources presented options to the Village Board on participation in the Natural Resources Floodplain Management Division.

It was moved to approve to advertise of the Village Maintenance position.

Utility Superintendent Dick McCabe gave an update on the Solar Farm Project. It was moved to establish three new bank accounts at First Nebraska Bank relating to the Solar Project expenditures. It was moved and approved to authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Village Clerk as checking account signers for the Solar project.

McCabe gave an update on the Water Improvement project. Bids were presented for Pool Refurbishment and City Park Restroom projects. These will be discussed at the April meeting.

The board also discussed General Provisions, Ordinance 174.01, Maintenance of Animals.

Mark Graf reported on a meeting he attended recently.

Cornhole tourney Saturday

The Emerson Sports Association will host a Cornhole Tournament this Saturday, March 22, at Sacred Heart Gym. Doors will open at 12 p.m. and the bags will be tossed at 1 p.m. There will be a cash bar and food available.

Book Blast ends Friday

Book Blast at Emerson-Hubbard Elementary School ends Friday, March 21. If an E-H student hasn't contacted you and you wish to donate to help a student you may contact the school to participate.

ACT tests scheduled

The Emerson-Hubbard junior class will be taking their ACT test on

Tuesday, March 25, at 8 a.m.

Wax Museum Friday

The Emerson-Hubbard fifth-graders will present a Wax Museum on Friday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the elementary school. The public is invited..

Pastor Hollthus resigning

Pastor Jim Hollthus, interim pastor at St. Luke/St. Paul's Lutheran has resigned and is taking a position at Aberdeen, S.D. The community will miss Pastor Jim but wish him well on his new endeavor.

Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Friday: Wax Museum, 2 p.m.
Monday: Assembly.
Tuesday: ACT Tests.
Wednesday: Robotics to Cedar Falls, Iowa.

St. Paul's/St. Luke Church

Sunday: Worship at St. Luke, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Monday: Bible study, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Friends at 3:45 p.m.; Supper, 5 p.m.; Church, 6 p.m.; Confirmation 6:30 p.m.

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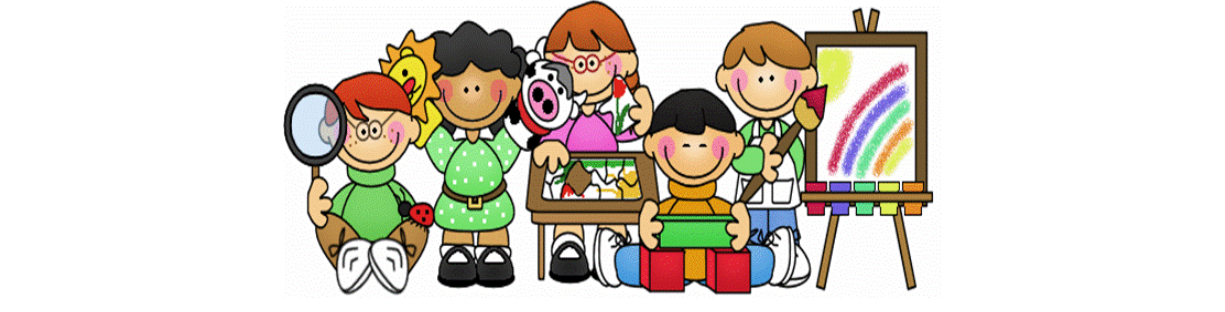


Bring your treasured preschooler to our Open House to register for next year and visit their new classroom! They will go on a scavenger hunt to discover their new school and the things they will be doing each day.

Thursday, April 3rd
6:00 pm at
Jackson Elementary

Preschool is for students who have turned 4 by July 31, 2025 and are potty trained. Also eligible for their first year of Preschool are students who have turned 5 after January 1, 2025. Shuttle bus transportation from the Ponca School is available.

I can't wait to share all the details with you!
Mrs. Woltman, teacher



Please call the school at 632-4276 to have your child placed on a list to ensure a spot. However, students will not be officially enrolled until we receive the completed registration forms and \$25.00 registration fee.

It is necessary to complete all of the enrollment forms and submit the registration fee in order to be on the official roster. Please bring a copy of your child's certified birth certificate and an updated immunization record.

FARM CRASH: Letter to the editor

from Page 1A

or 16 percent of the workforce works in farming.

Trump won 433 of those counties, with an average vote of 77.7 percent. Over 100 of them gave Trump 80 percent or more of their vote.

How are things down on the farm? Not so hot. According to Iowa Public Radio News Feb. 17, "a federal freeze on certain USDA programs has held up billions of dollars for conservation."

Specifically, Kevin Burres farms around 1,700 acres in Wright County.

Seven years ago, he started planting cereal rye as a cover crop in his corn-soybean rotation. Burres said this conservation practice "works wonders" for reducing soil erosion, but it's been small-scale.

Saying that the conservation practice "works wonders," for reducing soil erosion, he was looking forward to 2025 . . . until now.

Here's another you've got to be kidding me. The Republican House is set to fork out \$4.5 trillion for the wealthy. The how and why? Half, or \$2 trillion, will slash Medicaid and SNAP programs.

Golf anyone? In February, he

shelled out an estimated \$10.7 million. Which means, by 2028, Trump will have coughed up \$470.8 million of our money. Not too shabby, Donald!

Even though Trump "promised to improve the economic circumstances of working families" we might have to wait another decade.

For farmers, will any money come? Your guess is as good as mine. In a month, area planting will start. The clock is ticking. Trump is golfing. With farm crash 2025 looming, no way to run a country.

Ron Hartnett
Dakota City

Why celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day?

Every March, we eagerly anticipate the early signs of spring and begin planning celebrations, starting with St. Patrick’s Day. But why do we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in America?

Saint Patrick is a widely celebrated figure from Ireland, known for the legend that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and that shamrocks appeared beneath his feet. However, this does not explain why the holiday includes leprechauns, pots of gold, four-leaf clovers, and green beer. The traditional meal of the day is corned beef and cabbage, and many people wear “Kiss me, I’m Irish” T-shirts because, as the saying goes, “everyone’s a little Irish” on St. Patrick’s Day.

St. Patrick’s Day is a feast day honoring the patron saint of Ireland, as well as Nigeria and the Archdiocese of New York. It has become a major cultural event, with more than three billion dollars spent annually on merchandise and celebrations. Historically, the holiday served as a way for Irish immigrants to assert their presence in their host communities.

The story of Irish immigration is deeply connected to the history of St. Patrick’s Day in America. Through archival research using our library databases — Nebraska Access/EBSCO, Newspaper Archive, Exploring Race and Society, and Ancestry.com — I discovered that Irish immigration was distinct from British immi-

All About Your City

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

By Cicely Douglas
Library Director

gration. British immigrants typically arrived in family groups, while Irish immigrants often came alone, leaving a lasting impact on both their homeland and their new communities. While British nobility settled in America, Irish nobility remained in Ireland.

In Ireland, the Great Irish Rebellion of 1641 saw displaced Catholic landowners and bishops rebel against English rule. However, Irish heritage was not initially celebrated in America. Anti-immigrant sentiment and anti-Catholic political movements were widespread. Many Irish immigrants did not arrive voluntarily; they were driven out by British oppression and came seeking land and religious freedom.

During the 19th century, America represented a land of opportunity, and ships crowded with Irish emigrants left Ireland with hopes for a better future. The migration of Roman Catholic Irish immigrants began

after the War of 1812 and increased after the 1830s. Scots-Irish immigration, on the other hand, started as early as 1695 and continued over time. Early Irish immigrants often adopted Protestantism due to social restrictions on Catholicism.

Implementing Saint Patrick’s Day was a way for Irish immigrants to assert their presence in their host communities. Many came to see America as their “second motherland” and honored their roots through celebrations that over time led to sharing the legends of Leprechauns, pots of gold, shamrocks, and the emerald Irish Isles.

It goes without saying that this is a highly oversimplified version of events, so I encourage you to do your own set of research and check our online archives. You can find our databases on our website, and if you have any questions, just ask! We’re always happy to help you discover new information.

Childhood conference a huge success

The CECO Early Childhood Conference at the Laurel Community Center on March 8 was a huge success, bringing together over 60 participants from seven counties across northeast Nebraska. With the support of 36 business sponsors, the event offered an incredible opportunity for early childhood professionals to learn, network, and engage with experts in the field.

The conference featured high-energy presentations. Hayley Jackson Perez from Nebraska Extension provided strategies on how relationships and engagement can help prevent challenging behaviors in children.

JR Giron from First Five Nebraska reminded us that sometimes, advocacy chooses us and shared important insights on the power of advocacy for young children, families, and the early childhood profession.

Jill Brown from Collisions of Awesomeness brought a thought-provoking message on the importance of choosing what spills out of our cups, encouraging everyone to choose kindness, joy, and gratitude in both our personal and professional lives.

The day concluded with a tour of

Extension Update

JACKIE STEFFEN
Early Childhood Extension Educator
Dakota County

the newly opened Building Blocks Early Childhood and Family Development Center in Laurel. Staff members from the center guided attendees through the facility, showcasing the space and answering questions.

The feedback from participants was positive. Many noted how the conference celebrated local providers and provided them with practical steps to create more positive environments. Attendees appreciated the chance to reconnect with coworkers, reflect on their practices, and discover new ways to better serve children and families. “So much energy! I

loved each one of the presentations. I drove 45 miles for this and don’t regret it for a moment!” said one CECO conference participant.

This marks the second year that Cedar County Communities for Kids (C4K) has hosted this local conference in northeast Nebraska, with one of their primary goals being to elevate and support early childhood professionals. C4K remains committed to empowering these professionals, and this event served as a powerful reminder of the crucial role they play. Our early childhood professionals are truly the workforce behind the workforce in our rural communities.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Third Addition of South Sioux City

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Chavez Ricardo, Leon Silvia DE, to Rocha Maribel, Lot 7 in block 11, Second Addition south Sioux City

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OBITUARIES

Donna Rae Goodier, 81

Donna Rae Goodier, 81, of South Sioux City, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025 at a local nursing facility. Funeral Services will be at 12 p.m., Monday, March 3, at the Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City, Nebraska with Chaplain Janell Norton officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. Visitation, with the family present, will begin Monday morning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.mey-erbroschapels.com.

Donna Rae was born on Aug. 18, 1943 in Lyons, to Raymond and Midge (Means) Swanson. They later moved to Sioux City, Iowa. Donna graduated from East High School in 1961 and later graduated from Beauty School. She married Ronald F. Goodier on April 21, 1962.

Donna worked at Zenith until they closed and then retired from Interbake Foods after 27 years where she was known as the “Overtime Queen”.



Goodier

Donna loved baking and decorating cakes for family and friends. She loved decorating her home for Halloween and Christmas. Donna enjoyed crocheting, doing puzzle books, watching movies, and spending time with family and her dog Chester. She was a big Elvis Presley fan and was able to visit Grace-land in 2021.

Donna is survived by her children Jeff Goodier (Marlis Watterson) of Sioux City, Iowa, Sandra (Robert) Schnoes of South Sioux City, Lisa (Tim) Eslick of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Raymond Goodier of Harrisburg, S.D.; brother Robert Swanson of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren Joseph Schnoes, Adam (Jeannie) Schnoes, Vanessa Goodier, John Goodier, Brianna (Mike) Sullivan, Samantha (Matt) Fristad, Amanda Goodier, Amber (Josh) Haiar, and Tyler Eslick.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Jeannie Swanson, father and mother-in-law Orville and Dorothy Goodier, and grandson Brandon Eslick.

Kaye Frances Nelson, 88

Kaye Frances (nee Plantenberg) Nelson, 88, of Rio Vista, Calif., died peacefully and surrounded by love in her home on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, in Rio Vista, Calif. The funeral service will be on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Emerson. The visitation will be one hour before the funeral at the church. The burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Emerson. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the direction of Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 3, 1936 on the family farm in Emerson.

Kaye studied Social Work at Wayne State University before moving to San Francisco, Calif., to work in the burgeoning airline industry and devote herself to raising her two children, something she often said was her greatest achievement.

Kaye was an avid world traveler, talented photographer, and skilled gardener. She spent time in Eu-



Nelson

rope, South America, the South Pacific, and the Caribbean. She held a deep appreciation of indigenous and regional cultures, which was reflected in her writing and stunning photographs. Her roses, too, were works of art; often the subject of photographers and her son’s paintings.

Kaye was also an adventurer, having trekked to Patagonia and the highlands of Bolivia. She was often heard saying she wanted to be a good example for her children, to be bold and fearless. Shortly after retirement, she embarked on a sailboat journey with her life partner, Dennis. They spent several years making monthslong stops on their way to South America.

Several years later, they returned to the San Francisco Bay Area where they shared time with family and friends, spent time in the garden, and developed a passion for watching birds.

Kaye is survived by her life partner, Dennis Barr, her daughter, Holly, and her son, Jay, and daughter-in-law, Teresa.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Susanne M Russell, 30, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa), fugitive from justice

James N Winebolt, 46, Hubbard; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, jail 30 days; fail to yield, fine \$25; fail to appear, jail 7 days

Mercedes L Calamanco, 34, South Sioux City; DUI.15+ (1 prior conviction), fine \$1,000, jail 90 days, revoked license 3 years

Tyrone T Jefferson Sr. 45, Winnebago; criminal trespass 1st degree, jail 14 days; disturbing the peace jail 7 days

Jeremiah Lonewolf, 44, Homer; waiver of extradition (Iowa), fugitive from justice

Pablo E Morales Torres, 27, Norfolk, Neb; DUI-alcohol -1st offense, fine \$500, revoked license 6 months; speeding 36+ mph, fine \$300

Suzanne M Russell, 49, South Sioux City; waiver of extradition (Iowa), fugitive from justice

Chadwick E Dale Jr. 28, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Kiana Phillips, 25, Macy; assault public safety officer with bodily fluid, jail 350 days

Germaine Redday, 37, Sisseton, S.D. waiver of extradition (South Dakota) fugitive from justice

Danny L Schmieder, 50, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (South Dakota) fugitive from justice

Stormy K Sutton, 27, waiver of extradition (Minnesota) fugitive from justice

Stephen J Swanson, 53, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Anthony W Castor, 25, South Sioux City; no valid registration, fine \$50; possess marijuana 1oz or less 1st offense, fine \$300

Manuel Garcia Bonilla, 59, Sioux City, Iowa; abandon/cruelly neglect animal, fine \$250

Rueben J Little Bear, 32, Norfolk; defendant failed to appear

Kevin L Lowe-Mims, 30, Albert Lea, Minn.; defendant failed to appear

Nura I Powell, 23, Sioux Falls S.D. nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$300; possess marijuana 1oz or less 1st offense, fine \$300

Eveny N Rodriguez Cortez, 20, Sioux City, Iowa; minor in possess ages 19/20, fine \$500

German B Rodriguez Quetchel, 26, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear

Elizabeth Sanchez, 37, South Sioux City; no operator’s license, fine \$50

Salvador Franco Candido, 32, South Sioux City; assault -threaten, fine \$500, probation 9 months; criminal mischief \$0-500, fine \$300, probation 9 months

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Anthony Angesou, 47, Sioux City, Iowa and Keitlihna Paiden, 43, Sioux City, Iowa

Gustavo Alexis Gomez Palomino, 20, South Sioux City, and Tuenedi Villicana Palencia, 23, South Sioux City

Joseph James Pierce, 26, Walthill, and Yailly Avigail Rodriguez Coto, 22, Sioux City, Iowa

Brandon Alexis Garcia-Becerra, 32, South Sioux City, and Patricia Viramontes, 33, South Sioux City

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Hubbard News

By Lori Overfelt



Hubbard Family Fun Night had about 30 adults & children in attendance. Many bingo games were played. They served pop & candy for refreshments.



Hubbard Family Fun Night held their annual St. Patty's Day bingo event. Here were the two Blackout Winners: Ty Dorcey & Peyton Dorcey.

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will continue to read “The Paris Wife” by Lisa Wingate during the month of March. Lisa covers the marriage and romance of Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hayley in this novel. The group will discuss the book at their April meeting. Extra copies are available. New members are welcome to join anytime.

Story Hour will be Thursday, March 20 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for area school-age children. The program is centered around Kites & Wind and will include a story, craft, snack, and fun games and activities. The children will be making a windsock for their craft.

Little Free Library will be opening soon. We are just making sure that the weather is finished dumping snow on us. The Little Free Library is located in Cottonwood Park, across from the Shelter House and near the playground. Little Free Libraries are a great way to share books and magazines with the community. The concept of “Take One, Leave One” will keep items moving.

Summer Reading Program will run during the month of June with the theme “Color Our World.” We would love to share a talent with the kids if anyone is interested in participating in this summer’s program. For more information, contact library staff.

The Library is taking applications for summer substitute staff. Please pick up an application at City Hall if interested.

New items added this week; “Battle Mountain” by C. J. Box, “Beach Vibes” by Susan Mallery, “The Nature of Love” by Toni Shiloh, and “Storm Warning” by Elizabeth Goddard.

Swick is SDSU grad

South Dakota State University announces Alyssa Mae Swick of Ponca, has graduated following the summer and fall 2024 semesters.

Swick graduated with highest honor with an Associate of Arts and three undergraduate certificates from SDSU’s College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Overall, nearly 950 SDSU students from 36 states and 23 nations graduated in the summer and fall 2024 semesters. Nearly 40 students received two or more degrees or certificates from a college.

On the web – www.dakcostar.com

Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

Sacred Heart all-class reunion

Sacred Heart School alumni are hosting an all class reunion on Aug. 16. The reunion will be held in the old gym next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Emerson. This reunion is for anyone who attended school at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome, not just those who graduated from Sacred Heart. If you would like to see your former classmates, RSVP to John Green at jwgreen48@gmail.com. There will be a catered meal so the organizers would like an estimate of those attending. The reunion is hosted by the Class of ’66.

Rockin’ Breakfast fundraiser

Join us for a rockin’ breakfast featuring Joan O’Neill’s cinnamon rolls at Providence Hall on April 13 at 10:45 a.m. Father Joyce and other local musicians will provide entertainment and delicious homemade cinnamon rolls will be available. This is a freewill donation to raise funds for the widows retreat scheduled at Casa de Paz in New-castle. There will also be themed gift baskets to be raffled. A retreat for widows is being organized for Northeast Nebraska on Friday, April 25 (evening) to Saturday, April 26. If you are interested in participating in or supporting this event, please contact Trudy Jepsen (712) 490-0950. The retreat will be hosted by Father Jim Kramper of Casa De

Paz. Come on April 13 for good entertainment and socializing.

Jackson T-Ball sign-up

Time for T-ball! If you have a child going into kindergarten and up and want to play in Jackson, contact Laurel DeRoin at 712-212-1686. Let’s play ball!

Dakota County Historical Society

Mark your calendar for the Dakota County Historical Society Meeting on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. to cast your vote for board members. All members are encouraged to vote. Members must be present to vote.

Willis 4-H Feeders

The Willis 4-H Feeders are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 23 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The breakfast will be held at the Harty-McNally Legion Hall in Jackson. This is a freewill donation. There will be a bake sale and raffle baskets.

Pickleball

Jackson Pickleball is now using Playtime Sched-

uler 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.

Book Club

The March meeting is March 25. March books are “In Cold Blood” by Truman Capote and “The Song of Achilles” by Madeline Miller

Jackson Elementary School

Mondays – One hour late start for teacher in session
Pre-School Enrollment – April 3, 6-7 p.m. at Jackson Public School
Jackson Elementary School lunch menu for the week March 24-28:
Monday – Chicken strips, French fries, pickle, fruit
Tuesday – Beef nachos, corn, lettuce, pudding, fruit
Wednesday – Ham and potato bake, green beans, roll, fruit
Thursday – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, fruit
Friday – Eggs, hash brown, muffin, fruit

LEGALS

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given by the **Omadi Drainage District Board of Directors that an election to fill the position of one director, whose term will expire, will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Dakota County Courthouse from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.** Paul A. Tighe, the director whose term is expiring, is running for re-election to the Board. The candidate receiving the highest number of voting units shall be elected to a five-year term. The procedure for filing to be a candidate is that any person or officer or representative of any corporation owning or controlling any land assessed for benefits by Omadi Drainage District, who is capable of holding public office, may be a director. Any person desiring to be a candidate for said Board of Directors shall file the required papers with the Dakota County Clerk on or before March 31, 2025. Notice is given pursuant to and in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 31-409.02 R.R.S. 1943 (2014), as amended.

William B. Rohde
President
Board of Directors
Omadi Drainage District

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Erika Julisa Munguia Alvarado
Petitioner,
Case No. CI 25-34
vs.
Luis Joel Artiaga
Respondent,

NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDING

TO: Luis Joel Artiaga, whose whereabouts are unknown, upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had and is the Respondent in said proceedings: You are notified that on March 7th, 2025, the Petitioner, Erika Julisa Munguia Alvarado filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, at case no. CI 25-34, the object of which is to obtain and determine custody of the minor children: Luis Fernando and Dulce Mariana.
You are required to answer said Complaint on or before April 26th, 2025, or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

ERIKA JULISA
MUNGUIA ALVARADO,
PETITIONER

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED

By: **/s/ Lucas Wood**
Lucas Wood, 26979
Kasaby Schmoke
308 S. 19th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
P. 402-884-0700
F. 402-614-5926

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

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/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk
Community Development Agency
11:00 a.m. on Tuesday,
April 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2025
Finance Committee
12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th and 23rd, 2025
Public Works Committee
5:00 p.m. on
Monday, April 7th and 21st, 2025
Design Committee
8:30 a.m. on
Thursday, April 3rd and 17th, 2025
Planning and Zoning
4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th and 23rd, 2025
Parks Board
5:00 p.m. on
Monday, April 7th, 2025
Rental Board
5:00 p.m. on
Monday, April 3rd and 17th, 2025
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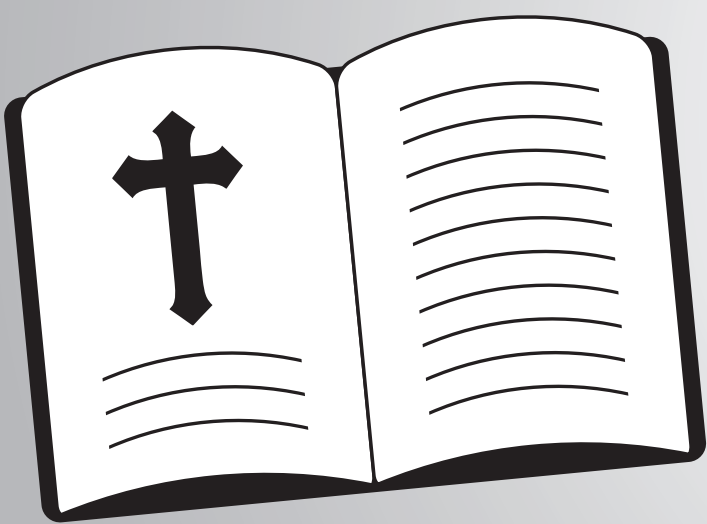
Legal Notice

FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD

In the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.
Case Number CI 25-38
In rename change of Anissa Ellemo Oga
Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of March 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to change a minor child's name from Anissa Ellemo Oga to the preferred new name of Anisa Jebroel Dula.
A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Bryan C. Meisner, courtroom No. 1, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska on the 22nd day of April 2025 at 1 p.m. or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the minor child's name will be changed from that of Anissa Ellemo Oga to Anisa Jebrael Dula.
Dated: March 14, 2025
Safia E. Oga
511 17th St., Apt. 29
South Sioux City, NE 68776
315-991-9265
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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Estate of Alfredo Coss, Deceased
Estate No. PR 24 - 40
Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Authority to Sell Personal Property has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, located at 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on April 18, 2025.

/s/Kerri L. Wiese
Kerri L. Weise

Clerk of Dakota County Court
/s/Robert N. Stewart
Robert N. Stewart, #24759
Crary Huff, P.C.
329 Pierce Street, Suite 200
Sioux City, IA 51101
712-277-4561
ATTORNEYS FOR
THE PETITIONER
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Timberline Lift
Station Rehabilitation
South Sioux City, NE**
City of South Sioux City (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
**Timberline Lift
Station Rehabilitation
South Sioux City, NE - 2025**
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at South Sioux City, City Hall located at 1615 First Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, until Thursday, April 3rd at 1:30 p.m. local time. At that time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
The project consists of rehabilitation of existing lift station including demolition, new wet well, valve vault, pumps, grinder, and force main connection.

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form **MUST** be obtained from www.questcdn.com for a **fee of \$22** (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert **eBidDoc project number 9551467** South Sioux City, NE, Timberline Lift Station Rehabilitation, South Sioux City, NE - 2025.

To submit a bid, all bidders must be registered on Sam.Gov.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

**Olsson
1707 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, NE 68776**
Questions regarding Bids shall be directed to

**Scott Musselman,
Associate Technician,
at smusselman@olsson.com.**
A pre-bid conference will not be held for this project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to Owner as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Owner, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty days after the bids are open.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

**This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of
South Sioux City
By: Lance Hedquist,
Title: City Administrator**
Date: Published in Dakota County Star Thursday, March 13, 20, and 27, 2025 - ZNE

Legal Notice

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 4:00 P.M. On Monday March 24, 2025**, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, the meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such a meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the School Administration Office of said District, at 210 West 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

**Dr. Rony Ortega,
Superintendent**

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that **Logan's Tax Service LLC**, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1901 Cornhusker Dr, STE 145, South Sioux City, NE 68776. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Brayden M Logan, 1901 Cornhusker Dr, STE 145, South Sioux City, NE 68776. The certificate of Organization was filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State on 2/25/2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On April 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., a meeting conducted by South Sioux City Community Schools will take place at South Sioux City Community Schools Administration Building, 210 W. 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend nonpublic schools and home schools which are within the South Sioux City Community School district for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents of a home-schooled child or a child attending a nonpublic school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend a nonpublic school within the boundaries of South Sioux City are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Rebecca Eckhardt at 402-494-2440.]

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Legal Notice

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, April 14 and 28, 2025 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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds at the south front door of the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska, on the 29th day of April, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.:

Lot 6 Replat of Block 9, City of Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

This sale is being held pursuant to the power of sale granted in a certain Trust Deed filed of record on January 20, 2023, as Instrument No. 2023-55097, with the Register of Deeds of Dakota County, Nebraska.

The property is being sold "as is" and this sale is made without warranties as to the title or condition of the property and is subject to any and all (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions of record, (4) prior mortgages and trust deeds of record, and (5) ground leases of record. The highest bidder is required to deposit a minimum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of the successful bid at the time of the sale in the form of cash or certified funds, which shall be non-refundable, and is further required to deliver cash or certified funds for the balance of the bid to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of the sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees and taxes, including the documentary stamp tax.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2025.

**By: /s/ Marci L. Iseminger
Marci L. Iseminger,
Successor Trustee**

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Regulations

The **Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 3:02 p.m. on March 31, 2025**, at their regular scheduled board meeting at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the addition of Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD) regulations to Section 600.7 Agricultural (AG) District of the Dakota County zoning ordinances. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the County Board, PO Box 39, Dakota City, NE 68731.

**Martin Hohenstein,
Board Chair**

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Legal Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SOUTH SIOUX CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION
CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT REQUEST
Residential Use in a
Commercial Zoning District
204 West 22nd Street**

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 4:00 o'clock p.m.** in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of a conditional use permit request to allow residential use in a commercial zoning district. The subject property is located at 204 W 22nd Street, legally described as Lots 4 and East 1/2 Lot 5 Block 20 Moans Addition.

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CITY OF HUBBARD

Minutes of the Village of Hubbard, Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting March 12, 2025

The Board of Trustees, Village of Hubbard, Nebraska, met on March 12, 2025 at the Village of Hubbard Community Center, 7:00 p.m. for the regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Members of the Board of Trustees present for roll call were Trustees: Jason Martineck, Jim Harral, Shawn Jensen, Alvin Satterwhite and Dale Gaither. Lisa Bousquet, Village Clerk, recorded the minutes.

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

Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd, to dispense the reading of the February 12, 2025 minutes. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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

Guest Comments: None
Baylor Bestgen, a representative from JEO presented the final draft specifications and plans for the paving project. Jensen motioned, Satterwhite 2nd, to approve the plans. Ayes: Martineck, Harral, Jensen, Satterwhite, and Gaither. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Easements for the temporary road were reviewed. Jensen motion, Satterwhite 2nd, to approve the easements. Ayes: Martineck, Harral, Jensen, Satterwhite & Gaither. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The bid opening is tentatively set for April 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the JEO

office. Contract end date is September 1st, 2025. Final completion date is October 1st, 2025.

Fred Denker, a representative from the Emerson Rural Fire Board gave updates on the equipment and thanked the Village for their continued support of the Hubbard Fire Department.

Papio Missouri River NRD Grants were discussed. Bousquet and Jensen will work on completing the grant applications.

New Business:
Discussion was held on the physical address of the Fire Hall. The board is in agreement to update the address to 306 Main Street.

A proposal to add security cameras and digitized door entry systems to the HCC was presented. Harral requests to table discussion until the April meeting. Bousquet will obtain an additional bid.

NNTC will be hosting an Open House in the park on May 14th. They have requested to plant a tree and bury a time capsule. The board will select a location and make sure it has been marked.

A proposal to update the Comprehensive Plan with SIMPCO was presented. Harral motioned, Jensen 2nd to approve the proposal and move forward with the updates. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the repairs to the electronic sign. At this time the board is in agreement to purchase parts to repair the sign.

Spring Clean Up dates have been set for May 2-4.

The process for nonpaid disconnections was discussed. The board is

in agreement to the following policy: A nonpaid disconnection notice will be sent when the balance is past due two months. There will be a seven-day period to make payment in full. After that time water services will be disconnected. The nonpaid disconnection notice will be updated to state: In the event that water services are disconnected, services will be reconnected on the next business day following the receipt of payment in full, in the Village Office.

Discussion was held on holding an open house for the Hubbard Community Center. The board is in agreement to postpone the event and host in correlation with Chamber Coffee Friday August 22nd.

Old Business:
The Emergency Sewer Plan was presented for review.

Clerk Bousquet continues to work on the Water Security grant.

The UDSA is awaiting final paving plans from JEO to approve funding of the paving project.

No update on electricity outside of the Fire Hall.

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

Miscellaneous & Emergency Items:

Attorney Greder states his office has not had any contact with the residents of 320 Cherry Street. Attorney Hines will follow up with Clerk Bousquet.

Per Attorney Greder the culvert maintenance is the responsibility of the Village.

Drainage issues were discussed. Discussion was held regarding the

state of the generator in the pump house.

Harral invited all board members to the Fireman's Banquet.

Correspondence: None.

Clerk Bousquet presented bill to be paid as follows:

Dick McCabe \$188.75, Gill Hauling \$1,062.00, Heeney Fam Ptshp \$550.00, Lisa Bousquet \$1,116.62, Jason Martineck \$25.00, NNPPD \$1,193.51, NNTC \$161.32, DCPSSA \$1,056.74, Crary Huff \$911.25, NE Dept of Rev \$7.70, JEO \$28,975.00, Harral \$210.00, Dakota Co Star \$76.92, Eakes \$344.62, NE Pub Health \$25.00, Heeney Electric \$1,559.21, USPS \$292.00, NE Loess Hills \$100.00.

Jensen motioned, Gaither 2nd to pay all bills as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Jensen motioned, Harral 2nd to transfer \$40,000.00 from General Fund Savings into General Fund Checking to cover monthly expenses. Ayes: Unanimous. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting: April 9th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Village of Hubbard Community Center

Jason Martineck, Chairman
Board of Trustee
Village of Hubbard, Nebraska

Attest:
Lisa Bousquet
Village Clerk

This is a condensed version of the March 12, 2025 meeting. A full copy is available in the Village Office.

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Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Dated this Tuesday, March 11, 2025.
ATTEST:

Dakota County
School District #31R
a/k/a Homer Community School
BY: Paul Tighe,
President

Dr. Kristina Nelsen
Secretary
GENERAL FUND

Appear.....	281.71
Arrianna Rave	55.99
ASTC, Inc dba	
K & S Service	1,702.18
Bird, Darrian	149.60
Blick Art Materials.....	93.36
Bomgaars.....	15.56
Carolina Biological Supply ..	308.25
Dakota County Star.....	98.57
Eakes Office Solutions.....	288.00
First Student, Inc.....	54,511.18
Fran Sharpback.....	83.85
Fresh Ideas	460.00
Gill Hauling.....	863.25
Hillyard / Sioux Falls	
Branch	1,614.44
Homer Post Office.....	350.00
Homer School Activity	
Account.....	940.00
Hometown Leasing	1,610.70
J & J Pronto.....	982.45
Jostens, Inc.....	524.95
JW Pepper & Son Inc.....	750.16
Language Link.....	47.60
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.....	727.16
Mid-bell Music, Inc	248.61
Mindy Blackfish	53.17
NASB	4,374.00
Nebraska Rural Community School Association.....	220.00
One Source	29.00
Rhyme University	279.74
Roto-rooter.....	240.00
Setia Blackfish.....	52.00
Sioux City Winnelson Co.....	80.71
Siouxland Lock & Key	103.50
Studio B Graphics	140.00
Time Management	
Systems.....	438.00
WoodRiver Energy, LLC.....	5,050.20
Fund Number-01	77,767.89
Checking Account ID-1... ..	77,767.89
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Legal Notice

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name of the limited liability company: **Shaizcar Rental LLC**
Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 2311 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776
Name of initial agent for service of process: Nuria M. Tobar
Street, mailing address and post office (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 2311 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776
Effective date if other than the date: filed 02/18/25
Nuria M. Tobar
Signature of Organizer
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Legal Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of South Sioux City
South Sioux City, Nebraska
Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion
General Notice
City of South Sioux City (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the South Sioux City Hall located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776 , until April 24th at 2:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be "publicly" opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
Expansion of the current wastewater treatment facility to accommodate domestic wastewater flows. Improvements include the addition of a new headworks building with fine screening and grit removal; addition of additional aerobic granular sludge influent pumps; addition of another train of four aerobic granular sludge tanks, blower building, pipe gallery; addition of a thickening and tertiary filter building; addition of additional ultraviolet disinfection modules; addition of biogas hydrogen sulfide scrubber system (pre-procured); addition of a dewatering belt filter press and associated site/civil/mechanical/electrical/instrumentation/plumbing improvements.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be obtained at the following designated website:

https://www.questcdn.com/eBidDoc/Project # 9456482

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a Bidding Documents holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a third-party plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with Addenda, lists of registered Bidding Documents holders, reports on the Site, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, Addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Due to many changes in the federal laws specific to Municipal Government and Federal and State funding, it will now be required that beginning January 1, 2016, all entities who elect to submit sealed bids, proposals or quotes to the City must provide proof that they are not only registered with the Federal website www.sam.gov, but that they are also active in their system and eligible to participate in Municipally funded projects. It is strongly recommended all entities provide their UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number to the City in their submissions as well and demonstrate compliance with the e-verification. Such proof must be provided and will be verified prior to any award of contract. Finally, all entities who submit must not appear on the debarred list under www.sam.gov in order to be eligible and considered. Debarment automatically results in ineligibility to participate in the selection process

Pre-bid Conference
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DAVIS-BACON ACT WAGE DETERMINATIONS
"Contractors and subcontractors on USEPA federally assisted construction projects are required to pay their laborers and mechanics wages not less than those established by the U.S. Department of Labor. A current wage decision containing the appropriate building and/or heavy type rates is included in the specifications for bidding purposes."

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
"The prospective participants must certify by submittal of EPA Form 5700-49, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency."

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
"Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications."

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
"Each bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms and conditions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements, including the fair share objectives for disadvantaged business participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the fair share objective for disadvantaged business participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid."

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS
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For more information on AIS, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrfl/state-revolving-fund-american-iron-and-steel-ais-requirement.
Instructions to Bidders
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: South Sioux City
By: Nanci Walsh
Title: City Clerk
Date: March 13, 2025
Publish in the Dakota County Star March 20, 2025.
Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, March 13, 20 and 27, 2025 and April 3, 10, 17, 2025.-ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF
HWY. 20 SALES, 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 HWY. 20 SALES, LLC (the "Company").
2. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 615 Old Hwy. 20 W, 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 February 25, 2025, the company shall be Manager managed, and its duration is perpetual.

HWY. 20 SALES, LLC
By: /s/ Chance Bracht, Organizer
John C. Ehrich (Bar # 24140)
Buchheit & Ehrich Law, PLC
1419 Dakota Ave.
P.O. Box 215
South Sioux City, NE 68776
Phone: (402) 412-2080
jack@buchheit-ehrich.com
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Legal Notice

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Customer Notice

For the 2nd Quarter of 2025 the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) contribution factor will increase from 36.3% to 36.6%. This will result in an increase in the charge that appears on your monthly telephone bill. The factor is applied to services designated as interstate by the FCC and changes from time-to-time based on the needs of the federal universal service fund. This government mandated program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States. The fund also provides schools, libraries, low-income consumers and rural health care providers with assistance in obtaining telecommunications services.

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company / Jackson, NE 68743 / 402-632-4321
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CITY OF DAKOTA CITY

Dakota City Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2025

The Dakota City City Council met in a special session on March 13, 2024. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations, sent out to various media outlets and was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

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

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Jerry Yacevich announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

Public Comment Period: Bob Lane asked if the city would place some rock in the gap on the boat ramp.

Jean Broyhill asked what the Inland Port Authority would mean for Dakota City.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Lane, to approve the consent agenda for March 13, 2025. Said motion includes approval of minutes from February 6, 2025 meeting, acknowledgement of reception of animal control report, financial statements, and approval of bills and payroll to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Motion carried.

AFLAC / REMITTANCE/ PROC SERVICES - 146.52, 68.04, ALPINE HEATING AND COOLING LLC - 497.29, ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SERVICES - 475.75, AT&T - 68.55, Ameritas Life Ins-RP - 714.90, 285.71, 419.50, 908.16, 950.68, 368.40, Ameritas-Dent/Vis - 351.76, 110.74, Ariana Paz - 165.88, BALL INSURANCE - 3472.00, BARNES & NOBLE - 103.69, BOMGAARS - 249.17, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE- 2368.87, 997.42 BRUNO GALVAN -200.00, 50.00,

CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES - 62.32, CAPITOL ONE-WALMART - 34.44, CENTURY LINK - 97.00, 99.78, CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX

CITY - 372.00, CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM - 5602.50, CRYSTAL OIL CO. - 364.46, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT - 47.94, DAKOTA COUNTY CLERK - 125.00, DAKOTA COUNTY STAR - 82.76, DAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER - 6193.93, DSG DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP - 15828.73, 141.14, Dakota City Sales Tax Fund - 12744.09, Dakota County Public Safety Services Ag. - 12744.09, EMC INSURANCE COMPANY - 5142.77, 2999.95, 428.57, FIBERCOMM - 130.72, 36.75, 134.97, 36.75, FREMONT TIRE - 116.35, Farmer's Pride-Battle Creek - 2150.55, GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING - 194.96, GILL HAULING -SSC - 55.15, 11565.28, GRAYMONT (WI) LLC.- 16075.02, GREG WARREN - 50.00, Gumdrop Books - 386.38, H-1 SERVICES - 300.00, HAWKINS INC - 1706.46, HOME TOWN LEASING - 188.52, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUE MUNICIPAL CLERKS - 220.00, JASON KLEIDER - 50.00, 200.00, JEO CONSULTING GROUP - 7284.75 JERRY'S TRANSMISSION SERVICE INC - 3708.61, JONES PEST CONTROL - 128.40, 128.40, KING, REINSCH, PROSSER & CO. - 4666.68, 6999.99, 2333.33, L.F. NOLL, INC - 284.33, 224.98, MATHESON-LINDWELD - 4032.99, 840.25, MAX I WALKER - 146.87, 74.56, MENARDS - 123.14, MIDAMERICAN BOOKS - 424.82, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - 162.00, 456.00, 443.96, MIDWEST ALARM COMPANY-SIOUX CITY - 83.76, Mellen & Associates - 2569.00, Michael Fredrick - 50.00, NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 60.00, NICK LAKES - 50.00, 200.00, Nebraska Public Power Dist. - 61.05, 8704.37, 5073.28, One Call Concepts, Inc. - 2.03, PEOPLE SERVICE, INC - 4213.00, Principal Life Insurance Company - 102.41, 0.00, Quick Med Claims 247.56, ROBERT KRATKY - 100.00, SSC Police-Animal Control - 50.00, STAN HOUSTON - 177.72, 947.50, STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT - 493.43, Safeguard Business Systems Inc. - 549.00, Sargent Drilling - 195042.81,

Sooland Bobcat - 446.32, Sparklight/Cable One - 165.60, 335.20, 134.32, Swanson Septic & Excavation - 12170.00, THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP - 268.00, 168.00, 84.00, 268.00, 168.00, 84.00, 4072.77, VISA-CITY CARD 3145.08, 1237.65 Verizon Wireless - 80.02, Williams & Company, Inc. - 1622.00, 2433.00, Wilmes Hardware Hank - 42.97, 29.82, ZACKERY RASMUSSEN - 200.00, 50.00, Total - 388128.09

Communication: None.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the purchase of two traps to be used by Savethe Kittens and then returned to the city. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Groetken, Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Lane, to approve the service agreement with SavetheKittens to provide trap, neuter and return program to manage free-roaming cat populations in the city. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Korthuis, Rasmussen, Lane. Nay: Groetken. Motion carried.

Moved by Lane, seconded by Groetken, to approve lime removal from the west lagoon at the water treatment plant by North Ridge Excavating for \$62,500.00. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Korthuis, to approve the topo survey by JEO Consulting Inc. to look at drainage issues on 7th and 8th streets between Cedar and Pine using sales tax funds for \$14,800.00. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmusen, Lane, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Lane, to approve the right of way agreement with Quick Current Fiber Project with the new map providing fiber to community sites. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor and the Council discussed the Winnebago Broadband Project coming through Dakota City.

Claims: March 11th, 2025

Approval of South Sioux City Safety Manual

Old Dakota Avenue closure (from 6th street to 5th street). Approval of closing this area to traffic at a future date.

Approval to go out for bids on Timberline Lift Station Rehabilitation - pending NDEE review

Approval to pay increase in engineering fees - WWTF and Conveyance - Engineering Amendment. Amendment # 2.

Authorization to go out for bids for Wastewater Treatment Expansion - package one and three

INVOICES:

*Mark Albenesius - \$213,186.65, Dakota Avenue and Empirical Drive Intersection Improvements.

*JEO - \$19,437.50; 2024 Flood Repair and Mitigation Strategies.

*HDR - \$15,602.19; WWTF Operations Advisory Services.

Voting Aye: Gunsolley, Kriens, Peters, Y. Schultz, Osman. Voting No: none

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.

Congratulations to Dan Nieman on 25 years of Service with the South Sioux City Library

Library Department Head Cicely Douglas introduced new team members to the Library staff and they gave an overview of what upcoming events they are planning for the Library.

Peters motioned to approve invoice from Musco Sports Lighting - \$35, 420.00 for the Riverview Sports Complex. Second by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 5, No: 0

Peters motioned to approve invoice from CMBA Architects - \$1,680.00 for the South Sioux City Library. Second by Osman. Voting Yes: 5, No: 0

Kriens motioned to approve invoice from Anderson Ford of Lincoln - \$26,922.00 for 2025 Ford Maverick for the Parks and Rec Department.

No action was taken.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Korthuis, to approve Resolution 2025-3 setting values to be expended for the 2025 City Appreciation Dinner with the date of May 3, 2025. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Korthuis, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed possible nominations for Charlie Strong Volunteer of the Year Award and the Jack Harrel Heroic Efforts Award. Turn nominations in to city hall as soon as possible.

The Mayor and Council discussed the need for a campground host for the 2025 camping session. Position will be posted.

Moved by Groetken, seconded by Lane, to have the city administrator work with Gill Hauling to negotiate a five-year contract for solid waste collection and bring it back to the council. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Korthuis, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Korthuis, second by Lane, to go into close session Under Section 84-1410 to discuss potential land acquisition at 6:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Groetken, Lane, Korthuis,. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen, second by Lane, to enter open session at 6:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Korthuis, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jerry Yacevich at 6:40 p.m.

/s/ Robert Kratky
City Administrator
Clerk/Treasurer

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Second by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 5, No: 0

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Ben Schultz joined the meeting at 5:23 p.m. and will be counted in the vote.

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B-Schultz motioned to approve Police Lateral entry, second by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Kriens motioned approval of the Civil Service Merit System Rules, seconded by Gunsolley. Voting Yes: 6, No: 0

Peters motioned to approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Heartland Counseling Services

Sealed Proposals for the construction of “2023 Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project – Bid Package 3 for the City of South Sioux City, SRF Project No. D318077,” JEO Project No. 191093.01, QuestCDN No. 8833539, will be received by the Clerk at 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776, until 2:00 PM on the 24th day of April 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Construction of a new suction lift station including building structure, self-priming pumps, odor control, influent grinder, electrical, controls, interior piping, and fittings. Satellite lift station improvements including wet well rehab, 16” pigging station, crane pedestal work, HVAC and electrical improvements, and pipe painting and modifications. Pipeline installation to include approximately 15,500 LF of 16” PVC Forcemain, 2,300 LF of 24” PVC Forcemain, 5,700 LF of 10” HDPE biogas transmission main, and 3,600 LF of 2” Fiber Optic Conduit. Installation methods to include both trenchless and open cut methods. Other ancillary gravity sewer, storm sewer, and lift station site improvements are also included.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$10,500,000

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on March 26, 2025 at 2:00 PM at City Hall, 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. A Site visit is scheduled following the pre-bid conference. Maps to the Site will be available at the pre-Bid conference.

Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of the City of South Sioux City as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted, and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with the City of South Sioux City for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO’s website at jeo.com for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$150 per set. Please contact Lyndsey Kasl at lkasl@jeo.com or 402.474.8745 to coordinate your request and send your check to: 2000 Q St, Ste 500, Lincoln, NE 68503. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The project is financed in whole or in part by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) programs.

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CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY
Rod Koch, Mayor

ATTEST: Nanci Walsh, Clerk

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CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 11, 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 said City on the 11th day of March 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Randy Meyer, Dan Bousquet

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 as this is a Federal Grant requirement. It is strictly voluntary to complete the sign-in sheet.

Ben Schultz coming late to the meeting and will not be counted until present or excused absent.

Peters motioned to excuse Dan Bousquet and Randy Meyer for the meeting. Seconded by Kriens. Voting Yes: 5, No: 0

Kriens motioned, seconded by Peters to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes: Council - February 24th, 2025; Public Works – March 3rd, 2025

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The work is generally described as follows:

2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

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VILLAGE OF HOMER, NEBRASKA
Jarod Barclay,
Chairperson

ATTEST:
Samantha Johnson
Village Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of 2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements for the Village of Homer, Nebraska,” will be received by the Village Clerk at 110 John St., Homer Nebraska until 2:00 p.m. on the 7th day of May 2025, and will be read aloud at the regular meeting of the board of trustees on May 8, 2025 at 6 p.m.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the **Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, at 4 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Ave,** South Sioux City, NE 68776, to receive public comment, consider, and possibly take action on a redevelopment plan amendment entitled: “First Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Hans Residential Redevelopment Project,” for redevelopment pursuant to the Community Development Law, Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 18-2101, et seq., within a blighted and substandard area of South Sioux City, Nebraska, approximately located to the northwest of the intersection of Old Hwy 20 and Lake Ave.

A map of the proposed area(s) to be redeveloped and the cost-benefit analysis for the redevelopment project set forth in the redevelopment plan is available for review at the office of the City Clerk at 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776, telephone number 402-494-7504.

At said time and place, all interested parties may appear and be heard.

Dated this 7th day of March 2025.

City of South Sioux City,
Nebraska By:
Nanci Walsh, City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

BAIRD HOLM LLP
1700 Farnam Street, Suite 1500
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

Reference is made to the Notice of Commencement recorded on November 5, 2024, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Dakota County, Nebraska (the “Land Records”), as Instrument Number 24-58706 (the “Notice of Commencement”), covering the real estate legally described as follows (the “Real Estate”):

That part of the NE¼ SE¼ of Section 26, Township 28 North, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Dakota County, Nebraska described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence North 00°00’00” East along the East line of said SE¼ of Section 26 (bearing assumed and all subsequent bearings referenced therefrom) a distance of 1709.16 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89°07’41” West a distance of 270.86 feet; thence North 00°43’20” West a distance of 429.23 feet; thence North 89°09’23” East a distance of 276.26 feet to a point on the East line of the SE¼ of Section 26; thence South 00°00’00” East along the East line of the SE¼ of Section 26 a distance of 429.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2025, a Termination of Notice of Commencement was recorded in the Land Records, as Instrument Number 2025- 59376.

The termination of the Notice of Commencement will occur on April 17, 2025.

The name and address of the contracting owner is ATM Investments LLC, an Iowa limited liability company, 3311 Clinton Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51106, and the interest of the contracting owner in the Real Estate is fee simple title.

All lien claims for which a notice of lien is not recorded by April 17, 2025, may be defeated by a transfer of the Real Estate.

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LEGAL NOTICE – ADULT NAME CHANGE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Case Number: CI25-28IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:

Cody Allen Barnett Cain

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of February, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner’s name from, to Cody Allen Cain.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Bryan C. Meisner, in courtroom no. 1, 1601 Broadway St. Dakota City, NE on the 11th day of April, 2025 at 1:00p.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner’s name will be changed from that of Cody Allen Barnett Cain to Cody Allen Cain.

Cody Allen Barnett Cain
Petitioner
Jackson, NE

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Sealed Proposals for the construction of “2023 Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project – Bid Package 3 for the City of South Sioux City, SRF Project No. D318077,” JEO Project No. 191093.01, QuestCDN No. 8833539, will be received by the Clerk at 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776, until 2:00 PM on the 24th day of April 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Construction of a new suction lift station including building structure, self-priming pumps, odor control, influent grinder, electrical, controls, interior piping, and fittings. Satellite lift station improvements including wet well rehab, 16” pigging station, crane pedestal work, HVAC and electrical improvements, and pipe painting and modifications. Pipeline installation to include approximately 15,500 LF of 16” PVC Forcemain, 2,300 LF of 24” PVC Forcemain, 5,700 LF of 10” HDPE biogas transmission main, and 3,600 LF of 2” Fiber Optic Conduit. Installation methods to include both trenchless and open cut methods. Other ancillary gravity sewer, storm sewer, and lift station site improvements are also included.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$10,500,000

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on March 26, 2025 at 2:00 PM at City Hall, 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. A Site visit is scheduled following the pre-bid conference. Maps to the Site will be available at the pre-Bid conference.

Proposals will be taken for said construction work listed above by unit prices, as an aggregate bid for the entire project.

All Proposals for said construction work must be made on blanks furnished by the Engineer and must be accompanied by Bid Security of not less than 5% of the amount bid. Bid Security to be made payable to the Treasurer of the City of South Sioux City as liquidated damages in case the bid is accepted, and the bidder neglects or refuses, to enter into contract and furnish bond in accordance herewith.

Copies of the contract documents are on file with the City of South Sioux City for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO’s website at jeo.com for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$150 per set. Please contact Lyndsey Kasl at lkasl@jeo.com or 402.474.8745 to coordinate your request and send your check to: 2000 Q St, Ste 500, Lincoln, NE 68503. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The project is financed in whole or in part by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) programs.

Contractors and subcontractors on USEPA federally assisted construction projects are required to pay their laborers and mechanics wages not less than those established by the U.S. Department of Labor. A current wage decision containing the appropriate building and/or heavy type rates is included in the specifications for bidding purposes.

The prospective participants must certify by submittal of EPA Form 5700-49, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President’s Executive Order No. 11246. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

Each bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms and conditions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements, including the fair share objectives for disadvantaged business participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the fair share objective for disadvantaged business participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

On January 17, 2014, H.R. 3547, “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014,” was enacted. Section 436 of the Act requires that none of the appropriated funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States, unless a waiver is provided to the recipient by EPA. Conditions for the waiver are found under the Information for Bidders. The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids which furnish the materials and construction that will, in their opinion, serve the best interests of the Owner, and also reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.



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Deloris Van Cartier	Maite Covarrubias-Nuno
Mother Superior/Michelle	Hien Le
Sister Mary Robert/Tina	Karlyan Santana Rivera
Sister Mary Patrick	Aaliyah Torres
Sister Mary Lazarus	Karina Quewzada-Almaraz
Monsignor O'Hara	Eduar Lopez Camas
Curtis	Patricio Murillo
Eddie Souther	Alex Torres
TJ	Cooper Sims
Joey	Nolan Sullivan
Pablo	Joel Raudales
Sister Mary Martin-of-tours	Lizbet Pena
Sister Mary Theresa	Madonna Pipkins
Ernie/Pope	Anthony Ramirez
Sister Mary Bob	Tiana Dickes
Sister Mary Luis	Lesly Estrada Nuno
Sister Mary Arnold	Zoe Goodier
Sister Mary Murphy	Nora Hirsch
Sister Mary Chuck	Moserrat Perez-Jones
Sister Mary Richard	Peyton Schutt
Sister Mary Gilbert	Abby Webb
Police Officer/News Reporter/Waitress	Maricruz Magana Magana
Homeless Pool-Playing Altar Boy #1	Leonardo Quezada-Almaraz
Homeless Pool-Playing Altar Boy #2	Mario Torres

CREW

Stage Manager	Emily Huarcas
Spotlight #1	Jack Diaz
Spotlight #2	Guadalupe Ambriz Gutierrez
Stage Hand #1	Thomas Nguyen
Student Crew	Hien Le, Karlyan Santana Rivera, Madonna Pipkins
Music Director/Nun Choreographer	Rachel Wragge
Technical Direction/Design	Adam Gonshorowski
Costumes	Kristy Tremayne



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