



4-H CONTEST DAY

Area 4-Hers show their stuff. **Page 4A**

STAR CALENDAR

Chamber Coffee Friday

Friday's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by Heartland Counseling Services at 1201 Arbor Drive in South Sioux City.

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

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.

Public Works meeting

The South Sioux City Public Works committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 7 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda is available at southsiouxcity.org.

Severe Weather Awareness meeting

The Dakota County Emergency Management, along with Dixon County Emergency Management, is holding a Severe Weather Awareness training on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dakota City Fire Department.

Topics will include weather safety, severe weather fundamentals and communicating reports.

The class is free and open to the public, with no pre-registration required.

Special Olympics fundraiser April 12

A special Bingo Night fundraiser for Special Olympics of Nebraska will be held Saturday, April 12 at The Don's, located at 801 West 13th St.

The event runs from 6-8:30 p.m.. Hosting the event will be Luke the Intern from Q-102 radio.

Got an event?

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

Information can be sent to news@dakcostar.com or call (402) 494-4264.

LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy The Weather Channel FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3-9, 2025

THURSDAY

55 35

Increasing clouds by afternoon.

FRIDAY

54 33

Mostly cloudy.

SATURDAY

51 26

Partly cloudy skies.

SUNDAY

55 25

Partly cloudy.

MONDAY

52 31

Partly cloudy.

TUESDAY

65 36

Mostly sunny.

WEDNESDAY

70 40

Mostly sunny.

Solar farm ordinance gets green light

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

The opportunity to build solar farms in Dakota County was given the green light by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.

The board voted unanimously to approve a resolution that will allow solar farms to be built within the county after receiving no opposition during a public hearing at Monday's county board meeting.

Only one person spoke in favor of the resolution during the public hearing, as Ethan Frazier with Mission Clean Energy suggested two small changes to the ordinance that did not change the intent of the ordinance.

Frazier suggested that battery energy storage systems are co-located as one system, and to also allow for setbacks to apply to the equipment and not to the zoning district.

Planning and Zoning administrator Joe O'Neill told the board that he had spoke with members of the nine-person board and did not hear any concerns with those changes.

The solar overlay district helps promote the use of solar energy in the county as an alternative to fossil fuels. An overlay district must be at least 50 acres and not affect neighboring landowners. The overlay district would be taxed as a business, and if the property closed out of the solar energy setup, it would return to an agricultural designation without having to rezone.

Incorporating the district overlay would tax that property as a business without affecting the taxing of surrounding landowners, according to minutes from the Fe. 18 meeting of the Dakota County Planning Commission.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board heard from Dakota County Treasurer Stephanie Gatzemeyer, who reported on the recent tax sale of more than 300 parcels in the county. She said that 127 properties had their taxes paid up before the sale, and 129 properties were purchased with 48 not getting an offer before the close of the sale.

"We did excellent having only 48 left out of 304 (properties)," she told the board.

Total receipts from the sale were \$236,399.37.

She did add that the 48 properties not sold had a total tax due of \$2,146,004.80. The biggest chunk of that number belongs to the Big Ox Energy property which has sat vacant for several years since the plant closed in 2019.

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County official tired of trash dumping in ditches

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Individuals who are dumping garbage in ditches in Dakota County were put on notice during Monday's County Board of Commissioners meeting.

County Commissioner Rick Bousquet expressed his frustration with picking up tires and other waste that are being dumped in ditches on Elgin Avenue and along Golf Road, and suggested doubling the current \$1,000 fine for those who are caught.

"It seems like Elgin Avenue and Golf Road have become a dump, and I wonder if we can somehow get a camera system (installed) and move the cameras around, and maybe that will top some of that trash dumping," he said during Monday's meeting.

Bousquet said he is also noticing trash being dumped along 164th and 260th streets in

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A DAKOTA COUNTY STAR Series

National SEXUAL ASSAULT Awareness & Prevention Month

Support for sexual assault survivors is available here

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Sexual assault has long been a problem in the Siouxland area and here in Dakota County.

Staff at Haven House Family Services Center in South Sioux City have seen a notable increase in the number of sexual assault survivors who come through the doors of their new building at 921 B Street, which opened a little more than a year ago.

"They're at an all-time high," said Debbie Goettsch, executive director of the non-profit that has served a five-county region in Northeast Nebraska, including Dakota County, for more than 40 years. "This last year, I would say 30 percent of our clients are sexual assault victims."

It's long been an issue, but rather than suffer in silence, more survivors are seeking help.

"I think it's always been happening, but we have done a lot more outreach and people know they can go here for help," Goettsch said.

Reporting a sexual assault is never easy for the survivor, and about 3 in 10 assaults go unreported, according to various studies. Of those that are reported, a 2015 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence survey found that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men are sexually assaulted between the ages of 11 and 17.

Goettsch said that Haven House helps those who have experienced sexual assault in a variety of ways, from helping file police reports to supporting them through difficult situations like going through the process of a rape kit, which collects DNA evidence from an individual's body that can aid in the identification of a perpetrator.

Some survivors are willing to share their experiences, but how much they share varies.

"They don't have to tell in detail and it's up to them how much they want to share. We don't force them to do so," Goettsch said. "If they are willing to talk to law enforcement, we can have the police come to the office and take a statement. After that, we can help them with whatever they need, whether it's going to court to press charges or providing shelter."

More often than not, survivors of sexual assault know their attacker. Among women, the 2015 survey found that 51.1 percent were attacked by an intimate partner and another 40.8 percent were by an acquaintance. (For men, 52.4 percent were attacked by an acquaintance and 15.2 percent were by a stranger.)

"We're seeing a lot of family members or trusted people. The stranger that comes through town doesn't happen as often," Goettsch added.

Local and county law enforcement in Dakota County have been very supportive in helping Haven House and the court system has prosecuted more sexual assault crimes over the years.

"We have had quite a few people get prosecuted, especially for child sexual assault," Goettsch

SEE SEXUAL ASSAULT, 2A



(STAR FILE PHOTO)

Haven House Family Services Center has provided support for survivors of sexual assault for more than 40 years. It recently moved into its new office in South Sioux City, located at 921 B Street.

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— Debbie Goettsch

Haven House Executive Director on who is committing sexual violence against children

Nebraska farm leaders call for 'trade de-escalation'

By MARK MORAN
Nebraska News Service

Nebraska farm leaders are asking the Trump administration and the European Union to deescalate a trade war developing over tariffs.

The National Farmers Union and the EU ag group Coldiretti have sent a joint letter to President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, telling them farmers on both sides of the Atlantic are vulnerable to tariffs, which would reduce markets for their crops.

While there is talk of tariffs on lots of imported products, Nebraska Farmers Union President John Hansen said it's America's Midwest farmers who are most vulnerable in the tit-for-tat trade war.

"Ag's nose bleeds first," said Hansen. "It bleeds worst and in a lot of cases, it bleeds longest."

The EU has responded to Trump's proposed tariffs on farm products with retaliatory tariffs of its own.

Trump has also proposed tariffs on Mexico and Canada, until those countries do more to stop the flow of drugs and immigrants the administration says are coming into the U.S. illegally.

As one of the top exporting states in the country, Hansen said tariffs could be especially bad for Nebraska farmers.

"Whether it's our soybeans or our pork," said Hansen, "we have a lot of commodities that we grow in great efficiency and great productivity in our state that obviously need export markets."

The Trump administration is scheduled to announce its latest intentions on tariffs April 2.

Rep. Smith office staff to be in Dakota County

Constituents of Third District Congressman Adrian Smith are invited to meet with a member of his staff in Dakota City later this month.

A staff outreach event is an opportunity for constituents to meet directly with a member of Smith's staff about federal issues, receive assistance with a federal agency interaction, or take advantage of the services available through his office.

Smith, who has offices in Grand Island, Scottsbluff, and Nebraska City, will provide a staff member at the Dakota County Courthouse on Monday, April 14, from 2-3 p.m. The courthouse is located at 1601 Broadway Street in Dakota City.

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

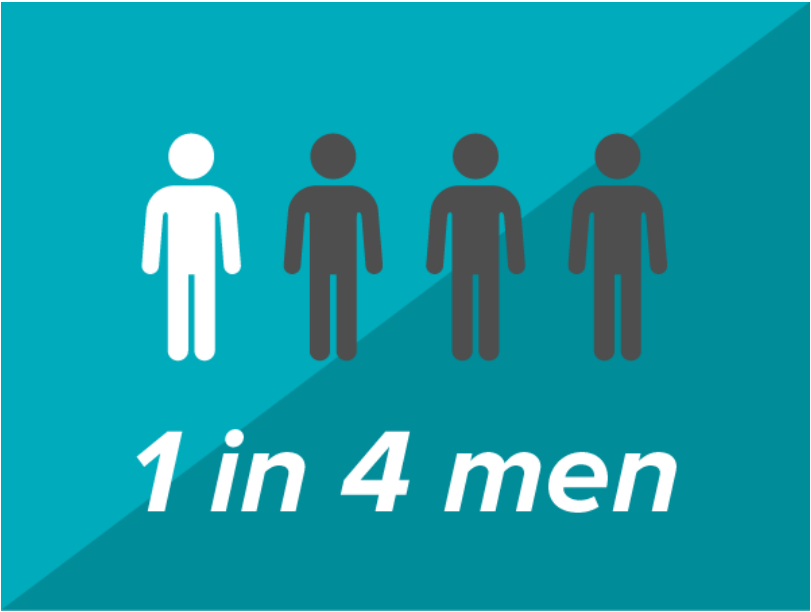


(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

The orange glow south of Hubbard early Wednesday evening could be seen from miles away as about 15 firefighters from Homer, Winnebago and Emerson-Hubbard worked on a controlled burn about 50 acres of CRP land just south of Kramper Lake. According to Homer Fire Chief Dale Barclay, the three fire departments controlled the fire around the property during the four-hour exercise.



Surveys have indicated that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men are sexually assaulted in the United States between the ages of 11 and 17. More of these crimes are being reported with the support of non-profit agencies like Haven House Family Services Center, which serves a five-county area in Northeast Nebraska, including here in Dakota County.



(GRAPHIC COURTESY 2015 NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY)

SEXUAL ASSAULT: Haven House helping more people deal with sex assault

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said. “Law enforcement here has gotten involved and it’s getting better. We’re seeing a lot of judges in Woodbury County (in Iowa) giving probation, but in Nebraska they’re actually prosecuting people without probation.”

The support Haven House provides

has helped a lot of survivors get back on their feet and move on with their lives after experiencing the violence of sexual assault. The key is to build trust with the individual.

“They don’t know what’s going to happen and don’t know how to go about (reporting) and there is a lot of trauma that they’re dealing with,” Goettsch said. “They’re in a survival mode and we’re trying to help them

navigate through everything. People are scared, which is why we let them tell us as much as they want, and after a while a trust is built that will help them open up and tell more.”

The support system offered by Haven House has opened up a lot of opportunities for survivors to not only get through their experiences, but to offer support for those who follow.

“We’ve had quite a few clients

who will go through it and come back a year or two later and tell us how they’re doing, and those are the success stories that keep you going,” Goettsch said. “We also get people who come back and want to volunteer and help others who are also going through what they’ve been through, and it’s nice seeing people understand that they’re not alone in going through it.”

Ag producers can still enroll in USDA safety net program

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2025 crop year have until April 15 to revise elections and sign contracts.

Both safety net programs, delivered by USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA), provide vital income support to eligible farmers who experience substantial declines in crop prices or revenues for the 2025 crop year. In Nebraska, producers have completed 74,763 contracts to date, representing 84 percent of the more than 89,474 expected contracts.

“Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs provide excellent risk protection, for market declines, at no cost to the producer,” said Tim Divis, deputy state executive director for FSA in Nebraska. “If you haven’t made your program election or signed a contract, please contact your local FSA county office as soon as possible to set an appointment so you don’t miss the April 15 deadline.”

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which provides crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual, which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2025 are optional, producers must enroll, with a signed contract, each year. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm, the contract will continue for 2025 unless an election change is made.

If producers do not submit their election revision by the April 15 deadline, the election remains

the same as their 2024 election for eligible commodities on the farm. Also, producers who do not complete enrollment and sign their contract by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2025 year and will not receive a payment if one is triggered. Farm owners can only enroll in these programs if they have a share interest in the commodity.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Center for Agricultural Profitability and Nebraska FSA cooperated on a webinar designed to educate producers on the 2025 ARC/PLC options. Producers are encouraged to use the tool of their choice to support their ARC and PLC elections.

Producers are reminded that enrolling in ARC or PLC programs can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products offered by USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who elect and enroll in PLC also have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider, but producers of covered commodities who elect ARC are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres.

Unlike SCO, RMA’s Enhanced Coverage Op-

tion (ECO) is unaffected by participating in ARC for the same crop, on the same acres. Producers may elect ECO regardless of their farm program election.

Agricultural producers visiting FSA to complete ARC/PLC elections and enrollment are encouraged to also conduct other FSA program business during their scheduled appointment, including completing farm loan applications and applying for the recently announced Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP).

Sign up for ECAP began on March 19. ECAP, authorized by the American Relief Act, 2025, provides up to \$10 billion to agricultural producers for the 2024 crop year. Administered by FSA, ECAP will help agricultural producers mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices. Congress gave USDA 90 days to implement the program, and that deadline was met. Producers of eligible commodities must submit ECAP applications to their local FSA county office. by Aug. 15. Only one application is required for all ECAP eligible commodities nationwide. ECAP applications can be submitted to FSA in-person, electronically using Box and One-Span, by fax or by applying online at fsa.usda.gov/ecap utilizing a secure login.gov account. For more information, please visit the ECAP website at fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/emergency-commodity-assistance-program.

To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center.

SOLAR FARM: County board approves resolution; tax sale also accepted

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Brenda Sale reported on the impact of the Voices For Food program during the Nebraska Extension Office’s quarterly report.

In its 10th year, the program has put more than 127,000 pounds of produce into the food system in Dakota County. In 2024, the program

distributed 18,501 pounds of fresh produce to low-income families in the county.

The program’s success comes from the amount of volunteer support it receives, Sale said. Almost 130 volunteers have put in more the 1,750 hours to help the program. Of all the volunteer hours turned in by the Voices For Food program on a state-

wide level, Dakota County’s number of hours accounts for almost half, she said.

“It’s very good because of the people in this community,” she told the board.

In other action, the Board:

— approved a list of names for the resolution grievance board.

— approved an application request by Kim Hansen of Dakota County Victims Assistance for the Victims of Crime Act Grant.

— approved a disaster declaration from the March 19 blizzard that damaged a number of power poles in the county, causing a disruption of utility service.

— announced that they will open negotiations with three unions in the county for salary and benefit packages, including the county’s sheriff

deputies, correctional officers and the road department. Board chair Matin Hohenstein said a date will be set after the completion of the current Legislative session in late May.

— awarded Thrasher Foundation Repair’s bid of \$1,544.84 to deal with drainage issues around the jail and courthouse.

— approved change orders on the M Avenue project that will allow the road to be widened from 28 to 30 feet at no additional charge to the county.

— approved the hiring of Dean Pallas for the road foreman position.

— approved a gravel pricing bid from Boyden Sand and Rock of Hawarden, Iowa.

The county board’s next meeting is Monday, April 14 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

TRASH: Tires being dumped in ditches

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the county.

“We need to do something,” he said. “It’s to the point where it’s out of control.”

Dakota County Sheriff’s Deputy

Tim Decker said the county can put up trail cameras in the affected areas and use that video as evidence to bring those individuals to justice.

“I would love to catch them in the act, and they will go to jail after they clean it up,” he told the board.

Northeast Nebraska Senior Center Menu

1501 W. 29th St.
Luncheon meals served
Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Coffee and socializing will be served Mondays from 9-11 a.m.
Please call the day before to reserve a lunch — (402) 494-1500

Thursday, April 3 — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, celery sticks, broccoli, mixed fruit salad, orange

Friday, April 4 — Country fried steak, Au gratin potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, chocolate pudding, orange

Monday, April 7 (Evening meal) — Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, glazed carrots, cranberry salad, sliced tomato

Tuesday, April 8 — Spaghetti and meatballs, lettuce salad, green beans, mandarin oranges, garlic bread

Wednesday, April 9 — Beef tips and noodles, was beans, cole slaw, pears

Thank You!!!

To all the volunteers, crafters, vendors and everyone for their time and donations to help make our Craft/Vendor Fundraiser a HUGE success. Also, THANK YOU to Tyson Foods and Pepsi for their generous donations.

Beverly Bates, director, and the Northeast Nebraska Senior Center of South Sioux City Board of Directors

Website launched to support law enforcement recruitment

Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers joined numerous leaders and statewide organizations last week to announce the launch of SecureTheGoodLife.Nebraska.gov, a website designed to help recruit talent for law enforcement and prosecution offices across Nebraska.

Since taking office, Attorney General Hilgers traveled across the state to all 93 counties, meeting with law enforcement and county attorneys. In 2024, he and his staff hosted regional roundtable discussions. During these meetings, many agencies expressed challenges in recruiting across Greater Nebraska. Secure The Good Life is designed to answer those expressed needs.


Hilgers seeks to amplify the high

calling of those serving in law enforcement and cast a vision for those who would consider public service.

This website shares real stories of the hometown heroes serving our Greater Nebraska communities. Narratives told by county attorneys, police chiefs, and sheriffs voicing what they love about their communities and why they choose to serve in Nebraska. The next generation of those called to serve in Nebraska will be inspired by hearing the personal stories shared.

Secure The Good Life also links to available job openings in law enforcement and prosecution careers through the Nebraska Crime Commission and the Nebraska County Attorneys Association.

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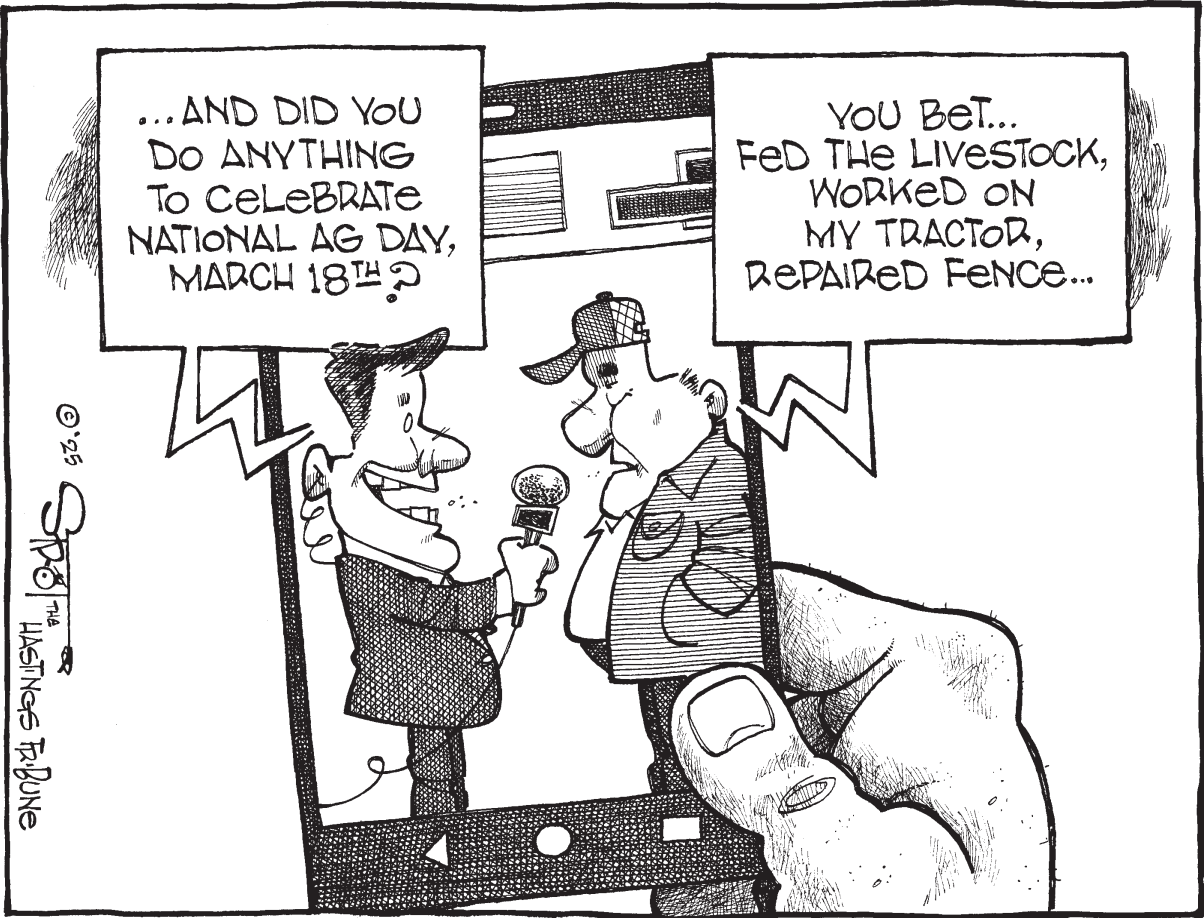
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Targeting lab-grown protein in Legislature

In 2008, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) offered an award of \$1 million to the first scientist who could grow chicken in a laboratory. UPSIDE Foods won that contest and received a patent for their work.

Since that day beef, lamb, pork, shrimp and turkey have all been grown in laboratories. In 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved UPSIDE Foods’s lab-grown chicken for human consumption. Additional kinds of meats are getting FDA approval and today it is legal to sell FDA-approved lab-grown protein.

The development of lab-grown protein has caused quite a stir. Animal rights activists, such as those at PETA, support it because it saves the lives of animals and reduces the amount of their suffering. Opponents of lab-grown meat complain about the high production costs, microbial contamination, allergens, the lack of adequate testing, the flavor, and unfair competition with farmers and ranchers. Some, including me, would go so far as to say that lab-grown meat is not real meat, and that is why I prefer to call it lab-grown protein.

So, how is lab-grown protein made? First, stem cells are extracted from a live animal. The stem cells are then cultivated in a nutrient-rich environment and then placed into a bioreactor to grow muscle, fat, and connective tissue. The bioreactor mimics the conditions of an animal’s body. Finally, the cells are separated and shaped to look like normal meat products using a process known as scaffolding. After scaffolding, the lab-grown protein is packaged and distributed to stores for retail sale

Legislative Report

State Sen. Glen Meyer
District 17

and consumption.

The repugnant nature of lab-grown protein is now causing politicians to react with legislation prohibiting its manufacture, sale and import. Italy, for example, has banned the manufacture, sale, and import of all cultivated or lab-grown protein. Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi have all passed legislation banning the sale of lab-grown protein in their states, while Iowa has passed legislation forbidding the labeling of lab-grown protein as meat; instead, manufacturers have to use labels such as ‘artificial meat,’ ‘imitation meat,’ or ‘lab-grown protein.’

Here in Nebraska, Gov. Pillen has targeted lab-grown protein as one of his top legislative priorities for 2025. Gov. Pillen would like to ban the manufacture, sale, and import of lab-grown protein in Nebraska. LB 246 amends the Nebraska Pure Foods Act by defining lab-grown protein as an adulterated food product and treats the manufacture, sale, or import of lab-grown protein as a deceptive trade practice.

When it comes to legislation, I generally do not like to ban products. People should have the liberty to eat whatever they want. For example, some people eat processed bugs. For this reason, I believe the best kind of

legislation is a bill similar to Iowa’s which forbids the labeling of lab-grown protein as meat. Sen. Bob Andersen of LaVista (LD49) introduced that bill, and LB 658 has advanced to General File.

Nevertheless, I will support the effort to ban lab-grown protein in Nebraska with LB 246 for three reasons. First, lab-grown protein undermines Nebraska’s agricultural economy. Ag is the engine that drives Nebraska’s economy, and Nebraska produces the finest beef, pork and poultry in the country. Second, lab-grown protein has not been sufficiently tested, in my opinion. The fact of the matter is that there are no long-term studies showing the effects of consuming lab-grown protein over long periods of time. Third, lab grown protein is treated with antibiotics and other chemicals to prevent bacteria and disease. When produced on a large-scale basis for mass consumption, growing the protein in a clean environment becomes a problem for the industry. Unless the protein is grown in a completely sterile environment, it becomes susceptible to endotoxins, unwanted heavy metals, and dangerous chemicals. For these reasons, I will support banning the manufacture, sale, and import of lab-grown protein.

Helping President Trump cut your taxes

Recently, President Trump re-committed to eliminating federal income taxes on Social Security benefits. He’s also promised to increase support for our veterans. I agree with President Trump. Social Security and veterans’ benefits should be completely tax-free. This week, I introduced two bills to help the President deliver on that agenda. My bills will help Americans keep more of their hard-earned money in retirement.

I introduced the Social Security Check Tax Cut Act and the Tax Cuts for Veterans Act. These bills are built on the same common-sense approach we took in Nebraska. We worked across the aisle to cut taxes on Social Security and military retirement benefits at the state level. It’s time to do the same at the federal level.

Social Security benefits shouldn’t be taxed. From 1935 until 1983, these benefits were not taxed. This recognized that workers already paid into Social Security via the payroll tax each pay period. In 1983, 50 percent of Social Security benefits became taxable. And in 1993, President Bill Clinton signed a bill into law making 85 percent of Social Security benefits taxable. This double tax needs to end.

My Social Security Check Tax Cut Act will start phasing out the federal tax on Social Security benefits. It begins with a 10 percent cut in year one and grows to 20 percent in year two. Congress can continue phasing out the tax by 10 percent per year and make Social Security income tax free by 2035.

For a typical retiree, it would

Washington Report

US. Sen. Pete Ricketts
(R) Nebraska

mean about \$800 back in their pocket. That’s 202 gallons of milk or 270 gallons of gas at today’s prices. That’s real relief for seniors.

This is a plan that works. We did it in Nebraska with LB873. We eliminated state taxes on Social Security benefits in a bipartisan, 100% unanimous vote. It wasn’t a Republican or Democrat solution. It was a Nebraska solution. Washington should follow Nebraska’s lead.

I also introduced the Tax Cuts for Veterans Act. My bill ensures that military retirement pay is tax-free at the federal level.

In 2021, I signed LB387 into law, eliminating state taxes on military retirement benefits in Nebraska. We did it with overwhelming bipartisan support. Not a single senator voted against it. That’s because it was the right thing to do. It was another Nebraska solution. We need to take that same approach in Washington.

The Tax Cuts for Veterans Act would give real financial relief to those who served. Take an enlisted soldier, sailor, airman, or marine who serves for 20 years. Under my bill, they could save over \$6,000 per year. That’s an extra \$500 every single

month. That’s real money to cover groceries, gas, housing, and other rising costs.

As John F. Kennedy once said, “the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” Honoring our veterans isn’t just about words — it’s about action. We can and should eliminate federal taxes on military retirement benefits for veterans across the country.

My bills are about fairness, common sense, and keeping promises to seniors and veterans. Seniors have paid into Social Security for decades. Veterans have given years of service to protect our freedoms. We should not be double taxing them. These bills will boost retirement income and ensure seniors and veterans keep more of their hard-earned money.

We proved it in Nebraska. Washington needs to do the same. I’m proud to lead this effort, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this done.

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.

Schools should pay for sex crimes

When your child is at school, you would like to think that they would be safe from the evils of the world.

It’s bad enough that we’ve had to worry about school shootings, drugs being brought into school or bullies who seem to torment our children without fear of repercussion. If you’ve experienced any of those things in your life (especially the bullying), you know what a dreadful experience that is to have to live with on a day-to-day basis every time you walk into a school building.

One would think that, when it comes to keeping our kids safe, we should be able to not have to worry about them being sexually assaulted, whether it’s in a classroom, a locker room or on the school bus.

And yet, it seems there are those in our schools who have a problem with being held accountable when one of our kids has been sexually violated by someone at school, whether it’s a teacher, or a classmate, or even someone in a position of power within the district.

Nebraska State Sen. Danielle Conrad’s priority bill, LB156, holds school districts accountable when someone is sexually assaulted on school property, whether it is in a building, at an event, in a school vehicle or in a vehicle that a school employee is driving.

A Centers for Disease Control study several years ago discovered that 1 in 4 children in the United States experiences sexual assault before their 18th birthday. If you plugged that ratio into the current K-12 enrollment numbers here in the Nebraska, that total would be larger than the 90,000-seat capacity at Memorial Stadium, home of the University of Nebraska football team.

“We’re trusting the schools with our vulnerable kids . . . and we expect them to protect (our kids),” the Omaha World-Herald quoted Conrad during a Judiciary Committee hearing last week.

Gov. Jim Pillen vetoed a broader version of the bill in the last term of the Legislature. According to the World-Herald, Pillen claimed it would put a financial burden on taxpayers who might be footing the cost of the misdeeds of those who may not even work for the government.

So what?

If the school district is that lax in properly checking out those who might be working with our children

Don’t Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher

in a school building or might be riding in a vehicle with them, how can we, as parents, possibly feel good about what is happening to our children when they are on a school bus or in a locker room with someone who is looking to prey upon our youth?

School districts all across Nebraska have employed these sick, twisted sexual pervers, and it’s happening at a more alarming rate than ever before.

Consider these recent headlines that were on the first page of a Google search with the words “Sexual assault teachers Nebraska”:

— Sept. 26, 2022: From the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Nebraska. “Former high school assistant coach sentenced to 15 years for production of child pornography” (If this sounds familiar, that’s because it happened here in South Sioux City.)

— Jan. 10, 2025: From 1011now.com. “Former Nebraska teacher pleads not guilty to sexual abuse charge” (a teacher in Madison allegedly had sex with an 18-year old high school student.)

— Jan. 6, 2025: From knopnews2.com. “Former North Platte teacher sentenced for sexual abuse, witness tampering (A former North Platte High School teacher gets seven years in prison for sexual abuse of a student and attempting to contact the survivor after his arrest.)

— April 15, 2024: From usatoday.com: “Nebraska teacher arrested after police find her, teen student naked in car, officials say (The teacher was found naked in her car on a dead-end road with a teenage student. The teen tried to drive the car but crashed and was found naked in the car with the teacher.)

— Nov. 25, 2024: From knopnews2.com. “Western Nebraska educator faces five counts of sexual abuse” (Maywood Public Schools PE teacher and coach charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault and three counts of third-degree sexual assault.)

— Jan. 9, 2025: From nebraska.

“Former Franklin Public Schools para professional and coach charged with sexual abuse” (A Franklin Public Schools employee was having sex with a teenage girl that was reported by her father. The two were discovered in his vehicle outside a local business.)

State Sen. Tanya Storer, who is against the bill, claims that paying for damages could impact a small school district’s budget.

And what about the financial AND emotional impact a family would face if their child was sexually assaulted by the PE coach, or para professional, or the school bus driver? I can say from experience that the impact my sexual assault had on me and my family is something that, even 49 years later, is still felt.

Conrad is pursuing this bill because the daughter of one of her constituents was sexually assaulted during an event on Lincoln Public Schools property. The family filed a suit against the school, but a judge dismissed the case.

Many public (and private) schools in this state have long tried to sweep situations like these under the rug, and it has come at the expense of the young, innocent lives of our children. It is long past time that the education community in the state of Nebraska take the physical and emotional concerns of our children much more seriously than they claim they are doing. It’s time they stop hiding the derelicts and pervers who pose as “educators” in an effort to gain access to our children for their sick, twisted, desires. And if Gov. Pillen is as interested in the well-being of our children as he likes to claim he is, he’ll work with Sen. Conrad to make sure this legislation finds his desk and gets his signature in this session of the Nebraska Legislature.

Our children have enough challenges in their lives as it is — they shouldn’t have to worry about being sexually violated while they are being educated in taxpayer-supported school buildings.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Proposed tobacco tax hike will hurt small businesses, state economy

By AHSAN ALAHI

Here we go again, Nebraska. More taxes to try to influence adults’ behavior. I’m talking about new proposed tax increases on many of the things that we all like. Just last week, lawmakers at the state capital introduced a new bill that will increase the price we Nebraskans pay for pop, candy, and cigarettes. Like many convenience store owners, I run a small business. At my store in South Sioux City, I employ nine hard-working people who rely on my business to put food on their family’s table. Every day, we all look forward to greeting our customers as they come in to grab snacks, drinks, and possibly tobacco products. It’s where people in our community come together. Now, I’m worried again about the state’s latest attack on businesses like mine with the new proposed tax hike of 72 cents per pack of cigarettes and new taxes on candy and pop. These changes could really hurt small businesses like mine.

We’ve been down this road before; politicians saying higher taxes will help people quit smoking or lead

healthier lives. But honestly, that’s just not how it works. Taxes like these mostly hurt hardworking folks in our community, especially those who earn less. Instead of quitting, they’ll drive over to another state, where tobacco and other products are already cheaper.

Not only are lawmakers talking about hiking taxes on cigarettes, candy, and sugary beverages, they’re targeting more of the goods I rely on to keep my doors open. In two other bills that lawmakers just introduced, they’re going after nicotine pouches and e-cigarettes – two product lines that smokers are using to quit smoking. Legislators want to tax nic pouches by 20 percent and vapes by 40 percent. At the beginning of 2024, they raised the taxes on vapor products very minimally. Most of my customers haven’t minded paying a little more. But if the state significantly taxes nic pouches and e-cigs, I can guarantee my customers will bypass my store and head right over the bridge to Sioux City, Iowa where they don’t tax vapor products or nic pouches. It won’t just be tobacco

sales that I’ll lose. Customers will go to other states to fill up their gas tanks, grab snacks, and do their shopping there instead. That’s a lot of lost business, income, and, eventually, jobs for our community.

Plus, Nebraska won’t actually gain from these taxes. We’ll end up losing money overall. Customers buying across state lines mean less tax revenue for Nebraska, which means fewer dollars going to services we all rely on.

There’s also the issue of whether these taxes even work. Usually, tobacco users will find cheaper options or buy illegal products instead of quitting. Real solutions should focus on education and support programs, not heavy taxes that punish Nebraskans who can’t easily afford them.

I hope Governor Pillen and our state legislators reconsider these proposed tax hikes. Let’s invest in solutions that really work, like education and prevention programs, instead of taxes that just end up hurting small businesses and our local economy.

NOTE: Ahsan Alahi owns Select Mart in South Sioux City.



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Speech, presentation/PSA Photo -- (front) Evelyn Albrecht, Taryn Albrecht, Emily Hansen, Addison Lamplot, Elle Lamplot, (back) Benjamin Albrecht, Isaac Albrecht, Logan Hansen, Ty Nielsen, Kate Hansen.



(front) Evelyn Albrecht, (middle) Isaac Albrecht, Ty Nielsen, Addison Lamplot, Taryn Albrecht, Jack Fichter, (back) Audric Cavenee, Kylie Kocian, Brooke Raymer.



Favorite Foods Photo -- (front) Isaac Albrecht, Evelyn Hansen, Emily Hansen, Ben Albrecht, (back) Brooke Raymer, Logan Hansen, Jenna Raymer, Kate Hansen. Not pictured are Audric Cavenee and Carter Twito.

4-H All Contest Day showcases area talent

It was a great day for Dakota and Thurston County 4-H members as they showed off their skills for the All Contest Day recently.

All Contest Day includes Public Speaking, PSA, Presentation, Music and Favorite Foods Revue. The Public Speaking and Presentation contests provide the opportunity for the 4-H'ers to advance to a State Competition. The Favorite Foods Revue and Music contest are county only contests.

Public Speaking: Topic must include a 4-H component.

PSA: is a 60-second long promotional audio recording focused on a year theme. The 2025 theme is "Ready Through 4-H and beyond."

Added to All Contest Day this year was an Impromptu Speech Contest.

Youth drew a random topic then had 15 minutes to prepare a speech. Eight youth participated.

Presentation is a like show and tell, a speech with some type of prop.

Grand Champion Speech Intermediate: Elle Lamplot

Grand Champion Speech Senior: Payton Hermelbracht

Grand Champion PSA Junior: Kate Hansen

Reserve Champion PSA Senior: Logan Hansen

Grand Champion PSA Senior: Rylie Hermelbracht

Grand Champion Impromptu Speech: Logan Hansen

Reserve Champion Impromptu Speech: Benjamin Albrecht

Grand Champion Presentation Junior: Benjamin Albrecht

Grand Champion Presentation Intermediate: Isaac Albrecht

Ribbons

Speech Contest

Cloverkids/Participation ribbon: Evelyn Albrecht, Emily Hansen

Intermediate

Purple: Elle Lamplot

Senior

Purple: Payton Hermelbracht

PSA (Public Service Announcment)

Junior

Purple: Kate Hansen

Senior

Purple: Logan Hansen, Rylie Hermelbracht

Impromptu Speech

Purple: Taryn Albrecht, Ty Nielsen, Kate Hansen, Logan Hansen, Elle Lamplot, Addison Lamplot,

Isaac Albrecht, Benjamin Albrecht

Presentation Contest

Junior

Purple: Benjamin Albrecht

Intermediate

Purple: Isaac Albrecht

In the Favorite Foods contest, 4-H'ers prepare a menu, usually with a theme, set up a single-table setting. This should include plate(s), flatware, drinkware and a centerpiece. The 4-H'er prepare one food item from the menu for the judge to try.

Grand Champion Favorite Foods Junior: Benjamin Albrecht

Reserve Champion Favorite Foods Junior: Isaac Albrecht

Grand Champion Favorite Foods Senior: Audric Cavenee

Reserve Champion Favorite Foods Senior: Brooke Raymer

Ribbons

Cloverkids/Participation Ribbon: Evelyn Albrecht, Emily Hansen

Junior

Blue: Carter Twito

Purple: Benjamin Albrecht, Kate Hansen, Isaac Albrecht

Senior

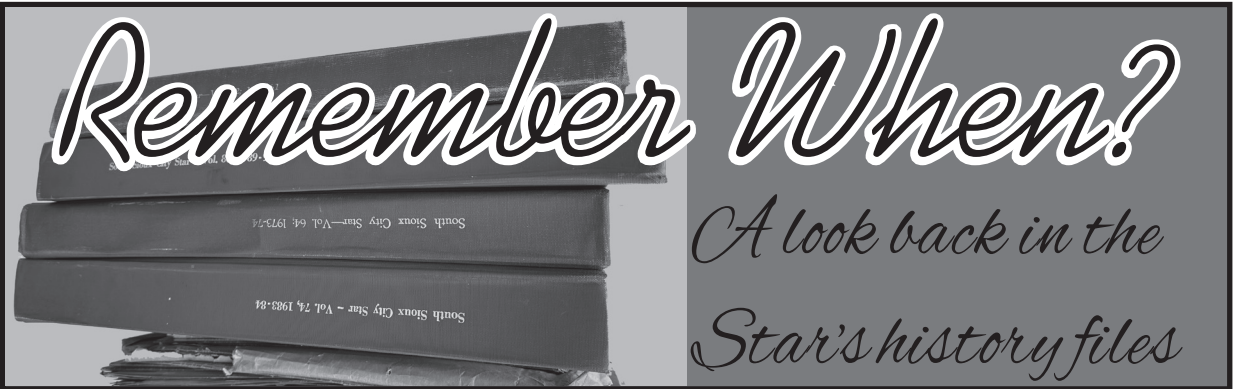
Blue: Jenna Raymer

Purple: Logan Hansen, Brooke Raymer, Audric Cavenee

For the Music Contest 4-H members, sing, play instruments, the piano or maybe even dance. Youth can do solos, duets and groups.

Best of Show Grand Champion: Audric Cavenee

Best of Show Reserve Champion: Kylie Kocian



10 YEARS AGO

APRIL 2, 2015

Paved off-street parking ordinance approved

After numerous discussions by several committees, the South Sioux City Council unanimously approved the paved off-street parking ordinance on the first reading. According to several council members, the problem concerning paved and non-paved off-street parking has been an issue in South Sioux City for a while.

19-year-old Wakefield girl on Oct. 1. The 22-year-old Concord man pled guilty in Dixon County District Court to attempted kidnapping and use of a firearm to commit a felony. Anderson submitted his guilty plea to Dixon County at the Dakota County Courthouse in front of Judge Maurice Redmond, who had to be in Dakota City to attend to other business.

Kneifl takes the oath of office as judge of the Eighth Judicial District as administered by South Sioux Attorney Norris Leamer, Clerk of District Court.

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40 YEARS AGO

APRIL 4, 1985

Croxen remains in Sioux City hospital

Barbie Croxen, a senior at South Sioux City High School, is a patient at Marian Health Center where she has been hospitalized for more than eight weeks. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Croxen of rural South Sioux and the late Gary Croxen. Barbie is continuing to make progress in her recovery from a broken arm, dislocated left shoulder and serious head injury. The two -vehicle accident involving a stolen van being pursued by law officers from a three state area occurred Feb. 2 at the intersection of West 29th Street and U.S. 77 here. The 17-year-old was alone in her car when the van ran through the red light and crashed into the automobile.

Final video lottery machines removed

A Video Consultant worker loads the video lottery sign as the last of the video lottery machines were removed from South Sioux City and returned to Omaha. The machines came from the Marina Inn. According to Video Consultant officials, there were a total of 74 machines left in south Sioux City and all were moved for storage in Omaha.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 3, 1975

New judge takes oath

South Sioux Attorney Frank J.

20 YEARS AGO

MARCH 25, 2005

Crystal Cove to get million-dollar makeover

An old sand pit has come a long ways. On Tuesday, the City of South Sioux City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officially signed an agreement authorizing a \$1.6 million environmental restoration project for Crystal Cove, which was once the site of farm land — even an old sand pit — before Ron Rapp had a vision. The planning started during the I-29 bypass project, Rapp said, referring to 1976 when the now-named Kingsbury Interchange was under construction south of South Sioux City on Highway 77. "We looked at the blueprints, noticed that there was excess land to the project, and we thought a lake might be a good idea."

30 YEARS AGO

MARCH 30, 1995

Assailant pleads guilty

The man accused of kidnapping Laura Kucera and leaving her to die in rural Macy, Neb., after shooting her three times, pled guilty in both Dixon County and Thurston County District Court Monday. Brian P. Anderson plead guilty in both counties after admitting he kidnapped the

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Was it a Blue Book?

One of my favorite skits is by The Two Ronnies, where a man comes into a library looking for a particular book. He has the title and the author, but he just wants to know where to find the book; only to find that the books are classified by color, height, etc. It's quite funny.

Thankfully, the South Sioux City Public Library makes things easy for you to find.

Find it in the Library is a program that shows you how to find what you are looking for from the library webpage libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity. On Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m., we will learn how to search for books on Aspen, our discovery system. Learn how to find materials, put physical materials on hold, download electronic materials from Hoopla or Libby, keep track of your checkouts, and much more.

Goodwill Career Cruiser: The Career Cruiser will be here to help you with job preparation. Bus will be in the parking lot on Friday, April 4 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Tea on IT: Tech Help went and got a new name! Services offered will consist of the following: mobile help, computer information, info on streaming devices, keyboarding and more. Walk-in availability! This program is each Monday evening from 5-8 p.m.

Tangled Yarns is held each Tuesday from 6-7:45 p.m. It is a time for anyone to come work on or ask questions about crafting projects that can be carried with you.

Keyboarding Practice is a self-directed practice. It is held on Wednesday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Program and computers provided.



Dan Nieman

EBSCO, Let's Go! Is held on Wednesday nights in April from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is required. This program is for adults Only (age 16-over). This four weeks of self-directed study on Core Skills for Adults. Please register! We will be learning about a learning resource available to you through the South Sioux City Public Library.

- Build Your Math Skills
- Become a Better Writer
- Improve Your Writing, Speaking, and Grammar
- Becoming a United States Citizen.

Reverse Coloring is on Thursday, April 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. Reverse coloring sounds odd but it really isn't! We will be using fine pens and Sharpies to draw what we see or what we want onto existing layers and shapes of color. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. It is for adults age 16-over.

Blue Books and More: Blue is a great color name to play with. You can have blue can be something official, something secret, something a little naughty, the color blue, blues music. The following are books, music, and movies with a blue theme.

"Before Elvis: The African American musicians who made the king," by Preston Lauterbach (781.64 LAU). "[Preston] Lauterbach examines the lives, music, legacies, and interactions with Elvis Presley of the four innovative Black artists who created a style that would come to be known as Rock 'n' Roll: Little Junior Parker, Big Mama Thornton, Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup, and mostly-unknown eccentric Beale Street guitarist Calvin Newborn. Along the way, he delves into the injustices of copyright theft and media segregation that resulted in Black artists living in poverty as white performers, managers, and producers reaped the lucrative rewards." — Provided by

publisher.

Little Junior Parker was born Herman Parker, is known for his "honeyed voice" and "velvet smooth." Two of his recordings is available on Hoopla.

Sun Music Originals: Mystery Train contains remastered versions of Mystery Train, Feelin' Good, and six more selections.

Drivin' Wheel, along with the title cut, this title has Someone Broke This Heart of Mine, Tin Pan Alley and many more.

Willie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton was a prolific singer-songwriter who wrote songs like Hound Dog, Little Red Rooster, and many other songs. Some of her albums available on Hoopla Stronger Than Dirt, Sassy Mama!, Jail, and many more.

More Blues, Rhythm and Blues, Bluegrass Music: The following are some of the blues and R&B albums available from the library's online collection.

Blues by Chuck Berry. Known as a pioneer of rock & roll, Chuck Berry can do the blues well. On this collection Berry performs Down the Road a Piece, Route 66, Sweet Sixteen, and many more.

Blues on Top of Blues, by B.B. King. King is the King of the blues. This album has Heartbreaker, Losing Faith in You, and many more.

Rockin' Rhythm & Blues, by Jerry Lee Lewis. The wild man does Good Golly Miss Molly, Johnny B. Goode, and many more.

Bluegrass Sinatra, by Craig Duncan. This is a joy for people who like bluegrass and those who like Frank Sinatra. It contains a list of Sinatra standards: Witchcraft, The Lady is a Tramp, I Get a Kick Out of You, and more.

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Tennis team medals two at Neb. City

After losing its home opener, the South Sioux City girls tennis team rebounded to earn two medals at the Nebraska City Invitational.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Cards fell to Omaha Mercy in a home dual, 8-1. The lone win came from Arlet Gonzalez, who earned a 9-7 victory at No. 6 singles.

The Lady Cards picked up a pair of medals at Saturday's Nebraska City Invitational, with Lula Garvey picking up a second-place medal at No. 2 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Morgan Blake and Gabriella Ruff claiming runner-up honors.

All four entries won at least one match in the four-team round-robin

tourney. Stephanie Amaya was 1-2 at No. 1 singles, while the No. 2 doubles team of Gonzalez and Claudia Rubalcava went 1-2.

Dual Result
Omaha Mercy 8, SSC 1

Singles — 1. Eibhlín Kelly, Mercy, def. Stephanbie Amaya, 8-3; 2. Hannah Whitcomb, Mercy, def. Lula Garvey, 8-1; 3. Brigid Kelly, Mercy, def. Morgan Blake, 8-2; 4. Macy McColley, Mercy, def. Claudia Rubalcava, 8-1; 5. Rosalynn Pensick, Mercy, def. Gabrielle Ruff, 8-5; 6. Arlet Gonzalez, SSC, def. Regina Mendoza, 9-7.

Doubles — Emma Welsch/Lily Goaley, Mercy, def. Amaya/Garvey, 8-3; 2. Micah Ketelsen/Hailey Carlsen, Mercy, def. Rubalcava/Ruff, 8-0; 3. Kathryn Wooding/

Hadley Bryan, Mercy, def. Gonzalez/Mackenzie Jensen, 8-1.

Nebraska City Invitational Singles

1. Stephanie Amaya — lost to Omaha Bryan, 8-3; def. Nebraska City, 8-5; lost to Omaha Benson, 8-3.

2. Lula Garvey — def. Omaha Bryan, 8-0; def. Nebraska City, 8-4; lost to Omaha Benson, 8-0, 2nd.

Doubles

1. Morgan Blake/Gabriella Ruff — def. Omaha Bryan, 8-3; lost to Nebraska City, 8-0; def. Omaha Benson, 9-8, 2nd.

2. Arlet Gonzalez/Claudia Rubalcava — def. Omaha Bryan, 8-5; lost to Nebraska City, 8-0; lost to Omaha Benson, 8-4.

Wolfpack fare well in first meet

Tri County Northeast's track and field teams saw some great efforts in their first action of the season, with eight of their 11 medal-winning efforts finishing in the top two at Friday's Tekamah-Herman Relays.

In the girls competition, the 400-meter relay of Rachael Bousquet, Bre Millard, Joslyn Mackling and Kiya Tornez claimed top honors with a time of 52.08 seconds. Mackling also finished first individually with a co-op record of 4 feet, 10 inches to help the team's high jump relay place fourth overall.

Other second-place finishes for the

girls came in the 100-meter hurdle relay with Millard, Mackling and Hailey Millard; the 300-meter hurdle relays with the Millard sisters, and the sprint medley relay with Tornez, Mackling, Bousquet and Samantha Rastede.

The throwers frelay of Mica Tornez, Maddie Franzluebbbers and Becka McNear placed third, and the 800-meter relay of Bousquet, Kiya Tornez, Jenni Olson and Bre Millard finished fourth.

In boys action, the distance medley of Logan Morgan, Aidan Isom, Devon Lewellen and Alex Snyder ran a

time of 10:10.03 to claim first-place honors. The foursome also claimed runner-up honors in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 9:49.66.

Bryan Isom set a new co-op record in the triple jump, finishing second individually with a leap of 40-5 1/2. He was also part of runner-up team finishes in the 110- and 300-meter relays. Joining him on the 110 relay were Thatcher Lamp and Logan Morgan, while Lamp and Devon Lewellen teamed up with Isom on the 300 relay.

SSC hoopsters on All-RCC lists

South Sioux City's boys and girls basketball teams both had players named to the All-River Cities Conference teams last week.

Preston Blackhawk and Jaden Painter were both named to honorable-mention honors in the boys list.

On the girls list, Bailey Durant was an All-Conference honoree while Bryleigh Robinette earned honorable-mention honors.

OBITUARIES

Catherine M. (Cadwallader) Nelson, 95

Catherine M. (Cadwallader) Nelson, 95, of Pender, died on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Wakefield Care Center in Wakefield. The visitation will be on Monday, March 31, from 5-7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Pender, with a prayer service starting at 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Pender. The burial will be in Rosehill Cemetery in Pender. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the direction of Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home in Pender.



Nelson

Catherine was born on Dec. 12, 1929, in Hubbard, to William and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Cadwallader. She grew up on the family farm with a hardworking ethic and a love for farm animals and chickens. On Feb. 12, 1953, Catherine married Dale D. Nelson in Hubbard. Together, the couple had five children. She was a 60-plus-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served on the Catholic Church Altar Guild. Catherine was proud of her many years of selling Avon products to many ladies in the area.

Catherine was very active with her family and their many school, church, and sports activities. She joined the women's bowling league and was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing on Twin Creeks Women's League in the summer. Catherine and her family went on many trips and vacations. They would travel to Minnesota, where they would spend time fishing and camping. Catherine also liked to play slot machines, traveling to Las Vegas or any casino for that matter. She loved cheering for Husker Athletics

or any sport her grandchildren were involved with. Catherine always had a clean and well-kept garden at her home. One of her favorite enjoyments was hosting her family and friends for cards or games, coffee, snacks and an occasional drink. Catherine always enjoyed music and even traveled to a few concerts with her grandchildren when she was 92 years old.

Catherine is survived by her daughters, Beckie (Steve) Gutzmann of Pender, Shari (Tony) Henschke of Pender; sons, Clay (Tami) Nelson of Pender, Tim (Brenda) Nelson of Johnson Lake, Brian (Lori) Nelson of Pender; sisters-in-law, Marge Cadwallader of Emerson, Mavis Nelson of Vermillion, S.D.; 15 grandchildren, Brandon (Katie) Gutzmann, Brooke (Greg) Hanna, Nathan (Quinn) Gutzmann, Cassie (Brandon) Bonar, Brady (Carly) Nelson, Kate (Matt) Penner, Heather (Neil) Chloupek, Haley (DeWayne) Zitek, Whitney (Cole) Mahlberg, Tony (Paula) Nelson, Nick Nelson (currently on the market), Jordan (Antonia) Nelson, Tyler Nelson, Alaynna (Josh) Beutler, Alexia (Ross) Pinkelman; 29 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Catherine is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dale Nelson; brothers, Pat Cadwallader, Cliff Cadwallader, Charlie Cadwallader, Bud Cadwallader, William Cadwallader; sister, Frances Kuhl; brothers and sisters-in-law, Don Nelson, Ronald Nelson, Gaylord Nelson, Gordon Nelson, Gary Nelson, Myrna Rahn, Twilia Taylor, Leona Bottorff, Ramona Kamrath, Adeline Bostwick, and their spouses; and great-grandson, Wesley Nelson.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Adolfo Trejo Martinez, 63, South Sioux City, and Rene Alvarado-Aguilar, 62, South Sioux City

Hector Yalil Lopez Navarro, 53, Wakefield, and Marcia Angelita Ramos Abrego, 38, Wakefield

Juan Manuel Delgado, 65, South Sioux City, and Juan

Carlos Rosario Perez, 44, South Sioux City

Ronald Kevin Denney, 66, Dakota City, and Amber Lea Uhl, 37, Sioux City, Iowa

Bryan De Jesus Rivera Murillo, 25, South Sioux City, and Josilyn Cristal Mena Arrieta, 27, South Sioux City

Generic drug purchases may be eligible for compensation

Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers is urging consumers in Nebraska to check their eligibility for compensation for certain generic drug purchases as Nebraska joins 50 states and territories in seeking preliminary approval for a \$39.1 million settlement with generic drug manufacturer Apotex over conspiracy to inflate prices and limit competition.

Attorney General Hilgers and the multistate coalition previously announced the settlement in principle

with Apotex last fall along with a \$10 million settlement with Heritage Pharmaceuticals. At the time of that announcement, the settlement with Apotex was conditioned on the signatures of all necessary states and territories. Those signatures have been obtained, and the coalition filed the settlement in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut in Hartford.

If you purchased a generic prescription drug between May 2009

and December 2019, you may be eligible for compensation. To determine your eligibility, call (866) 290-0182, email info@aggenericdrugs.com or visit www.aggenericdrugs.com.

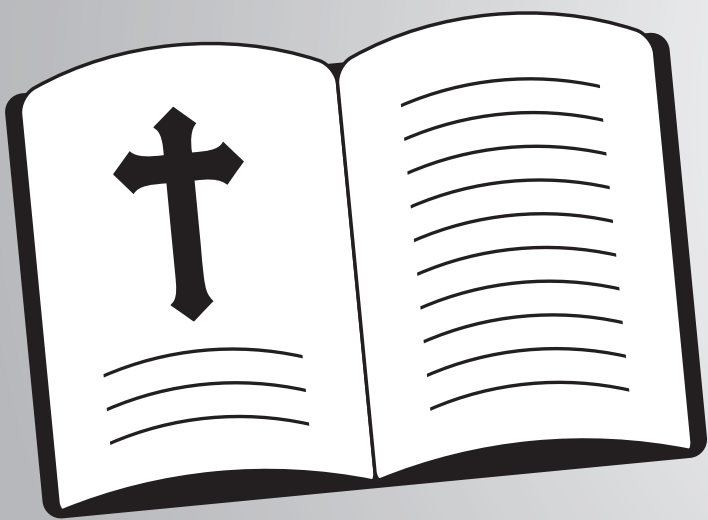
The settlement agreements resolve allegations that both Apotex and Heritage engaged in widespread, long-running conspiracies to artificially inflate and manipulate prices, reduce competition, and unreasonably restrain trade with regard to numerous generic prescription drugs.



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Homer News

By Stacie Johnson

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Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan



Andrew Bundy (left) had the winning soup entry in the cream/cheese category with his delicious chicken tortellini with shoulder bacon. (right) Congratulations to Mary Heck who won the broth/vegetable category of the soup contest with her soup names "Roberto" at the Stews and Brews night.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

More 150th Celebration
fun and news

Votes are in, and the first FUNdraising event for Homer's sesquicentennial celebration was a success! What a great way to kick off the festivities with soup, much visiting, great drinks and treats, and evening lip sync and karaoke. Rumor has it some veteran singers hit the spotlight. Is this true, Bill, Gayle, and Rod?

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped run the night, to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and to the Rohdes/Vanschoiacks for hosting the fun in their shop.

Plans are already underway for more shenanigans, all in the name of enjoying company while raising money for the big summer celebration.

Keep the first Saturday in May free for a cornhole tournament at the Homer Fire Hall. Bags will fly at 12 p.m. with cash prizes, airmail challenge, concessions and cash bar on the menu. Email homercelebration@gmail.com with questions.

The next meeting for organizers – and you are invited – will be held Sunday, April 13 at Good Roots at 3 p.m.

Legion hosts Holiday Ham
Bingo

Come and support the American Legion Riders fundraiser on Saturday, April 12 from 5-9 p.m.

Thirty games with a prize of either

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Senior Sam Shadbolt was the lone medalist from Homer's speech and drama team at State last Thursday in Kearney. Sam earned a sixth-place medal in the humorous prose category, keeping the medal streak alive for the team.



a turkey, ham, or bacon are planned. A 50/50 raffle and bake sale are also in the works for the evening event. Hot dogs, taverns and chips will be served and the bar will be open.

Everyone is welcome. Proceeds will go to help local veterans.

Homer boasts another
Mustang

Congratulations goes out to senior Josue Munoz on signing with Morningside College, where he will continue his wrestling and academic career.

Josue took good advantage of the opportunity to wrestle when Homer started its wrestling team three years ago. He earned a fifth-place medal at state last year and continued that success as a senior, garnering a third-place spot on the medal stand.

Josue joins fellow classmate Ali Albrecht who will be putting on a Mustang jersey on the women's basketball team. Good luck to both student athletes.

Easter egg hunt is back

The Homer Community Club is again hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Homer Park on Saturday, April 19.

Children age 4 and under will be egg hunting on the T-ball field, ages 5-8 will be on the playground, and those 9-12 will be in the outfield. All age groups start at 3 p.m.

Let's all channel good weather for the kids and their fun.

Gill Hauling donates
vouchers

A big thank you goes out to Gill Hauling for their generous donation to Homer Community School, providing free vouchers for students to attend a Sioux City Bandits game. Sterling Clark visited the school to present the donation.

The Sioux City Bandits appreciate Gill Hauling's partnership and their contribution of tickets to bring new fans to a Bandits game. Homer alum Jonah Schmitt is involved with the Bandits organization in a coaching and sales assistant capacity. Go check out the local team if you can.

Book club April 7

Reminder that the next Good Roots Book Club meeting will be Monday, April 7 at 6 p.m. Discussion will surround the April book, which is Freida McFadden's "The Boyfriend."

School activities

Friday, April 4 – BIG Show Art Day at WSC; Prom set up, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5 – Prom, 7 p.m. Grand March.

Tuesday, April 8 – ACT Testing; V TR at Elk Point.

Wednesday, April 9 – Softball Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 – NSBA State Jazz Festival.

Friday, April 11 – Ivan Krumwiede Track Meet; Title I Read In, 10 a.m.

Garbage pickup day change

The garbage pick up day will change to Monday beginning April 1. For the transition, the first week of April garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, April 2. The new schedule will begin with pick up on Monday, April 7 and continue every Monday thereafter.

Harty-McNally Legion and
Auxiliary

The Legion and Auxiliary next meeting will be on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in our Legion Hall. Poppy posters will be judged by Auxiliary members. This is always a fun meeting, so all members are encouraged to give their opinion. First-place winners will be sent to The State Americanism Chairman. Girls State will be June 1-7, and our Auxiliary will be sponsoring Jenna Allyn, who is a junior at Homer High School. This program teaches students about local, county, and state government. Save the date for the Soup and Pie Supper to be held in our Legion Hall on Saturday, April 26. This will include a bake sale and quilt raffle.

Jackson Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Jackson Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. at Magirl Park in Jackson. Everyone is welcome. The Easter Bunny and Chick will be there for pictures. An egg toss after the hunt for older kids.

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 Newcastle. 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.

Library Closed

Thursdays, April 3 and April 10, Jackson Library will be closed due to scheduling conflicts with Kindergarten and preschool open houses.

Pickleball

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

Book Club

The group met and discussed: "In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote very good but disturbing and "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller was a well written book. April selections are "Salvage the Bones" by Jesmyn Ward and "The Chain" by Adrian

McKinty. The big book selection is "Paradise Lost" by John Milton.

Jackson Elementary School

Mondays – One hour late start for teacher in service

Pre-School Enrollment – April 3, 6-7 p.m. at Jackson Public School

Kindergarten Round Up – April 10, 6 p.m.

Early dismissals – Thursday, April 17 – Jackson 1:10 p.m.

No school – Easter Break – Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21

Jackson Elementary School lunch menu for the week April 7-11:

Monday – Chicken patty on a bun, green beans, French fries, fruit

Tuesday – Breakfast pizza, hash-brown, muffin, fruit

Wednesday – Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, cheese breadstick, fruit

Thursday – Hot dog on a bun, baked beans, pickles, fruit

Friday – Cooks choice

Hours of Operation

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

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

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

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

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AA Meetings – Providence Hall, Mondays 7-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will discuss "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain on Monday, April 7. The group meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss a book selected to read for the month. The group receives their books through Book Kits offered by the Nebraska Library Commission and are allowed to keep and read them for one full month. The group distributed their next selection "Reconstructing Amelia" by Kimberly McCreight during their meeting Monday. For an extra copy to read along with the group, contact Library staff.

Story Hour for April will be planned around the theme "Slime Time." This will be the last Story Hour for the school year. The library will host weekly Summer Reading Programs during the month of June and Story Hours will resume in September.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Homer High senior Josue Munoz, joined by his high school wrestling coaches and coaches from Morningside University, signed his letter of intent last week at the school.



New items added; "Colors of Spring" by Danna Smith, "Slime Doesn't Pay" by R. L. Stine, and "Henry Heckelbeck Makes Super Slime" and "Heidi Heckelbeck-The Tie Dye Bunny" by Wanda Coven.

Mark your calendars: Fall Cleanup will take place April 30 and May 1.

Cottonwood Days Car Show

The annual Cottonwood Days Car Show will be held Saturday, June 21 at Cottonwood Cove Park in Dakota City.

The first 40 cars entered will join the parade and will meet at Dollar General at 10:30 a.m. Those cars will get preferred parking at Cottonwood Cove Park and a dash plaque.



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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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL
REZONING REQUEST
R2b Residential to MU Mixed Use
1100 Arbor Drive

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of rezoning 20 acres more or less, located at 1100 Arbor Drive, from R2b residential to MU Mixed Use, legally described as follows.

A PART OF LAND LOCATED IN TRACT OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4 NW1/4) AND PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2 OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-NINE (29) NORTH, RANGE NINE (9) EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE1/4 NW1/4) OF SECTION 22, AND ASSUMING THE WEST LINE OF SAID SE1/4 NW1/4 TO HAVE A BEARING OF N 01°52'32"W; THENCE N 01°48'41"W, A DISTANCE OF 32.93 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/PSC, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTH R.O.W. LINE OF 17TH STREET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 01°52'38"W, AND ON SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 867.28 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 17, ARBOR ACRES 4TH FILING AND ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE; THENCE N59°09'41"E, AND ON SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 72.04 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR, SAID POINT BEING A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE AROUND A CURVE IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION, AND ON SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 33°56'20", HAVING A RADIUS OF 760.00 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING N75°53'41"E, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 443.63 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/PSC #623; THENCE S87°23'48"E AND ON SAID SOUTH R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 186.70 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/ PSC #623, SAID POINT BEING A POINT OF CURVATURE; THEN AROUND A CURVE IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION, AND ON SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 19°44'05", HAVING A RADIUS OF 640.00 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING N82°53'01"E, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 219.35 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/PSC #623; THENCE S01°52'30"E, A DISTANCE OF 1003.93 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/ PSC #623, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTH R.O.W. LINE OF 17TH STREET; THENCE S88°15'33"W, AND ON SAID NORTH R.O.W. LINE OF 17TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 901.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS A CALCULATED AREA OF 20.14 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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Legal Notice

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name of the Limited Liability Company: Osbel Drainage LLC

Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 604 2nd Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776

Name of the initial agent for service of process: Osbel Labrada Rosa
Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 604 2nd Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776

Effective date if other than the date filed: 03/17/25.

Osbel Labra Rosa
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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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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 8th 2025 at 6:00pm.

The work is generally described as follows:

2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

Proposals will be taken for said construction work noted as Village of Homer 2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

Contractor proposals will only be accepted in price per units.

Copies of the Village of Homer 2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements work specifications are on file with the Village of Homer for examination by bidders.

Any questions can be directed to Elvin Vavra at (402)698-2155.

VILLAGE OF HOMER, NEBRASKA
Jarod Barclay, Chairperson
ATTEST: Samantha Johnson
Village Clerk

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Legal Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14th, 2025 the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 – 1st Avenue, which meeting will be open to the public in the matter of new liquor license for La Perle Del Mar bar & Grill. Class C Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale liquor license.

/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk
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Legal Notice

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 23, 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: "Amendment to the General Redevelopment Plan for the Northeast Redevelopment Area (Second Amendment to the Hovey Construction Redevelopment Project)," for redevelopment pursuant to the Community Development Law, Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 18-2101, et seq., within a blighted and sub-standard area of South Sioux City, Nebraska, approximately located to the southeast of the intersection of East 17th Street and Missouri View Lane.

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 31st day of March, 2025.

City of South Sioux City, Nebraska
Nanci Walsh, City Clerk
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Legal Notice

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
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE PETITIONER

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDING
CI 25-10

TO: Wilfrido Gonzalez Perez, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceedings: You are notified that on January 22, 2025, the plaintiff, Sandy Cabrera Mendez filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, at case no CI-25-10, the object of which is to obtain a Decree determining the custody of your minor child, among other things.

You are required to answer said complaint on or before 30 days after the last date of publication or said complaint against you will be taken as true.

Sandy Cabrera Mendez, Plaintiff
Prepared and submitted by:
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Email: alex@vb-lawoffice.com
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Legal Notice

Annual Meeting
of the
OMAHA VALLEY
CEMETARY ASSOCIATION
Monday, April 14, 2025
—7 p.m.—
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Homer, NE

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Legal Notice

Notice of Hearing

The South Sioux City Council will hold a public hearing to receive the semi-annual report of the Citizen's Advisory Review Committees as provided by the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act. R.R.S., 1943 at 5:00 p.m. on April 28th, 2025 in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Nanci Walsh
City Clerk
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR SALE OF FIREWORKS

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska is now accepting applications for the Sale of Fireworks, between June 24th, 2025 to midnight July 4th, 2025. Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of South Sioux City, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. Applications must be filed with the City Clerk by May 1, 2025, for action by the South Sioux City Public Works meeting on May 5th 2025 & City Council meeting on May 12th 2025. If you should have any questions, please contact the Inspection Services Department at 402-494-7518.

Nanci Walsh / City Clerk
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Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SOUTH SIOUX CITY,
CITY COUNCIL
CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT REQUEST
Residential Use in a
Commercial Zoning District
204 W 22nd Street

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing, on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 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 a residential use in a commercial (C3) zoning district. The subject property is located at 204 West 22nd Street, legally described as Lots 4 and East ½ Lot 5 Block 20 Moans Addition.

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SOUTH SIOUX CITY,
CITY COUNCIL
CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT REQUEST
Residential Use in a
Commercial Zoning District
615 West 15th Street

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing, on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 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 (C3) zoning district. The subject property is located at 615 West 15th Street, legally described as Lots 25 and 26 Block 5 Martins Addition.

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CITY OF SOUTHSIOUX CITY CLAIMS

City of South Sioux City
February 2025 – Claims
ABREVIATION FOR THIS DOCUMENT:
adv.–advertisement; equip-equipment; exp-expense; imp-improvement; ipay-incentive pay, ins-insurance; inv- investments; mi-mileage; mve-motor vehicle expense; pen-pension; pt - parts pub-publication; re-reimbursement; rep-repairs; rpt-report, rt-rent; sa-salaries; se-services; su-supplies; tx - taxes; wh-withholding
24/7 LOCKSMITH SERVICE LLC,

REP, \$125.00;
3E-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SU, \$365.48;
ABSOLUTE SCREEN ART, EXP, \$5,560.77;
AEP ENERGY, SE, \$162,412.00;
AFLAC, INS, \$329.94;
AIRGAS USA, RT, \$219.77;
AJ PHILLIPS PUBLISHING INC, SE, \$1,100.92;
ALS GROUP USA CORP, SE, \$729.50;
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SERVICE, SU, \$1,686.75;
APX, INC, EXP, \$61.37;

AT&T MOBILITY, EXP, \$345.88;
A-TEAM HEATING & COOLING, REP, \$195.00;
AUTO ZONE, EXP, \$14.99;
BAIRD HOLM LLP, PEN, \$4,877.50;
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, \$1,990.30;
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTIONS, SU, \$938.95;
BOMGAARS, SU, \$174.99;
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SU, \$4,923.83;
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, SU, \$84.04;

CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING, EXP, \$181.99;
CHRYSLER CAPITAL, MVE, \$1,480.97;
CITY OF SIOUX CITY, EXP, \$203,237.64;
CITY OF SSC, EXP, \$5,020.72;
CITY OF SSC, EXP, \$4,369.75;
CITY OF SSC HEALTH PREM, INS, \$121,362.27;
CMBA ARCHITECTS, SE, \$16,345.50;
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER, WH, \$387.68;
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT, INS, \$667.63;
COMCATE, SE, \$13,680.20;
CORE & MAIN, EXP, \$429.41;
COYOTE ENTERPRISES-DAKOTA PC, EXP, \$194.98;
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, REP, \$101.89;
DAN GASSAWAY, EXP, \$100.00;
DANIEL L GESY, EXP, \$170.00;
DEBRA COPPLE, RE, \$1,573.60;
DELTA DENTAL, INS, \$521.44;
DEPOSIT REFUND, RE, \$1,990.90;
DEPT OF ENERGY, EXP, \$80,243.85;
DG NEBRASKA ENERGY STORAGE, EXP, \$8,595.00;
DRAIN SPECIALIST, REP, \$160.00;
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$1,305.55;
ELEC PUMP, SU, \$5,619.22;
ELIZABETH REYES, MI, \$6.16;
ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS, SE, \$35,376.45;
EQUIP TRUCK & MACHINERY, REP, \$377.45;
FARRELLS HTG & A/C INC, REP, \$495.00;
FIBERCOMM, SU, \$32.97;
FIRE DPT LOCAL-MIKE WRIGHT, EXP, \$1,063.24;
FIVE STAR AWARDS, EXP, \$668.34;
FIVE STAR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING, SE, \$1,112.80;
FREMONT TIRE, REP, \$1,984.38;
GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, REP, \$1,422.00;
GILL INC-HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, SE, \$66,655.27;
GLOBE LIFE, INS, \$209.50;
GOVDIRECT, EXP, \$80,065.89;
GROVES EMERG LIGHTINGINSTALL, EQUIP, \$44,456.47;
H2O 4 U, SU, \$314.50;
HACH COMPANY, SU, \$2,412.92;
HAWKEYE ADJUSTMENT SERVICE, WH, \$420.00;
HAWKINS, SU, \$34,043.54;
HDR ENGINEERING, EXP, \$37,012.18;
HEALTHINVEST HRA PLAN CONT, EXP, \$2,058.68;
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, EQUIP, \$492.72;
HOA SOLUTIONS, REP, \$131.25;

HOOPLA, EXP, \$490.58;
IACP, EXP, \$220.00;
IOWA ONE CALL, SE, \$0.90;
IRS, TX, \$68,440.24;
JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT, SU, \$1,365.35;
JEO, SE, REP, \$23,342.50;
JERRYS SERVICE, SU, \$2,830.73;
KCAU, EXP, \$1,300.00;
KELLY PAINTING, REP, \$1,396.85;
KERRY HEGGE, SE, \$6,005.00;
KIM HANSEN, MI, \$20.64;
KNIGHT & DAVE, SE, \$11,611.93;
KRUMWIEDE HEATING & COOLING, REP, \$2,542.61;
LANCE HEDQUIST, MI, \$150.41;
LEC, SA, \$21,410.29;
LEGALSHIELD, SE, \$90.66;
LINC UNDERGROUND & FIBER SERVIC, EQUIP, \$1,991.00;
LINDBLOM SERVICES, SU, \$1,495.00;
LONG LINES, SE, \$3,765.86;
LP-GILL INC, SE, \$25.00;
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP, REP, \$16,765.33;
MAIL HOUSE, SE, \$7,910.98;
MAIN CITY, SA, \$177,569.81;
MARCO, SE, \$371.46;
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, SU, \$617.59;
MAX I WALKER, SU, \$576.46;
MEDICA, INS, \$11,626.71;
MENARDS, SU, \$77.67;
MERCYONE SIOUXLAND OCCU HEALTH, SE, \$1,582.00;
METRO ELECTRIC, EXP, \$3,600.00;
METRO ELECTRIC, EXP, \$3,164.67;
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INS, \$33,626.18;
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, EXP, SE, \$371.58;
MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SU, \$596.74;
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES, SU, \$1,236.46;
MISSION SQUARE, PEN, \$40,762.04;
MUNDO LATINO PUBLICATIONS, PUB, \$1,324.00;
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP, SU, \$149.65;
NANCI ANN WALSH, MI, \$51.10;
NATIONAL ACCT SYSTEMS, WH, \$368.46;
NDEE, EXP, \$7,680.00;
NE CHILD SUPPORT, WH, \$992.72;
NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EXP, \$715.00;
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL, SE, \$1,416.00;
NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, EXP, \$223,545.32;
NE REVENUE, TX, \$137,526.24;
NE STATEWIDE ARBORETUM, SU, \$112.00;
NEBRASKA FOP#75, EXP,

\$728.00;
NETSYS, EXP, \$2,752.00;
NEXTLINK INTERNET, SE, \$598.12;
NORTHEAST COMM COLLEGE, EXP, \$4,218.01;
NORTHEAST NE CLERKS ASSOC, EXP, \$40.00;
OLSSON, REP, \$18,025.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, \$169.11;
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$279.41;
ONE SOURCE SUPPLY, SU, \$81.36;
ONESOURCE, SE, \$105.60;
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REP, \$81.36;
OSCAR GOMEZ, MI, \$462.04;
PETTY CASH, SU, \$235.67;
POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, SU, \$0.01;
PORT53 TECHNOLOGIES PARTS, EQUIP, \$2,407.32;
POSM SOFT LLC, SE, \$2,500.00;
PROGRESSIVE NORTHERN INS, WH, \$438.66;
QUINN WRIGHT, MI, SU, \$345.00;
RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES, REP, \$1,457.82;
RIVER VALLEY UNDERGROUND, REP, \$900.00;
ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT, SU, \$7.00;
SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$16,868.65;
SECRETARY OF STATE, EXP, \$30.00;
SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, EXP, \$60.43;
SIOUX CITY TRANSIT, EXP, \$5,695.83;
SIOUXLAND CONCRETE, REP, \$878.99;
SIOUXLAND HYDRAULICS, REP, \$264.05;
SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, EXP, \$53,841.77;
SSC ANIMAL HOSP, SU, \$56.54;
SSC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, EXP, \$80.00;
SSC POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, EXP, \$530.00;
STAN HOUSTON EQUIP CO, EXP, \$781.91;
STANDARS INS CO, INS, \$228.75;
STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, SU, \$418.05;
STEFFEN, MVE, \$23,561.53;
STEFFEN, REP, \$203.37;
STEPHAN WELDING SHOP, SE, \$3,605.00;
STEVE SCHULTZ, REP, \$4,500.00;
STRYKER SALES CORP, SE, \$14,051.71;
SUSAN COMSTOCK, SE, \$560.50;
SEE CITY LEGAL, 5B

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue in said City on the 24th day of March 2025, at 5:00 P.M.
Present: Mayor Rod Koch and Council Members: Jasper Kriens, James Gunsolley, Dan Bousquet, Ben Schultz, Monty Peters, Randy Meyer, Mahamud Osman and Yahaira Schultz.
Absent: None.
Media in attendance: Dakota County Star. Notice of the proceeding was given in advance thereof by advertising in the Dakota County Star and Mundo Latino attached to these minutes. Notice of the proceedings was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Media, Mayor and Council of this proceeding and was open to the attendance of the public.
Mayor Koch, stated that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall in the rear of the Council Chambers and is available for review by citizens in attendance. A sign-in sheet is available at the entrance to Council Chambers. We ask for your assistance by signing in as this is a Federal Grant requirement. It is strictly voluntary to complete the sign-in sheet.
Kriens motioned to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Bousquet seconded the motion.
MINUTES: Council - March 11th, 2025
PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS: March 24th, 2025
Stop sign request for Dale Hans Subdivision. One 29th and 142nd Street
Award bid for South Sioux City Interconnect project, Olsson and staff recommend the lowest bid. Sioux City Engineering Co at \$1,372,620.00
Treasurer's Report ending February 28th, 2025
2025 Plumbing / Heating& Cooling license renewal
Renewal quote for maintenance on city car chargers
Carbon Day – total for item listed

below: \$22,720.00
• Price per plug - \$1,640.00 (quantity 8 - expiration of plugs: 03.21.2030)
• Price per station - \$2,400.00 (quantity 4 - expiration: 06.10.2028)
The City of South Sioux City owns 5 electric vehicles
INVOICES
JEO:
• \$1,061.25 – 2024 Cogen Maintenance Coordination.
Olsson:
• \$7,125.00 – Timberline Lift Station Replacement.
• \$2,700.00 – Dakota Avenue Corridor Enhancement Plan
Mark Abenesius
• \$81,122.00 - 2600 Block Dakota Avenue – repairs
• \$13,525.00 – Concrete Paving and Gutter Replacement
Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Engineers from JEO Consulting Group and Olsson were present to give updates and to answer any question on various projects in the city. No Action taken.
CONGRATULATIONS to NANCY WALSH for receiving the CLERK OF THE YEAR Award from the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association – Outstanding Clerk 2025, 1st Class City!
At 5:10 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Harvest Meadows – 2nd Addition Final Plat, (This single-family residential subdivision is located on the west side of the city on West 29th Street (Old Highway 20 West) near Lake Avenue). There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to Harvest Meadows – 2nd Addition Final Plat. At 5:11 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.
Meyer motioned approval, seconded by Peters of the following RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION 2025 – 08
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS HARVEST MEADOWS SECOND ADDITION IN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
At 5:12 p.m. Mayor Koch opened

the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Blom Addition – Final Plat (This 2-lot residential subdivision is located in the city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction south of 1463 Lake Avenue). There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to Blom Addition – Final Plat. At 5:13 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.
Kriens motioned approval, seconded by Bousquet of the following RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION 2025 – 09
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS BLOM ADDITION IN THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Bousquet motioned to approve bid from Barkley Asphalt for \$35,300.00 for Covington and Baumer Park bids for asphalt replacement of one basketball court at Covington Park and the installation of a new basketball court at Baumer Park. Gunsolley seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Meyer motioned to approve sending an amendment to NRD to expand scope of work and to maximize use of cost share allocation and would like to put courts at Scenic and Klassey Parks. Peters seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Kriens motioned approval to pay \$72,181.72 for Police Body Cams (50 – 50 split – Grant). B. Schultz seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
B. Schultz motioned, seconded by Gunsolley to approve the following RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION 2025 – 07
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT HARVEST MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT
Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Peters motioned to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the South Sioux City Community School District and the Community Development Agency. Meyers seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 7, no: 0. Abstain: 1
Kriens motioned to appoint Doyle VanDyke to the Community Development Agency board with term ending – 12.31.2028. Bousquet seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Meyer motioned to approve quote for \$2,640.00 from Ziegler Extended Generator Protection. Y. Schultz seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Kriens motioned Approval of CDA Board Amendment – Amend Bylaws, Article II, to add new section 9 related to qualifications of members of the board. Meyers seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Council member Randy Meyer gave a brief talk on Governors Days held in Lincoln, Nebraska.
No action on Closed session Wells Fargo pending litigation pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 (1) (a).
Kriens motioned approval for written decision regarding Wells Fargo claim pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §16-726. Meyers seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Gunsolley motioned to go into closed session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss pending Opioid Litigation pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410(1) (a). Meyers seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Gunsolley motioned to come out of closed session at 5:39 p.m., seconded by B. Schultz. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Meyers motioned to authorize the City Administrator to make all decisions regarding the Opioid Litigation, including but not limited to, the execution of any and all documents related to opioid matters and settlement, with consultation of the City Attorney. Y. Schultz seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
Being no further business at 5:41 p.m., Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting. B. Schultz seconded the motion. Voting Yes: 8, no: 0.
These minutes are subject to city council approval
A copy of the minutes in their entirety is available at City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and the City's website at www.southsiouxcity.org
Nanci Walsh – City Clerk

WINNEBAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
A Meeting of the Board of Winnebago Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 4:55 p.m. in the board room at the Winnebago Public Schools, Highways 77 & 75, Winnebago, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:
Present: Teresa Littlegeorge, Nilah Solomon, Crystal Ross, Kiana Lewis, Kristine Earth
Absent: Greg Bass III (excused) Kristine Earth (in at 5:00 p.m.)
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.
1. Receiving of Delegations:
2. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by President Teresa Littlegeorge, also President Littlegeorge states, "MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHOWING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING INCLUDING THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED. NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS PUBLISHED BY POSTING ON THE OFFICE DOOR AND THREE OTHER PLACES." A COMPLETE COPY OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT IS POSTED ON THE SOUTH WALL.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion: Ross
Second: Solomon
Discussion: None
Voting for: Lewis, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III, Earth
Motion Carried: (4-0-0-2)
4. Business Affairs
4-1. Approve minutes of January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion: Lewis
Second: Littlegeorge
Discussion: None
Voting for: Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III, Earth
Motion Carried: (4-0-0-2)
Kristine Earth in at 5:00 p.m.
4-2. Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$439,983.12, petty cash account/ treasurer's report.
Motion: Ross
Second: Solomon
Discussion: accounts payable
Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
4-3. Approve Facilities WEFLC in the amount of \$434,121.06
Motion: Ross
Second: Lewis
Discussion: discuss the change in dates
Voting For: Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross, Solomon
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
4-4. Impact Aid Application has been submitted
4-5. Board Signatures on Master Teacher Contract (Approved January 13th)
5. New Business
5-1. Approve School Calendar for 2025-2026
Motion: Earth
Second: Lewis
Discussion: discuss the change in dates
Voting For: Lewis, Earth, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
5-2. Approve Academy Trips (Washington DC & Senior Trip)
Motion: Solomon
Second: Ross
Discussion: cost, fundraisers, student contributions
Voting For: Earth, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis

Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
5-3. Thelma Whitewater-WPD Victim Specialist Program Coordinator
5-4. CPA for Winnebago Public School Audits (Receive 2024 Audit Copies)
5-5. Approve 2025-2027 School Board Committees
Motion: Ross
Second: Lewis
Discussion: assign committees
Voting For: Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
6. Reports
1. Superintendent:
a. SERC Building Update
b. NAFIG Presentation Update
2. Safety/Athletic Director
3. Pre-K-4 Principal
4. Special Education Director
5. 9-12 Principal
6. Dean of Students
7. 5-8 Principal
7. Closed Session 84-1410 Enter Motion 6:20 p.m.
Exit Session at 6:32 p.m.
To discuss: 1. Resignation/Rescinding Resignation
Motion: Littlegeorge
Motion: Ross
Second: Earth
Second: Solomon
Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge
Voting For: Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross
Earth, Ross, Solomon
Voting Against: None
Voting Against: None
Not Voting: None
Not Voting: None
Absent: Bass III
Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)
Motion Carried (5-0-0-1)
8. Public Comment (No board discussion)
10. Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
Next Regular Meeting: March 17, 2025
Respectfully submitted by:
Crystal Ross, Secretary
Winnebago Board of Education

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING
DAKOTA COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 011
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 14, 2025, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, this meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such 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
Publish in the Dakota County Star
Thursday, April 3, 2025 - ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Housing Agency of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at the SSC Housing Agency Conference Room, 118 East 21st Street, which meeting will be open to the public.
An agenda for such meeting kept continuously current is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Director during normal business hours.
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SOUTH SIOUX CITY
HOUSING AGENCY
Publish Dakota County Star
Thursday, April 3, 2025. -ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 17
WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA
The regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") will be held at 4:45 PM, on Monday, April 14th, 2025 in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 & 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 & 75, 878-2224. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the 1st rescheduled date and time is Thursday, 17th, 2025 at 4:45p.m. and the 2nd rescheduled date and time will be Monday, 21th, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.
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CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY CLAIMS

City of South Sioux City March 2025 – Claims	report, rt-rent; sa-salaries; se-servic- es; su-supplies; tx - taxes; wh-with- holding
ABREVIATION FOR THIS DOCU- MENT:	3E-ELECTRICAL ENGINEER- ING, EQUIP, \$7,858.43; ABSOLUTE SCREEN ART, EXP, \$600.00; ACCESS SYSTEMS, SE, \$1,239.05; ACE SIGNS, EQUIP, \$540.00; AFLAC, INS, \$659.88;
adv.–advertisement; equip-equip- ment; exp-expense; imp-improve- ment; ipay-incentive pay, ins-insur- ance; inv- investments; mi-mileage; mve-motor vehicle expense; pen- sion; pt - parts pub-publication; re-reimbursement; rep-repairs; rpt-	

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

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on March 26th at 2:00 PM at South Sioux City Hall 1651 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

DAVIS-BACON ACT WAGE DETERMINATIONS

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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

“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.”

For more information on AIS, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/cwsr/ 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

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AIRGAS USA, RT, \$205.76; AJ PHILLIPS PUBLISHING, EXP, \$440.00; ALS GROUP USA CORP, SU, \$666.00; AMERICAN UNDERGROUND, SU, \$347.46; ANALTICAL & CONSULTING SERVICES, SU, \$1,557.00; ANDERSON FORD LINCOLN, MVE, \$70,869.00; APWA, EXP, \$245.00; APX, INC, EXP, \$63.31; ARTISAN PRESS, PUB, \$2,550.00; AT&T MOBILITY, EQUIP, \$1,040.40; A-TEAM HEATING & COOLING, REP, \$159.00; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, \$3,307.66; BLACKSTRAP, SU, \$9,980.86; BOMGAARS, SU, \$369.98; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, SU, \$1,198.08; CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING, EQUIP, \$132.36; CHRYSLER CAPITAL, MVE, \$1,480.97; CITY OF NORFOLK, EXP, \$130.48; CITY OF SIOUX CITY, SE, \$183,900.79; CITY OF SIOUX CITY CMG, EQUIP REP, \$2,743.21;	CITY OF SO SIOUX CITY, EXP, \$4,980.72; CITY OF SSC, INS, \$123,402.01; CMBA ARCHITECTS, SE, \$3,631.00; COAST TO COAST COMPUTER, SE, \$224.67; COLLECTION SERVICE CEN- TER, WH, \$1,023.49; COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS, INS, \$667.63; CONNIE BARTELS, SU, \$20.00; CORE & MAIN, EQUIP, \$23,781.21; CORNHUSKER INTER TRUCKS, PTS, \$78.53; COYOTE ENTERPRISES PC WAREHOUSE, EQUIP, \$359.96; DAKOTA CO CLERK, EXP, \$300.00; DAKOTA CO REGISTER OF DEEDS, SE, \$38.00; DAKOTA CO STAR, PUB, \$993.29; DANIEL L GESY, SE, \$140.00; DELTA DENTAL, INS, \$521.44; DEMCO, SU, \$517.42; DEPOSIT REFUND, RE, \$3,587.16; DEPT OF ENERGY, SE, \$76,947.65; DG NEBRASKA ENERGY STOR- AGE, SE, \$8,595.00; DOUG KOOPMAN, MI, \$420.00; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$1,009.02;
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SECTION 00 10 00 — INVITATION TO BID

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

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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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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.

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY
Rod Koch, Mayor**

ATTEST: Nanci Walsh, Clerk

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SU, \$1,009.02; ECHO GROUP, SU, \$275.10; ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO, SE, \$630.00; ELIZABETH REYES, MI, \$12.60; ELWYN HOWARD, SU, \$177.20; ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SO- LUTIONS, SE, \$31,575.81; EQUIP TRUCK & MACHINERY, REP, \$24,671.87; FIBERCOMM, SE, \$65.94; FIRE DPT LOCAL 644-MIKE WRIGHT, EXP, \$1,343.04; FIVE STAR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING, SE, \$1,112.80; FREMONT TIRE, REP, \$2,856.76; GEOCOMM, EXP, \$11,641.00; GILL HAULING, SE, \$241.65; GILL INC-HOUSEHOLD GAR- BAGE, SE, \$69,399.28; GLOBAL SITE LOCATION IN- SUSTRIES, EXP, \$8,500.00; GLOBE LIFE, INS, \$209.50; GREAT PLAINS NURSERY, SU, \$17,862.75; H2O 4 U, SU, \$300.00; HAAS ALERT, EQUIP, \$2,415.24; HACH COMPANY, SU, \$793.79; HAWKEYE ADJUSTMENT SER- VICE, WH, \$630.00; HAWKINS, SU, \$34,685.03; HDR ENGINEERING, SE, \$15,602.19; HEALTHINVEST HRA PLAN, INS, \$1,978.84; HEARTLAND COUNSELING SER, SE, \$263.00; HOA SOLUTIONS, EQUIP, \$1,466.72; HOOPLA, SE, \$679.02; IRS, TX, \$204,401.81; JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIP, SU, \$1,419.57; JEO, SE, EXP, \$32,376.25; JOSE PEREZ, REP, \$637.00; JS BROTHERS INC, SE, \$3,000.00; K&L GATES LLP, SE, \$12,792.50; KCAU, PUB, \$250.00; KERRY HEGGE, SE, \$6,005.00; KEVIN O'DELL ELECTRIC, EQUIP, IMP, \$80,000.00; KIM HANSEN, MI, \$45.22; KOLEY JESSEN P C LLO, EXP, \$3,594.00; LANCE HEDQUIST, MI, \$350.00; LANGENFELD CONTRACTING, EXP, \$28,344.50; LEC, SA, \$41,227.56; LEC, SA, \$21,729.86; LEGALSHIELD, SE, \$90.66; LINDBLOM SERVICES, SE, \$340.00; LONG LINES, SE, \$3,760.81; MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT GROUP, REP, \$7,565.47; MAIL HOUSE, EXP, \$1,441.37; MAIN CITY, SA, \$575,360.39; MARCO, SE, \$371.46; MARK ALBENESIUS INC, IMP, \$215,436.65; MAS MODERN MARKETING, EXP, \$397.68; MATHESON TRI-GAS, SU, \$207.70; MAX WALKER, SU, \$604.08; MEDICA, INS, \$11,626.71; MEIER TOWING, SE, \$390.00; MENARDS, SU, \$223.17; MERCYONE SIOUXLAND OCCU HEALTH, SE, \$874.00; METRO ELECTRIC, SE, \$550.00; MID-AMERICAN BENEFIT, INS, \$70,287.57; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, SE, \$27,444.80; MIDWEST ALARM CO, EXP, \$139.78; MISSIONSQUARE, PEN, \$50,245.98; MISSION SQUARE , PEN, \$81,226.44; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP, REP, \$1,107.85; MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, IMP, \$114,000.00; NANCI WALSH, SU, EXP, \$604.58; NAT ACCT SYSTEMS, WH, \$813.84; NDEE, REP, \$912.42; NE CHILD SUPPORT, WH, \$1,489.08; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, \$23,334.10; NE LAW ENFORCEMNT TRAIN- ING, EXP, \$142.00; NE MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC, EXP, \$660.00; NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EXP, \$660.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO- MENTAL, SE, \$1,063.00; NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, SE, \$820,279.71; NE REVENUE, TX, \$22,565.31; NE RURAL WATER ASSOC, EXP, \$550.00; NE STATE PATROL, EXP, \$2,003.50; NE UC FUND, EXP, \$6,532.05;	NEBRASKA FOP#75, EXP, \$702.00; NEBRASKA REVENUE, TX, \$114,362.46; NETSYS, EXP, \$295.75; NEXTLINK INTERNET, SU, \$598.12; NORM WAITT YMCA, EXP, \$250.00; NORTHEAST COMM COLLEGE, EXP, \$800.00; NORTH AMERICAN ELEC RELIA CORP, EXP, \$3,615.87; NORTHEAST NE TELEPHONE, SE, \$107.00; OBAN CONSTRUCTION, SE, \$2,980.00; OLSSON, SE, \$10,548.33; ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS, SE, \$3,506.11; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, \$43.69; ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$106.74; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PTS, \$154.03; OVERHEARD DOOR CO INC, REP, \$250.00; R ROHAN ELECTRIC, REP, \$29,168.18; REKLEAN EQUIPMENT, REP, \$234.00; RICHARD W KOBOLD, REP, \$195.00; ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT, SU, \$49.95; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$23,323.47; SARGENT DRILLING, REP, \$7,141.82; SCHOOL EMS, EXP, \$8,848.84; SERVICE MASTER OF SOOL- AND, SE, \$1,600.00; SIOUX CITY TRANSIT, SE, \$5,695.83; SIOUXLAND CONCRETE, SU, \$297.31; SIOUXLAND GUTTER GUYS, SE, \$325.00; SIOUXLAND HYDRAULICS, SU, \$101.60; SOUTHWEST POWER POOL, SE, \$99,434.61; SSC AREA CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE, EXP, \$475.00; SSC COMMUNITY FOUNDA- TION, EXP, \$80.00; SSC POLICE OFFICERS AS- SOC, EXP, \$515.00; STAN HOUSTON EQUIP, SU, \$1,110.60; STATE INDUSTRIAL PROD- UCTS, SU, \$418.05; STATELINE ELEC & AUTOMA- TION, EXP, \$320.47; STEFFEN, EQUIP, \$226.50; STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT, MVE, \$123,815.38; STEPHAN WELDING SHOP, SU, \$140.00; STREAMLINE INNOVATIONS INC, EQUIP, \$351,116.70; SUSAN COMSTOCK, SE, \$250.00; THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP, EQUIP, \$6,690.00; TOWNHOUSE CAFE, EXP, \$53.94; TRI-STATE COMMUNICATIONS, EXP, \$435.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, SE, \$330.00; ULINE, EXP, \$441.70; UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, EXP, \$540.50; UNITED WAY OF SIOUXLAND, EXP, \$118.00; UTILITY SERVICE CO, REP, \$4,900.26; VERIZON WIRELESS, EQUIP, \$1,276.08; VISUAL EDGE IT, EQUIP, \$199.91; VSP, INS, \$533.44; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS, INS, \$14.40; WILLIAMS & COMPANY, SE, \$39,950.00; WILMES HARDWARE HANK, SU, \$1,893.32; WOODBURY CO STARCOMM, SE, \$17,360.94; WOODHOUSE, REP, \$143.25; WRENNS PLUMBING & HEAT- ING, RT, \$492.72; ZIEGLER INC, REP, \$2,765.19; Grand Total; \$4,125,729.50; CDA; CIDER MILL DEVELOP, EXP, \$200,000.00; CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM, SE, \$11,946.00; DAYS DOOR & MILLWORK, REP, \$123.00; EXECUTIVE LAWNS, SE, \$206.38; NPPD, SE, \$167.74; RICE COMPANIES, EXP, \$67,114.00; WRENNS PLUMBING, SE, \$243.60; Grand Total; \$279,800.72
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Cooking Up Some Lifetime Skills in 4-H

4-H has a long history for projects such as cooking, sewing, and livestock. While those may seem traditional, the reasons behind learning these projects offers many life lessons. Learning to cook is a whole lot more than a plateful of cookies and can be fun for the whole family as your 4-H'er masters their culinary skills! To put together this recipe for success, understanding why 4-H cooking projects may help you and your family achieve the perfect plateful of perfection in the kitchen!

1. Cooking brings families together — Cooking with kids is a great way to spend time together, doing something for other people. Learning how to cook and bake builds responsibility and trust as they take on tasks for the family. Cooking together also means they spend time cooking instead of engaged in screen time.

2. Cooking helps build self-esteem — Everyone feels a sense of pride when they can say "I made it myself"! Children who cook at home indicate a "sense of accomplishment,"

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self-confidence, and feeling of contributing to their families. Cooking can aid children in acceptance of responsibility. Each child has a task to complete to contribute the meal preparation and cleanup.

3. Cooking helps kids try new and healthy foods — Children are more likely to try new foods if they have made it themselves. Learning more about the foods as they prepare them makes it more interesting to them to eat them. Recent research published

in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics indicates that children engaged in tactile experiences, such as handling foods, have less food fear and greater acceptance of eating a variety of foods.

4. Cooking helps apply math skills to cooking skills — What better way to teach about fractions than by cooking! It's a great way to teach how important it is to know the difference between a teaspoon and tablespoon, especially if we are talking about

adding salt to a recipe! Cooking also uses math when talking about temperatures in the oven or boiling water on the stove. Applied math makes good meals!

5. Cooking teaches reading comprehension skills — Kids have to read and comprehend directions properly to have the desired results in the kitchen. It's important for them to understand step by step instructions and how taking shortcuts can have consequences!

6. Cooking teaches food science — There is nothing better than edible science and kitchen chemistry in the kitchen! What happens when we whip egg whites? Add sugar? Use yeast? A kitchen is a learning lab for children that can involve all of their senses. While kneading, tossing, pouring, smelling, cutting, and feeling foods they have fun and learn

without being aware of it.

7. Cooking with kids helps increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables — Learning how to slice strawberries, peel potatoes and make guacamole or salsa is a great way to get kids to eat more fruit and veggies! According to research, cooking with fruits and veggies does increase consumption of them!

8. Cooking with kids helps teach them about where foods come from — How do they grow wheat? Where do cherries grow? Tomatoes that don't come from a can? Take your kids to the Farmers Market to learn about the field to fork concept and then do some cooking with it!

9. Cooking with kids teaches life skills — As children grow up, they need to learn how to do things on their own, including cooking! Let them learn how to cook instead of

ordering take out for some lifelong skills! Teaching cooking to youth is an opportunity to teach nutrition education such as planning meals and make smarter food choices.

Cooking with kids is a great family activity to do together. Nebraska 4-H can help provide the background with the 4-H Cooking curriculum that teaches youth about food preparation, food and kitchen safety, food science, meal planning and nutrition. Each manual builds on the skills learned in the previous level, and members complete project activities for each level. For more information about the 4-H and Youth Development, please contact a Nebraska Extension Office. 4-H learning experiences are open to all youth. Make Nebraska 4-H your first college experience with UNL. 4-H Grows Here.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Village of Pender
Pender, Nebraska
Village of Pender (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Collection System Improvements
Pender, NE - 2025

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Pender Community Center located at 614 Main Street, Pender, NE, 68047, until May 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

Guidance Notes
• The basis of each Bid may vary, and may even include alternate bids. This should be made clear in the Bid Form. Edit to suit the Project and Owner's requirements. Choose paragraphs as appropriate for the Project and delete paragraphs not used.

• Descriptions of the Work should be brief, but provide adequate detail for prospective Bidders to be able to determine if the Work is the type of project they can pursue.

• Providing the Owner's Budget may be required by local Laws and Regulations. Providing the budget number gives prospective bidders ready information needed to determine if they have the bonding capacity to Bid the project, or if the project is within the Bidder's capability. Edit to comply with local Laws and Regulations. Delete if budget information is not required and Owner does not elect to share it in the advertisement.

Notes to User—The advertisement may be for a single contract, or for several contracts being bid concurrently where multi-prime contracts are used. For a single contract, delete the "[Or]," the wording that introduces the table, and the table itself. For multiple contracts, delete the sentence beginning "Bids are requested for the following..." and the "[Or]," and retain the table and introductory wording. Revise the format if a table is not practical for print publication. For additional guidance, see EJCDC® C001, Commentary on the 2018 EJCDC Construction Documents (2018).

Olsson Guidance Notes: Olsson typically does not include Owner's Budget info in bid requests so any reference to it have been struck-out and hidden in this document. If the project manager wants to include it, remove the hidden text and strike out marks.

The Project includes the following Work: This bid section consists of the construction of approximately 7,800 LF of 8 to 15-inch sanitary sewer main, the demolition and restoration of approximately 20,000 SY of pavement, the cleaning, pipe preparation, and cured-in-place-pipe rehabilitation of approximately 25,340 LF of 8 to 24-inch sanitary sewer main, sanitary sewer service reinstatements, video inspection, dewatering (if necessary), bypass pumping (if necessary), traffic control, and associated incidental items of work as specified herein and indicated on the drawings for an acceptable and complete installation.

This project involves STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM/FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENT SECTION

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transactions by any federal department or agency."

3. 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."

4. 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."

5. AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS

"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."

For more information on AIS, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-revolving-fund-american-iron-and-steel-ais-requirement>. Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately \$[insert amount]. The Project has an expected duration of [insert number] days.

6. BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA

"On November 15, 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)) was passed. Section 70901 of Public Law 117-58, et seq., as amended, and Section 70914(a) of the IIJA require that Federal funding for infrastructure, including Wastewater Treatment and Public Water System projects, complies with the Build America Buy America (BABA) Act. Absent a waiver, all iron, steel manufactured products, and construction materials permanently incorporated into an infrastructure project receiving BIL funding or are an SRF Equivalency project as match for Federal funding, are subject to the BABA requirements and must be produced in the United States.

This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901-70953.

The following waivers apply to this Contract: BABAA De Minimis, Small Grants, and Minor Components

Bidder shall be registered on Sam.gov in order to submit a bid.

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at the Pender Community Center, Pender, Nebraska. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Engineer's Estimate: \$6,100,000.00

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Guidance Notes—Bidding Documents may be made available to prospective Bidders using a variety of methods ranging from providing printed documents to allowing them to be downloaded from a website. If the Bidding Documents will be made available in an electronic format, then the following standard paragraphs assume that the documents

will be distributed as PDF files. If other types of files, such as native CAD files or building information models (BIM), will be made available to Bidders, then edit the advertisement accordingly, and review Guidance Note 9 accompanying Article 2 of the Instructions to Bidders for Construction Contract (2018), and the provisions of EJCDC® C001, Commentary on 2018 Construction Series (2018), regarding file formats other than PDFs.

Notes to User—Use the following paragraphs for distribution of Bid Documents using a Bidding Documents website established for the Project. Delete if not used.

Olsson Guidance Note: Since bidding document websites are typically not used for Olsson projects, the following paragraphs have been struck out and hidden. If Project Manager decides to use the following paragraph in the invite, remove the strike out and unhide the text.

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

[URL for designated document website]

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a 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 plan holders, reports, 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.

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 9610214 Pender, NE, Collection System Improvements, Pender, NE - 2025; Or for viewable only at Olsson at 1707 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE.

Notes to User—Use the following paragraphs for distribution of Bidding Documents through an Issuing Office (See Instructions to Bidders). Delete if not used.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson
1707 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776

Notes to User—Owner should determine if it is desirable to require attendance (mandatory) at the Pre-Bid Conference. Coordinate with the Instructions to Bidders. Choose the appropriate following paragraph and delete the paragraph not used.

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.

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