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STAR CALENDAR

Chamber Coffee Friday

Friday's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by McKeever Ride Share Service and will be held at the Northeast Nebraska Senior Center, located at 1501 West 29th Street.

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

County Board to meet

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 14 at 3 p.m. in the Dakota County Courthouse.

An agenda is available at dakotacounty.ne.gov.

City Council meeting

The City Council of South Sioux City will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 14 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda is available at southsiouxcity.org.

Board of Education meeting

The South Sioux City Community Schools Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 14 at 5 p.m. in the high school library.

An agenda is available at ssccardinals.org.

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.

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LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy The Weather Channel
FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10-16, 2025

THURSDAY		31	13	Mix of clouds and sun.
FRIDAY		29	11	Mix of clouds and sun.
SATURDAY		26	14	Partly cloudy skies.
SUNDAY		38	21	Mostly sunny.
MONDAY		42	25	Partly cloudy.
TUESDAY		43	26	Partly cloudy.
WEDNESDAY		45	25	Merry Christmas!

Providing evidence key to a conviction

Reporting sex assault tough, but necessary

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

More often than not, a successful conviction of a sexual assault comes down to a victim's willingness to not only report the crime, but provide the evidence.

Sometimes, though, the process of reporting a crime can be as traumatic as the event itself, which is why local law enforcement tries to work with those who are assaulted to

make sure they have what they need to help the justice system do its job and bring their attacker to justice.

Lt. Jeanette McFee, an investigator for the South Sioux City Police Department, said that the sooner a report is filed, the better the chances are of getting the evidence needed to secure a conviction.

"Depending on how fresh an assault was, less than 72 hours, we'll request that they go to a hospital," she said, noting that hospitals are able to collect evidence via what is called a "rape kit" that helps medical personnel collect DNA samples from a victim's body,

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A Series

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

Awareness & Prevention Month

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER RECEIVES GOLDEN APPLE



Longtime Cardinal Elementary kindergarten teacher Amy Shultz had many people to thank after receiving the Golden Apple Award during Friday's South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet, held at the Marriott Convention Center. With her on stage is Wayne State College president Dr. Marsyz Rames and South Sioux City Community Schools superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega.

Cardinal Elementary kindergarten teacher earns Golden Apple Award

By AMY BUSTER
For The Star

Cardinal Elementary Kindergarten school teacher Amy Shultz was awarded the Golden Apple during Friday's annual South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet at the Marriott Event Center.

"It's a little overwhelming to win. I was honored just to be nominated. It's very gratifying to know that people appreciate the work that teachers do. It's very fulfilling," commented Shultz.

"The winner this year is a standout educator whose passion for teaching is evident in every moment of the school day," Dr. Ortega stated. "Her classroom is a place where learning never stops — whether during a morning

meeting, lining up, or transitioning between activities — she seizes every moment as a teachable one. Her students often don't even realize they're learning, thanks to her seamless, conversational approach."

The South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce has recognized exceptional teachers in the South Sioux community with the recognition of the Golden Apple since 1992. To be considered for the award, the teacher must have positively and significantly impacted the lives of students whom they have taught and mentored and the community in which they live.

Shultz has been teaching for 33 years. She has been teaching in the South Sioux School District for 31 years and has taught kindergar-

ten for 26 years and second grade for seven years.

"They're all at different levels in kindergarten. It takes a lot of planning and hard work to bring everyone up to the same spot," commented Shultz.

An issue shared by Dr. Ortega.

"She takes immense pride in student achievement, especially in reading and math. No matter where her kindergarten students start, they're performing at the top of the grade level district-wide by the end of the year," he said. "She dives deep into data to understand exactly what each child needs and differentiates instruction accordingly, ensur-

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Emerson-Hubbard FFA team brings home state championship

Emerson-Hubbard's FFA program brought home a state championship from last week's Nebraska State FFA Convention in Lincoln.

The six-girl team of Rylinn Mitchell, Rachael Bousquet, Ava Luber, Makayla Horak, Emelia Harral and Emily Stamm put together an award-winning effort in the Ag Issues Forum competition, using crickets as part of their presentation on Solving Food Insecurity with Insect Protein. The group actually ate crickets as part of the demonstration, which was judged as the best in the state.

Prior to state, this team had to complete a two-page portfolio, summarizing their ag issue. After putting that together, they held forums locally to make their presentation.

Their forums were held before several groups, including Emerson Grocery Cooperative Board, the Nebraska School Nutrition Association Board, Michael Foods, Dakota and Thurston County Ag Societies and the community.

During the state competition, they gave a 10-minute presentation and answered oral questions from the judges.

By winning the state competition, the group qualifies for the 97th annual National FFA Convention and Expo, set for Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The state championship highlighted the locals' weekend in Lincoln as 12 Emerson-Hubbard FFA members participated.

The team of Ally Belt, Logan Morgan, Maddie Franzluebbers and Chloe Peters placed 38th out of 133 teams in the Agriscience competition, where they completed a pre-state career analysis

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Emerson-Hubbard FFA members (from left) Ava Lueber, Emily Stamm, Rylinn Mitchell, Makayla Horak, Rachael Bousquet and Emilia Harral were state champions in the Ag Issues competition at last week's Nebraska FFA State Convention in Lincoln.

Chamber banquet a success

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

The saying "what's old is new again" certainly was appropriate when it came to the South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Held in the newly-refurbished Marriott Event Center after a five-year hiatus, the 250 attendees who attended Friday night's gala certainly enjoyed themselves as the Chamber resurrected its annual showcase.

Just getting the banquet back on peoples' calendar was a goal in and of itself, said, Chamber president Lori Warner.

"The whole thing was, after the hiatus we were thrilled to launch it back up again and that was the big thing, to get it off the ground," she said. "We knew it wasn't going to be as big as it's been in the past, but just to be able to get it back on peoples' calendars was the goal for us."

Getting the local business community together was also important for Mike LaCroix, the chamber's executive board chair, who helped emcee Friday's event.

"I think it was really important for us to show that we can give back to local businesses that support us and have been going through a lot of change," he said.

The last time the Chamber held its annual banquet was in January of 2020, two months before the worldwide pandemic hit and forced a lot of change on the business community, LaCroix said.

"We all kind of went through it together in our own ways," he said. "Some people closed their businesses and some had to change the way they operated. So I think this was definitely a needed event that we hadn't had in a long time."

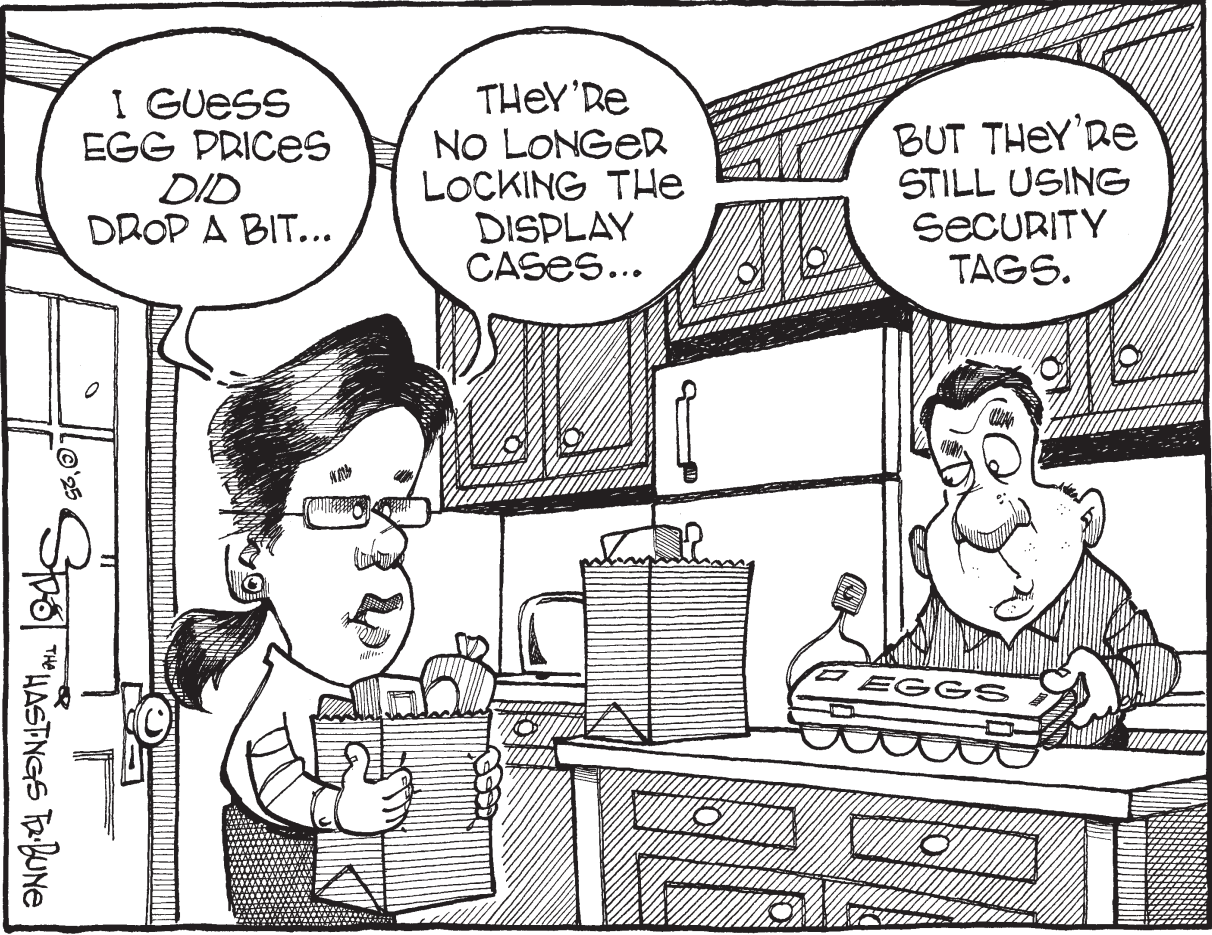
Friday's banquet had a musical theme to it and was highlighted by the Dueling Pianos program that capped Friday night's event.

Warner said she was happy with the work that was done by the Chamber staff, as well as the Marriott event staff.

"They were so accommodating to us because we had some last-minute changes, and they did an exceptional job of helping us and making sure it went well," she said. "It was also Chelsea's (membership coordinator Chelsea Easterling) first banquet and

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Noodles
Director of Security



Meat-related bills advance

Last week was Meat Week in the Nebraska Legislature. I call it Meat Week because two important bills advanced in the Legislature regarding meat. The first was LB 246, a bill to prohibit the manufacture, distribution and sale of lab-grown protein, and the other was LB 646, a bill which exempts feedlots from the Livestock Brand Act. Last week I wrote on lab-grown protein, so today I would like to address the feedlot problem.

All of the counties which comprise Legislative District 17 lie outside of the brand inspection area. In 1941, the Nebraska Legislature established the Nebraska Brand Committee and the brand inspection area. The Secretary of State kept record of all brands until the Legislature transferred that authority over to the Nebraska Brand Committee in 1975. The brand inspection area comprises the western two-thirds of the State.

LB 646 would allow a feedlot operating anywhere in Nebraska to apply to become an exempt feedlot, free from brand inspections and audits. Currently, anyone sending their cattle to a feedlot in the brand inspection area must have their cattle inspected. LB 646 would exempt feedlots from the Live Stock Brand Act, effectively creating a uniform voluntary policy for cattle inspections across the whole state.

The Nebraska Brand Committee is responsible for determining ownership of livestock. When cattle go astray, it becomes the responsibility of the Nebraska Brand Committee to determine who owns the cattle. Furthermore, the Nebraska Brand Committee also investigates the theft of livestock. To give you some idea of the magnitude of their role, con-

Legislative Report

State Sen. Glen Meyer
District 17

sider that during the 2016-2017 fiscal year the Nebraska Brand Committee had 33,598 brands on file, inspected 3,787,707 cattle, and recovered 969 stray cattle.

Reforming Nebraska's brand inspection laws has proven to be a controversial hot topic for many years. Former State Sen. Tom Brewer, who represented the prime cattle ranching area of the Sandhills of Legislative District 43, once remarked how he would rather navigate through a mine field than debate another brand inspection bill on the floor of the Nebraska State Legislature. LB 646 advanced to Select File last Wednesday; however, I voted against the advancement of the bill for three primary reasons.

First, brand inspections are necessary to prevent theft and to protect livestock owners. Cattle theft continues to happen in Nebraska. For example, Jordan Marx was convicted down in Richardson County as recently as 2023 for selling a total of 19 head of his employer's cattle in Kansas. Because Richardson County lies outside of the brand inspection area, Marx never had to have the cattle inspected.

Second, those representing the cattle ranching industry all opposed LB 646 at the public hearing. The Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska

Farm Bureau, and Nebraska Farmers Union all opposed the bill at the public hearing. Because Legislative District 17 lies outside of the brand inspection area, I felt it was important to listen to what the cattle ranching industry as a whole had to say about this bill, and it was easy to discern that they don't want it.

Third, LB 646 is just bad for small cattle ranchers. The Agriculture Committee's amendment to the bill, AM 638, raises the brand inspection fee from \$1 per head of cattle to \$1.50 per head of cattle. While larger ranchers may be able to absorb these additional costs, smaller ranchers cannot. Nebraska currently ranks as the third highest state in the Union for farm and ranch bankruptcies, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Raising brand inspection fees is no different than raising taxes for our cattle ranchers, many of whom already are facing the challenges of profitability.

Sen. Teresa Ibach of Legislative District 44 is the state senator who introduced LB 646. Sen. Ibach stated during Wednesday's floor debate that she would work with Sen. Tanya Storer of Legislative District 43 to fix the bill. Sen. Ibach said she may pull the bill if a compromise is not reached. I will continue to oppose the bill unless an acceptable compromise is reached.

A celebration of Nebraska Beef

Nebraska is the Beef State. Agriculture is the heart and soul of what we do. One in four jobs in Nebraska is related to agriculture. Beef is essential to our state's economy.

Recently, we celebrated a major win for our state and our beef industry. I joined over 1,000 people in North Platte for the ribbon-cutting of the new Sustainable Beef processing plant. It will process about 1,500 head of cattle per day when fully operational. It will create 850 good-paying jobs. It will also add \$1 billion to the local economy each year. This is the power of Nebraskans coming together to solve problems.

The journey to this day started years ago. When I was Governor, I led a trade mission to Japan and Vietnam. On that trip, I spoke with Nebraska cattle producers about the challenges they faced. They shared concerns about the prices cow-calf operators were receiving. I told them the answer was competition. That conversation led a group of Nebraska ranchers to come together and launch Sustainable Beef. Now, their vision is a reality.

Sustainable Beef is a huge win for North Platte, for Nebraska, and for the entire beef industry. Local businesses are expanding. More families are moving in. This is what happens when we invest in agriculture. This is what value-added agriculture looks like. It's taking our products and processing them to capture more of the economics.

This new plant is also proof that we can grow our economy while protecting our land and resources. Nebraska ranchers already lead the way in sustainability. They know how to care for their cattle and their land. Sustainable Beef will continue that tradition by focusing on responsible production practices that respect our

Washington Report

US. Sen. Pete Ricketts
(R) Nebraska

environment.

Beef is essential to our state. Last year, Nebraska led the nation with over \$2 billion in beef exports. We also led the nation in commercial cattle slaughter, with nearly 6.9 million head processed. Nebraska ranchers help feed the world. Our beef industry is not just part of our economy. It is our way of life.

Despite our success, there are threats to our industry. Radical activists want to push anti-beef policies that ignore science and common sense. Some want to take beef off the menu and replace it with plant-based substitutes. As Senator, I'm fighting against those radical policies. I'm pushing back against burdensome regulations. I will always stand up for Nebraska agriculture and our ranchers.

Standing up for producers also means passing a strong Farm Bill. Ranchers need the certainty of a full, five-year bill. A strong Farm Bill will protect risk management tools like Price Loss Coverage and Livestock

Risk Protection. It will secure funding for the USDA Vaccine Bank. It will support working lands-based conservation programs that protect our resources while respecting private property rights. That's why I'm working with my colleagues to get it done this year.

Food security is national security. The COVID-19 pandemic showed us how dangerous it is to depend on Communist China for critical supply chains. Without our farmers and ranchers, America would depend on other countries for the food we eat. That's why facilities like Sustainable Beef are so important. They strengthen our economy, defend our way of life, and protect our domestic food supply chain. With the dedication of Nebraska's producers, the future of our beef industry is bright.

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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to firemen

We would like to say a big thank you to the local fire departments and our neighboring farmers who responded to the field fire near our

farm on Friday, March 14. We are so very grateful for your service to us and the wider community.

Anna and Pete Speiser
Susie and Ted Rudberg
rural Emerson

Sexual assault *needs* to be discussed

There are more than 5,000 children living in the Dakota County Star's coverage area.

If you look at the number of students registered at the four area public schools (South Sioux City, Homer, Emerson-Hubbard, Ponca) and St. Michael's Elementary, 5,133 school-age children are a part of our communities.

Would it blow your mind if you knew that almost 1 in 5 of those 5,000-plus kids have been sexually assaulted?

If you were to take ratios gleaned from government studies about child sexual assault, almost 1,000 of our children have experienced the trauma and horror of being sexually assaulted.

Studies by the Centers for Disease Control have shown that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys report being sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday. With more than 367,000 children currently enrolled in our state's public and private school systems, you could almost fill up the 90,000-seat capacity of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln with every child in Nebraska who has experienced this horror. This doesn't include the number of unreported cases (as many as 3 in 10, depending on the report), which would more than fill up the empty seats and any standing-room-only space in the stadium.

Bringing this back to the local level, applying the 1-in-4/1-in-6 ratios to the enrollment numbers in the area districts, we'd find the following numbers:

- South Sioux City: 807 students
- Homer: 96 students
- Ponca: 92 students
- Emerson-Hubbard: 44 students
- St. Michael's Elementary: 33 students

That's 1,072 children in our readership area who (if those ratios are accurate) have reported being sexually assaulted. (Kick in another 150 or so for unreported cases if that number isn't shocking enough for you.)

Child sexual assault is probably one of the biggest issues NOT being discussed by those who claim to be acting in the best interests of the young people in our communities. It's simply too uncomfortable an issue to discuss in board rooms and administrative meetings where decisions about our children are being

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher

made.

And yet, if these numbers are anywhere near accurate, it's a problem that is not only impacting our children right now, but is going to have a permanent, long-term say in their futures. Many of these children are going to grow up never having addressed these issues in their lives, and then what?

Ninety percent of child sexual assault cases involve situations where the survivor (remember, I don't refer to them as "victims" in this space) knows his or her perpetrator. It's a family member, a neighbor, a coach, a teacher, a minister, or even a school administrator. It's somebody who has some position of authority over the survivor, and many times that power is abused to the point where the psychological damage is carried on into adulthood.

There are numerous cases (none of which I can back with statistics) of individuals who are assaulted, and then that trauma is passed on when they assault someone years down the road. It's a horrible circle-of-life kind of situation where the crime becomes perpetual as it is passed on down the line to the next generation.

Forty-nine years ago last month, I became one of those survivors. I was sexually assaulted by the older brother of a classmate. The trauma of that experience, even to this day, still haunts me and shows up when I least expect it (it has stopped the writing of this column several times since I started putting fingers to keyboard on this last week). Thankfully, I've chosen to use my experience to help others, rather than hurt them, using my forum and my experience to inform, educate and be an advocate for some real change in this world when it comes to how sexual assault is dealt with in our schools and in our communities.

Talking about this crime is something the NEEDS to happen, and I've

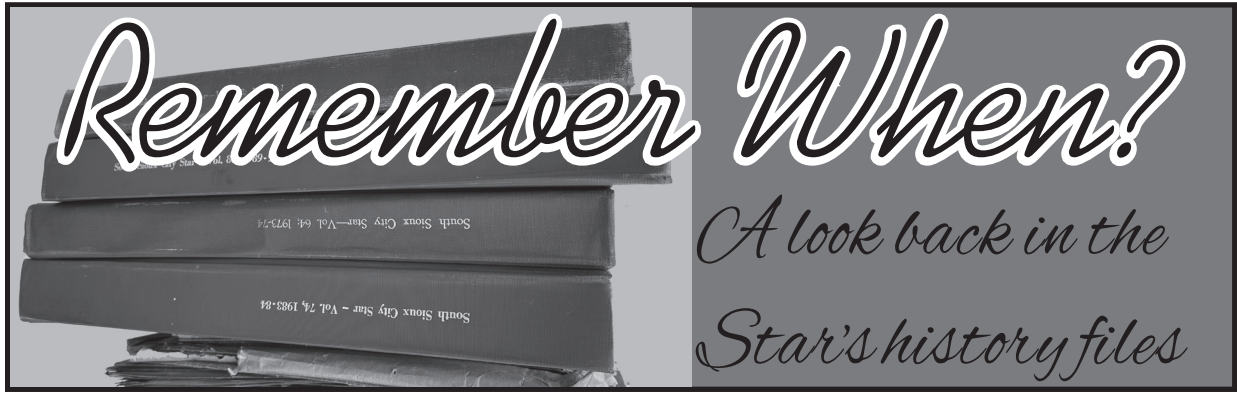
been putting myself out there to not only be a voice, but to be a listener for those who are going through what I've been through. And not only that, but I want our state's "leadership" to take some real action in making sure that not only are survivors taken care of, but perpetrators see a long, ceaseless trip to hell for their actions.

Those who think nothing of stealing the innocence and dignity of our children (or anyone, for that matter) through sexual assault are not worthy of another day's freedom in our society. The recidivism for this criminal activity is significant enough that the state has set up a Sex Offender Registry (available on the web at sor.nebraska.gov) where convicted perpetrators must register and update their current address so that the public knows that such an individual lives in their neighborhood (a recent check found 49 registered sex offenders in Dakota County, and another 11 in Dixon County, in case you were wondering).

If your child has been traumatized by this crime, please contact the authorities (if you haven't done so already) and also contact Haven House Family Services Center, a non-profit with an office here in South Sioux City that specializes in helping those deal with the trauma of sexual assault and domestic violence. They provide a variety of services and have connections with counselors who can help children come to grips with the experience.

For me, the idea that even one child, never mind 1,000, in our community is dealing with this crime is sad. Our children are the future for our communities and we owe it to them to make sure they are protected from the evil scumbags who would sexually assault that little boy or little girl in your life.

And if you're a survivor, know that you always have a chance to share your experience. Young or old — my ears and my heart are always open.



10 YEARS AGO

APRIL 9, 2015

Raff earns fine arts award

The Iowa-Nebraska State Bank/Dakota County Star Fine Arts Student of the Week is Shyanne Raff, a junior at Homer Community School. Shyanne is the daughter of Wendy and David Raff. She is a four-year member of the National Honor Society and High Ability Learners. Shyanne is a three-year member of art, speech and One Act. She has been involved in cheer for the past two years. she is also involved in choir, dance volleyball and school musical. She received third place at Conference Speech. Shyanne was also awarded first place at Conference Art for both of her art pieces.

20 YEARS AGO

APRIL 7, 2005

Rice finally lands in jail cell

Apparently, Melvin Rice's record of drunk driving wasn't enough to warrant a jail sentence from District Court Judge Maurice Redmond. The 67 year-old Sioux City, Iowa man had been arrested a dozen times since 1977 for DUI, but showing up to the judge's courtroom under the influence of alcohol was enough as Redmond sentenced Rice to 60 days in jail last Wednesday.

30 YEARS AGO

APRIL 6, 1995

School district hits jackpot

Van Phillips, on behalf of the South Sioux City School District, receives a check in the amount of \$57,000 from Vince Kramper of Dakota City. Kramper, a member of the Environmental Trust Fund Board, presented Phillips and Rick Feauto the check on behalf of the Environmental Trust Fund, which is supported by the Nebraska State Lottery. The presentation was made at the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce Coffee Hour held at the Middle School in honor of the students Invention Convention.

40 YEARS AGO

APRIL 11, 1985

Jackson Marina denied beer license

During a tense meeting Monday afternoon, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to deny a liquor license application for the Jackson Marina. A motion by Commissioner Charles Rush, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Rohde, to grant the application was defeated by three negative votes cast by Commissioners Gretchen Hirschbach, Bill Stone and Leo "Pat" Engel. Ernest D. Harrigfeld and his wife, Paula, were represented by South Sioux City attorney Norris Leamer.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 10, 1975

\$1 Million office building to be built

Joe Morten is displaying an architect's drawing of the new \$1 million office building for Joe Morten & son, Inc and Greast West Casualty Co., on which construction will begin this spring. The addition would extend to the south of the existing Morten business operation at 2607-2609 Dakota Avenue. The 55-by-110 foot concrete and block wing will include a full basement and two floors. Construction is expected to be completed in early 1976. The building site is a parking lot at present. The insurance co is the largest writer of truck insurance in the Midwest.

Thacker named to federal water panel

A.E. (Al) Thacker, Jr. has been named a participant on the "Water and The Environment and Outdoor Recreation" of the National Conference on Water in Washington, D.C. April 22-24. The appointment was made by Rogers C.B. Morton, Chairman of the United States Water Resource Council. Mr. Thacker is president of Thacker Marine & Supply, Inc. of South Sioux City and Chairman of the Missouri River Preservation.

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New autism center helps out with therapy services

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

A recently-opened center in South Sioux City hopes to address the needs of families with autistic children with a unique approach to therapy.

Lighthouse Autism Center cut the ribbon on their new center Monday at 3309 Daniels Lane and gave local business leaders a quick tour of the new center, which offers a variety of therapy options for kids aged 2-18.

Madeline Jenkins, a board-certified behavior analyst at Lighthouse, said the facility is a medically-based therapy practice that is funded through insurance, so kids who are accepted to receive services have been diagnosed with autism.

“Our work is geared toward younger learners, but we have the ability to get different equipment to serve older learners, depending on who reaches out to us for services,” she said.

Lighthouse provides a unique combination of speech therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, combining speech therapy directly into a child’s daily programming.

The center, which has 50 locations throughout the midwest and south (including five in Nebraska), got its start more than 20 years ago when Indiana residents Gregg and Sandy

“We see what they need to work on . . . and we set a goal where if they meet that, they we can look at discharging them back into school full-time.”

— Madeline Jenkins

Board-certified behavior analyst

Maggioli’s son, Victor, was diagnosed with autism. They discovered ABA therapy and experienced firsthand the transformative impact it had on their son and their family. From that, they started the Lighthouse Fusion model that includes 30 minutes of speech therapy as part of their ABA goals.

Greta Rogers, a clinical administrators at the South Sioux office, said that a growing need for autism-related services in the area led to Lighthouse’s arrival here.

“We looked throughout the midwest to see where there was a need and saw one here,” she said. “Right now these kids are on a two or three-year waiting list, and that’s something you can’t have when there are kids with these needs.”

When a child comes into the Light-

house program, the staff works with the family to set up transition and discharge goals. The amount of time needed to reach those goals is different with each child, she said.

“We see what they need to work on, whether it’s communication skills or other things, and we set a goal where if they meet that, then we can look at discharging them back into school full-time,” she said.

They also work with parents to help educate them on how to deal with certain autism-related behaviors to help both them and their children be successful.

“Nebraska has parent education goals that are part of the insurance, so we have to have these goals and talk about what they need to work on and how to respond to certain behaviors so they can be as successful as possible,” Jenkins added.

For more information about Lighthouse Autism Center’s services, call (402) 534-1486.



Madeline Jenkins, board-certified behavior analyst, cuts the ribbon to mark the grand opening of the Lighthouse Autism Center, located at 3309 Daniels Lane in South Sioux City. With her (center) are Greta Rogers, clinical administrator; and Makenzie Bates, clinical apprentice.

Extension Update

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EXTENSION

JULIE BOYLE

Food, Nutrition, & Health Extension Educator
Dakota County

Tips on how to deal with stress

(EDITOR’S NOTE: This week’s column was written by Lisa Franzen Castle and contributed by Julie Boyle)

April is National Stress Awareness month. While most of us have felt “stressed out” at some point, it’s when this feeling of stress persists that it can have negative impacts on our bodies, quality of life, and careers.

To manage stress, the first step is to pinpoint your stressors. To identify true sources of stress, look closely at your habits, attitude, and excuses. Pinpointing stressors may be difficult because some of them may be very subtle. Sometimes we fail to notice our own stress-inducing thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

Tips to help manage stress:

- Pinpoint stressors: Try starting a stress journal. Each time you feel stressed, keep track of it. You will start to see patterns and themes. Things to write down include: the cause of stress, how you felt (physically and emotionally), your reaction, and what you did to make yourself feel better. Think about how you currently manage and cope with stress. Are your strategies healthy or unhealthy?

- Know your limits: It may be surprising to discover the number of stressors that can be reduced and/or eliminated. Learning to say no is an important part of knowing your limits and sticking to them. Whether it is for personal or professional reasons, asking for more than one can handle is a guaranteed recipe for stress. Be mindful of your current schedule and commitments.

- Alter stressful situations: If it’s not possible to avoid a stressful situation, try to alter it. Deal with problems head on and do your best to anticipate and prevent them. Poor time management can cause stress. When you’re stretched too thin and behind, it’s hard to stay calm and focused.

Plan ahead and make sure you don’t overextend yourself.

- Try changing the reaction: If changing a stressor is not probable, try changing the reaction to it. Adapting to stressful situations can help regain a sense of control by altering expectations and attitude. Try to view stressful situations from a more positive standpoint. Take perspective of the situation. Ask yourself how important it will be in the long run.

- Nurture yourself for improved health: Beyond a take-charge approach and a positive attitude, stress levels can be reduced by nurturing yourself. Set aside time to relax in your daily schedule. Do something enjoyable every day, whether it is playing the piano, dancing, singing, going for a walk, calling a good friend, working on crossword puzzles, or reading a book. Everyone is different, so it’s important to discover what is relaxing for you.

- Increase your resistance to stress: Regular physical activity and healthy eating patterns can help combat stress. Make time for at least 30 minutes of activity every day. Find activities that are enjoyable and that can be done with a friend or group to increase accountability. Start your day off with a healthy breakfast and keep your energy up and your mind clear with balanced, nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day.

Stress is defined as mental, emotional, or physical tension or strain and too much can negatively impact health. Some ways to lower stress are to make a conscious effort to spend more time in a lower gear, take time in between bursts to rest and recuperate, or learn how to change your point of view and look at the positive rather than the negative aspect of a situation. For more information about stress and wellness resources, check out <https://ruralwellness.unl.edu/resources>.

GLAD TIDINGS Lighthouse CHURCH

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FROM THE BLEACHERS



By Michael Carnes

Streaky Muskies look to get hot

On a day when Alex Ovechkin broke Wayne Gretzky’s all-time record for goals scored, it would have seemed only fitting for long-time Washington Capitals fan Jason Kersner to see his Sioux City Musketeers extend their late-season win streak to eight games Sunday afternoon.

Unfortunately, the Muskies laid an egg in their home finale, a 5-2 dud against Tri-City that seemed only fitting considering the roller-coaster ride this team has taken Kersner and Musketeers fans on this season.

Sioux City started the year smoking hot, winning their first five games before losing four of their next five, setting the wheels in motion for what has been a challenging year for the Muskies’ mentor.

“We had a big win Friday against a very good Dubuque team that got us to six in a row, and we’ve played like dog water ever since,” he said after Sunday’s loss. “I don’t know what it was, but once we clinched fourth we took our foot off the gas.”

Sioux City managed a 2-1 home win over Cedar Rapids on Sunday night and got off to a good start against the visiting Storm when Gia-como Martino found the back of the net 6 1/2 minutes into the first period.

Tri-City lit the lamp twice in the second period and had 33 shots on goal after the first 40 minutes to take control of the game. Nicholas Sykora scored on a late second-period power play to tie the match, but the Musketeers mailed in the final period to bring their seven-game winning streak to a quiet end, taking a 31-22-3-4 mark into the final weekend.

“We’ve just been a streaky team this year,” Kersner said. “We started 5-0, then went 4-12, and then we came back and went 11-1 before going 3-9, and then we won seven before today. Maybe we need to lose these last two to end the season and that would mean we’re ready to get hot again.”

With games at Waterloo and Des Moines this weekend, the only thing Kersner and the green-and-gold are waiting on is who they will face in the first round of the USHL Western Confernece playoffs that start next week. As the fourth seed in the six-team West bracket, Sioux City will be at home.

Fargo and Tri-City will occupy the fifth and sixth spots, with one playing at No. 3 Waterloo and the other facing the No. 4 Musketeers. (Top-seeded Lincoln and No. 2 Sioux Falls both have first-round byes.)

The question is — who would Kersner rather face?

The Force are a long way from last year’s 102-point juggernaut that claimed the Clark Cup, and Sioux City has beaten Fargo like a rented mule, winning seven of eight matchups this season.

On the other hand, Sunday’s win was the Storm’s fifth in six tries against the Muskies.

Either way, Kersner insists it won’t be easy come playoff time.

“It’s outside our control and comes down to this weekend,” he said. “Tri-City has dominated us and we’ve been able to beat Fargo, so maybe Fargo is the better matchup. But nothing comes easy in this league and we’ll have to be ready to play no matter who it is.”

If the Musketeers can flip the script on this topsy-turvy season, who knows how far this team can go?

“This is the streakiest team I’ve been associated with in 25 years, but I’m going to stay optimistic,” the coach said. “I feel like if we get hot at the right time, we can beat anybody. If we’re fortunate enough to get out of this first round against whoever finishes fifth, we’ll turn the page and see if we can get ready for whoever is next.”



South Sioux City senior Tiffany Nicholas-Trochez passes the ball upfield during the Lady Cardinals’ 1-0 win over Sioux City West in action Thursday at the Cardinal Athletic Complex.

Lady Cards get first goal, win of season

After suffering a pair of shutouts to start the season, the South Sioux City girls soccer team put a mark on the board and in the win column Thursday.

Helen Nicholas-Trochez put a shot toward goal that bounced past the Sioux City West goalkeeper

and rolled into the net with about 15 minutes left to give the Lady Cards the 1-0 win over the Lady Wolverines in action at the Cardinal Athletic Complex.

Both teams were winless and scoreless coming into Thursday’s game and neither team could

find the net in the first half, but South Sioux City’s offense pressed the issue in the second half and Nicholas-Trochez found the goal for the game’s lone goal.

Athziry Mojica-Garcia kept a clean scoresheet for the Lady Cardinals.

(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Cardinals hit the track at Platteview Invitational

South Sioux City’s track and field teams competed outdoors for the first time on Friday, participating in the Platteview Invitational.

The SSC boys were sixth overall with seven medalists, while the Lady Cardinals finished 10th and brought back six medals.

In the boys division, Luke McGinty led the way with a first-place

effort in the 800-meter run, he also ran on the 1,600 and 3200 relays that finished fifth and second, respectively.

Avan Salas was fourth in the 200 and the 400-meter relay tandem also finished fourth. Sixth-place medals went to Nathan Robles in the 3,200-meter run and Jared Munoz in the pole vault.

In girls action, Zulema Godinez-Ponce won the shot put to pad the Lady Cards’ medal haul.

Fourth went to Khyah Vaughn in the 100 and the 400-meter relay teams. Vaughn was fifth in the 200 and Melanie Magana (3,200) and Madelynn Bohnet (pole vault) both earned sixth-place finishes.

SSC’s tracksters head to Vermillion on Thursday for the USD Invite and will be in the Sioux City Relays this weekend.

Platteview Invitational Girls Team Standings

Wahoo 74, Fort Calhoun 66, Plattsmouth 64, Omaha Roncalli 64, York 57, Lincoln Christian 48, Malcolm 41, Platteview 38, Milford 24, South Sioux City 22, Nebraska City 12, Douglas County West 9, Louisville 6, Omaha Gross 2.

SSC Medalists

100: 4. Khyah Vaughn, 13.61. 200: 5. Vaughn, 28.01. 3,200: 6. Melanie Magana, 13:09.16. Pole vault: 6. Madelynn Bohne, 8-6. Shot put: 1. Zulema Godinez-Ponce, 38-1. 400 relay: 4. SSC (Tranmer, DeRochie, Davis, Vaughn), 65.15.

Boys Team Standings

Wahoo 104, Fort Calhoun 77, Platteview 75, Milford 55, Omaha Roncalli 32, South Sioux City 30, Mount Michael 28, Malcolm 24, Omaha Gross 22, York 20, Plattsmouth 19, Douglas County West 19, Lincoln Christian 12, Louisville 10.

SSC Medalists

200: 4. Avan Salas, 23.17. 800: 1. Luke McGinty, 2:04.72. 3,200: 6. Nathan Robles, 11:00.22. Pole vault: 6. Jared Munoz, 9-6. 400 relay: 4. SSC (Baker, Turner, Torres, Salas), 46.31. 1,600 relay: 5. SSC (Ibrahim, Munzambi, Ngeleka, McGinty), 3:49.91. 3,200 relay: 2. SSC (Munzambi, Magana, Ngeleka, McGinty), 8:31.44.

Boys soccer getting into the groove with wins

After stumbling to a 1-3 start, it appears the South Sioux City boys soccer team is starting to find its groove.

The Cardinals lost an overtime thriller at Lexington on March 29, but ran off wins over Omaha Gross and Gretna before winning two games for first-place honors at the Norfolk Invitational on Saturday.

After the 3-1 overtime loss to the Minutemen, SSC bounced back last Tuesday and peppered the Omaha Gross net with a 10-0 blowout win.

South Sioux scored seven times in the first 40 minutes to put the game out of reach early, highlighted by Lazaro Hernandez’ hat trick. The junior also added an assist for a seven-

point day for the Cardinals.

Gustavo Garcia had two goals and two assists in the win and Victor Lemus added a pair of scores. Also finding the net were Michigan Ngoma, Cesar Alferez and Luis Munguia.

On Thursday, the Cardinals broke a scoreless first half with a pair of goals and came home with a 2-1 win at Gretna. Hernandez was named the team’s Outstanding Player for the game.

South Sioux handled Lincoln Pius 2-1 and shut out Norfolk 3-0 on Saturday to claim the championship at the Norfolk Invitational. Individual statistics were not available at press time.

Ponca second at Doerr Inv.

Ponca’s track and field teams both claimed runner-up honors at last week’s Ray Doerr Invitational held at Plainview High School.

The Lady Indians won three events, led by distance runner Ava Brennan, who claimed first in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs. Ellesyn Hrouda led a 1-3-6 finish for Ponca with a win in the 800, followed by Jaelen Templeman and Ashtyn Pick, respectively.

Alexa McGhee (400) and Elsie Keller (discus) both earned runner-up honors. Ponca also finished second in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter relays. Laken Pfister rounded out the Ponca girls’ effort with a fourth in the 1,600.

On the boys’ end, Zyan Conrad and Gannon Pfister both won individual races and teamed up for a win in the 1,600-meter relay, joined by Caden Cleveland and Casey Chadwick.

Conrad also had a second in the 400, as did Zach Luze (shot put) and the 3,200-meter relay.

Chadwick was third in the 800 and Cleveland finished fourth in the 400 to round out the Indians’ day.

Plainview Ray Doerr Invitational

Girls Team Standings

Pierce 117, Ponca 81, Norfolk Catholic 62, Wausa 61, Stanton 44, LCC 36, Lutheran High NE 28, Plainview 23, St. Mary’s 20, Ainsworth 17, Creighton 6, Randolph 1.

Ponca Medalists

400: 2. Alexa McGhee, 1:04.42. 800: 1. Ellesyn Hrouda, 2:38.67; 3. Jaelen Templeman, 2:44.27; 6. Ashtyn Pick, 2:47.45. 1,600: 1. Ava Brennan, 5:51.20; 4. Laken Pfister, 6:10.17. 3,200: 1. Brennan, 12:37.19; 2. Pfister, 13:23.92. Discus: 2. Elsie Keller, 102-2. 1,600 relay: 2. Ponca (Taylor, Hrouda, McAfee, McGhee), 4:32.43. 3,200 relay: 2. Ponca (Hrouda, Brennan, Pick, McAfee), 10:44.31.

Boys Team Standings

Pierce 116, Ponca 64, Norfolk Catholic 61, Plainview 46, Stanton 39, Creighton 37, Wausa 36, St. Mary’s 32, Lutheran High NE 24, CWC 11, LCC 10, Ainsworth 8, Osmond 6, Santee 6.

Ponca Medalists

200: 1. Zyan Conrad, 23.97. 400: 2. Conrad, 53.81; 4. Caden Cleveland, 55.11. 800: 3. Casey Chadwick, 2:17.41. 3,200: 1. Gannon Pfister, 10:33.21. Shot put: 2. Zach Luze, 48-0. 1,600 relay: 1. Ponca (Conrad, Cleveland, Pfister, Chadwick), 3:43.95. 3,200 relay: 2. Ponca (Chadwick, Hogan, Coughlin, Pfister), 9:22.94.

Search on for coaches at SSC

South Sioux City athletic director Jeff Squier confirmed to the Dakota County Star Tuesday that the school is looking for new head coaches for football and boys wrestling for the 2025-26 school year.

Both football coach Jackson Dickerson and boys wrestling coach Jacob Renken will not be returning to the school next year. A reason for their stepping down was not given by Squier.

Dickerson, who was the Cardinals’ head coach the past three seasons, led South Sioux to back-to-back 5-4 campaigns after a 2-7 finish in 2022. The Cardinals just missed the Class A playoffs in 2024, finishing 18th in the wild card point standings.

Renken was the Cardinals’ wrestling coach for four seasons. The Cardinal grapplers placed 13th in Class a and were led by two-time state champion Tony Palmer, who won the Class A 215-pound state title. South Sioux had two state medalists in the 2024-25 winter season, including fifth-place medalist Adrian Curiel at 190 pounds.



Dickerson



Renken

Baseballers fall to 2-3

The South Sioux City baseball team dropped two games last week to fall to 2-3 on the young season.

The Cardinal nine let one get away in West Point last Friday, March 28, dropping a 7-4 decision.

Both teams had 10 hits in the game, but a six-run fifth inning helped the home tem overcome a 3-1 deficit to come away with the win.

Four Cardinals had two hits in the game, including Jonas Jensen, Darrius Helms, Jackson Jensen and Alejandro Rodriguez. Keaton Ross had two RBI’s and the Jensen, Carlo Meraz and Colten Burns all scored runs in the losing effort.

On Thursday, SSC traveled to Wayne and were shut out by the Class C state-rated Blue Devils, 11-0.

South Sioux City was limited to a pair of hits in the loss, singles by Helms and Reece Stockton.

The Cardinals are home for a triangular on Saturday.



Morgan Blake returns a volley for the South Sioux City girls tennis team during a home dual Tuesday against Sioux City West.

Girls tennis team drop road duals

South Sioux City’s girls tennis team saw some improvement despite losing a pair of road duals last week.

On Tuesday, the Lady Cards fell 7-2 to Blair, getting wins in singles with Stephanie Amaya and Lula Garvey. Amaya won 8-6 at No. 1 singles while Garvey was a 9-7 winners at No. 2 singles.

Morgan Blake, Gabrielle Ruff, Claudia Rualcava and Thuy Nguyen all lost in singles play. The Lady Bears swept SSC in the three doubles matches.

On Thursday, SSC lost in a River Cities Conference battle with Omaha Gross, 7-2. Garvey picked up SSC’s only win in singles action, and the tandem of Rubalcava and Nguyen were winners at No. 3 doubles.

SSC hosted Sioux City West on Tuesday and will be on the road next Tuesday at Omaha Skutt.

Dual Results Blair 7, SSC 2

Singles — 1. Stephanie Amaya, SSC, def. Hadyn Ferguson, 8-6; 2. Lula Garvey, SSC, def. Angela Roehrs, 9-7; 3. Ally Sullivan, Blair, def. Morgan Blake, 8-2; 4. Roslyn Solano, Blair, def. Gabrielle Ruff, 8-3; 5. Lissy Spangler, Blair, def. Claudia Rubalcava, 8-1; 6. Kayleia Chesson, Blair, def. Thuy Nguyen, 8-1.

Doubles — 1. Sullivan/Abby Leggott, Blair, def. Amaya/Ruff, 8-3; 2. Chesson/Inget, Blair, def. Garvey/Blake, 8-2; 3. Spangler/Hannah Huetson, Blair, def. Rubalcava/Nguyen, 8-3.

Omaha Gross 7, SSC 2

Singles — 1. Molly Exline, Gross, def. Stephanie Amaya, 8-4; 2. Lula Garvey, SSC, def. Lauren Kosse, 8-6; 32. Kali Wonderlich, Gross, def. Morgan Blake, 8-6; 4. Ava Puentes, Gross, def. Gabrielle Ruff, 8-5; 5. Dezirae Hunter, Gross, def. Claudia Rubalcava, 9-8; 6. Olivia Goodwin, Gross, def. Thuy Nguyen, 8-6.

Doubles — 1. Puentes/Wonderlich, Gross, def. Amaya/Ruff, 8-1; 2. Hunter/Sofia Gomez, Gross, def. Garvey/Blake, 8-3; 3. Rubalcava/Nguyen, SSC, def. Joslyn Kristi/Miley Morrissey, 8-4.

TCNE girls third, boys sixth at Hartington

The Tri County Northeast girls and boys track and field teams finished third and sixth, respectively, in the Cedar Catholic Invitational held Thursday at the Hartington Community Complex.

The Lady Wolfpack won four events, led by Kiya Tornez and Bre Millard. Both medaled in the 100 and 200, with Tornez winning both events and Millard finishing sixth and second, respectively. Millard won the 300-meter hurdles and Tornez claimed first in the long jump.

Millard also placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles. Alejandra Hermosillo was third in the 3,200-meter run and led off the 3,200-meter relay that finished fifth, joined by Hailey Millard, Samantha Rastede and Jenni Olson.

In boys competition, Bryan Isom had a hand in four medals and won the 300-meter hurdles race in a time of 42.74 seconds. He was third in both the 110 hurdles and the triple jump and was joined by Jackson Belt, Devin Reinert and Tucker Anderson in a sixth-place time of 48.53 seconds in the 400-meter relay.

Thatcher Lamp was sixth in the 110 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles. The 3,200-meter relay of Jude Ridenour, Alex Snyder, Devon Lewellen and Aidan Isom finished fifth.

Girls Team Scoring

Battle Creek 163, Bloomfield 72, Tri County NE 59, Niobrara/Verdigre 58, Hartington CC 58, Hartington-Newcastle 49, St. Mary's 22, Crofton 17, Wynot 12, Crofton JV 12, Battle Creek JV 2.

TCNE Medalists

100: 1. Kiya Tornez, 13:25; 6. Bre Millard, 13.88. 200: 1. Tornez, 28.46; 2. Millard,

29.19. 3,200: 3. Alejandra Hermosillo, 14:46.59. 100 hurdles: 5. Millard, 18.36. 300 hurdles: 1. Millard, 49.19. 3,200 relay: 5. TCNE (Hermosillo, Hailey Millard, Samantha Rastede, Jenni Olson), 15:37.96. Long jump: 1. Tornez, 16-0 1/2.

Boys Team Scoring

Battle Creek 174, Hartington CC 82, Hartington-Newcastle 54, St. Mary's 43, Bloomfield 34, Tri County NE 32, Crofton 25, Battle Creek JV 18, Crofton JV 15, Wynot 10, Niobrara/Verdigre 4, Hartington CC JV 4.

TCNE Medalists

110 hurdles: 3. Bryan Isom, 16.86; 6. Thatcher Lamp, 19.18. 300 hurdles: 1. Isom, 42.74; 3. Lamp 44.94. 400 relay: 6. TCNE (Isom, Jackson Belt, Devin Reinert, Tucker Anderson), 48.53. 3,200 relay: 5. TCNE (Jude Ridenour, Alex Snyder, Devon Lewellen, Aidan Isom), 13:57.93. Triple jump: 3. B. Isom, 39-3 1/2.

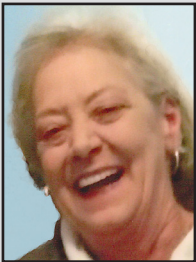
OBITUARIES

Gloria Jean Bligh, 73

Gloria Jean Bligh, 73 of South Sioux City, passed away on Friday, April 4, 2025 at her home after a long illness. Abiding by family wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home has assisted the family with arrangements.

Gloria was born to Perry and Marie Tompkins, raised in Walthill. She graduated from Walthill High School in 1969. That same year, she married Ronald Frank and they had two beautiful daughters from this union. They later divorced. Gloria moved to South Sioux City in 1971.

In 1994, Gloria married Dennis Bligh and combined a family of her two daughters and Denny's four sons. Her dedication to her family and friends will forever be cherished. Her children and grandchildren brought her many happy memories to live on.



Bligh

She was manager at Lazy M Liquor for 25 years. Gloria enjoyed traveling across the U.S. for work and pleasure with her husband, Denny.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Judi Belt.

Gloria is survived by her husband Denny, two daughters Shannon (Ryan) Lias and Deanna (Tony) Haukap, and four stepsons Joe Bligh, Rod (Tiffini) Bligh, David (Judy) Bligh, and Danny (Sarah) Bligh.

Grandchildren were most important to her. They include Cole Lias, Mackenzie Haukap, Kobe Haukap, Meah Bligh, Bodey Bligh, Bianca Bligh, Noah Bligh, Iris Bligh, and Jemma Bligh.

Her siblings include Fred Tompkins, Elaine Rasmussen, Bonnie Schmitz, Bill Tompkins, Perry Tompkins Jr. and Jane Kinman. Also left to cherish her memories are many nieces and nephews.

Child Abuse Prevention Month recognized

Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed a proclamation recently declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“Child abuse and neglect can be reduced by ensuring families have the necessary resources available to them to ensure their children can grow in a safe, stable environment,” Gov. Pillen said. “Meaningful child abuse prevention efforts take all of us.”

Representatives from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) Division of Children and Family Services (CFS), Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF), and Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board (NCAPF) were in attendance, wearing blue in honor of the month.

“It’s through strong collaborations between these groups and many others in the communities throughout our state that we’re able to lay the

groundwork of prevention and support for families to be safe,” said Dr. Alyssa Bish, Director of CFS.

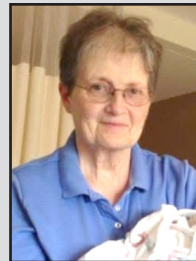
Child Abuse Prevention Month has been celebrated nationally since 1983. For more than 40 years, organizations across the country have recognized the month, providing important information regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. In 2008, the blue pinwheel became the national symbol for the month.

“We believe that families and communities are the critical component to the success of our state,” Bish said. “When a community supports parents and children, it is easier for families to thrive. When families thrive, communities thrive.”

This year’s theme is “Powered by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention.” Through building healthy communities, strong supports are able to be put in place for children. To connect

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Theresa Miller (83), a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Theresa was the heart of her family — a true matriarch whose life was defined by unwavering love, quiet strength, and boundless generosity.

Theresa Hough was born in Minden, Iowa to parents John and Blanche Hough. Growing up, her family moved around a lot until settling in Homer, Nebraska, where she met her husband, Roger Miller, while in high school. They married in 1961 and went on to have three children, 14 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren. Theresa also had the opportunity to host a foreign exchange student from Brazil, Claudia Olivera. To this day, Claudia lovingly calls Theresa and Roger “mom and dad,” and has visited and kept in touch with them throughout her life. Theresa spent her career working at First Community Bank in Homer and retired after 45 years of service. During her retirement, she moved to the family farm outside of Homer, where her husband, Roger, spent his childhood. The last few years of her life were spent at Holy Spirit Retirement Home in Sioux City, Iowa. She was quite fond of the staff who cared for her and very much enjoyed visits from their babies and young children.



Miller

Throughout her life, Theresa was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose greatest joy came from caring for those she loved. She was a constant and unwavering presence in the lives of her grandchildren — cheering them on at every sporting event, supporting their hobbies, and even lending a helping hand with their part-time jobs. Her home was a place of comfort and joy, where sleepovers were frequent and laughter was always present. Her grandchildren hold dear countless cherished memories: camping at Snyder’s Bend, trips to the farm, sledding adventures, hunting excursions, staying up late to watch comets and meteor showers, and day-after-Thanksgiving shopping trips. Theresa’s love wove its way into every moment, creating a lifetime of treasured experiences her family will carry with them forever.

Theresa’s kindness extended beyond her family. She had a special affection for dogs, and any furry friend who crossed her path could expect a treat — whether tucked in her pocket or stashed in her trusty minivan. Her love for animals was just one example of her generous heart. She had a quiet way of making everyone feel valued, offering comfort through simple acts of love — a warm meal, a kind word, or a welcoming smile. Theresa’s compassion touched many lives, and her legacy of love and care will never be forgotten.

Theresa is survived by her loving family, which includes her husband Roger Miller, her daughters Christy (Tony) Josta, Jody Wingert, Kathy (Todd) Rosener, Claudia (Marcos) Olivera, her grandchildren Andrew (Riley) Stolze, Abbie (Adam) Uhl, Jenny (Matt) Handlos, Abigail (Luis) Escobedo, Aaron (Dena) Wingert, Sara (Jared) Fouts, Taylor (Brian) Kenagy, Samantha (Chance) Bernstrauch, Garrett (Jax) Holgate, Alex (Kelly) Holgate, Jacob (Kaitlyn) Luiken, Maddie Rosener, Ayden Rosener, along with 27 great grandchildren, and countless cousins and friends who will forever carry her memory in their hearts. She leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Blanche and John Hough, sister Gloria Burlison, brothers Fred and Tom Hough, and two grandchildren April and Anthony Josta.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, April 7 at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home, 1431 W. 29th St., South Sioux City. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served following the ceremony.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Leonnis R Barthelemy Duran, 26, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance, fine \$50

Rayniel Fonseca, 39, South Sioux City; truck parking, fine \$100

Juan D Franco, 35, South Sioux City; no operator’s license, fine \$150; fail to yield row-entering roadway, fine \$25

Branden R Kuebelbeck, 33, St. Paul, Minn.; defendant failed to appear

Maria C Morales Martin, 27, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear

Amanda M Phommavong, 43, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance, fine \$50

Julio Ramon Juan, 53, Sioux City, Iowa; defendant failed to appear

Traven D Richardson, 23, Onawa, Iowa; no proof of insurance, fine \$300

German B Rodriguez Quetchel, 27, South Sioux City; no operator’s license, fine \$150

Guadalupe L Garcia-Chavez, 34, South Sioux City; no proof of insurance, fine \$50

Angel E Infante, 32, South Sioux City; speeding 11-15 mph, fine \$75; no proof of insurance, fine \$150

Victor J Gutierrez, 18, Dakota City; no valid registration, fine \$50

Thaairy Hamadou, 27, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$50; fail to signal before 100 feet, fine \$25

Eldon Lepis, 27, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$200; improper/defective vehicle lighting, fine \$25

Randolph S Robinson, 71, Walthill; pedestrian on highway, fine \$100

Patrick J Steinhauer, 31, South Sioux City; no valid registration, fine \$200; fail to appear or comply with citation, fine \$150

Davonta L Brown, 22, Sioux City, Iowa; DUI-alcohol -1st offense, fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days

Christopher A Clay, 36, Walthill; DUI-15+, fine \$500, revoked license 1 year, jail 7 days; no proof of insurance, fine \$150

Robbie D Lovejoy, 24, Walhill; DUI15+, fine \$500, probation 9 months, community service 120 hours, revoked license 1 year

Chris A Saltman, 63, Fort Myers, Fla., resist arrest -1st offense, fine \$1,000; nonresident violate 30-day immunity fine \$150; fail to appear, jail 7 days

Jonathan Zavala, 20, South Sioux City; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice

Jose Hernandez-Bran, 23, South Sioux City; DUI.15+ fine \$500, jail 14 days, revoked license 1 year; drive under suspension, fine \$150; no operator’s license, jail 7 days

Aileen G Deleon, 25, Dakota City; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$100; no operator’s license, fine \$500

Sandy E Gil, Rodriguez, 34, South Sioux City; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$100; no operator’s license, fine \$500

Faith L Niebaum, 31, South Sioux City; assault-threaten, fine \$500, jail 45 days, probation 11 months; commit child abuse negligently, jail 14 days, probation 11 months.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Liberty National Bank, to Schlotman Brenda L, Lot 14 in block 39, Joy Place Addition of South Sioux City

Eriksen Catherine M, TKR Trucking Inc, Lot 10,11,12 in block 23, Hubbard of Hubbard

Apolonio Judith, to Tinajero Javier, Tinajero Daniela, Lot 3,4,5,6 in block 29, Covington Addition of South Sioux City

Akins Richard, Akins Peggy, to Akins Richard J Co-Trustee, Akins Peggy A Co-Trustee, Dick & Peggy Akins Revocable Trust, S-T-R 27-29-9 E PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4, S-T-R 27-29-9 E PT NW 1/4 NW 1/4

Lieber Daniel D, Lieber Deborah J, to Suarez Javier Maldonado, Lot 12,13,14 in block 4, Original Addition South Sioux City, Lot 15,16 in block 4, Original Addition South Sioux City

Douangkeo Bounkeuth, Douangkeo Jhone, to Lee Thang, Lee Se Xiong, Lot 12 and Pt Lot 11 in block 65,

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Char-Rae 2 LLC, to Snuttjer Eugene P Co-Trustee, Snuttjer Wanda L Co-Trustee, Joint Revocable Trust of Eugene P & Wanda L Snuttjer, Lot 6 and PT Lot 5 in block 35, Covington Addition of South Sioux City

Lutt Michael A, Lutt Rhonda R, Cooke Brian A, to JCO Holdings LLC, LMO Holdings LLC, Olson Gary, Olson Victoria, S-T-R 27-27-9 E PT SE 1/4 NW 1/4

Boltz Todd, to Becerra Victor M, Becerra Karen, S-T-R 7-28-7 E PT NW 1/4, S-T-R 7-28-7 E PT SW 1/4

Barclay Beau J, to Valdivia Jan Carlos Nuno, Lopez Yajaira Perez, Lot 6 in block Replat 9, Dakota City

Hurtado Maria FKA Maria Concepcion Benitez De La Lu, Hurtado Alberto to Magana Jose J Magana, Cisneros Reveca, Lot 13,14 in block 16, First Railway of South Sioux City



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The 225 University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate students who have officially been admitted to teacher education programs in the College of Education and Human Sciences during the 2024-25 academic year were recognized at the second annual Teacher Education Convocation April 4 at Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall.

Students were formally recognized during the ceremony and presented with a commemorative pin symbolizing that they are one step closer to entering the professional life of an educator.

Included among the 225 students was South Sioux City junior Bradie Johnson, who is a secondary education major specializing in English language arts.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Last week, Ms. Huisenga's meteorology class invited preschoolers into the science room to make a cloud in a jar. Fun was had by all. "The littles were a bit nervous at first, but the time together was ending with high-fives and fist bumps," Ms. Huisenga said. Pictured is senior Isaac Barclay with his little helpers Charlie and Lanie.



American Legion Riders are hosting a Holiday Ham Bingo fundraiser this Saturday, April 12 from 5-9 p.m.

Thirty games with a prize of either 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 Volunteer folks say “thanks” to everyone who came out for their Friday Fish Fry events during Lent. While they take a little break from fish, make sure to put Ribs for Rescue on your calendar.

Saturday, April 26 at the fire hall is the planned date from 5-8 p.m. or until sold out. Price is \$15 for a half rack of ribs and two sides.

Curbside pickup will be available.

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

Committee members are excited to announce their next fundraising event, a Cornhole Tournament to be held on Saturday, May 3, at the Homer Fire Hall.

Cost per team is \$40 with sign-up at 11 a.m. that day, and bags fly at noon. Cash prizes, an airmail challenge, concessions, and a cash bar are in the works for the day.

Email homercelebration@gmail.com with any questions

An original film “Anything But Little – The Story of Landmand Golf Club” will premier on @golfchannel on April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Don’t miss the sights, sounds, and story of Homer’s gem of a club.

Homer juniors and seniors and their dates enjoyed a rite of spring passage this past weekend at their 2025 Prom.

For the second year in a row, a prom king and queen were crowned. The royalty were chosen through nominations and votes from the faculty of Homer Community School.

Prom King Dawson Kollars, son of Aaron and Laura Sages, and Queen Rylie Harris, daughter of Ryan and Angie Harris, reigned over the night, aptly themed “Magical Memories.”

After Grand March and the dance itself, prom-goers ended the evening bowling and winning prizes. Kudos to out to the junior class and to prom sponsor Alisha Rohde for providing the beautiful event.

Thursday, April 10 – NSBA State Jazz Festival.
Friday, April 11 – Ivan Krumwiede Track Meet; Title I Read In, 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 12 – TeamMates trip to Omaha Zoo, 9 a.m. departure; TR at Sioux City Royals, times TBA.
Monday, April 14 – Golf at Crofton, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 15 – Dance Team Spring

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 the Homer Community Club help YOU with your own family Easter celebration. Back again is their successful Egg Fundraiser. Save yourself the work and "hire" the HCC to hide eggs in your yard. For \$20 you will get 30 filled eggs. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 16. This can be done on the HCC Facebook page.

Late Wednesday, the first child since the expansion of Nebraska's Safe Haven law, Nebraska Revised Statute § 43-4903, was surrendered.

A healthy baby was surrendered to a safe haven location in the Northeastern part of the state and is under the care of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Due to HIPAA laws, no further details can be provided.

Effective July 19, 2024, Nebraska Revised Statute § 43-4903 which allows a baby up to 90 days

old to be left with an employee on duty at one of the following locations:

- A hospital licensed by the State of Nebraska;
- A staffed fire station;
- A staffed law enforcement agency; or
- An emergency care provider.

Individuals are protected from prosecution for any crime based solely on the act of surrendering a baby under the law.

To speak to someone about a safe surrender, call

or text the National Safe Haven Alliance crisis line at (888) 510-2229.

If you or a loved one need assistance, please reach out to:

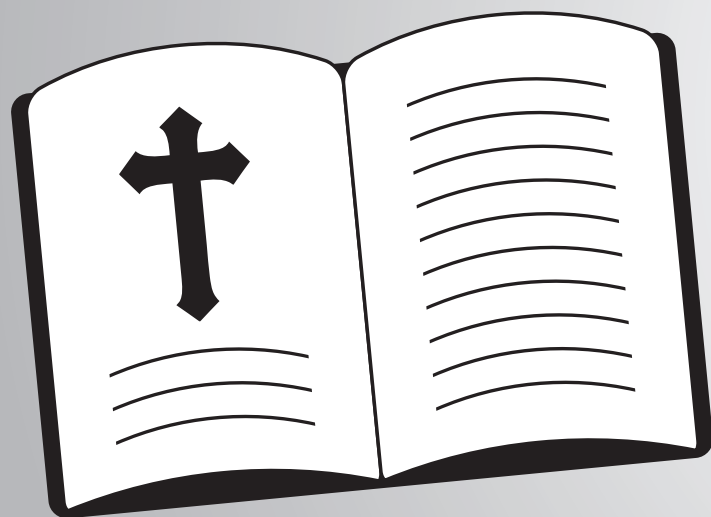
- The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call, text, or chat 988.
- Nebraska Family Helpline – Any question, any time. (888) 866-8660.
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(COURTESY PHOTO)
King Dawson Kollars and Queen Rylie Harris were crowned at Homer's prom on Saturday at the school.

Show, 7 p.m.	Invitational, 12 p.m. field events/ 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16 – JH TR at Ponca,	running events.
1 p.m.	
Thursday, April 17 – No School – PD;	Friday, April 18 – No School – Easter
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The work is generally described as follows: concrete paving, storm sewer construction.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$1,150,000

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 village of Hubbard 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 village of Hubbard for examination by bidders.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at jeo.com for \$30.00. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100.00 per set. Please contact Sandy Walker at 402.371.6416 to coordinate your request and send your check to: 404 S 25th Street, Ste. B, Norfolk, NE 68701.

In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

VILLAGE OF HUBBARD, NEBRASKA
Jason Martineck, Chairperson
ATTEST: Lisa Bousquet, Clerk
PUBLISHED: Dakota County Star, April 10, 17 and 24, 2025

DAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

Dakota City Council Meeting Minutes

The Dakota City City Council met in a regular session on April 3, 2025. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations, sent out to various media outlets and was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Jerry Yacevich called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The following members were present: Rasmussen, Carson, Lane.

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

Public Comment Period: None.

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

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Lane, to approve the consent agenda for April 3, 2025. Said motion includes approval of minutes from March 13, 2025 meeting, acknowledgement of reception of financial statements, and approval of bills and payroll to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Groetken, Rasmussen, Lane. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

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One - 166.55, 161.60, Swanson Septic & Excavation - 18200.00, THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP - 935.00, 1265.50, 230.01, 268.00, 168.00, 84.00, USA Blue Book - 4010.89, VI-SA-CITY CARD - 1541.10, 603.51, Verizon Wireless - 40.01, Williams & Company, Inc. - 786.00, 524.00, Wilmes Hardware Hank - 92.56, 455.39, ZACKERY RASMUSSEN - 50.00, Total - 143,190.91

Communication: Mayor announced April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Well and Pump test letter and results from Sargent Drilling.

Moved by Groetken seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution 2025-4 authorizing Cottonwood Cove Campground Agreement authorizing Greg and Susan Baker to be campground hosts as independent contractors for the 2025 camping season. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

Chris Kemnitz from Olsson explained the Winnebago Broadband Project to the council. No action taken on Winnebago Broadband Project.

Moved by Lane seconded by Rasmussen, to approve the garbage and refuse pickup contract with Gill Hauling for city wide garbage, refuse and recycling pick up including the roll off dumpster. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

Mayor, City Administrator and JEO Consulting gave the council an update on the water treatment plant repairs.

Moved by Rasmussen seconded by Lane, to approve Payment Application No. 7 for the drinking water well in the amount of \$44,557.00. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen seconded by Lane, to approve Payment Application No. 8 for the drinking water well in the amount of \$56,566.92. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen seconded by Groetken to approve the storm water management plan 2025 with the City of South Sioux City and Dakota County. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

Moved by Groetken, second by Rasmussen to go into closure session Under Section 84-1410 to discuss potential land acquisition at 5:39pm. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Lane, Groetken, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

Moved by Groetken second by Lane to enter open session at 6:04pm. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Lane, Groetken. Nay: None. Absent: Korthuis. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Jerry Yacevich at 6:12 p.m.

/s/ Robert Kratky
City Administrator
/Clerk/Treasurer

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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VandenBosch Law, LLC,
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Omaha NE 68102
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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.

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DATED this 14th day of March, 2025.

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

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA CASE NO. CI 25-45

IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF GLENDA JULIANA DIAZ

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that Glenda Juliana Diaz, Petitioner, has filed a Petition for Name Change, which Petition requests their name be changed to Glenda Juliana Perez. The hearing on said Petition has been scheduled before the Honorable Judge Meisner, Dakota County District Court Judge, District Courtroom of the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, Nebraska on May 13, 2025 at 1:00pm.

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Attorney for Petitioner.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, and which said meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Cherie Conley, County Clerk

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Equalization will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 2:45 PM at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, which said meeting is open to the public. The agendas for these meetings will be kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

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DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 31, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board
Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse,
Dakota City, Nebraska

Legal Abbreviations for this ad: the Commissioner has been omitted before each Commissioner's name, " = moved, seconded by; Roll Call vote Unanimous Motion Carried = CVUMC. Full minutes on county website.

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location for the Open Meetings Act was noted.

Van Berkum "–" Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 17, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for March 16-29, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; and d) Approval of accounts payable claims(if any). RCVUMC.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$183,099.56; Net Pay-\$131,809.07; Total Retirement-\$13,155.94; Total FICA-\$13,535.31; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$212.30; Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$16,889.33; Net Pay-\$12,712.44; Retirement-\$1,140.01; Total FICA-\$1,285.27; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Health Planning Grant Employer 2502: Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Health Program Grant Employer 2504: Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507: Gross Salaries-\$1,647.00; Net Pay-

\$1,365.18; Retirement-\$111.17; Total FICA-\$123.19; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,104.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,790.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,211.87; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.30; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1542.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,332.64; Point C DOE-Flex admin fees-\$77.00; Principal Life-premiums-\$2717.99; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,252.35; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,070.62; VSP, premium-\$523.44. Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,263.18; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$576.41; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,900.04; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,570.54; VSP, premium-\$43.38; Insurance Fund 1275: Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$43,453.12; Point C FSA-withdrawals-\$2880.91; PointC-administrative fees, \$26,803.74; VSP – Cobra – \$19.17; Health Fund 2502: DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life-premium-\$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; Health Fund 2504: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding,

federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium-\$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; Juvenile Services Fund 2507: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.85; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.38; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Chair Hohenstein opened the public hearing at 3:02 p.m. for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the addition of Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD) regulations to Section 600.7 Agricultural (AG) District of the Dakota County zoning ordinances. Ethan Frazier with Mission Clean Energy spoke in favor of the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and explained the proposed changes of adding batter energy storage and clarifying the 250 foot setback. Joe O'Neill, Planning and Zoning Administrator did confirm that he had spoke with the Planning and Zoning commissioner and they were all in favor of the proposed changes and the "Solar Farm." He informed they had been working on this project since December of 2023 and have put a lot of work into this. There was no opposition or neutral comments. Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 3:07 p.m.

Bousquet "–" Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-006 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 600.7 - Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District. RCVUMC

Van Berkum "–" Reed to approve Resolution 25C-007 Grievance Board and list of members for 2025 as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024. RCVUMC.

Reed "–" Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-008 Authorizing the Application for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) under the Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP). RCVUMC.

Reed "–" Bousquet to recognize the Emergency Declaration by Chair as authorized under 81-829-50 on behalf of Dakota County and approve Resolution 25C-009 Disaster Declaration due to blizzard and high winds in Dakota County on March 19, 2025 causing severe damage to power poles, disruption of utility service and causing endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Dakota County within the disaster area. The Declaration also committed the expenditure of emergency funds, invoking mutual aid agreements and applying for assistance from Governor's Emergency Fund. RCVUMC.

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, County Treasurer, presented the Tax Sale report. There were 129 parcels sold for \$236,399.37, 48 parcels remain for \$2,146,004.80 of unpaid taxes.

Hohenstein "–" Van Berkum to award the project to Thrasher Foundation Repair to have the concrete lifted for \$1,544.84 to be paid out of the Building and Grounds budget. RCVUMC.

Bousquet "–" Van Berkum to approve a Change Order for the M Avenue Road project from Cooney Construction for the gravel embedment to be paid for using Federal Aid Road Funds. RCVUMC.

Hohenstein "–" Bousquet to appoint Dean Pallas to the Road Foreman position. RCVUMC.

Van Berkum "–" Reed to approve the gravel bid from Boyer Sand & Rock out of Hawarden, IA from March 17, 2025 through March 2, 2026. RCVUMC.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for March 16 to March 29, 2025.

Van Berkum "–" Bousquet, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 31, 2025, at 3:57 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Martin Hohenstein Chair
Cherie Conley,
County Clerk/Secretary



City of Dakota City

Annual Water Quality Report For January 1 to December 31, 2024

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Dakota City water system to provide safe drinking water.

Para Clientes Que Hablan Español: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

MIKE ADAIR
402-677-3781

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment Availability:

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEE at 402-471-3376 or go to <http://dee.ne.gov>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of Drinking Water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up

substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Dakota City is ground water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- * Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- * Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- * Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- * Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- * Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Dakota City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact: MIKE ADAIR, 402-677-3781. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Dakota City is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinoseb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)-phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endosulf, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide,

Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichlorobenzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropene, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close as the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

AL (Action Level) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

NA – Not applicable.

Units in the Table:

ND – Not detectable.
ppm (parts per million) – One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.
mg/L (milligrams per liter) – Equivalent to ppm.
ppb (parts per billion) – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.
ug/L (micrograms per liter) – Equivalent to ppb.
pg/L (Picocuries per liter) – Radioactivity concentration unit.
RAA (Running Annual Average) – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.
LRAA (Local Annual Running Annual Average) – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.
90th Percentile – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
TT (Treatment Technique) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

City of Dakota City				TEST RESULTS				Date Printed: 4/9/2025			NE3104301	
Microbiological	Highest Number of Positive Samples				MCL			MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination		Violations Present	
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2024												
Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Likely Source of Contamination					
COPPER, FREE	2021 - 2023	0.239	0.0427 - 0.288	ppm	1.3	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.					
LEAD	2021 - 2023	1.9	0 - 3.1	ppb	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.					
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination					
ARSENIC	2/26/2024	2.3	1.8 - 2.3	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.					
BARIUM	1/19/2021	0.00302	0.00302	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.					
FLUORIDE	1/19/2021	0.399	0.399	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge.					
NITRATE-NITRITE	2/28/2024	0.818	0.818	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits					
Disinfection Byproducts		Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range		Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination			
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)		7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	4.66	4.66		ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.			
TTHM		7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	22.2	22.2		ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.			
Unregulated Water Quality Data			Collection Date		Highest Value		Range		Unit	Secondary MCL		
SULFATE			1/26/2022		211		211		mg/L	250		
During the 2024 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.												
Violation Type			Category			Analyte			Compliance Period			
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2024												
The City of Dakota City has taken the following actions to return to compliance with the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act:												

There are no additional required health effects notices.
There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

The City of Dakota City lead service line inventory has been prepared and can be accessed here: City Hall

Legal Notice

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” PV Forcemain, 2,300 LF of 24” PVC Forcemain, 5,700 LF of 10” HDPE biogas transmission main, and 3,600 LF of 2” Fiber Optic Conduit. Installation methods to include both trenchless and open cut methods. Other ancillary gravity sewer, storm sewer, and lift station site improvements are also included.

Opinion of Probable Cost \$10,500,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

Rod Koch, Mayor

ATTEST: Nanci Walsh, Clerk

Publish in the Dakota County Star April 3, 2025.

Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, March 13, 20 and 27, 2025 and April 3, 10, 17, 2025.-ZNEZ

NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE CONTROLLED

You are required to control noxious weeds on your property.

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestife, Salt cedar, Phragmites, Knotweed (Japanese, and Giant), and Sericea Lespedeza. Notice is hereby given this 10th day of April 2025, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in Dakota County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed superintendent is required to:

- Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a \$100 per day fine to the landowner with a maximum fine of \$1,500; or

- Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means, as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, sod, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the county weed control authority.

BY ORDER OF DAKOTA COUNTY WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

Publish 04-10-2025

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Legal Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Pender
Pender, Nebraska
Village of Pender (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
Pender, NE - 2025

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Village Hall located at 614 Main Street, Pender, NE, 68047 until Wednesday, April 23, 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:

Select demolition, influent channel and grinder equipment, associated site concrete and/or structures, grating, stairs, associated piping, valves, and controls; miscellaneous mechanical/electrical equipment, and site modifications. Construction of two final clarifiers and installation of final clarification equipment. Influent pump station replacement of pumps and piping, installation of open channel equipment and structural modifications.

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

1. DAVIS-BACON ACT WAGE DETERMINATIONS

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

2. 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."

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/cwsrff/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 Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. on site, in Pender, Nebraska. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Engineer's Estimate: \$2.8 million dollars

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 either: 1) www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 9519495 Pender, NE, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, Pender, NE - 2025; OR 2) Olsson at 1707 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE, for viewable only.

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.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Village of Pender, Nebraska
By: Glen Gralheer
Title: Administrator

Date: Published in the Dakota County STAR on February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 2025 and April 10th and April 17th

Published in the Pender Times on February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 2025 and April 10th and April 17th

Legal Notice

AMENDED DAKOTA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution 25C-006 and approved and adopted the following amended zoning regulations effective March 31, 2025 – Addition of Solor Energy Overlay District 600.7

Section 600.7 SOLAR ENERGY (SOLAR FARM) OVERLAY DISTRICT (SOD)

Purpose

The purpose of the SOLAR ENERGY OVERLAY DISTRICT (SOD) is to promote the use of solar energy and accompanying infrastructure such as battery energy storage systems, transmission lines, collector substations, etc., as an alternative to fossil fuels and thereby promote the public health, safety and welfare by protecting the environment and preserving our nonrenewable resources while at the same time mitigating any negative impact on wildlife, natural vegetation and aesthetics. A SOD permits a private developer to apply for and subsequently construct, operate, and maintain a Solar Energy Facility and its equipment, such as panels, battery storage systems, transmission lines, and other appurtenances to gather, store, and transfer solar energy to the electrical grid. Furthermore, the SOLAR ENERGY OVERLAY DISTRICT implements the following goals and policies of Dakota County.

Master Plan:

- Solar Energy Facilities involve development costs which are exclusively the Responsibility of private ownership which advances the objective of having developers in rural areas pay their own way.
- Balances the needs of the general public for lower cost and clean energy with the goal of preserving prime agricultural land.
- Solar Energy helps create business opportunities without noise, air or ground pollution and without impacting traffic flow in Dakota County.
- Promotes effective wildlife and natural vegetation management while minimizing the impact on wetlands and minimizes erosion.
- Preserves the underlying zoning classification of the property which is subject to the Overlay District.
- Balances the needs of the public with the rights of private ownership of land.

Section 600.7.100 APPLICABILITY

- These Regulations are applicable to all tracts of real estate which have been designated as part of a SOD by the Dakota County Commission and to any application filed by real property owner, or their designee, who desires that one or more parcels of real estate be designated as a SOD.
- All SODs must be reflected as such on the Dakota County Official Zoning Map or designated as such by a registered engineer or surveyor on a topographical map which is to be attached as an Appendix to the Official Zoning Map of Dakota County.
- Although the Dakota County Commission has the inherent authority to rezone property and designate which areas are to be part of a given overlay district, it is the policy of Dakota County that no land will be designated as a SOD without the written consent of or at the request of the owner or owners of the subject property.
- Applicants seeking to apply for a rezone to an SOD to allow for a utility-scale solar project in unincorporated Dakota County may apply for a rezone in conjunction with a conditional use permit.

Section 600.7.101 OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP

The OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP will consist of the Official Zoning Map of Dakota County which has been annotated in clear and unambiguous markings to reflect the boundaries of the SODs which have been approved by the Dakota County Commission. The Official Zoning Map will be updated on an annual basis, if needed because of the addition of parcels to existing SODs or the creation of new ones, so that the Zoning Map accurately reflects the SOD Boundaries.

Between the date that any new area is designated as a SOD and the date that the Official Zoning Map is updated, all SODs shall be designated by an Appendix attached to the Zoning Map as required in Section II. B. hereof.

Section 600.7.102

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

- General Standards
 - SODs can only be established in areas which are zoned as Agricultural.
 - The boundaries of any SOD must adhere to the minimum principal setback standards for the Agricultural zoning district. Additionally, solar panels within a SOD shall be set back at least two hundred (250) feet from non-participating residences, unless non-participating landowners and the Applicant mutually agree upon a shorter distance.
 - In order to be designated as a SOD, the area to be designated must consist of a minimum of 50 contiguous acres.
 - Development Standards: All development within a SOD must comply with the following standards in addition to the applicable requirements of the underlying zoning district. In the event of a conflict between these Development Standards and the requirements of the underlying zoning district, these Development Standards shall control.
 - Setbacks from any area which has been designated as a "wetland" by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources shall be subject to their regulations.
 - An area requested to be designated as a SOD must adjoin or be able to be accessed by at least one publicly owned and maintained road or a privately-owned road which has been dedicated to public use and which meets Dakota County roadway standards. The primary means of ingress and egress must meet the applicable site line requirements of either the Dakota County Highway Department or the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Access must be suitable for entry by emergency response vehicles.
 - All project infrastructure must be depicted on a topographical map of the subject area.
 - A security fence at least six (6) feet in height must encircle the boundaries of a solar Facility within the proposed SOD.
 - A screen buffer of appropriate vegetation, trees and shrubs must be planted on any boundary of a Solar Overlay District which adjoins a county, state or federal roadway or which is within 250 feet of a residence which is not located within the District. All other buffer requirements shall be as required by the regulations of the underlying zoning district. The screen buffer requirements required by this Section are the minimum necessary in order to obtain a designation as a SOD. Any requirements to obtain an operating permit which are more restrictive than the requirements hereof shall control.
 - Only Photovoltaic Solar Panels or other panels which do not contain liquids within the panels shall be permitted.
 - To preclude unacceptable noise pollution beyond the boundaries of the SOD, the inverters which are necessary to convert DC to AC so that power can be transferred to the "grid" must be located at least 100 feet from all boundaries of the SOD.
- Submittal Requirements
The following information must be included in all applications to establish a SOD:
 - Name, address, email address and phone number of the applicant. If the applicant is a corporation, a Certificate of Authority to do business in Nebraska must be submitted.
 - Name and address of all owners of the property which is proposed to be designated as a SOD, and evidence of the applicant's authority to proceed on behalf of the owners.
 - The exact legal description and parcel number of each tract which is the subject of the application.
 - Twelve (12) copies of a topographical map which contains the boundaries of the proposed SOD, all associated infrastructure, proposed points of ingress and egress, names of all public and private roads which

provide access to the proposed SOD, and any occupied non-participating residence, existing and occupied as of the date the application for the SOD is filed, within 250 feet of all SOD boundaries.

5. The names and mailing addresses on file with the Dakota County Assessor of all owners of property within 1000 feet of any boundary of the proposed SOD. If any such property is owned by a corporation or limited liability company then the name and address of the registered agent shall be provided.

6. A statement as to the total number of acres contained within the proposed SOD.

7. Zoning classification of the underlying property.

8. Zoning classifications of all parcels which abut the proposed SOD.

9. Requests to establish a SOD submitted by private property owners shall include any memorandum of lease or another document which has been entered into between the property owner and a solar power energy company or business.

10. Fees for the cost of County processing, publication of notices of hearings and etc. shall be paid prior to the County Commission issuing its final decision.

Section 600.7.104 REVIEW PROCEDURE

The review procedure for the establishment of a SOD shall be the same as required for any other proposed amendment to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations. The process of deciding whether or not to establish a SOD is entirely separate from the process required for an entity to obtain a permit necessary to operate a Solar Energy Farm. The procedure is as follows:

- The applicant shall submit a request to the Zoning Administrator to establish a SOD. The request may either be submitted in narrative form or an application form prepared and maintained by the Planning and Zoning Department.
- The Zoning Administrator and the Zoning Administrator's staff and other necessary County officials shall review the application for completeness. If the application is found to be incomplete, it shall be returned to the applicant. Once it has been confirmed that the application is complete, the Zoning Administrator shall prepare a report and recommendation to be provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- The Zoning Administrator shall schedule the matter to be heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission at a public hearing and shall mail out and publish notice as required by Nebraska law.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing and after hearing and viewing the testimony and evidence submitted, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall make its recommendation to approve, deny or modify the request and submit its recommendations to the County Commission.
- Upon the receipt of the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations, the County Commission shall schedule and conduct a minimum of one (1) public hearing with notice and publication of each being made as required by Nebraska law.
- The procedure at the public hearing or hearings shall be the same as that employed for any other amendment to the Zoning Regulations.
- At such time as all scheduled public hearings have been concluded, the County Commission shall schedule a deliberative session at which the County Commissioners shall discuss the evidence and testimony between themselves and shall have the right to ask questions of County staff for clarification purposes. Although the deliberative session shall be an "open meeting", no testimony or evidence shall be received unless requested by the County Commissioners.
- At the conclusion of the deliberative session, the County Commission shall issue its findings and may approve the request, deny the request or amend the request.
- Appeals from the decision of the County Commission shall be as provided for by Nebraska law.
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Minimum wage repeal advances in Legislature

By MARK MORAN
Nebraska News Connection

The Nebraska Legislature is considering a bill to roll back a 2022 voter approved initiative that would raise the minimum wage in the state.

Business groups say the bill would create hardships for small companies.

Legislative Bill 258 would undo the voter-passed measure, which would raise the hourly minimum wage by a \$1.50 until it reaches \$15 in 2026.

LB 258 would also create a lower minimum wage for 14 and 15-year-old workers.

Nebraska Appleseed Economic Justice Director Ken Smith said the bill would make it harder for Nebraska working families already struggling to make ends meet.

“This is coming from a group of business interests who did not oppose the initiative when they had the chance to oppose the initiative,” said Smith, “and instead of doing that are trying to use the

Legislature as a means of rolling back these increases.”

The bill was sponsored by state Sen. Jane Raybould, D-Lincoln, whose family owns a series of small grocery and convenience stores.

Raybould resigned her post as company vice president the day debate began on LB 258. She filed a conflict of interest statement earlier this session.

Supporters of the bill say increasing the minimum wage makes it harder on their bottom line, but Smith countered that higher minimum wages in other states have proven benefits outweigh those concerns.

“There are business benefits to having a more productive workforce,” said Smith. “There are business benefits to having lower employee turnover, and there are benefits to having consumers with more buying power.”

Three hundred businesses across the state approved the 2022 initiative to raise the minimum wage.

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

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

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

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
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For more information on AIS, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/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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Publish in the Dakota County Star Thursday, March 13, 20 and 27, 2025 and April 3, 10, 17, 2025.-ZNEZ

Emerson News

By *Lulene Sebade*

Holy Week services are scheduled

Holy Week services at St. Luke and St. Paul’s Lutheran churches. Maundy Thursday service at St. Luke with Holy Communion and fifth-grade First Communion at 6:30 p.m. Kathy Becker is the worship leader. Good Friday service at St. Paul’s at 6:30 p.m. with Scott Albrecht as worship leader. Easter Sunday sunrise service at 7 a.m. at St. Paul’s with Scott Albrecht as worship leader; breakfast at 8 a.m. at St. Paul’s. Easter Service at St. Luke at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion and Kathy Becker worship leader.

Wednesday all at St. Paul’s: Friends after school, supper at 5 p.m., confirmation and Bible study at 6:30 p.m., book club at 6:45 p.m.

Community Coffee April 18

St. Luke Lutheran Church will host the April Community Coffee on Wednesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

Book Blast was a blast

The Emerson-Hubbard Elementary School had 83 percent of the students participate in the recent Book Blast and received a total of \$9,036 to get 589 books for students. Mrs. Nelson’s preschool, Mrs. Heiner’s Kindergarten and Mrs. Sebade’s first grade had 90-100 percent participation and earned a \$200 shopping spree for their classroom. All other grades had 68-83 percent participation and earned a \$100 shopping spree for their classroom. An additional \$600 for books for the Em-

erson-Hubbard Elementary school library was earned.

Easter Break next week

No school at Emerson-Hubbard Schools April 18-21 for Spring Break.

Wolfpack Awards Night

The TCNE Wolfpack Athletic Awards night will be held Monday, April 28 at Allen High School.

L&C Honorees

Congratulations to the following TCNE Wolfpack basketball players who have been selected to the 2024-25 Lewis and Clark Conference post-season honors. Second-team honorees were Ben Jorgensen and Briley Anderson and honorable mention to Thatcher Lamp and Joslyn Mackling.

Easter Egg Hunt

Emerson’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at Emerson Park. Meet at the north shelter.

Cleanup Days

Emerson’s Cleanup Days will be Friday, April 18 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday, April 19 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Jackson News

By *Laura Sullivan*

Garbage Pickup Day change

The garbage pickup day will change to Monday beginning April 1. 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.

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 free will 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.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION SOUTH SIOUX CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0011 IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the South Sioux City School District 0011 in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) that at a special election to be held in said District on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Dakota County School District 0011 (South Sioux City Community Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its general obligation bonds to provide funds to pay the costs of (a) facility upgrades related to improving safety and security, eliminating overcrowding, making buildings accessible to those with disabilities, enhancing educational programs; (b) replacing schools that cannot be cost-effectively renovated, including any necessary land acquisition, site improvements and public improvements on or related to property owned by the District, and any necessary demolition of existing buildings; (c) construction and acquisition of a new elementary school building, new fifth and sixth grade building, and new preschool building; (d) additions, renovations and improvements to existing elementary schools, middle school, and high school facilities; and (e) providing for the necessary equipment and apparatus for such school buildings, facilities, renovations and improvements; with such bonds to be issued in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Seven Million Dollars (\$127,000,000), in one or more series, at such time or times, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and

“Shall the School District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the School District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

☐ FOR such Bonds and tax

☐ AGAINST such Bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following such proposition, and electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the proposition.

Voter Registration Deadlines

•April 25, 2025 is the deadline for registering to vote for this election online or through mail, agencies, or via delivered registrations.

•May 2, 2025 at 6 p.m. is the deadline for in-person voter registration at the Dakota County Clerk’s Office.

By-Mail Election –

This election will be an election by mail. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters of the District between April 21, 2025 and May 2, 2025.

Registered voters wishing to vote in the special election who will be absent from their residence between April 13, 2025 and May 13, 2025, or who request the use of a ballot-marking device, may contact the Dakota County Clerk’s office at 402-987-2130.

All ballots must be returned to the Clerk’s Office by May 13, 2025, at 5 P.M. to be counted.

BY ORDER OF THE SOUTH SIOUX SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Cherie Conley, Dakota County Clerk

Publish in the Dakota Star Thursday, March 27, 2025 - ZNEZ



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Emerson-Hubbard FFA members receiving their FFA State Degrees at last week’s Nebraska FFA State Convention were (second from left) Rylinn Mitchell, Kimberly Ahlers and Myleah Mackling.

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 Krampfer 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 pre school 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

April selections are “Salvage the Bones” by Jesmyn Ward and “The Chain” by Adrian McKinty. May books are “The Road” by Cormac McCarthy and “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis. The big book selection is “Paradise Lost” by John Milton.

Jackson Elementary School

Mondays – One hour late start for teacher in service

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 14-18:

Monday – Pancakes, sausage bites, hashbrown, yogurt, fruit

Tuesday – Taco in a bag, corn, churro, fruit

Wednesday – Grilled chicken, corn, mashed potato bowl, pudding, fruit

Thursday – Early Dismissal, 1:10 p.m. – PB&J, carrots, gogurt, crackers, fruit

Friday – No school – Easter break

Hours of Operation

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

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

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

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

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Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will be reading “Reconstructing Amelia” by Kimberly McCreight. This story is a story of secrets and lies, friends, and bullies. It’s about how well any parent really knows their child and how far one mother will go to vindicate the memory of a daughter whose life she could not save.

It will be Slime Time at the library’s April Story Hour! This will be the last program for the school year until Summer Reading Program begins. The library has several slime related books available. Check out our Facebook page for a list of all the new titles. Staff have planned several slime and Easter-themed activities for the day.

Books are being stocked in the Little Free Library. Please enjoy the selections and participate in the “Take One; Leave One” opportunity of sharing good reading materials. We try to include both Children and Adult materials, along with magazines.

Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. The group meets every three months (Jan, April, July, and Oct) and would love to have new members join their group.

New items added; “The Perfect Slime” by Saffia Abdul-Haqq, “The Book of Slime,” How to Make Slime, Putty, & Liquid Rainbows” by Denise Clark, “Stink and the Attack of the Slime Mold” by Megan McDonald, “So Much Slime” by Jason Lefebvre, “Too Much Slime” by Frances Gilbert, “Frankenslime” by Joy Keller, “Super Gross Icky, Sticky Slime” by Ximeria Watkins, “Agent Stitch; Studying Slime” by Steve Behling, “Geronimo Stilten; Slime for Dinner,” My Pet Slime” by Courtney Sheinmel, and “How to Win a Slime War” by Mae Respicio.

City News

Spring Clean-Up will be April 30 and May 1.

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Dakota City Community Foundation will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. in the Lundberg Field.

“Egg My Yard” Easter Egg Fundraiser to help cover costs for the Save the Kitties will be selling candy-filled eggs. Notices with more information are posted through-out town.

All School Family Fun Night will be held at the Dakota City Elementary School on Friday, May 2 from 5-7 p.m.



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Chamber banquet makes a comeback

More than 250 attend SSC Area Chamber's first banquet since 2020



Chris Rich does her best Vanna White impersonation as she shows off a pair of diamond earrings that were auctioned off during Friday's Chamber Banquet.



SSC Area Chamber executive board chairman Mike LaCroix said he was happy to see local businesses come together and enjoy Friday's Chamber Banquet, the first for the group since right before the Covid pandemic in 2020.



Dueling Pianos kept the crowd entertained during Friday's Chamber Banquet at the Marriott Event Center.



Cardinal Elementary kindergarten teacher Amy Shultz receives the Golden Apple Award from SSC Schools superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega as Dr. Marsyz Rames from Wayne State College looks on.



Executive board chairman Mike LaCroix entertains the crowd during Friday's banquet at the Marriott Event Center.

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