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STAR CALENDAR

- Chamber Coffee Friday**

Friday's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by the South Sioux City Library and will be held at the library, located at 2121 Dakota Avenue in Dakota City. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 10 a.m.
- Public Works meeting**

The South Sioux City Public Works Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 5 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall. An agenda is available at south-siouxcity.org.
- School bond ballots out**

Ballots for the \$127 million South Sioux City Community Schools bond issue have been mailed to residents in the South Sioux City Community Schools district, according to school officials. Ballots can be mailed, but must be received by no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 to count in the election. Ballots can be dropped off at 1601 Broadway St., Dakota City. For more information on the bond issue, go to www.yesforsscschools.com.
- Graduations upcoming**

The Class of 2025 will be graduating from area schools during the coming weeks. Area graduation events are as follows:
South Sioux City — Sunday, May 18 at Tyson Events Center, 1 p.m.
Homer — Saturday, May 10 at Homer High School gym, 2 p.m.
Emerson-Hubbard — Saturday, May 10 at Emerson-Hubbard High School gym, 2 p.m.
Ponca — Saturday, May 10 at Ponca High School gym, 10:30 a.m.
- Got an event?**

If your school, church or nonprofit has an upcoming event that you'd like to promote, send the information to the Dakota County Star at least two weeks ahead of time. Information can be sent to news@dakcostar.com or call (402) 494-4264.
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LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy The Weather Channel
FOR WEEK OF MAY 1-7, 2025

THURSDAY		68	46	Mostly cloudy skies
FRIDAY		65	38	Mix of clouds and sun.
SATURDAY		74	49	Mainly sunny skies.
SUNDAY		79	54	Mostly sunny.
MONDAY		81	56	Partly cloudy and windy.
TUESDAY		83	54	Mix of clouds and sun.
WEDNESDAY		81	52	Partly cloudy skies.

Committee change sparks board member's ire

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

A move by County Board of Commissioners chairman Martin Hohenstein announced at Monday's meeting did not sit well with everyone in the room. Hohenstein announced that Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos was being appointed to replace Rick Bousquet on the Budget and Finance Committee, a decision that Bousquet publicly objected to. "I'm good with being on the Finance committee and don't understand why I'm being removed," he said, turning to the dozen or so in attendance. "The unions think I won't be fair with them on the negotiations with the contracts because I was picked up on a DWI in January. I don't think that should have any

merit with what's going on here." Bousquet was arrested on Jan. 5 by the Dakota County Sheriff's Office and charged with multiple offenses, including first-offense driving under the influence, obstructing government operations, refusal to submit to a breath or chemical test, driving left of center and failure to use a turn signal. He was arrested a second time on Jan. 21 after being stopped for driving a vehicle just days after his license was revoked after the Jan. 5 incident. In that arrest, he was charged with obstructing government operations, driving under revocation and driving without a valid operator's li-

cense. He posted bail on both offenses and both cases are still pending. Bousquet said that he holds no ill will toward any member of the county's law enforcement regarding the January incident and, in fact, has allowed a county deputy to hunt on his property when asked. "Rick Comstock called me two weeks ago and asked if he could hunt on my property. He's the law enforcement officer who picked me up for revoked license and asked if he could hunt on my property and I said absolutely," he said. "Clearly I think I can do this job and I think there are things going

on. Marty wants to make that recommendation and that decision is his. Do I think it's a proper decision? In my respect, I think not because I've brought a lot to the county." Hohenstein said that he felt the change was needed because he had heard that Bousquet had planned on suing the Dakota County Sheriff's Office for their handling of the arrest, an accusation Bousquet vehemently denied. "I don't believe that I said that and it's not something I take lightly," he said turning to Hohenstein. "Can you bring a witness in who can say that?" "No I can't," Hohenstein replied. In other action the County Board:

SEE CHANGE, 2A

City help sought with feral cats

BY MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

The feral cat population in the Siouxland Estates area just south of South Sioux City is getting out of hand, and one resident there asked the City Council for some help in dealing with the issue. At Monday's meeting, Siouxland Estates resident Kathy Merithew asked for the city's help in managing a population that has quickly gotten out of control and promises to get worse as more kittens are born this spring. "We have a lot of cats out there and it has become a breeding ground," she said. "There are hundreds of cats out there who are having kittens . . . and it's getting abhorrent with complaints of cats getting into the trash or hiding in vehicles." Merithew said she had looked at the interlocal agreement between the city and county regarding the use of the city's animal service facility and was told by the city's animal control officer that the facility only took dogs that are vicious. "The agreement says animals, and verbiage is important," she said. "If it's not specifying vicious dogs or dogs, you're looking at any four-legged creature. We're just begging for help." Merithew told the Council that they are trying to work with Gill Hauling to replace trash cans with broken lids to help keep cats out of the trash in the neighborhood, and they have volunteers willing to catch the cats and take them somewhere, but there is no place nearby that will accept them.

SEE FERAL CATS, 2A

Star wins five NPA awards

The Dakota County Star was recognized with five awards Saturday during the Better Newspaper Contest award banquet at the annual Nebraska Press Association convention in Kearney. The Star received two first-place awards -- one for a feature story on South Sioux City's three state championships at the 2024 State Wrestling Championships, and the second for an editorial on child sexual assault by publisher Michael Carnes. Carnes also won three sports awards, including seconds for sports column and sports game coverage and a third for sports page. "It is always satisfying to be recognized by your peers with awards such as these," Carnes said. "We are proud to be honored with these awards, as it not only validates our work but inspires us to do more to provide the best coverage possible of the area for the people who live here and subscribe to the Dakota County Star." In addition, Emerson correspondent Gulene Sebade was recognized with the Golden Pica Pole Award, presented to newspaper employees who have more than 50 years of experience in the newspaper industry. Sebade was first hired by then-editor Henry Trysly in 1963 and has been with the Star for 62 years.



(PHOTOS BY MICHELLE KUESTER)
(above) Climbing equipment is shown in the indoor playground. at the new Early Learning and Youth Development Center at the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA in South Sioux City. (left) Members of the South Sioux City Chamberettes set sail on a large ship located in the indoor playground.



(PHOTO BY MICHELLE KUESTER)
Rhonda Robson and Abigail Schultz (center), CEO and Early Learning and Youth Development Coordinator, respectively, for the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA, cut the ribbon with other staff and the members of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce and South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce.

YMCA cuts ribbon on new addition

Early Learning and Youth Development Center helps with area daycare needs

By MICHELLE KUESTER
For the Star

When Rhonda Robson became CEO of the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA in 2018, she brought a vision. And on Friday, April 25, that vision came to life as Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA staff cut the ribbon on its newly expanded Early Learning and Youth Development Center. The 12,000-square-foot expansion includes four early learning rooms for chil-

dren aged six weeks through preschool, two multipurpose flex rooms for older youth and teens, and a large indoor playground that gives a subtle nod to South Sioux City's location near the river. "My idea of this was like, we're on the river. We should have like kind of a water theme, right?" said Robson. "And so [the playground] is an ocean theme. It's a little different, but something that kind of sparks the imagination." It is a space designed to not only spark imagination, but also encourage development and fill a major gap in services for Siouxland families, said Robson. "The YMCA is all about strengthening the foundations of the community," Robson said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "And, so, what that means is that we need to find gaps — within the scope of our mission, youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility — and we need to find

those gaps so that we can help address them. And so today is a major moment, because here at the YMCA, we want to fill that gap, and we've done it in a big way." The new facility will host this year's summer camp, which serves children from preschool through fifth grade, in addition to expanding the YMCA's daycare and early learning facilities. Support for the project has come from across Siouxland. The YMCA has already raised over \$4.3 million of its \$5 million fundraising goal, thanks to donors, foundations, and public partners. Local leaders also voiced their appreciation for what the new Early Learning and Youth Development Center means for the city and region. "On behalf of Mayor Koch and members of the city council, we're extremely proud

SEE YMCA, 2A

South Sioux City hosts National Vizsla Expedition dog show

By AMY BUSTER
For the Star

South Sioux City hosted the 2025 National Vizsla Expedition last week. For those five days, more than 400 of the rust, short, smooth-coated canines pranced around and through the Marriott Event Center and town, showing us their best.

“This is our Super Bowl! It’s that time of year when you finally get to talk to people face to face that the rest of the year you are keeping in touch with and up-to-date with strictly by phone,” explained Jill Hoffbeck, the National Event Chair for the Expedition.

Logistics always play a part in arranging the Expedition, and having an adequate airport for people to fly into can play a major part in choosing a location.

“Omaha has a nice airport, it’s just not as big as some airports. That was a bit challenging for people who were traveling a great distance to see the regionals (Australia). This year, however, we had a majority of people that were choosing to drive to the event, so that helped,” stated Hoffbeck.

The dogs compete in both Show and Agility during the Expedition. Agility competition includes Heel on Leash and Figure 8, Stand for Exam, Heel Free, Recall, Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, Group Exercise, and Sit & Stay.

“Show is considered an evaluation of breeding stock. Except for Veterans, all dogs need to be intact. These animals are being looked at as future breeders,” explained Hoffbeck.

This dog breed was introduced to the United States in the 1940s.

“The breed was in danger of being extinct after WWII. They are originally from Hungary and the peasants there had to hide them so that they were not taken into the city. That’s what saved the breed. The first dog in the United States was named Sari. She had a couple of successful good litters here in the U.S. and that’s how the breed started here in the early 40s. We’ve been able to do all purebreds to continue the breed forward,” explained Hoffbeck.

Maintaining and directing more than 400 dogs for an expedition takes a village.

“I’m truly fortunate to have about 35 people here on the committee to help us in South Sioux City this week. What you see is the accumulation of 18 months of planning. We’ve been extremely fortunate to have a great staff to work with here at the Marriott helping us along the way,” stated Hoffbeck.

The Vizsla Club of America has three different regions: The East, Central Region, and The West. In 2026 The West will host the Expedition in Temecula, CA. In 2027, The East region will host in a city somewhere in West Virginia.

“South Sioux City has been one of the best places we’ve been able to show at in the past 10 years. I live in Minnesota in the Twin Cities, and I’ve hosted Nationals five miles from my house. But this city and location just seems to offer something that’s a plus for everyone. It’s nice here. When you pull into town it just feels very welcoming,” commented Hoffbeck.

One of the criteria for a host city is that a hotel needs to be close to where the event will be held, not to mention eating venues, and emergency facilities for both the dogs and their owners.

“We’ve been at Fairgrounds in the past or Horse Tracks. Hotels with big ballrooms work well. The area must have big enough square footage to put a ring in, plus people sitting, and our vendors. It just helps to have everyone traveling if everything is close and in one spot. There’s so much closer here. I went to a little pub yester-



(PHOTO BY AMY BUSTER)
The 2025 National Vizsla Expedition dog show was held at the Marriott Event Center in South Sioux City, bringing competitors from all across the United States.

day called Soho that was just perfect!” stated Hoffbeck.

Her own journey getting involved with the breed started 24 years ago. A friend of hers was into showing dogs and had been for a few years. One of his dogs had a litter, and he gave one of the pups, a very nice boy pup, to Hoffbeck.

“As anyone involved in all of this can tell you, it’s very addictive, especially when you get as nice a pup as I did just starting out. After five years, I had him bred that first litter. It’s not something you just jump into. You need to study and understand pedigrees and structure in this breed because they are hunters. When you’re dealing with hunters, form equals function. You want their structure to be solid. This is your marathon dog. You may go out and run 10 miles in a field and then walk 10 miles in a field, they are going to be running double that. You need the best quality; the best front on the dog; the best rear assembly on the dog so that they are having to put forth the minimum effort to cover the most ground. Once you start seeing that, and you start looking at pedigrees, you see what kind of dog runs well with another. I was truly fortunate and had good mentors around that had been in the breed for quite a while when I started. That’s always a plus for anyone in the breed.”

And how long does she anticipate staying in the breed?

“The responsibility of being a breeder, you’re willing to take back every puppy you produce through their lifetime. I’ll be 54 this year, and I’ve got another good five or six years to be fully involved. But when I turn 60 and breed a litter, I’ll be 75 when they turn 15 (normal life expectancy). That could be pushing it. But I’ll always be involved in one way or another. I want to continue to help preserve the breed as long as I can. That never stops.”

FERAL CATS: City’s assistance sought to deal with issue

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“In Norfolk, they set up a (non-profit) and worked with local vets to catch cats, spay and neuter them and then return them to the community, and we desperately need something out there,” she said.

Mayor Rod Koch asked City Administrator Lance Hedquist and the city’s animal control division to see what options are available.

Police chief Ed Mahon presented the latest numbers on crime in the city, nothing that the number of crimes in the community went down slightly in 2024.

“The 2.2 decrease is not a major decrease, but it’s going in the right direction,” he told the Council.

Among the noteworthy increases were an increase in the theft of vehicles and an increase in threats or

intimidation, a crime Mahon said the city is pursuing more aggressively because of the threat of more violent actions that may come with such activity.

The number of vandalisms in the community has gone down from previous years, which was another note that Mahon was happy to see.

The Council approved a \$100 bonus to members of the city’s police department as part of an agreement that comes with a positive crime numbers report — a bonus that Council member Ben Schultz said needs to be reconsidered.

“I think it’s not enough and would request for that to be looked at,” he said.

Mayor Koch agreed, adding “I’ve



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lived here my whole life and have never felt safer in this town.”

The Council also gave final approval to a Cinco de Mayor party that will be held in front of the city’s offices this Saturday. A kids zone will be set up in the city’s parking lot from 3-6 p.m. as part of the free event, which includes music, a beer garden and other activities.

In other action, the Council:

— approved a request from library teen advisory board members Deja Burrell and Bianca Bligh to host a bake sale on the front steps of the library later this spring as a fundraiser for the library’s youth programs.

— approved a semi-annual report of the Citizens Advisory Review Committee regarding LB840 funds.

— approved a request for federal support for the Riverview Water Treatment Plant expansion, which could provide up to \$5 million in federal funds for the estimated \$18 million project.

— denied a request for the Veterans Soccer League to use fields at Dible Soccer Complex, due to adult fields being out of service due to last year’s flooding. City Parks director Gene Maffit said the fields need to be fixed and seeded and held out hope that the fields might be available for play in 2026.

— approved a memorandum by SIMPCO supporting the extension of Hines Street from Dakota Avenue to Highway 77 for future development traffic issues.

The City Council’s next meeting is Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.



(PHOTO BY MICHELLE KUESTER)

Rhonda Robson, CEO for the Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA, said the completion of the new Early Learning and Youth Development Center was a goal she had since she accepted the position back in 2018. The \$5 million addition had its ribbon-cutting event on Friday.

YMCA: \$5 million expansion in SSC complete Friday

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of what’s happening in this facility,” said Lance Hedquist, South Sioux City City Administrator. “In terms of all the kids that are going to be served at this new location, it’s a great asset for all the businesses and all the industries in our community. We’re very proud to have the Y in our town, in our area, and in Siouland.”

Chris McGowan, President of the

Siouxland Chamber of Commerce and Siouland Initiative, added how the facility can make Siouland more appealing to outside businesses.

“Sometimes we overlook how significant an impact like this is to the broader community,” McGowan said. “Just 48 hours ago, Lance Hedquist and I were recruiting a major international economic development opportunity . . . and this was a key part of their tour because they

wanted to understand our commitment to quality of life.”

For Robson and her team, the Youth Development Center is both a physical space and a symbol of progress and community commitment.

“This is dedicated to Siouland and the gap that we are filling for our community,” Robson said.

The YMCA plans to officially open the space to the public in the coming weeks.

Congress could roll back state auto emission standards

By MARK MORAN

Nebraska News Connection

Congress could vote today on a measure to eliminate Nebraska’s ability to set its own auto emission standards, which are among the most stringent in the country. Opponents of the change are pushing back.

The resolution would curtail states’ authority to limit vehicle pollution with their own, stricter pollution standards for cars and trucks.

A report by the nonprofit Coltura, which advocates for a transition to cleaner-burning fuels, said Nebraska drivers would save nearly \$1,000 a year and keep the air cleaner by switching to electric vehicles.

Rob Sargent, program director for Coltura, said working people would benefit most from using EVs, and the tax credits that come with them.

“They’re contractors driving 150 miles daily between job sites, rural drivers, trades people and working families who live where housing is more affordable and jobs are further away,” Sargent outlined.

The report said in one congressional district alone, Nebraskans would save at least \$432 million a year by switching from gasoline to electric-powered vehicles. The House Joint Resolution is seen as part of the Trump administration’s feud with California, the first state to adopt stricter antipollution measures than the federal government.

The U.S. has already invested billions of dollars in expanding EV charging infrastructure and domestic manufacturing facilities, and Sargent argued moving away from the investment would be a step in the wrong direction. He pointed to research that shows removing tax credits could prompt a 30 percent drop in EV sales.

“Those declining EV sales would hurt consumers,” Sargent emphasized. “It would also undercut the investments we’ve made in EV manufacturing across the country.”

For decades, the Clean Air Act has allowed states to create their own vehicle emission standards, which are often more stringent than federal requirements. Ten states, including Nebraska, have consistently pushed manufacturers to produce cleaner vehicles, including EVs.

CHANGE: Committee switch concern

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— discussed the depth of water lines at the Likuwanta Drive project and determined the county could pay a portion of the cost to bury the lines without going over the project’s original budget.

— approved an agreement for Professional Services with MEI for construction engineering services and field oversight on the M Avenue proj-

ect. The agreement was approved on a 3-0 vote with Bousquet abstaining and Villalobos absent from Monday’s meeting.

— approved a roads department request to purchase a new dump truck.

The County Board will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 12 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

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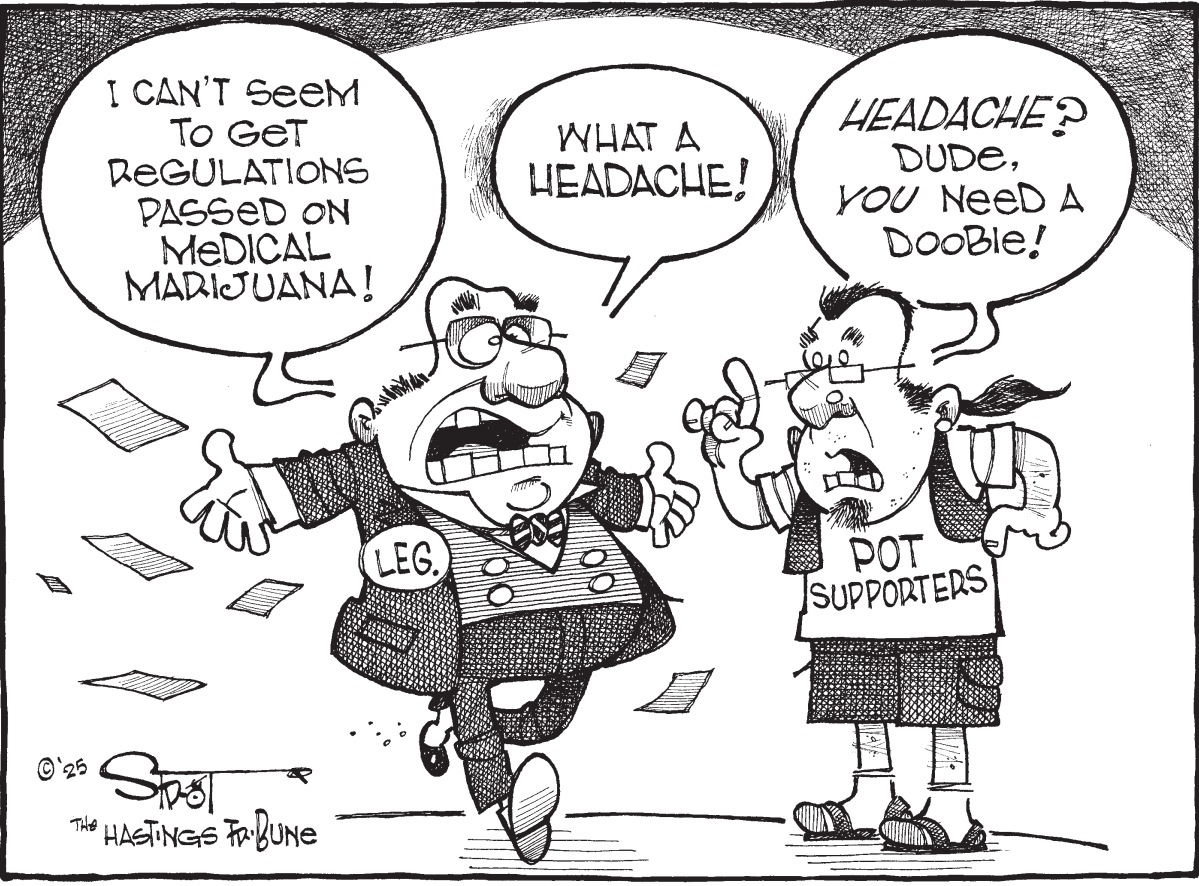
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Schools not using DEI programs

Last Thursday, Nebraska’s Education Commissioner, Brian Maher, signed and submitted a certification letter to the U.S. Department of Education indicating that Nebraska’s school districts do not make use of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs.

The certification letter is part of the Trump Administration’s efforts to clamp down on DEI programs in America’s public schools. States which refuse to submit the federal certification letter, such as Minnesota and New York, stand to lose federal funding for their schools. Signing and submitting the letter helps to ensure that Nebraska will continue to receive federal funding for our state’s public schools.

The intent of the federal certification letter is to bring all of America’s public schools into alignment with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which states that “no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Because DEI programs tend to differentiate people on the basis of race and even favor certain minority races, the federal certification letter cited the 2023 U.S. Supreme Court case of Students for Fair Admission v. President and Fellows of Harvard College, which put an end to all affirmative action programs on the grounds that such programs violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment as well as

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State Sen. Glen Meyer
District 17



Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The implication of that U.S. Supreme Court ruling means that federal funds can no longer be tied to programs which differentiate people on the basis of race or which favor any particular race.

DEI programs don’t align with Nebraska’s state laws. Nebraska State Statutes 79-721 through 79-724 direct Nebraska’s public schools to teach multiculturalism rather than DEI. Multiculturalism programs are different than DEI programs. For example, Nebraska State Statute 79-722 strictly forbids any kind of “testing, assessment, or evaluation of individual students’ attitudes or beliefs,” which is usually considered an essential component to a DEI program. For example, Minnesota’s DEI program includes “Restorative Practices” such as exploring a student’s “implicit bias,” and examining a student’s “relationship to harm.”

The Lincoln Public School District used to have an executive director of DEI. However, that district recently changed the title to executive director of multiculturalism in order to better comply with Nebraska state laws. Changing the title of that position will also help Nebraska keep its share of federal funding.

The Trump Administration directive to end DEI programs in America’s public schools will end up being decided by the courts. Last Thursday, the same day that the federal certification letters were due, a federal judge in New Hampshire blocked the Trump Administration’s DEI directive. The lawsuit was filed by the National Education Association and the American Civil Liberties Union, which accused the Trump Administration of giving “unconstitutionally vague” guidance to the states and violating the First Amendment rights of school teachers in the classroom.

U.S. District Court judge Landya McCafferty stated in her letter that the federal certification letter failed to provide a definition for a DEI program and she gave initial validation to the concern that the directive infringes on a teacher’s free speech rights, saying that a teacher would run afoul “... if she expresses the view in her teaching that structural racism exists in America, but does not do so if she denies structural racism’s existence.”

For now, Nebraska’s schools will continue to get their federal funding while the Trump Administration goes to battle with the proponents of DEI in the courts.

Washington Report

US. Sen. Pete Ricketts
(R) Nebraska



He’s eliminated duplicative software licenses, many of which had never been used or opened. These process improvements will improve efficiency and transparency. They will also help combat fraud. As a member of the Senate DOGE Caucus, I applaud these actions.

President Trump is restoring American strength. He’s reversed Joe Biden’s appeasement-first foreign policy. He’s revoked visas for terrorist sympathizers. He’s restored deterrence by destroying Houthi terrorists who attack our Navy ships. The President’s strong leadership is bringing the world closer to peace.

Joe Biden was the first President since Jimmy Carter to fail to negotiate a new trade agreement. This led to a record \$32 billion agricultural trade deficit in 2024. President Trump is taking action to level the playing field on trade.

In Nebraska, we produce the highest-quality, best-tasting beef in the world. Sadly, many of our allies and partners place tariff and non-tariff trade barriers on our beef. Australia has sold roughly \$29 billion of beef in America, but they refuse to allow even \$1 of American beef in their country. Vietnam places a 30 percent tariff on American beef. Thailand’s tariff is 50 percent. Plus, the Euro-

pean Union limits market access due to radical environmental policies. President Trump is working to fix these imbalances and expand market access.

Biofuels like ethanol are another example. Nebraska is the second-largest producer of ethanol. Brazil places an 18 percent tariff on American ethanol, but we have no tariff on Brazilian ethanol. Mexico flagrantly violates the terms of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement by refusing to accept our biotech corn. These are the kinds of issues President Trump is trying to address. Countries are already reaching out to negotiate new trade deals. The President deserves the opportunity to get that done. Leveling the playing field will benefit producers and consumers alike.

President Trump is delivering results. I’m proud to support his agenda. I’ll continue fighting to secure the border and cut wasteful spending. I’ll keep working to restore American strength and level the playing field on trade. I’ll always advocate for Nebraska.

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.

Print is dead??? Wanna bet???

What has the mainstream media been telling you about the state of the newspaper business these past few years?

Print is dead, they say. I beg to differ — AND I’ve got the evidence to back it up.

Now I’m not denying that some newspapers are in trouble. I’m not even saying that we’ve got it great and we’re rolling in high cotton right now.

But playing the death march for newspapers is like drafting Shadeur Sanders in the first round of the NFL draft — it’s just not happening.

In fact, a recent statewide study found that Nebraska voters rely on their hometown newspapers for news on what’s happening within their communities with more frequency than radio, TV and even — brace yourselves — social media.

That’s right, boys and girls — more people rely on papers like the Dakota County Star than the news that pops up on their social media feeds.

And if you’re reading this newspaper, there’s a pretty good chance that you’re going be more active in your community.

When comparing those who read the newspaper to those who don’t, readers are more involved, are more apt to voice their opinions on local issues, express their opinions to elected officials and/or political candidates, and are more likely to speak out about the issues that are most important to our community.

And having a LOCAL newspaper like the one you’re reading now is an important source to those people — more than 7 out of 10 Nebraskans believe that having a local newspaper to provide community news and information is important.

That’s the kind of news we like to hang our hat on here at the Dakota County Star — our focus, first and foremost, is on what’s going on here in Dakota County. We try to stay in touch with the people living in our coverage area and keep them informed on what’s going on in their communities. What’s happening in South Sioux City, Homer, Jackson, Emerson, Hubbard and even Ponca (which is outside the county but still close enough for us to drop in for the occasional sporting event) is what you will find within the pages of your LOCAL newspaper.

Some newspapers — usually those owned by mega-corporations more interested in profit than product (I won’t name names, but you don’t need to be a rocket scientist to know who I’m talking about) — fill their pages with content that is of little to no use to those of you living here in Dakota County. While we will occasionally run a story of regional or statewide interest through sources like Nebraska News Connection or Flatwater Free Press, we fill our pages with local news that is of utmost important to our readers.

Where will you find legal notices

Don’t Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher



informing you of how your tax dollars are being spent, where upcoming meetings are at, or when a business files its corporate identity? TV? Cable? Facebook?

Nope. Nada. No way.

The most important pages in any newspaper are the Public Notices — this is where all of that kind of information can be found, including upcoming City Council or School Board meetings, minutes of previous meetings and other information regarding your hard-earned tax dollars. Good luck finding that information on CNN or Fox News.

The Dakota County Star has been around for more than a century, and we have covered this county better than any other media source, and have done it longer than anybody else as well. You can find old editions of the Star at the South Sioux City Public Library, and also at the Dakota County Historical Society in Homer.

The death of print has long been predicted and disproven. When the technology that made radio available to our great-grandparents a century ago, the end of the printed word was incorrectly predicted. A few decades later, as television’s growth exploded, again it was the end for print journalism, and yet it not only survived, but continued to thrive.

Then came the internet at the close of the 20th century, and those newspapers who didn’t embrace the new technology soon found themselves playing catchup. Same goes for the ever-expanding social media options — and yet the printed word continues to be the go-to source for local news and information.

A recent study by the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association found that local newspapers are THE most trusted source of news, ranking ahead of national TV, national newspapers, cable news and social media. More than 8 in 10 say their local newspaper is important for staying informed, is a key source when making purchasing decisions and continues to be the most-trusted source for local news.

These are numbers we’re proud of and something we work toward each week here at the Dakota County Star. We see what’s being covered by other area newspapers and know that they don’t share the interest in providing Dakota County with the kind of news you demand. You want to know what’s going on HERE — not THERE — and we work hard to bring you that important local news that you rely on.

And unlike those big-boy corporate behemoth publications that keep cutting staff, cutting print editions and filling their pages with content that has no connection with Dakota County — we’re not going anywhere. In fact, we’re growing and plan to continue that growth as time marches on.

Let the mainstream media go on with its half-truths and utter fantasies about the future of the print industry. Newspapers have been around for centuries, and the ones that continue to thrive and survive will do so because they focus on the people they serve and the information they want. That’s our goal here at the Dakota County Star and one that won’t change as long as I’m behind the wheel.

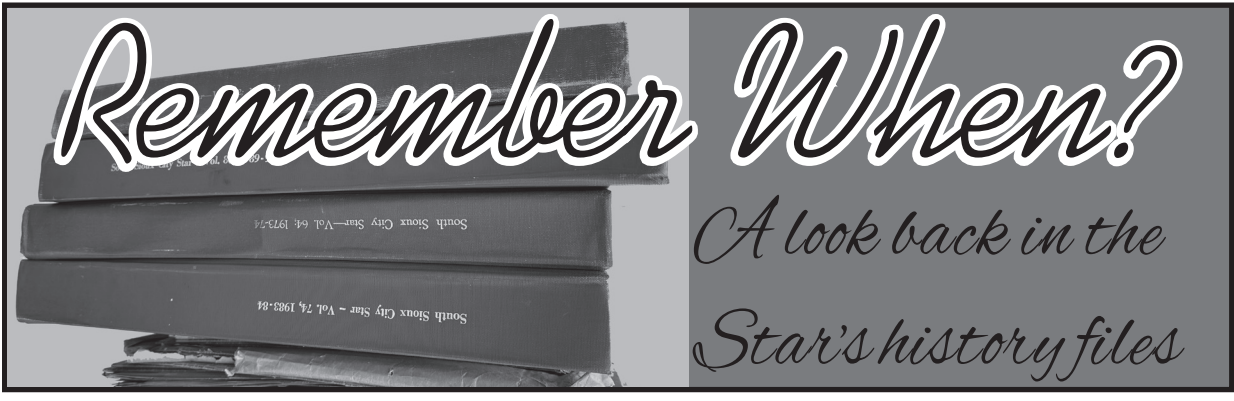
On a related note, I was proud to pick up five Better Newspaper Contest awards during last weekend’s Nebraska Press Association convention in Kearney.

We didn’t enter a lot of categories, partially because of the time involved in sorting through the previous year’s work and also because I wanted to focus on our strengths this year. Still, to receive two first-place awards among the five was a very proud moment for this newspaper and I’m happy to share the honor with the communities that we cover. Without being able to tell their stories, those awards aren’t possible.

I also want to congratulate one of our correspondents, Lulene Sebade, who was one of three recipients of the Golden Pica Pole, which is presented to individuals who have 50 or more years of service in this industry.

Lulene has been the Emerson correspondent for us since 1963, and is in her 62nd year in that position. She got the gig way back when because then-editor Henry Trysla wanted someone who could provide copy that he didn’t have to try to decipher on deadline (known then as “chicken scratch”). Sebade said she had a typewriter and was hired, and she’s been with us ever since. (She also provides local news to the Pender Times newspaper as well.)

Lulene is one of those small-town residents who absolutely loves her community and wants to keep its spirit alive in the local newspaper and does a fantastic job keeping the community alive in the pages of the Dakota County Star each week. We’re proud to have her on the team and congratulate her on the longevity achievement.



10 YEARS AGO

APRIL 30, 2015

Big Ox breaks ground in South Sioux City

A groundbreaking is the start to a construction process, but the Big Ox groundbreaking has been years in the making. And those years of waiting came to fruition on Monday, April 27, when Big Ox held its groundbreaking ceremony in South Sioux City. Many dignitaries as well as two special guests, Duke and Ted, two 2,300-pound oxen brought in from Maine just for the ceremony, were on hand to help turn the first bits of soil over.

20 YEARS AGO

APRIL 28, 2005

Rieken strives for autism awareness

One in 500. One in 300. One in 180.

These are all statistics that make sense to special education teacher Rebecca Rieken. Rieken is teaching in the South Sioux City School District’s new secondary autism classroom at the middle school, and those facts show the number of children affected by autism beginning four years ago, two years ago and today. Rieken is very pleased with how the

30 YEARS AGO

APRIL 27, 1995

Nearly 500 tax protests filed

Nearly 500 property tax valuation protests have been filed in Dakota County. “That’s the most filed since I’ve been in office,” reports Ted Piepho, who’s in his 17th year as Dakota County Clerk. “Last year I think we had about 125.” According to Piepho, most of the protests, 321 so far, have been on agricultural parcels. The remaining 170 were primarily residential protests, he said. Only a very few were for business properties. The County Board of Equalization, made up of the county commissioners, have the responsibility of considering each protest.

40 YEARS AGO

MAY 2, 1985

SSC man hurt, driver is killed

One Kearney State College student was killed and two were injured, in-

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 1, 1975

New Chief of Police at Homer

This is a good man to get to know, in case you’re ever in any trouble in Homer. He’s Eugene Church, the new Homer Police Chief. His first major arrest since he was hired was on April 9, a drug arrest in which an estimated 2,100 “white crosses” were taken off the market along with just under a pound of marijuana. Church is an Oakland, Nebraska native with several years of law enforcement experience.

Month-old jail has first breakout

Dakota County Sheriff Allan Bligh feels that David McGill, 19, Sioux City, had outside help in his escape early Monday morning from the new Dakota County Jail facility at Dakota City. McGill was still at large Tuesday afternoon.

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The South Sioux City Community Schools bond issue election is a little different than usual. It's all by mail—and your ballot has to be received (not just mailed) by 5 p.m. on May 13. Ballots can be dropped off at: 1601 Broadway St., Dakota City, NE.



Area linksters tee it up

Tri County NE edges Homer in golf dual

Homer hosted Tri County Northeast in a Tuesday afternoon dual at South Ridge Golf Course in South Sioux City, with the guests edging the Knights 173-186 in the nine-hole matchup.

Tri County Northeast's Ben Jorgensen was the medalist for the day, shooting an even-par 36. Following Jorgensen for the Wolfpack were Gabe Olesen with a 44, Landyn Servine shot 46, Braxton Sebade had a 47 and Jaxon Hall shot 54.

Spencer Elsea and Gavin Albrecht shared low honors for the Knights, both carding a 41. Bodie Nelsen shot 51, Broday Barto had a 53 and Deegan Pishna had a 54.

In JV action, Cy Mueller shot 58 for the Wolfpack. James Knefil of TCNE and Cora Rushing of Homer both shot 78.



(above) Tri County Northeast's Ben Jorgensen was the low shooter of the day at South Ridge Golf Club, firing an even par 36 to lead the Wolfpack to the dual win over Homer. (right) Spencer Elsea follows through on an approach as he was a co-leader for Homer with a 41.



(PHOTOS BY MIKE RASMUSSEN)



Bryan Isom runs his way to victory in the 300-meter hurdles at last week's LCC Invitational in Laurel. He also finished fourth in the 110-meter highs and won the triple jump.

(PHOTO BY JASON STUREK)

Ponca, TCNE battle at LCC Invitational

LAUREL — Ponca and Trii County Northeast both had good showings at last week's LCC Invitational, held at Haskell Field in Laurel.

The Ponca girls were third with the Wolfpack a point behind in fourth in the 11-team race. Ponca won two events on the day while TCNE claimed one first-place finish.

Elsie Keller won the discus for Ponca with a winning toss of 103 feet, 11 inches. Ponca's 3,200-meter tandem of Ellesyn Hrouda, Avery McAfee, Alexa McGhee and Ava Brennan took first-place honors as well.

Bri Millard was a winner for the Lady Wolfpack, claiming top honors in the 300-meter hurdles. She also finished third in the 100-meter hurdles and sixth in the 100-meter dash.

In boys action, Ponca was third and TCNE finished fifth, with the two teams picking up a total of five first-place finishes.

Bryan Isom was a double-winner for the Wolfpack, finishing first in the 300-meter hurdles and the triple jump. He was also fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and helped the 400-meter relay to a fourth-place finish.

Zyan Conrad won two events, taking the 200 and the 400. He also helped the 1,600-meter relay to runner-up honors.

Zach Luze rounded out the first-place efforts for the Indians, taking top honors in the shot put with a best heave of 54 feet.

LCC Invitational Girls Team Standings

Yutan 137, Pender 106, Ponca 67, TCNE 66, Crofton 39, LCC 38, Lutheran High NE 23, Winside 21, Neligh-Oakdale 18, Randolph 8, Creighton 4.

Area Medalists

100: 2. Kiya Tornez, TCNE, 12.99; 6. Bre Millard, TCNE, 13.62. 100 hurdles: 3. Millard, 18.00; 4. Elsie Keller, Ponca, 18.84. 200: 4. K. Tornez, 27.59. 300 hurdles: 1. B.

WAKEFIELD — The Homer track and field teams finished in the top three at last week's Wakefield Invitational.

The Lady Knights took second in the seven-school competition, winning four events on the day.

Lilly Harris took top honors in the 1,600 and 3,200 and joined Tori Walker, Jovee Valentin and Janessa Overgaard for a win in the 1,600-meter relay. Overgaard also claimed top honors in the high jump, with teammate Tori Walker finishing second.

Walker also had a second in the 200-meter dash and the 3,200-meter relay team placed second as well.

In boys action, Homer won seven events and placed third in a close team race.

Issac Barclay and Caden Barclay both won two events. Isaac placed first in the 100 and 200 while Caden ran to top honors in the 1,600 and 3,200.

Josue Munoz had a hand in three wins, leading a four-Knight medal finish in the 400 and anchoring the wining 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

Wakefield Invitational Girls Team Standings

Elkhorn Valley 109, Homer 93, Clarkson/Leigh 93, Wisner-Pilger 88, Cedar Bluffs 57, Wakefield 45, Howells-Dodge 42.

Homer Medalists

Millard, 48.46; 2. Keller, 54.42; 3. Carlee Beckner, Ponca, 54.89; 6. Hailey Millard, TCNE, 56.26. 400: 2. Alexa McGhee, Ponca, 1:02.29; 3. Rachael Bousquet, TCNE, 1:03.03; 4. Olivia Taylor, Ponca, 1:03.92. 1,600: 5. Ellesyn Hrouda, Ponca, 5:54.81. 3,200: 3. Laken Pfister, Ponca, 13:32.15; 5. Addyson Chytka, Ponca, 14:10.00. Discus: 1. Keller, 103-11. Long jump: 3. K. Tornez, 15-4 1/2. Shot put: 2. Grace Ankeny, TCNE, 32-5; 3. Micaeli Tornez, TCNE, 32-1. Triple jump: 6. Jayda Stallbaum, TCNE, 30-0. 400 relay: 2. TCNE (R. Bousquet, B. Millard, J. Mackling, K. Tornez), 51.46; 6. Ponca (P. Cunningham, A. Nelson, K. Bruening, A. Stroud), 56.72. 1,600 relay: 3. Ponca (O. Taylor, A. McAfee, E. Hrouda, A. McGhee), 4:23.64. 3,200 relay: 1. Ponca (E. Hrouda, A. McAfee, A. McGhee, A. Brennan), 9:57.25; 6. TCNE (S. Rastede, A. Hermosillo, J. Stallbaum, J. Olson), 11:48.68.

Boys Team Standings

Yutan 127, Creighton 85, Ponca 82, Pender 63, TCNE 50, Crofton 44, LCC 25, Lutheran High NE 17, Winside 16, Randolph 15, Neligh-Oakdale 3.

Area Medalists

110 hurdles: 4. Bryan Isom, TCNE, 17.43. 200: 1. Zyan Conrad, Ponca, 22.95. 300 hurdles: 1. Isom, 42.09; 4. Thatcher Lamp, TCNE, 45.10; 5. Logan Morgan, TCNE, 47.09. 400: 1. Conrad, 51.10; 4. Caden Cleveland, Ponca, 54.72; 5. Casey Chadwick, Ponca, 54.88. 800: 6. Devon Lewellen, TCNE, 2:21.72. 1,600: 2. Gannon Pfister, Ponca, 4:41.43; 6. Broderick Hogan, Ponca, 5:13.14. 3,200: 1. Pfister, 10:40.94; 4. Hogan, 11:27.55; 5. Alex Snyder, TCNE, 11:36.34. Discus: 3. Zach Luze, Ponca, 129-9. High jump: 5. Jackson Belt, TCNE, 5-8. Triple jump: 1. Isom, 42-0. Shot put: 1. Luze, 54-0. 400 relay: 4. TCNE (B. Isom, J. Belt, T. Anderson, D. Reinert), 47.29. 1,600 relay: 2. Ponca (K. Byrne, C. Cleveland, Z. Conrad, C. Chadwick), 3:38.38; 3. TCNE (T. Anderson, D. Reinert, L. Morgan, T. Lamp), 3:55.18. 3,200 relay: 2. Ponca (Z. Conrad, C. Cleveland, G. Pfister, K. Byrne), 8:48.47; 5. TCNE (D. Lewellen, J. Ridenour, A. Snyder, A. Isom), 9:34.81.

Homer sees action at Wakefield Invite

200: 2. Tori Walker, 27.77; 6. Janessa Overgaard, 29.69. 400: 4. Jovee Valentin, 1:06.50. 1,600: 1. Lilly Harris, 5:46.00; 4. Jaedyn Bousquet, 6:05.32. 3,200: 1. Harris, 12:32.47; 3. Bousquet, 13:22.89; 5. Natali Loofe, 14:17.65. 1,600 relay: 1. Homer (T. Walker, L. Harris, J. Valentin, J. Overgaard), 4:19.35. 3,200 relay: 2. Homer (J. Bousquet, N. Loofe, T. Bolles, B. Hightree), 11:08.00. High jump: 1. Overgaard, 5-0; 2. Walker, 4-10. Long jump: 5. Walker, 16-1. Shot put: 4. Annah Harris, 31-8 1/2; 5. Justice Barclay, 30-8; 6. Lyndsee Waldee, 30-5 1/2. Discus: 5. A. Harris, 94-8.

Boys Team Standings

Wakefield 114.5, Elkhorn Valley 103, Homer 91.5, Howells-Dodge 55, Wisner-Pilger 50, Clarkson/Leigh 42, Cedar Bluffs 39.

Homer Medalists

100: 1. Isaac Barclay, 11.64. 200: 1. I. Barclay, 23.74; 6. William Rohde, 25.63. 400: 1. Josue Munoz, 52.22; 2. Junius Snowball, 53.28; 4. Axton Caskey, 55.28; 6. Rylan Parker, 56.13. 800: 2. Jessup Snowball, 2:11.56. 1,600: 1. Caden Barclay, 5:01.61. 3,200: 1. C. Barclay, 11:12.71. 110 hurdles: 4. Aayden Harris, 16.27. 300 hurdles: 3. Harris, 43.27. 1,600 relay: 1. Homer (Ju. Snowball, A. Harris, Je. Snowball, J. Munoz), 3:34.80. 3,200 relay: 1. Homer (Ju. Snowball, Je. Snowball, R. Parker, J. Munoz), 8:40.37. High jump: 6. (tie) Caskey, 5-2.



Class A Soccer Wild Card Point Standings

(NOTE: Pairings for the Class A district soccer tournaments were scheduled to be announced Thursday by the Nebraska School Activities Association. The following are the latest wild card point standings as of games played through Tuesday, April 29.

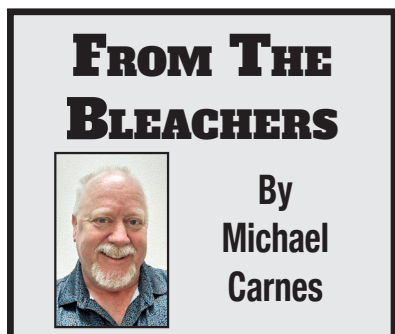
Class A Boys

Team.....	Record	Points
Creighton Prep	14-1	48.4667
Millard North.....	13-2	47.1333
Omaha South	11-2	46.0000
Omaha Westside.....	9-4	45.8462
Millard West.....	10-5	45.7333
Lincoln Southwest.....	8-5	45.2308
Lincoln Southeast.....	11-3	45.1429
Papillion-LaVista South.....	10-5	45.0667
Kearney	12-4	44.8750
South Sioux City	11-4	44.5333
Norfolk	11-5	44.2500
Bellevue West	9-5	43.5714
Lincoln East.....	7-6	43.0000
Lincoln High	10-6	42.9375
Omaha Central.....	7-6	42.6154
Omaha Bryan	8-6	42.5714
Elkhorn South.....	7-7	42.2143
Grand Island.....	7-9	42.0625
Papillion-LaVista	6-6	42.0000
Omaha Buena Vista.....	6-10	41.1875
Lincoln Northeast.....	6-8	41.0000
Omaha Benson	5-7	40.3333
Columbus	5-9	40.2857
Millard South	4-10	40.0714
Bellevue East	4-12	39.1875
Omaha North.....	6-10	39.1875
Omaha Burke	3-12	38.6667
Fremont	3-11	38.5000
Lincoln North Star	1-11	38.1667
North Platte	3-12	38.0667
Omaha Westview	4-12	38.0625
Omaha Northwest	0-14	35.1429

Class A Girls

Team.....	Record	Points
Lincoln Southwest.....	12-1	47.8462
Bellevue West	16-1	47.1765
Omaha Marian	12-3	47.0667
Elkhorn South.....	11-3	46.2143
Kearney	14-2	45.9375
Lincoln East.....	9-4	45-6154
Papillion-LaVista	9-4	44.9231
Millard West.....	8-6	44.4286
Omaha Westside.....	7-7	44.0000
Millard South	7-7	43.9286
Columbus	8-5	43.4615
Lincoln Southeast.....	8-6	43.2143
Fremont	9-6	42.9333
Millard North.....	6-7	42.9231
Norfolk	7-8	42.8000
Papillion-LaVista South.....	8-7	42.6667
North Platte	10-6	42.4375
Bellevue East	8-7	41.9333
Omaha Buena Vista.....	8-5	41.8462
Omaha South	6-8	41.0000
Grand Island.....	5-10	40.6000
Omaha Benson	7-7	40.2857
Omaha Central	4-9	40.1538
Lincoln North Star	3-9	40.0000
Omaha Westview	4-10	39.2857
Lincoln High	4-10	39.2143
Omaha North.....	6-10	38.6250
Omaha Burke	3-11	38.3571
Lincoln Northeast.....	1-13	37.5000
South Sioux City	2-10	37.2500
Omaha Bryan	1-12	37.1538
Omaha Northwest	0-12	36.2500

Adults can ruin kids' athletics experience



influence a parent can have while coaching their children.

And then — there is Deion Sanders.

There is no denying that Sanders is one of the all-time great football players in the history of the game. Watching him compete at the level that he did back in the 1990's was something that has to be seen to be believed. He brought showmanship to a new level and never lacked for confidence while on the field.

That confidence has carried over into his coaching, but it has also created a problem for his son, one that I believe the younger Sanders is going to have a tough time overcoming.

Shadeur Sanders, no doubt, has the physical talents to be a potential star quarterback in the National Football League. He has shown those gifts during his play at Jackson State and Colorado, and with some continued work and improvement, he has the potential to be an outstanding quarterback.

The problem, though, is that he's trying to parlay his daddy's schtick into his own thing, and it has already

cost him dearly.

Sanders is a physical talent, no doubt. But all that "legendary" talk and the bling and the trying to live off of Daddy Deion's legend doesn't amount to a hill of beans in the real world, and especially in a professional sports league like the NFL.

You can be the BMOC (Big Man On Campus) all you want — and it doesn't make a damn bit of difference who you are once you move up to the next level.

Ask any high school star who thought he (or she) would just walk into a college program and have the same kind of impact he had in his high school locker room. The number of hometown studs who had their clocks cleaned once they stepped into the college ranks are countless — the next level has a way of humbling even the most confident of athletes. You may be somebody back home, but you have to EARN that status at the next level, and you start at the same point everybody else does at that time — at the bottom.

Shadeur Sanders acted as if he was already a pro superstar. He didn't attend the NFL Draft Combine, which allows athletes to show what kind of athletic specimens they are to give teams an idea of the kind of athlete they may draft. He carried himself with an air of arrogance that turned a lot of teams off. Playing the "Do you know who my daddy is?" card rarely works well in the real world, and it carries even less weight when you're talking to multi-billionaire NFL owners who are deciding whose hands they're putting their teams' futures in.

Many football scouts and analysts who weren't buying into the hype that Deion's kid brought (which is about everybody except Mel Kiper Jr. from ESPN) were already questioning Sanders' status as a high draft pick. Some had him going early in the second round, and when he fell even further than that, it was becoming clear to most (except those at ESPN) that Sanders' off-field issues of arrogance and overinflated self-worth were not worth the effort.

The elder Sanders holds a lot of blame in this. His efforts to cast his boys as the saving grace of the NFL's future and his arrogance will cost both of his sons (the second went undrafted and signed with Tampa Bay as a free agent, which won't be worth near as much in contract dollars). Some have said Shadeur's pre-draft escapades will cost him between \$30-50 million, and at this point he's not even the No. 1 quarterback on the Cleveland Browns' depth chart.

Now this is not to say the younger Sanders is doomed to failure. In fact, many noteworthy quarterbacks from years past went later in the draft than he did as the 144th pick. Do the names Montana and Brady ring a bell? Both went late in their respective drafts, and between the two of them they own 11 Super Bowl rings.

One thing Sanders will need to do, and the sooner the better, is to ditch the "legendary" persona, shut his mouth and let his work on the field do the talking. If he can do that, his future in the NFL could be as legendary as his dad's.

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Gill Hauling and South Sioux City Optimist members getting ready to give bikes to children at Harney Elementary.

(COURTESY PHOTO)

SSC Optimists, Gill Hauling partner up for recent bike giveaway

Providing bikes to children in the South Sioux City community started with Leadership Dakota County and moved to the South Sioux City Optimist Club in 2022. As the local Optimists took on the challenge, Ardel Bengtson agreed to work with the counselors in the elementary schools to determine the need, sizing, and schedule the deliveries. During the transition, the Optimist worked with Bak Cycle to repair good used bikes and deliver them to the schools.

In 2024, the Optimist added a new partnership with Gill Hauling. The Company is proud to announce it has raised \$6,740.00 to provide bicycles for local school children. Gill Hauling raised \$3,370 from employee donations and was matched by Waste Connections. The company worked closely with the Optimist Club to order, assemble and deliver 35 bikes this year to students in the five public elementary schools as well as St. Michaels. In addition to the bikes, the company provided helmets for each bike recipient. This initiative is part of Gill Hauling’s broader commitment to giving back to the

community.

Andrea Jones, operations specialist at Gill Hauling added, “Our goal is to make a positive impact on the lives of young people in the communities that we are fortunate to serve. We are thrilled to see the excitement on the faces of these children as they receive their new bikes, and we look forward to continuing to invest in local initiatives that make a meaningful difference in the lives of the community. By providing these bikes, we hope to offer children a fun, and safe activity. It’s a small gesture that can have a big impact on their lives.”

The Optimist Club supports both Bak Cycle and Gill Hauling in providing bikes to the youth in the South Sioux City Community. This is one of many programs the Optimist is involved in. If you want to learn more about the South Sioux City Optimist Club, check them out on Facebook – Optimist Club of South Sioux City or join them at Dakota Perk each Wednesday morning at 7 a.m.

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Moore Thomas S, Moore Christie L to Torres Sam, Torres Arcelia, Lot 11,12, and PT Lot 8,9,10, in block 86, Dakota City

Quinn William A, Quinn Kristi P, to Alvarez Fidel, Alvarez Delia, S-T-R 8-28-8 E PT SE 1/4 NW 1/4

Donnelley Lori A nka Lori A Chicoine, Chicoine Chad, to Hodges Russell, Rohlk Michelle, Lot 4 in block 169, Dakota City

Lennon Mark, Lennon Michele K, to LL Properties LLC, Pt Lot 10 Dakota Flats of Dakota City, S-T-R 35-29-8 E Pt s 1/2 NW 1/4

Lennon Mark, Lennon Michele K, to Roberg Seth, Roberg Lauren, Pt Lot 10 Dakota Flats of Dakota City

Johnson Mark A, Johnson Kerri S, to MK Lake Shed LLC, Lot 3 Bracht Commercial Park Phase 1 of South Sioux City, S-T-R 32-29-9 E PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Heikes Samuel, Heikes Katrina, to Farmstay LLC, S-T-R 26-28-8 E Pt NE 1/4

Dumdei Scott, Dumdei Jenifer, to Sayasone Nick, Sayasone Latmany, Lot 9 and Pt Lot 8 in block 288, Dakota City

Schincke Marvin D Personal Representative, Mildred D Heinemann Estate, to Mendez Victor Manuel Morales, Lot 22 and Pt Lot 21 in block 13, First Railway of South Sioux City

Gonzalez Sonia, Magana Jaime Lara, to Magana Juan Villicana, Garcilazo Juana, Lot 12 Hovey Subdivision of South Sioux City

Olsen Daniel L, to Guerra Yolanda, Lot 3 in block 28, First Railway of South Sioux City

B Hohenstein Built LLC, to Griess Christopher E, Griess Lisa R, Lot 5 Mari Addition of South Sioux City

Hovey Developers LLC, to Hovey Construction Inc, Lot 18 Hovey Third Subdivision of South Sioux City

Sands Sheryl M to Sands Sheryl M, Hazard Porter, Pt Lot 1,2,3 & Easement Over S 1/2 Lots, In block 120, Dakota City

Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

Harty-McNally Legion & Auxiliary News

At the present time the Harty-McNally Legion has one name to add to our Veteran’s Memorial Wall. Three names are needed for Luken Memorial to travel to Jackson and do the engraving. If anyone has a family member or friend they would like to have honored on the Memorial Wall, contact Adjunct Dan O’Neill at (712) 574-0026. There is a cost per name. A veteran’s name on the Memorial Wall is a great honor. The next Legion and Auxiliary meeting is Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Memorial Day plans will be discussed.

St. Patick’s Senior Mass

Mass for graduating seniors of St. Patrick’s is May 11 at 9:15 a.m. Congratulations to our seniors.

Pickleball

Pickleball in Jackson is now on Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. at the outdoor courts. Little or no experience is needed. All games are pick up games – not a league. Paddles available if you don’t have your own equipment. Jackson Pickleball is now using Playtime Scheduler to schedule pickleball. Log in and see when everyone is meeting.

Book Club

The group met and discussed: “Salvage the Bones” by Jesmyn Ward, was a well written book and “The Chain” by Adrian McKinty was a good suspense novel. The May meeting is Tuesday, May 20. 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 and we are adding a second big book “Centennial” by James Michner.

Jackson Elementary School

Mondays – One hour late start for teacher in-service.

May 9 – Elementary school track meet – 1 p.m. at the Ponca sports complex.

May 23 – tentative last day of school.

Hours of Operation

Bank of Dixon County – Monday through Thursday, drive-through 7:30 a.m.-

Renewable Energy workshop here May 6

Conservation Nebraska invites you to its upcoming event, Boosting Rural Economies with Renewable Energy. This event will provide an overview of the economic benefits of renewable energy for rural communities.

This event is free and open to the public and will take place Tuesday, May 6 from 7-8 p.m. at the South Sioux City Public Library, located at 2121 Dakota Avenue.

In partnership with The Center for Rural Affairs, they will discuss the economic benefits of renewable energy for rural communities. Expert insights will be provided on how rural landowners and counties can unlock new revenue opportunities through renewable energy projects. RSVP for this event by emailing info@neconserve.org.

For more information about this event contact Conservation Nebraska at info@neconserve.org or call (402) 325-7093.



(PHOTO BY LAURA SULLIVAN)

Congratulations to the First Communicants at St. Patrick’s Parish. The students worked hard all year to prepare for the sacrament. Pictured are (back) Tyler Heying, Abel Tranmer, Marshall Krause, (front) Cora Schooley, Loella Bousquet, Addie Gubbels. Also pictured are Triece Krause, CCD Director, and Father Mark Beran. Congratulations to all.

5:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Lobby is open 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

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4555 - for estimates and appointments.

Bridal Sweet - by appointment

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

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

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

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

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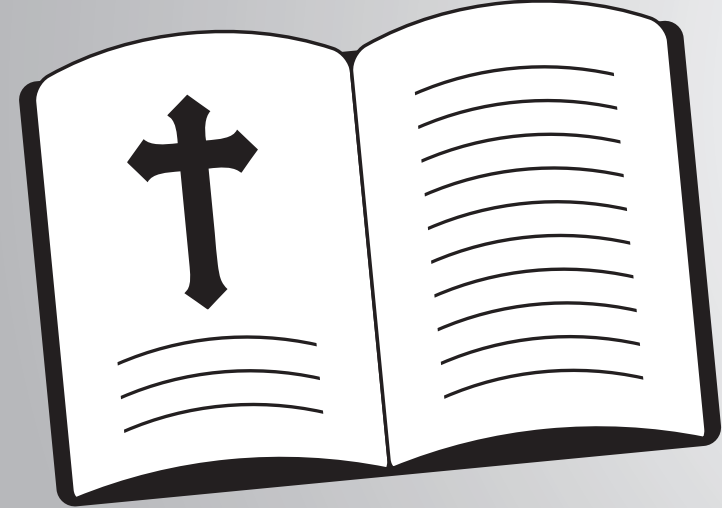
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Pursuant to the Neb.Rev.St. §§ 21-193 & 21-117, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

The name of the Limited Liability Company is Beemer Construction, LLC

The street address of the Company's initial registered office in Nebraska is 3314 A Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776 and the name of its registered agent at such address is Ramon Bernal Medina. The mailing address for the Company's initial registered agent office is PO Box #34, South Sioux City, NE 68776

The street address of the Company's initial designated office in Nebraska is 3314 A Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776. The mailing address of the Company's initial designated office in Nebraska is PO Box #34, South Sioux City, NE 68776.

This company is organized to engage in and to do any lawful business for any lawful purpose, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The Company's duration is perpetual beginning on the date the Certificate of Organization was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska.

The affairs of the limited liability company are conducted by managers, members and such other officers as may be provided for in the Operating Agreement.

Ramon Bernal Medina - Manager/Member

Camille S. Brown, Organizer
700 4th Street, #300
Sioux City, IA 51101

Legal Notice

The Policy Board will meet Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom video/conference call AND at SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City. To participate electronically please call SIMPCO at 712-279-6286 for Zoom meeting ID and passcode.

The members of the SIMPCO MPO Policy Board is holding this session by electronic means pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Open Meetings Law, Section 21.8, Code of Iowa. The meeting is being held by conference/video call originating from SIMPCO, 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA. It is open to the public in person AND through video/conference call. Those in person or on the call can hear the proceedings. Public notice of the meeting has been issued in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.4.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance/ Introductions – (Information Item)

II. Approval of the Agenda – (Action Item)

III. Approval of the Minutes – March 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Policy Board. (Action Item)

IV. Review Monthly Correspondence – Staff will present pertinent correspondence since the March 6, 2025, Policy Board meeting. (Information Item)

V. Transportation Improvement Progress Report – Iowa Department of Transportation; City of Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux City Transit System; Sioux Gateway Airport; City of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; Woodbury County, Iowa; Plymouth County, Iowa; Nebraska Department of Transportation; City of South Sioux City, Nebraska; City of Dakota City, Nebraska; Dakota County, Nebraska; South Dakota Department of Transportation; City of North Sioux City, South Dakota; Dakota Dunes CID, South Dakota; Union County, South Dakota; will update the Policy Board on the progress of transportation improvements. (Information Item)

VI. VII. VIII. FY 2026- 2029 Draft MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Staff will present the draft MPO TIP FY 2026-2029 to the MPO Policy Board. Staff are asking the members to review the draft TIP and submit any corrections, changes, additions and/or deletions to staff on or before June 6, 2025. (Information Item)

Resolution 2025 – 12 FY 26 MPO Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) – Staff will present the MPO TPWP FY 2026 in conformance with Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and each state's Department of Transportation. (Action Item)

2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Inflation Rates – Staff will ask MPO members to determine an inflation rate to use on projects within the LRTP. (Action Item)

IX. FY 2026 Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Policy Board Meeting Dates – Staff will present the FY 2026 TTC and Policy Board meeting dates. (Action Item)

X. Additional Comments

– TIP Public Input Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 SIMPCO Training Room 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Enclosures:

Item III: Minutes from March 6, 2025, MPO

Item IV: Directors Report

Item VI: Draft FY 2026-2029 TIP (materials will be provided at meeting)

Item VII: Resolution 2025-12 FY 26 TPWP

Item VIII: Staff Memo - 2050 LRTP

Item IX: FY 2026 TTC and Policy Board Meeting Dates

The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board meetings are open to all individuals. Any person with a special need requiring a reasonable accommodation or transportation to participate in a Policy Board meeting should contact the SIMPCO office at 712-279-6286 at least two (2) business days prior to the Policy Board meeting.

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 22nd day of May 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

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

Opinion of Probable Cost \$10,500,000

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

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May 1, May 8, May 15 2025

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF
PABLO'S TAQUIZAS LLC

Notice is hereby given that PABLO'S TAQUIZAS LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 317 W. 17th St., South Sioux City, NE 68776. The general nature of business is to engage in and to do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The Company commenced its existence on April 4, 2025, and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the Company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the Company's Operating Agreement. The initial agent for service of process is LBS, Inc. at 1413 Broadway St., Dakota City, NE 68731.

Lydia Pintor,
Organizer

Legal Notice

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Dakota County School District 011, more commonly known as South Sioux City Community Schools, will start at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the South Sioux City High School Library, 3301 G Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, this meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such a meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the School Administration Office of said District, at 210 West 39th Street, South Sioux City, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

Dr. Rony Ortega,
Superintendent

Legal Notice

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.

Ryan D. Caldwell
CALDWELL LAW, LLC
233 S. 13th Street, Suite 1100
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 957-2750
Attorney for Petitioner.

Legal Notice

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Estate of Alfredo Coss, Deceased
Estate No. PR 24-40

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Authority to Sell Personal Property has been filed on April 15, 2025 and is set for hearing in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, located at 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE 68731, at 10:30 a.m. on May 16, 2025.

Kerri L. Weisse
Clerk of Dakota County Court
Robert N. Stewart, #24759
Crary Huff, P.C.
329 Pierce Street, Suite 200
Sioux City, IA 51101
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE
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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, May 1, 2025 - ZNEZ

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Pender
Pender, Nebraska

Village of Pender (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Collection System Improvements
Pender, NE - 2025

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

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

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

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"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/cwsrf/state-revolving-fund-american-iron-and-steel-ais-requirement>.

6-BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA

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

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

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

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

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

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

A complete set of plans, specifica-

tions, contract documents and proposal form MUST be obtained from www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 9610214 Pender, NE, Collection System Improvements, Pender, NE - 2025; Or for viewable only at Olsson at 1707 Dakota Avenue, South Sioux City, NE.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson
1707 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776

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
Publish May 1, 2025 — ZNEZ

IN THE DISTRICT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT
Case No. D70C1250000006
21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff
v.
THERESA JUAREZ
FRANCISCO JUAREZ
JOHN DOE
JANE DOE
TAN TERRA MHP LLC, Defendants
NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: THERESA JUAREZ
FRANCISCO JUAREZ
JOHN DOE
JANE DOE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you in the District Court for the County of Dakota, State of Nebraska, the object and general nature of which is a Verified Petition for Replevin for possession of personal property to-wit:

2023 Champion manufactured home (VIN: 112000HDC409626A) (the "Collateral")

located at 2200 G Street, Trailer 29, South Sioux City, NE 68776.

The names of all parties to said action are stated above and the name of the attorney for Plaintiff is Katrina L. Smeltzer of Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard P.C., 4600 Madison Avenue, Suite 1000, Kansas City, MO 64112.

You are further notified that judgment by default will be entered against you unless you answer the petition on or before June 16, 2025, at the Dakota County Court of Nebraska.

/s/ Katrina L. Smeltzer
Katrina L. Smeltzer, NE #23727
SANDBERG PHOENIX & VON GONTARD P.C.
4600 Madison Avenue, Suite 1000
Kansas City, MO 64112
Telephone: 816.627.5332
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ksmeltzer@sandbergphoenix.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

To be published in Dakota County Star May 1, May 8, May 15 2025

Legal Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the South Sioux City Council Chambers, located at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska. This meeting will be open to the public in the matter of rezoning 20 acres more or less, located at 1100 Arbor Drive, from R2b residential to MU Mixed Use, legally described as follows.

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE1/4 NW1/4) AND PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2 OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-NINE (29) NORTH, RANGE NINE (9) EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE1/4 NW1/4) OF SECTION 22, AND ASSUMING THE WEST LINE OF SAID SE1/4 NW1/4 TO HAVE A BEARING OF N 01°52'32"W; THENCE N 01°48'41"W, A DISTANCE OF 32.93 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/PSC, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTH R.O.W. LINE OF 17TH STREET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 01°52'38"W, AND ON SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 867.28 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 17, ARBOR ACRES 4TH FILING AND ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE; THENCE N59°09'41"E, AND ON SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 72.04 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR, SAID POINT BEING A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE AROUND A CURVE IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION, AND ON SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 33°56'20", HAVING A RADIUS OF 760.00 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING N75°53'41"E, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 443.63 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/PSC #623; THENCE S87°23'48"E AND ON SAID SOUTH R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, A DISTANCE OF 186.70 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/ PSC #623, SAID POINT BEING A POINT OF CURVATURE; THEN AROUND A CURVE IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION, AND ON SAID SOUTHERLY R.O.W. LINE OF ARBOR DRIVE, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 19°44'05", HAVING A RADIUS OF 640.00 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING N82°53'01"E, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 219.35 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/PSC #623; THENCE S01°52'30"E, A DISTANCE OF 1003.93 FEET TO A 3/4" REBAR W/ PSC #623, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTH R.O.W. LINE OF 17TH STREET; THENCE S88°15'33"W, AND ON SAID NORTH R.O.W. LINE OF 17TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 901.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS A CALCULATED AREA OF 20.14 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Published in the Dakota County Star May 1, 2025

VILLAGE OF EMERSON

April 9, 2025 Emerson, Nebraska REGULAR MEETING: PROCEEDINGS

Emerson Village Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Emerson Office with Trustees Daum, Bose, Graf and Beacom present. Harral was absent. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. Also, present: Utility Superintendent Dick McCabe, Police Chief Chuck Chinn and Clerk/Treasurer Beth Bonderson. A list of others attending is on file at the Village Office. A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the March 12, 2025, meeting. Roll call taken, all AYE. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following claims for April:

Ach Fees	43.25
Bevelhymmer Construction, LLC	3,396.00
Bishop Business	297.99
Black Hills Energy	1,799.66
Bomgaars	234.72
Cardis Fence	15,171.48
Century Link	261.61
Clemon	331.00
Dakota County Register of Deeds	68.00
Dakota County Star	52.54
Emerson Volunteer Fire Department	810.05
Fastwyre Broadband	36.75
First Nebraska Bank (Credit Card)	4,431.99
Gill Construction, Inc.	1,460.00
Hach Company	208.30
Hawkins, Inc.	760.00
Heritage Express	409.81
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	212.75
JEO Consulting Group, Inc.	79,942.50
Johnson & Mock, PC, LLO	758.50
King's Disposal	7,711.74
Krier Technologies, LLC	513.08
Lorensen Lumber & Grain LLC	1,355.00
Menards	618.87
Mid-States Organized Crime	100.00
Miller Building Supply	47.61
Municipal Utilities	116.41
NE Child Support Payment Center	808.62
NE Dept Revenue	4,145.03
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	49.00
Nichols, Rise & Company L.L.P.	7,700.00
Northeast NE Economic Dev District	292.50
Northeast Power	20,930.93
Ohio Child Support Payment Central	280.77
One Call Concepts, Inc.	8.98
Ozark National Life Ins. Co.	62.46
Payroll and taxes	28,095.03
Pender Ace Hardware	14.99
Priority Power Management, LLC	95,768.50
Siouxland District Health Department	62.00
Sundys Auto Parts	71.95
University of Nebraska-Omaha	323.00
USPS	292.00
Verizon Wireless	233.89
WAPA	5,811.40
Washington National Ins. Co.	50.35
Zeisler Construction, Inc.	920.00

Roll call taken, all AYE.

A motion was made by Bose and seconded by Beacom to approve the following claim:

Mark Graf	242.00
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Roll call taken, Daum, Bose and Beacom, AYE; Graf, abstain.

Chairman Daum opened the Public Hearing for the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Bose read the summary of the DTR Plan. There were no public comments. At 6:57 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing. Roll call taken, all AYE. McCabe gave an update on the Solar Farm Project. Graf gave an update on the Water Improvement Project. A motion was made and seconded to deny the Pay Application to RP Constructors, LLC and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Roll call taken, all AYE.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all the bids that were presented as part of the Pool Refurbishment and City Park Restroom Projects. Roll call taken, all AYE. A motion was made and seconded to award the Blight Study Project to SIMPCO. Roll call taken, all AYE. A Floodplain update was given by McCabe.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 2025-04; relating to the temporary use of the State Highway System for the Tri-County Day Parade on June 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Roll call taken, all AYE. A motion was made and seconded to close Nebraska Street, between East 1st and East 2nd Street and East 2nd between Nebraska and Maple, during events at Tri-County Days. Roll call taken, all AYE. A motion was made and seconded to approve a Special Designated Liquor License on June 7, 2025, to the Emerson Betterment Committee for a Cornhole Tournament and Street Dance. Roll call taken, all AYE. Updates to the Rose Hill Cemetery were presented. Chinn updated the Board on the status of amending the Animal Ordinances. Staff reports were given.

At 7:57 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Roll call taken, all AYE.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Bonderson,
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Emerson

Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE,
during normal business hours.
Donna VanHorn,
Extension Board Secretary

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given that BEAUTIFUL FRICTION LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The address of the designated office of the Company is 905 W 21ST ST, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776 The initial agent for service of process is JOSELY RAMIREZ, 304 S RIDGE DR, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE 68776.

The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

The Company commenced its existence on January 2019, and its duration shall be perpetual.

Organizer Name: Josely Ramirez.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING NEBRASKA EXTENSION DAKOTA COUNTY EXTENSION BOARD MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Extension Board will hold their regular meeting on Monday, May 5th, 2025. The meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center Meeting Room at 1505 Broadway Street, Dakota City, NE which the meeting will be open to the attendance of the public.

An agenda for such meeting kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the Dakota County Extension Office at 1505

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF HOBO AG SERVICES, LLC
Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:

1. The name of the limited liability company is HOBO AG SERVICES, LLC (the "company").
2. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 1741 N. Bluff Rd., Hubbard, NE 68741.
3. The street and mailing address of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska, 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.
4. The company was organized and commenced on April 11, 2025, the Company shall be Manager managed, and its duration is perpetual.

HOBO AG SERVICES, LLC
By Nathan Hogan, Organizer
JOHN C. EHRICH (BAR #24140)
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Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



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(COURTESY PHOTO)
The class of 2025 spent last weekend on their Senior Trip to Wildman Adventures in Wisconsin. Watch this space for exciting photos next week.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Pictured is the Homer Concert Choir who recently received an "Excellent" rating at the District Competition in South Sioux City.



(PHOTO BY MAKAYLA MURPHY)
Lanie Barclay giggles from the lady bug tickles as the little critter crawled up her arm on lady bug release day.

Salem Vacation Bible School Sunday

Salem Lutheran Church presents Vacation Bible School 2025 this Sunday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for students in Pre-K through fifth grade with lunch provided. Outdoor adventures include games, water activities, volleyball and fun fellowship. Bible stories will teach campers about Jesus and his disciple Peter. Arts and crafts will be hands-on corresponding to the VBS lessons. Contact Kristy Claassen at (712) 899-1718 with questions.

Don't miss the art show, pops concert

This Thursday and Friday, the creative talents of Homer students in grades 3-12 will be on full display at the school from 5-7 p.m. in both the elementary and high school flex spaces. If previous years are any indication, this is a "must-see" event. On Friday after the art show, stick around for the always festive Pops Concert where musicians in grades 5-12 will entertain the crowd.

Sisterhood & Sweets Sunday

Girls of all ages and all religions are invited to Sisterhood & Sweets this Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's

Lutheran Church in Homer "to celebrate girlhood and coming together to strengthen our faith." On the agenda are a couple of speakers, a children's book, a song, and a prom dress model session followed by punch and desserts. Make plans to join this sweet day.

Plant sale May 9

Remember the Mother's Day Plant Sale will be held at the school on Friday, May 9, running all day. Six- and eight-pack perennials, hanging baskets, and more will again be offered. Contact Mrs. Rohde at alisharohde@homerknights.org with questions.

Musicians compete at districts

Congratulations to the Homer 8-12 grade band and choir on their many performances at District Music Contest in South Sioux City on Friday. Four ensembles performed with the Women's Choir, the Concert Band, and the Concert Choir earning an "Excellent" rating. The Jazz Band earned a "Superior" rating. Also performing were 23 student solos and two pairs of student duets. "Couldn't be more proud of all the hard work these students have put in over the past couple months," said band director Paige Moos. "Go Homer Knights!"

Youth girls' basketball camp in May

May 28-29 are the dates set for the 2025 Homer Lady Knights Basketball Camp. The camp will feature drills and games focused on the fundamental skills of basketball. A camp T-shirt, the chance to interact with high school ball players and win awards, and mostly have fun and get better are the goals of the camp.

Third through fifth graders will go from 9-10:30 a.m. and the middle schoolers will run from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$40, and Friday, May 9 is the deadline for registration. Check with the school office for registration forms.

If you have questions, email kayalysminger@homerknights.org.

Volleyball camp sign-up

Set aside June 9-10 for the little girls' volleyball camp at the school. Girls in grades 3-5 and 6-8 (based on 2025-2026 school year) are invited to join two days of fun and volleyball with drills and games focused on the fundamentals of the game.

Campers will get opportunities to work on individual skills, play team matches, and interact with high school players.

Registration forms are available at the school's front office. Please note, they are due back by May 12. Price of the camp is \$40, which includes a camp T-shirt.

If you have any questions, reach out to Coach Makayla at makaylamurphy@homerknights.org.

School activities

Thursday, May 1 – Golf at Twin Creeks, 1 p.m.; 3-12 Art Show, 5-7 p.m.
Friday, May 2 – TeamMates Banquet, 1 p.m.; Art Show, 5-7 p.m.; Pops Concert, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 3 – Track at Lewis & Clark Conference Meet at Winnebago, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 4 – Wrestling Banquet, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 5 – Elementary Honor Band at Pender; Golf, Lewis & Clark Conference meet at Covington, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 6 – PK-Senior graduation walk, 8:15 a.m.; Seniors last day; JH TR at Homer, 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 8 – TR at Oakland, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9 – Graduation practice, 10 a.m.; Elementary Fun Night, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 - Graduation, 2 p.m.

Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade



Prom Seniors

(COURTESY PHOTO)
(from left) Leighton Gentrup, Mica Tornez, Myleah Mackling, Rylinn Mitchell, Kimberly Ahlers, and Jackson Belt.



Prom juniors

(COURTESY PHOTO)
(front) Alejandra Hermosillo, Ava Luber, Emelia Harral, Emily Stamm, Jenni Olson, Makena Schincke, (back) Makayla Horak, Kiya Tornez, Thatcher Lamp, Nathan Franzluebbbers, Braden Odom, and Rachael Bousquet.

Grads to be honored

On Sunday, May 4, graduates will be recognized at the morning worship service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with a reception following worship service. The May 11 service will honor mothers for Mother's Day.

Need for volunteers

Recently at the Emerson Village Coffee, the need for volunteers was discussed. During the discussion it was noted the ways for Emerson area residents can help the Village by volunteering in many different areas.

Some ways you and your family can volunteer are:

- Volunteers are needed the first and third Saturday of each month for recycling.
- You can stop at the Village office for trash bags and gloves to help keep the streets and neighborhoods litter-free.
- Help keep our parks clean and beautiful by picking up branches and trash.
- Help at Spring Ball Field clean-up and give your time to the local ball teams.
- Help out at the Emerson Betterment Committee or at the Teammates program at the high school.
- Volunteer with the Fire Department or help out at the local churches.
- The Emerson Library, the New to You shop and Post 60 Market will always welcome volunteer help.
- When we look around we find a helping hand is always needed in the community. Try volunteering and you will enjoy it. You will make new friends and feel good about yourself knowing you are helping in the Emerson community.

Licenses past due

Once again, pet, ATV/UTV and golf cart licenses are PAST due. You may contact the Emerson Police Department to get your current license.

Also, when mowing please do not blow your grass clippings into the street as they end up in the sewer system and can easily clog it up.

St. Paul's/St. Luke Church

Sunday: Recognition of seniors at 9 a.m. worship at St. Paul's, Scott Albrecht will preach. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Monday: Bible study at 1 p.m.

Hubbard News

By Lori Overfelt



(COURTESY PHOTO)
The Hubbard Jr. Feeders 4H club toured the 185th Refueling Base in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa on Sunday, April 27. Master Sergeant Alec Kramper gave the tour. The group included (front) Marshall Krause, Henry, Lucy, and Charlie Mattison, and Mulie Mitchell, (back) Joshua, Shiloh, and Kaitlyn Thompson, Sawyer Krause, Conner and Carson Schooley, Axel and Avery Kramper, Rachael, Ben, and Matthew Bousquet, and Maxon, Samantha, and Mylie Mitchell. Thank you Alec for helping expand our children's horizons!

Summer is coming

The month of May is at the door and that means kicking off a lot of summer activities.

We will have our regular Hubbard Betterment Committee meeting on Monday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall. They will be working hard to finalize the details of them.

First, farmers market starting Thursday, May 15, and also we'll be discussing plans for the upcoming annual Hubbard Hoot Owl days at the end of August. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns; you can direct them to Mellany VanLent at hubbardbettermentcommittee@gmail.com.

Start getting those gardens of all shapes and sizes ready because planting season is upon us! Graduations and Mother's Day is here also!

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8 to discuss "Reconstructing Amelia" by Paula McLain. Their next selection will be "A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrick and will be distributed at their May meeting. The Library will be participating in the Family Fun Night at the Dakota City Public Elementary School on Friday, May 2. Be on the lookout for information on the Summer Reading Program. Little Free Library has new items added. Check out the free materials located at the Cottonwood Park in Dakota City. If you have a good book that you would like to share with your neighbors, please feel free to add it to the collection and participate in the "Take One; Leave One" policy. The Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like the Board to address, please contact a board member. New items added this week: "Under His Wings" by Emily Compagno, "Don't Know Jack" by Diane Capis, "Overkill" by J. A. Jance, and "Animal Camouflage in a Forest" by Ruth Owen.

City News

Spring Cleanup will be held April 30 and May 1. On Monday, May 4, the Dakota City Volunteer Fire Department will conduct their annual Bells Across America and their annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 8.