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STAR CALENDAR

Chamber Coffee Friday

Friday's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by Siouxland Freedom Park Board and will be held Friday, May 9 at the park, located at 1801 Veterans Drive.

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

City Council meeting

The City Council of South Sioux City will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall.

An agenda is available at south-siouxcity.org.

School Board meeting

The South Sioux City Community Schools Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. in the library at SSC High School.

An agenda is available at sssccardinals.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.

Business Coffee

Business Networking with Coffee (Spanish), will be held Tuesday, May 13, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the South Sioux City Public Library.

This event is sponsored by the Center for Rural Affairs.

Deputies recognized for their heroics

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Quick thinking that helped save lives in a traffic accident late last year was recognized during Dakota City's Appreciation Dinner held Saturday at the Dakota City Fire Hall.

Members of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office who were on hand during an accident on Dec. 27, 2024 near Jackson were able to help save two lives, risking their own in the process.

Foggy conditions at the accident scene were to blame for the two-vehicle collision that killed both drivers, including David Podany, 68, of rural Allen and Christopher Wedmore, 26 of Lawton, Iowa.

A woman and a 3-year-old boy were trapped inside the Wedmore vehicle, and the vehicle had to be turned back over on its tires to get them out of the vehicle. The quick decision of deputies Shaun Bird, Ryne Sell, Keaton Mueller, Jose Magana and Jason James to move the vehicle allowed first responders to get to the injured parties and get them life-saving medical assistance.

"I believe without the Dakota County deputies' quick actions, the outcome for the victims would have turned out different for them," Rasmussen said in a speech Saturday. "This is the dedication we have in our community from our law enforcement."



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Dakota City Mayor Jerry Yacevich presents the Jack Harral Heroics Effort Award to Dakota County deputies Shaun Bird and Jose Magana for their lifesaving efforts during a car accident late last year. Also looking on is Dakota City/Jackson fireman Doug Janssen.

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(COURTESY SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS)

The area shaded in blue at top left is a 21.51-acre plot that the South Sioux City Community Schools District will be purchasing from Ho-Chunk, Inc., for future construction with assistance from the City of South Sioux City. This purchase will take place regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's \$127 million bond issue that voters in the SSC school district are considering in a mail-in election.

School's \$127M bond issue fate is in the mail

Voters have until May 13 to get ballots delivered

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

Ballots to decide the fate of a \$127 million bond issue for South Sioux City Community Schools have been mailed out and will be counted next Tuesday.

The proposal will address long-overdue building issues in the district and help with overcrowding that will continue into the future, according to school superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega.

In an exclusive interview with the Dakota County Star, Ortega said that the district has engaged and educated the community on the school's challenges, particularly with buildings that are well past their age of usefulness.

The average school building in the United States is around 50 years old, and three of South Sioux City's elementary buildings are well past that average. Covington Elementary hit the century mark in 2024

and both E.N. Swett and Lewis & Clark elementary buildings are 75 years or older.

The district is already moving in the direction of addressing the building issues with two recent announcements, one of which will happen regardless of the bond issue's outcome.

Working with the City of South Sioux City, the school district is finalizing an agreement with Ho-Chunk, Inc., on a 21.51-acre piece of land just south of Freedom Park that will be used to build a school that will eventually house students in grades 5-6. The city is contributing about three-fourths of the \$645,000 purchase price, with the school district picking up the remaining \$225,300.

"We approached the city to see if they



Ortega

could support the school district in collaboration with us and we worked with (City Administrator) Lance Hedquist and Mayor Rod Koch to contribute to the purchase of this land in Flatwater Crossing from Ho-Chunk," Dr. Ortega told the Star.

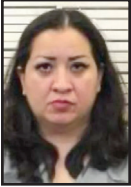
"We do intend to buy those regardless of the outcome of the election because we know those challenges are not going to go away and that area is zoned residential, and in the next 10 years that will fill up," Ortega added. "If we don't acquire land there now, we'd be making a mistake going forward. That is a piece of property that we absolutely need to buy now, and with the city's help and working with Ho-Chunk to keep that land at a reasonable price, because they see the value of having a school out there, we believe this will accelerate movement in that area."

SEE BOND ISSUE, 2A

Local woman pleads no contest

A July 11 sentencing date was set for a South Sioux City woman who pled no contest in a case where she helped her estranged husband avoid facing a murder charge for a 2023 stabbing death in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Reyna Castellanos, 37, entered the plea in Dakota County District Court on charges of being an accessory to a felony and false reporting. As part of a plea agreement, both the prosecution and defense are jointly recommending a prison sentence of 3-4 years on the accessory charge and 180 days for false reporting. Charges of compounding a felony and a second count of being an accessory to a felony will be dismissed.



Castellanos

Castellanos was charged after helping her estranged husband, Alfredo Castellanos-Rosales, as he was being sought in the stabbing death of his ex-girlfriend, Jordan Beardshear, at her Dakota Dunes apartment on April 25, 2023.

Castellanos-Rosales called his wife hours after the stabbing and asked her to pick him up. They met near the Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Dakota City and drove him to Sioux City, Iowa, where he withdrew cash so that he could leave the country. She then took him to a home in Jackson.

At first, Castellanos denied any knowledge of the murder, but cell phone records determined that her husband had told her about the stabbing. She later admitted to having given him a ride to Jackson and returning with food before transporting him to Sioux City.

Castellanos-Rosales was eventually arrested in Mexico while attempting to return to his home country of Guatemala. He was returned to Union County in South Dakota and has pled not-guilty to charges of first-degree murder. His trial there begins June 12.

Digital billboard gets green light

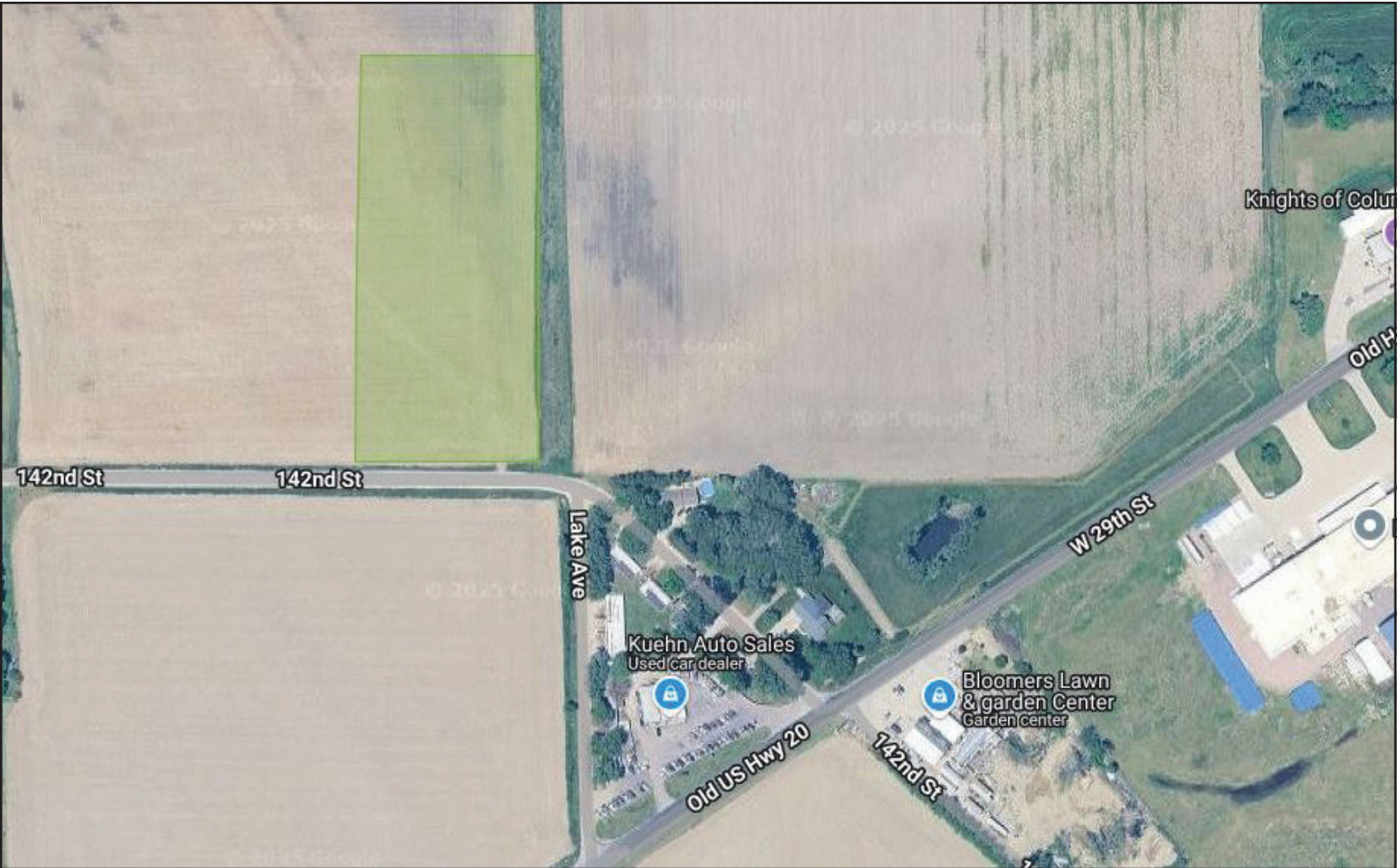
By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

A new digital billboard set to be erected in South Sioux City got the green light from the Public Works Committee.

At Monday's meeting, a 3-0 vote sends the proposal to the City Council for final consideration, with a few tweaks to the contract made before being given the thumbs up.

The video board, which will likely measure 10 feet high by 36 feet wide, will be erected on the north side of the Highway 77 bypass in the corner of the city yard along Ninth Street, said David English, general manager at Verde Outdoor, an Iowa-based company that already has a number of

SEE BILLBOARD, 2A



(COURTESY SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS)
The area shaded in light green at the top is a 10-acre plot of land that has been gifted to the South Sioux City Community Schools by the SSC Community Development Authority, pending Tuesday’s outcome of a \$127 million bond issue being voted on by patrons living in the school district.

BOND ISSUE: \$127 million school bond issue to address future building needs

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The second piece of property depends on the outcome of the bond issue, but would come as a gift to the school district by the city’s Community Development Authority.

A 10-acre piece of property in the Morgan Farms area on the northwest part of town would be gifted to the school district by the CDA if the bond issue is successful. This is where the K-4 elementary school would be built, and there is an option for the purchase of an additional five acres if the school chooses to exercise it.

“I approached the CDA and worked with (chairman Bruce Davis) on a deal where the CDA will give us 10 acres, with the option to buy five additional acres, pending a successful bond election,” Dr. Ortega said, adding that the school had 60 days from the agreement date to have a bond issue put to voters, a schedule it is meeting with this mail-in ballot.

“The extra five acres will be nice to have if we want additional green space, but we don’t need it and have tabled that discussion for now,” Ortega said. “But we’ll take the 10 acres and we’re very grateful to have been given this gift. This is a win-win to build a school there because this will draw developers who are already eyeing the area, and that land will be more attractive for development because schools bring rooftops and that’s what we believe will happen there as well.”

One of the biggest positives of the \$127 million bond issue is that it will address building, security and infrastructure issues at each of the district’s seven buildings, including five elementary schools, the middle school and high school.

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“We want to make sure all the schools are desirable and do what’s right for our kids.”

– Dr. Rony Ortega

South Sioux City
Superintendent of Schools

schools are desirable and do what’s right for our kids,” he said.

Ballots will be counted at the Dakota County Clerk’s office Tuesday at 5 p.m., and if the issue is approved by voters, Dr. Ortega said they will immediately get to work on building plans with the hope of breaking ground on the two newer buildings in the spring of 2026, with the preschool building near the current E.N. Swett building starting a year later. Construction projects would have a target completion date of 2028 and 2029, respectively.

“Immediately following a successful bond election, we’ll start engaging our entire staff and board on the design of the buildings,” Dr. Ortega said. “We’ll spend a year designing three state-of-the-art buildings and then break ground in the spring of 2026 on the first two schools. As we do that, we’ll also work during the summers on infrastructure improvements at the existing schools, so there will be renovation and construction work happening at the same time.”

Dr. Ortega said his staff has been receiving good questions from the community and has utilized social media, YouTube videos and advertising in the Star and Sioux City-based television stations to get the word out and address any questions voters in

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Project Cost	\$127M
Daily Investment*	\$1.31/Day
Monthly Investment*	\$40/Month

*for the owner of a home valued at \$200,000
(GRAPHICS COURTESY YES FOR SOUTH SIOUX CITY SCHOOLS)

the district might have.

And while he’s optimistic that the bond issue will pass, he cautions that the problems won’t go away if the bond issue fails.

“We know that from (the failed 2016 bond issue) because those challenges are still here and they now cost more,” he said. “The preschool that was going to cost \$10 million in 2016 now costs \$15-16 million, so we can’t snap our fingers and make those go away, because they’re going to still be there and they will cost

more.”

Ortega said he and the school board will discuss the situation if the bond issue is not approved, but feels this issue addresses the school’s needs for the future.

“We believe we’ve done our due diligence and engaged the community and educated the community, and they have a good option before them,” he said.

New Stage Players going back to the basement

New Stage Players invites audiences back to the basement kitchen for another round of faith, food, and hilarious fellowship.

“Church Basement Ladies: A Second Helping” will be presented on stage May 9–18 at the New Stage

Players Performing Arts Center, located at 3201 Dakota Ave. in South Sioux City.

A sequel to the beloved musical comedy “Church Basement Ladies,” this heartwarming show reunites audiences with their favorite Lutheran

ladies as they navigate changes in the church, the world, and their own lives—all while serving up plenty of hot dishes, coffee, and laughs.

Set in 1969, “A Second Helping” continues the story of these strong, funny women who keep things running below the house of God. With plenty of witty dialogue, toe-tapping tunes, and good old-fashioned Midwestern charm, this show is a celebration of friendship, tradition, and resilience.

The show will have six perfor-

mances, starting with a 7 p.m. performance on Friday, May 9. Additional performances will be Saturday, May 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 11 at 2 p.m. A second weekend of performances will be Friday, May 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available online at www.newstageplayers.org and at the door. This feel-good comedy is perfect for audiences of all ages and anyone who enjoys a hearty laugh and a slice of nostalgia.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
“Church Basement Ladies: A Second Helping” will debut this Friday at the New Stage Players Performing Arts Center in South Sioux City.

BILLBOARD: Digital version to go up

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similar video billboards set up in the Siouxland area.

English told the committee that the billboard will be connected to a pole that is 36 inches in diameter and will be a single-sided board for now, with a static billboard on the opposite side.

“If we have great success with the board and have a good relationship (with the city), then we have the opportunity down the road to add the second side,” he said, noting that would probably happen 5-10 years down the road.

The city will receive a 15 percent share of the advertising revenue during the lease agreement, which was originally set at 20 years but will likely go back to 10 years with a re-

negotiation option on the second 10 years.

Committee members and Mayor Rod Koch both felt that the original 20-year lease option with no options to renegotiate could tie the city to an agreement for 40 years or more.

English said that the ads that will run on the billboard will not include bars, nightclubs or political advertising, “and make sure it has to be a moral, upstanding advertisement.”

The committee voted 3-0 to move the proposal to the full City Council. Councilman Mahmud Osman was absent from Monday’s meeting.

All items discussed at Monday’s meeting will be forwarded for further action by the City Council at the Monday, May 12 meeting, set for 5 p.m. at City Hall.



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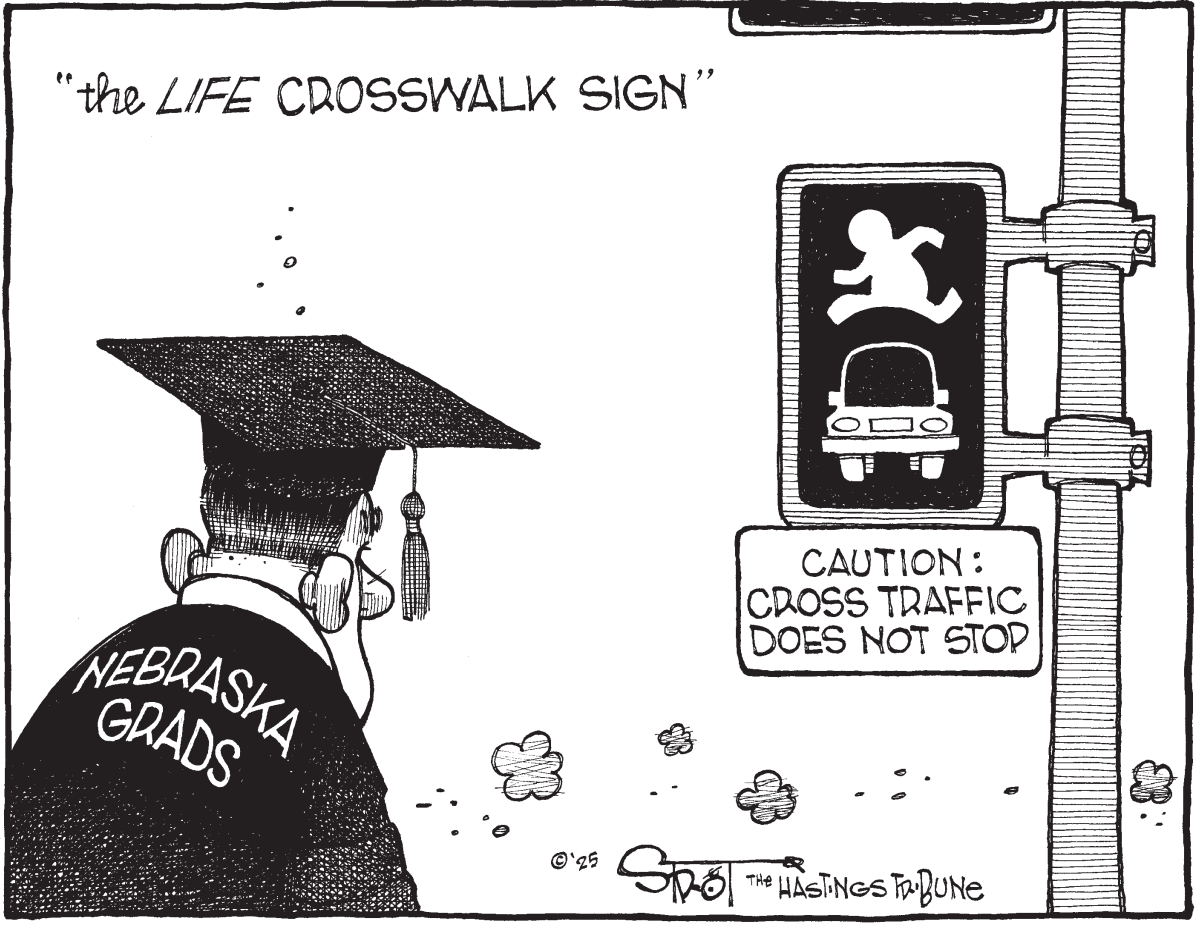
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Month of May all about budget

For most people, May brings sunshine and spring flowers; but for Nebraska state senators, the month of May brings headaches and late-night debates over the state budget.

This year is the longer 90-day session of the Legislature and state senators have only 18 days left to approve a biennial budget. This won't be an easy task considering the revenue shortfall that the state is currently experiencing.


When the Legislature adjourned one year ago, the State's finances were in good shape. At that time, our projected financial outlook had the state running \$56.9 million above the minimum reserve. However, that situation deteriorated in November 2024 when the Tax Rate Review Committee met. Suddenly, the Legislature found itself with a \$489.6 million shortfall heading into the next biennium session of the Legislature.

Although we are no longer \$489.6 million in the hole, Nebraska's situation hasn't improved very much. On March 6, the Economic Forecasting Advisory Board met and published their report on the State's projected income revenues. The Economic Forecasting Advisory Board reduced our overall revenue projections for the year by \$380 million and the Nebraska Department of Revenue reported that the state was running \$250 million below its projected income receipts for the month of April. The result in mid-April was that the Legislature would have to find \$314 million in order to balance the state budget.

Article IV, Section 7 of the Nebraska State Constitution requires the Governor to submit a balanced budget to the State Legislature. Simi-

Legislative Report

State Sen. Glen Meyer
District 17



larly, the State Legislature is required statutorily to balance the budget, and this process has already begun. Two legislative bills passed late last week which will help state senators reach the goal of a balanced budget this year.

LB 645 passed in the Legislature on April 30, the last day of the month. This bill will save the state money by gradually reducing the amount of state contributions to the School Retirement Fund. LB 645 will save the State of Nebraska \$29 million in FY 2025-2026 and another \$48 million in FY2026-2027.

LB 650 also passed in the Legislature on April 30. This bill will increase revenues for the state. LB 650 will allow several tax credits to sunset, remove various sales tax exemptions, and change how some out-of-state income is classified for tax purposes. LB 650 will generate \$7 million for FY2025-2026 and another \$42 million in FY 2026-2027. The total effect of these two bills is \$126 million.

Then, an economic earthquake occurred. The Economic Forecasting Advisory Board met again and released their new revenue projections at the end of April. The news was not good. Now, the Legislature must come up with an additional \$260 mil-

lion in revenue or spending cuts in order to balance the state budget for the next two years.

We will survive this economic earthquake. The Legislature must balance the budget. Nebraska needs to take in \$5.535 billion in taxable revenues in order to meet its budgetary obligations for FY 2025-2026 and another \$5.573 billion for FY 2026-2027; otherwise, we will have to cut spending. The good news is that by the year 2028 our taxable revenues are projected to grow to \$7 billion per year. Furthermore, Nebraska is sitting on a pile of cash reserves. Nebraska's unobligated cash reserves are projected to grow to \$921 million by the end of the current biennium. So, Nebraska is not teetering anywhere near the edge of an economic cliff.

Going forward, though, the State of Nebraska will have to learn how to live within her means. What we have in the State Legislature is a chronic spending problem which exceeds our economic growth. Examining and reprioritizing how we spend state revenues must now become job number one in the Legislature. Eight other bills have been introduced to help us balance the budget, but the fact remains that revenues are not the problem; spending is!

Working hard for Nebraska

Our country faces many threats. Communist China is our greatest external threat. Our \$36 trillion national debt is our greatest domestic threat. Over the past two weeks, I've focused on both of those issues on behalf of Nebraskans.

Before Easter, I visited the Philippines and Taiwan. I met with leaders in both countries. We discussed ways to push back on Communist China's aggression.


Xi Jinping has said he wants to be the world's dominating power by 2049. Communist China's dramatic military buildup and increasingly provocative actions are designed to force everyone to bend to its will. Just this week, it took over an island in the West Philippine Sea. They steal intellectual property. They manipulate or disregard rules to gain advantages that risk our security. That threatens our security and threatens the security of many of our allies and partners.

Another focus of my trip was expanding trade opportunities for American producers. There is a lot of interest in signing new trade deals. For example, Taiwanese Vice President Hsiao expressed an interest in buying more of our soybeans instead of from Brazil. Others expressed interest in buying more of our natural gas. They know Communist China is a bad trading partner. They want to work with us. There's a lot of opportunity. We need to cut a trade deal.

Last week, I also held public events in the western, central, and eastern parts of our state. I hosted three town halls in Scottsbluff, Valentine, and Kearney. At these town halls, I shared updates on my work in Washington. I gave an update on how I'm fighting to control our spending. I shared how I'm working with

Washington Report

US. Sen. Pete Ricketts
(R) Nebraska



President Trump to secure the southern border, protect the 2017 tax cuts, and support Nebraska agriculture. I also heard feedback and answered questions directly from Nebraskans. These conversations help me stay connected to the priorities and values of my constituents.

In addition to the townhalls, I spoke to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. I gave a legislative update and answered questions about taxes, tariffs, and other topics.

In Lincoln, I partnered with Nebraska Farm Bureau to call for making the Trump tax cuts permanent. If the tax cuts expire, Americans would see a \$4 trillion tax increase. That would hurt Nebraska families, farmers, and small businesses. The child tax credit will be cut by \$1,000. The standard deduction will be cut in half. A family of four making \$80,000 would pay \$1,700 more in taxes. And the deduction for the Death Tax would also be cut in half, putting our Nebraska family farms and ranches at risk. Farmers and ranchers would face higher taxes when trying to pass on the family operation. I want to see Nebraskans' taxes cut, not raised.

Throughout the week, I held several important roundtable meetings. In Grand Island, I heard directly from local Chambers of Commerce. They shared some innovative strategies for economic development and revitalization. I heard about the Ke-

arney sportsplex, which is attracting events from all over the region. The sportsplex is fully booked, having only two open weeks until 2029. That's huge for central Nebraska.

In Scottsbluff, I sat down with agriculture leaders. They shared with me the challenges facing rural communities. Nebraska's farmers and ranchers feed the world. I'm committed to passing a comprehensive farm bill that delivers the tools they need to succeed.

While in western Nebraska, I took part in a cattle branding in Sioux County. Branding is a part of the western way of life. It's tough, honest work that brings families and communities together. Nebraska is the Beef State because of the grit demonstrated every day by our ranchers. I'll always advocate for Nebraska agriculture.

Nebraskans expect leaders who travel the state. My public events are opportunities to hear from Nebraskans. My team and I will also continue hosting Mobile Office Hours in all 93 counties. And I'll continue fighting every day to make sure Nebraskans' voices are heard in Washington. Nebraskans deserve nothing less.

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.

Where would we be without – Mom?

The month of May in my world is busy, to say the least. Between state track, Memorial Day, graduations and my birthday, this month is one of my busiest when it comes to activities and celebrations.

The highlight of the month, though, has to be Mother's Day, and who better to honor this Sunday than my own mother, a woman who has had her share of kicks to the head in life but is still the most amazing woman in the world in my eyes.

Mom lost her dad when she was 10 years old. He was a World War II veteran who had what would now be called PTSD and that led to an episode while he was fishing on a boat in a lake. His convulsions caused the boat to capsize and he drowned, leaving my mom without a dad and helping her mom to raise four younger brothers (one of whom died as an infant).

What my mom lacked in height she more than made up for in determination, and she made up her mind early on that she was going to do everything she could to help her kids grow up happy, healthy and educated. And somehow, through all of the challenges that I went through in my life (and those my sister did as well), we have both come out in pretty good shape.

My mom loves the younger generation, and when my daughter made her a grandma for the first time, she went all out. I mean — ALL out.


When Kylie was about a year old, Mom called to see if she could take her for a week or two and spend time spoiling her. Being busy and tired new parents, my former spouse and I saw this as a great opportunity to give them some great bonding time and, at the same time, give us a chance to sleep in for a few days and catch up on that long-lost rest (if you're a parent of a newborn, you know of what I speak).

Mom took spoiling grandchildren to Olympic-caliber levels. The first time, we sent a suitcase full of clothes for Kylie to wear while she was at Grandma's. We're pretty sure the suitcase was never opened, as it came back full along with about a dozen bags full of about 5-6 new wardrobes for our little one.

The next time Mom took her for a couple of weeks, we're POSITIVE the suitcase was never touched. All the clothes were folded exactly as we had folded them two weeks earlier, and again there were enough new tops and socks and pants

Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes
Star Publisher



They don't make moms like mine anymore. She's battled through some tough moments in life and is still kicking as she approaches 80. She is not only a great mom, but an amazing grandma and great-grandma as well.

and dresses to clothe an entire elementary school.

The third time — we didn't even bother putting clothes in the suitcase, and yet it came home full of more new clothes. For my daughter's first 12 years, I'm pretty sure we didn't spend a single dollar on clothing for our daughter. My mom kept Herberger's and JC Penney's stores in Norfolk in business on her own — just her, her granddaughter and her trusty Visa card.

In later years, she has helped me in more ways than I can count. When I moved from Ogallala to Wayne, she let me live rent-free in the guest room until my house was ready for me to move into. She's taken family on trips, supported me in my various professional pursuits and was always a listening board whenever my sister and I faced life challenges, from divorce to suicide and everything in between.

In past years, my sister and I would join mom on a road trip to the cemetery in Long Pine, where her dad and baby brother are buried, side by side. We've made the trip there to clean up their headstones, and it's also been a great opportunity to learn about a period in mom's life as she would take

us around the small Brown County village and point out historical landmarks she remembered, from the school to the house that her family lived in.

This year, her health hasn't been the best and she has asked me to make the trip up to Long Pine to take care of her family's markers ahead of Memorial Day. Because of my crazy schedule, my only open weekend prior to Memorial Day happens to be next week — which happens to be my birthday weekend.

After losing my dad about 16 months ago, moments with my mother seem to take on a little greater importance. Knowing that her day of departure could come at any time (she'll be 80 next March), the opportunities to be with her and spend time with her take on a sense of added urgency. The day will soon come when God will take her to her final rest and she will leave us here on this earth, so it's important for me to express how much I love her and make sure we can spend time together while we are able to here.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the moms out there — and especially to the most special mom of them all. Love ya', Mom.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Big Red? Mighty spendy

Talk about Welfare Queens — Nebraska wears the gown!

See, for years, Big Corp have been grabbing tax cuts, and laughing all the way to the bank.

From a recent Daily Kos, we get the tale of the tape. Since 1999, Repubs "have controlled the Nebraska state government." Fiscal conservatives, they choir preach. "Every election cycle they've preached to cut property taxes."

Alas, in a little over 25 years, promises are cheaper than the paper they are written on. Currently, "property taxes are higher than ever." Turns out, like Kansas in the 2010s "due to huge income tax cuts for the wealthy." Predictions? "A huge economic boom that never materialized." Huge cuts had to be made, infrastructure, universities and schools to pay for the tax cuts. Nebraska, meanwhile, according to State Auditor Mike Foley, "a staggering \$1.5 billion will be spent on corporate tax incentives." We learn that the Big Red train "is running a projected

\$289 million deficit."

Pillen, modeling Trump, in 2023, tossed in a cool "\$3 billion income and a corporate tax cut" before the legislature. Of course, this shined brightly on the wealthy. According to the Open Sky Institute, "the top 20 percent of Nebraska Income Earners pulled down a tidy 75 percent of tax benefits. For the bottom 20 percent? They can by a six-pack of Pepsi. Finally, 83 percent of corporate tax cut will be snagged by out of state corporations.

Given that a couple Republicans and Democrats had doubts, state senators Curt Friesen and Paul Schumacher and Democratic Jane Raybould and Wendy DeBoer, respectively. DeBoer stated: "We are giving an extraordinarily large tax cut to the wealthiest Nebraskans . . . and a much smaller cut to the middle class."

Which is how we roll. Nebraska's high property taxes and budget deficit "is one of the most generous welfare programs in America." Given that the legislature, Republican controlled, passed the Nebraska Advantage Act in 2005 and Imagine Ne-

braska Incentive Act in 2020, "Those programs have showered billions of dollars in taxpayer money on corporations in hopes that they will create jobs."

Yet, the legislature, after a study, "concluded that many of the jobs . . . would have been created . . . in absence of the free stuff." Another study reported that "Nebraska taxpayers shelled out \$250,000 for the creation of each job."

Indeed, State Auditor Mike Foley "warned that over the next four fiscal years, a staggering \$1.5 billion will be spent on corporate tax incentives." He concluded, "the staggering loss of revenue to the state — all of which must be counterbalanced in some way."

Given that "the Auditor reported that 14 of 20 corporations reviewed lacked a timely qualification audit and 17 of these 20 never had a follow-up audit."

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FROM THE BLEACHERS



By Michael Carnes

Move to 8-man the right call for Ponca

A lot goes into making the right play call on the football field.

You have to know your team’s capabilities, have a good idea of your opponent’s strengths and weaknesses and have a good feeling for knowing when it’s the right time to make a certain move that can lead to success.

Sometimes, going against tradition is the hardest opponent a team can face, and that’s especially true when you’re moving from one brand of football to another. “We’ve always done it this way” can come back to bite you in the backside if you hang on to tradition long after your capabilities to do so have gone away.

With that in mind, The Bleacher Bum is applauding a recent article in the Nebraska Journal-Leader announcing that Ponca will very likely move from 11-man football to the eight-man game when the next two-year cycle of football classifications rolls around late in 2025.

Athletic director Evan Colfack announced the move last week, noting that Ponca’s 9-11 male enrollment numbers will be at or below the threshold for qualifying for eight-man football, which will move from 47 to 55 for the 2026-2027 seasons.

Ponca projects to be at the 55-boy number for 2026, and even if they are above that number, Colfack said the school will move from 11-man to eight-man, citing student-athlete safety and the long-term enrollment numbers that indicate Ponca will be well below the 55-boy number in the future.

I’m sure there will be those in the Ponca community who will point to the school’s long tradition of success in 11-man ball as a reason why they should stay with the 11-man game, and I will point to one of their former rivals as evidence that it would be foolish to play the tradition card in this case.

More than a decade ago, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge was facing a similar issue with declining numbers among male athletes. The athletic director went to the school board to advocate for a move to eight-man, as they had actually projected having less than 20 kids interested in playing football the following season.

Rather than go with the administrator’s proposal, LCC school board members pointed to their long tradition of 11-man success and voted to reject the idea of moving to eight-man. The result — the football team had less than 20 players go out, and after half of the season was completed, were unable to finish the season due to the number of injuries. A similar situation followed the next season, with the team again forfeiting several of its games. After that misstep by the school board, the move to eight-man was approved and the school continues to play eight-man ball to this day.

One of the sad things about small-town sports is that the school districts that have successful traditions are finding it more of a challenge to remain competitive. Young people want to move out of the small town and move to the big city, and that talent drain makes it hard for schools like Ponca, Homer and Emerson-Hubbard to remain competitive year in and year out.

By making the move to eight-man, Ponca will continue to be able to field a competitive high school football program. The days of having to go up against behemoths like Norfolk Catholic and Aquinas will be replaced with more competitive matchups against teams like LCC and Hartington-Newcastle, and could spark some area matchups with Tri County Northeast or Homer (which would make my job a little easier, covering two teams on one field, which is never a bad thing).

A final decision on Ponca’s football future won’t be made until this October, but if the numbers indicate that a move need to be made, it will be in the best interests of the school and the community to embrace the eight-man game and make the call to move from 11-man to eight-man football in 2026 and beyond.



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Lazaro Hernandez Sanchez scored late in the first half and early in the second to help the South Sioux City boys to a 3-0 win over Papillion-LaVista in district action Monday at the Cardinal Athletic Complex.

Cards advance to district final

By MICHAEL CARNES
Star Publisher

South Sioux City’s boys soccer just needed a small opening to take control Monday night.

That opening came in the final minute of the first half and opened up the floodgates for a second-half effort that put the Cardinals one game away from the state soccer tournament.

Junior Lazaro Hernandez Sanchez found that opening late in the first half on a scramble in front of the Papillion-LaVista goal and poked home a loose ball for the first goal of the match, then added a second goal 14 minutes into the second half to key the Cardinals’ 3-0 shutout of the Monarchs in the semifinals of the A-5 district at Cardinal Athletic Complex.

The Cardinals had some good opportunities early in the game and controlled field position for much of the opening 40 minutes, but couldn’t get in position to put one past Monarch netminder Henry Austin until a late cross in front of the Papio box fell South Sioux’s way.

“It was a cross to the second post and the keeper misjudged and we crashed the box, and (Lazsro) landed it for a tap-in,” coach Erick Galvan said of the late first-period icebreaker.

“I think we had a couple of dangerous chances early that we should have put away, but once we got that first one in we felt more comfortable,” Galvan said. “We knew they would play solid against us and we were able to settle down and relax after that.”

South Sioux City (13-4) put the game out of reach with a pair of scores three minutes apart in the second half.

Hernandez Sanchez went one-on-one with a Papio defender down the far left side and put one on goal that found its way into the box with 26:53 to go to give the locals a two-goal advantage.

“We told him to use his speed and take it down that left side because he’s quick and fast, and he cut it in and put it in there,” Galvan said. “We had practiced that all day yesterday, cutting in and finishing, and it worked out.”

Three minutes later, the Cardinals



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

SSC netminder Josue Carrasco-Morales made two saves and picked up the clean sheet for the Cardinals in their 3-0 win over Papillion-LaVista in the A-5 district semifinals Monday.

put the cherry on top of the shutout cake when sophomore Diego Montes launched a rocket from about 25 yards out that blew past Austin for the third and final goal of the contest.

“That was a beautiful long ball,” Galvan said. “Diego has a foot on him and we told him to trust your foot and he lased it in there and the keeper had no chance.”

Senior goalkeeper Josue Carrasco-Morales had a clean sheet for South Sioux, who were scheduled to host fourth-seeded Millard South in Wednesday’s district final. Millard South upset top-seeded Millard West 2-1 in the other semifinal Monday evening.

“It’s win or go home and we told the boys if you want to keep playing we have to win, and they sure want to,” Galvan said.

Cards claim RCC title

South Sioux City scored three unanswered goals to pull away with a 4-1 win over Mount Michael to claim the River Cities Conference title Thursday at the Cardinal Athletic Complex.

Gustavo Garcia-Mojica scored 10 minutes into the contest before the Knights answered five minutes later to tie the match.

Garcia-Mojica picked up his second marker of the game late in the first half to give the Cardinals a 2-1 lead at the break, and they put the match away in the second half with scores by Cesar Alferez and Greco Alvarez to take a 12-4 record into district play next week.

The Cardinals were set to host fourth-seeded Millard South in the finals Wednesday afternoon.

Baseball enters district on down note

The South Sioux City baseball team enters district play this week on a down note, losing their last three regular-season games to hit the post-season with a 6-11 record.

Last Wednesday, the Cardinals limited Omaha Buena Vista to a single hit and posted a 10-0 win at Voss Field.

The Cards put two runs across in the first and four more in the second before ending the game with four in the fifth to run-rule the Bison.

Braden Barnett and Jackson Jensen both had two hits and two runs scored, and Barnett and Keaton Ross each had two RBI’s in the win.

Darrius Helms threw the one-hit shutout, striking out six and allowing no walks.

In the opening round of the River Cities Conference tournament on Thursday, SSC fell to Omaha Roncalli 7-1 at Roncalli High School.

SSC outhit the Crimson Pride 6-5, but couldn’t get anything going until the seventh when Helms doubled

homer Jonas Jensen with the Cards’ only run of the game.

SSC closed out the regular season losing at Omaha Central 10-0 on Monday and dropping a 7-1 home contest to Omaha South.

In the Central loss, Helms had two doubles and accounted for all three SSC hits. He pitched three innings and took the loss.

On Tuesday, the visiting Pakcers broke open a close game with four

runs in the seventh to claim the win. Reece Stockton and Alejandro Rodriguez both had two hits in the loss for SSC.

District pairings were to be announced Wednesday morning by the NSAA. District play begins on Thursday, with district champions advancing to the state tournament that starts Saturday, May 17 in Omaha.

Lady Card soccer season ends

The South Sioux City girls soccer team saw their season come to an end with losses in the River Cities Conference and district tournaments.

Last Tuesday, SSC fell to Omaha Duchesne in the opening round of the River Cities Conference tournament, losing 5-0. Duchesne put up four markers in the first half to take the lead for good and added another in the second half to close out the

win.

On Saturday, the Lady Cardinals faced Omaha Westview in the opening round of the A-3 district and fell 3-0 to end the season with a 2-12 record.

Westview got goals from Alli Powers, Mya Sawyer and Kat McGovern to advance to the second round against top-seeded Omaha Marian.

Brennan wins two, Isom medals three at Norfolk

NORFOLK — Ponca and Tri County Northeast were well-represented on the medal stand at Thursday’s Norfolk Track and Field Classic.

The all-star meet featured the top performers in track and field in Northeast Nebraska, and both area schools performed well against some of the top athletes in the area.

Ponca’s Ava Brennan highlighted the local girls’ effort with a pair of first-place finishes. She anchored a come-from-behind win in the 3,200-meter relay, running down Pender and Pierce in the final 400 meters to help the Lady Indians’ tandem — which included Ellesyn Hrouda, Avery McAfee and Alexa Mcghee — finish in a time of 9:59.86. The team came into the race with the best time among the meet qualifiers and held their own to claim the win.

Brennan also got a first-place medal for herself, taking top honors in the 3,200-meter run. She took the lead in the third lap of the eight-lap race and never looked back, finishing in 12:10.04.

Ponca’s 1,600-meter relay of Olivia Taylor, McAfee, Hrouda and Mcghee finished fifth in the eight-team event that closed out the day’s competition.

For Tri County Northeast, the Lady Wolfpack had four medal-winning efforts. Kiya Tornez and Bre Millard both finished fourth in the 100-meter dash and 300-meter hurdles, respectively, while Rachael Bousquet trimmed a second off her personal best in the 400-meter dash to finish fifth. The trio joined with Joslyn Mackling for a fourth-place mark in the 400-meter relay.

In boys action, Tri County North-



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Ponca freshman Ava Brennan takes the lead on the third lap of the girls 3,200-meter run at the Norfolk Classic. Brennan won the event and anchored the winning 3,200-meter relay team.

east senior Bryan Isom had the best day among area competitors with three medals. He placed third in the triple jump, finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles and was fifth in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Ponca finished the day with three medals. Zach Luze was fifth in the shot put, Zyan Conrad finished third in the 400 and Gannon Pfister was fifth in the 1,600.

Norfolk Track Classic
Area Girls Medalists

100: 4. Kiya Tornez, TCNE, 12.69. 400: 5. Rachael Bousquet, TCNE, 1:02.24. 3,200: 1. Ava Brennan, 12:10.04. 300-meter hurdles: 4. Bre Millard, TCNE, 46.91. 400-meter relay: 4. TCNE (Bousquet, Millard, Joslyn Mackling, Tornez), 50.75. 1,600 relay: 5.

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(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Tri County Northeast’s Bryan Isom medaled in three events at the Norfolk Classic on Thursday, including this fifth-place finish in the 110-meter high hurdles.



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

Gabrielle Ruff has her eye on the ball as she competes in singles action last week. She posted wins in singles and doubles play to help SSC to a 9-0 shutout of Omaha Roncalli.

Girls tennis nets shutout

The South Sioux City girls tennis team ran the table and posted a 9-0 shutout of Omaha Roncalli in home action last week.

Stephanie Amaya (No. 1 singles) and Thuy Nguyen (No. 6 singles) both posted 8-0 shutouts, as did the No. 1 doubles team of Amaya and Gabrielle Ruff.

Also winning in singles action were Lula Garvey, Morgan Blake, Gabrielle Ruff and Claudia Rubalcava. Garvey and Blake teamed up for a doubles win as did Rubalcava and Nguyen.

SSC also won three JV matchups, including two singles and one doubles win by Arlet Gonzalez and Mackenzie Jensen.

SSC 9, Omaha Roncalli 0

SINGLES — 1. Stephanie Amaya, SSC, def. Dena Thew, 8-0; 2. Lula Garvey, SSC, def. Miranda Thompson, 8-4; 3. Morgan Blake, SSC, def. Chloe Steinbock, 8-1; 4. Gabrielle Ruff, SSC, def. Averie Reinders, 8-5; 5. Claudia Rubalcava, SSC, def. Delaney Kinnaird, 8-1; 6. Thuy Nguyen, SSC, def. Ruby Hill, 8-0.

DOUBLES — 1. Amaya/Ruff, SSC, def. Thew/Thompson, 8-0; 2. Garvey/Blake, SSC, def. Steinbock/Hazel Clements, 8-4; 3. Rubalcava/Nguyen, SSC, def. Reinders/Hill, 8-1.

JV — Arlet Gonzalez, SSC, def. Julia Leuck, 8-3; Mackenzie Jensen, SSC, def. Kamara Nelson, 8-2; Gonzalez/Jensen, SSC, def. Leuck/Kinnaird, 9-8.

Homer girls edge TCNE for L&C title, Homer boys second

WINNEBAGO — On a picture-perfect afternoon, Homer's track and field teams loaded up on the medals to claim a conference title and a razor-thin runner-up finish in the Lewis & Clark Conference track and field meet.

The blue track at Winnebago High School was red hot for the Lady Knights, who finished off a rare triple-crown sweep of conference titles in the team sports of volleyball, basketball and track and field (they were also conference champions in cross country).

Homer's girls made their mark on both the track and field side of the ledger, finishing the day with five wins in 17 events.

In the field events, Tori Walker led the long jump and was runner-up in the high jump, and Jovee Valentin took the top medal in the girls triple jump with a best mark of 33 feet, 4 inches. Walker was also a medalist in the long jump, finishing fourth.

Annah Harris posted a third-place finish in the shot put and teammate Justice Barclay was fifth in the discus.

On the track, Lilly Harris led the way for Homer with dominating efforts in the 3,200 and 1,600-meter runs. Teammate Jaedyn Bousquet was runner-up in both events and Tawny Bolles placed third in the 1,600 as the Lady Knights put up 42 of their 123 team points in the two distance events alone.

Jocelyn Parker and Brooklyn Hightree finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 800. Aurora Collins was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and fifth in the 300, Walker and Val-

entin went 2-6 in the 200 and Sydney Newlong placed sixth in the 400.

Tri County Northeast made their mark on Saturday with a runner-up effort, finishing 15 points behind the Lady Knights and winning three events.

Kiya Tornez and Bri Millard both had 1-2 finishes in their specialty events. Tornez won the 200 and was runner-up in the 100, while Millard claimed the 300 hurdles and was second in the 100 hurdles. She also finished fourth in the 100.

The Wolfpack also won the 400-meter relay with Millard and Tornez joined by Rachael Bousquet and Joslyn Mackling. Bousquet also finished fourth in the 300 and Mackling was third in the 100 hurdles.

Other medal-winning efforts for the Lady Wolfpack included Hailey Millard in the 100 (fifth) and 300 (fourth) hurdles, Alejandra Hermosillo in the 1,600 (fifth) and 3,200 (third), and runner-up honors in both the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

In field events, Tornez was runner-up in the long jump, Micaeli Tornez was sixth in the discus and the shot put, Grace Ankeny was fifth in the shot put and Jayda Stallbaum took fifth in the triple jump.

The boys' team race came down to the final event, and while Homer won the 1,600-meter relay, Creighton's third-place finish was just enough to put them two points (101-99) over the top, denying a Homer sweep of the team titles.

Homer fared well in the medal haul with wins in five events, including the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. Aayden Harris, Axton Caskey, Junius Snowball

and Josue Munoz carried the baton to the win in the finale, while Snowball and his brother Jessup were joined by Munoz and Rylan Parker on the winning 3,200 relay.

Isaac Barclay was a double-winner for the Knights, winning both the 100 and 200. Munoz also claimed an individual title with a win in the 400.

Other Knights winning medals on the track included Harris in the 110 and 300 hurdles (both third), William Rohde in the 200 (fifth), Junius Snowball (third) and Caskey (fourth) in the 400, Jessup Snowball (second) and Parker (sixth) in the 800, Caden Barclay in the 1,600 (second) and 3,200 (third) and a fifth-place effort in the 400 relay.

The Tri County Northeast boys were a respectable fifth in the 11-team competition and senior Bryan Isom led the charge with a trio of conference titles.

Isom started the day with a winning leap of 41-4 in the triple jump, then swept the hurdles with wins in the 110-meter highs (11.51) and 300-meter intermediates (41.07). He also led off the 400-meter relay team that finished fourth.

Thatcher Lamp medaled in two events, taking sixth in both hurdle events. Devin Reinert was sixth in the 200 and Jude Ridenout was sixth in the 1,600 and fifth in the 3,200. The Wolfpack's 1,600-meter relay finished sixth.

In field evnets, Jackson Belt was third in the high jump and Tucker Anderson placed fourth in the long jump.



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES)

(Clockwise from left) Homer's Lilly Harris dominated the distance events, winning both the 3,200 (pictured) and 1,600 to help the Lady Knights win the Lewis & Clark Conference title. A trio of Homer runners scored big points in the boys 400-meter dash to help the Knights finish as runner-up. Leading the way is conference champion Josue Munoz (center) while Junius Snowball was third and Axton Caskey placed fourth. Tri County Northeast's Kiya Tornez has her sights set on the finish line. She won the 200 and was second in the 100 to help the Wolfpack ladies to a runner-up finish.



NORFOLK: Ponca, TCNE earn medals

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Ponca (Olivia Taylor, Avery McAfee, Ellesyn Hrouda, Alexa McGhee), 4:18.41. 3,200 relay: 1. Ponca (Hrouda, McAfee, McGhee, Brennan), 9:59.86.

Shot put: 5. Zach Luze, Ponca, 50-4.

Triple jump: 3. Bryan Isom, TCNE, 42-9 1/2. 400: 3. Zyan Conrad, Ponca, 51.55.

1,600: 5. Gannon Pfister, Ponca, 4:37.43.

110 hurdles: 5. Isom, 15.74. 300 hurdles: 4. Isom, 41.80.



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES)

(above) Tri County Northeast's Ben Jorgensen putts for a birdie opportunity during Monday's action in the Lewis & Clark Conference boys golf tournament. He finished as individual runner-up. (right) Spencer Elsea led Homer with a 79 as the Knights tied with Tri County Northeast for third-place team honors in the Lewis & Clark Conference boys golf tournament Monday at Covington Links in South Sioux City.



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Homer, TCNE tie for third in L&C golf

Homer and Tri County Northeast tied for third in the eight-team field at Monday's Lewis & Clark Conference boys golf tournament, held at Covington Links Golf Club in South Sioux City.

Both teams had two golfers finish among the top 15 medalists in the tournament.

Tri County Northeast's Ben Jorgensen shot a 3-over part 75 to finish second overall, while teammate Landyn Servine was 15th with an 88. Also scoring for the Wolfpack were Gabe Olesen with a 92, Jaxon Hall with a 102 and Braxton Sebade with a 112.

Gavin Albrecht led Homer with a fifth-place

round of 77, while teammate Spencer Elsea was eighth with a 79. Also scoring for the Knights were Bodie Nelsen with a 98, Brody Barto with a 103 and Deegan Pishna with a 119.

Lewis & Clark Conference Team Standings

Creighton 311, Wausa 333, Homer 357, Tri County NE 357, Bloomfield 359, Winnebago 373, Randolph 376, Osmond 455.

Top 15 Individuals

1. Jake Munter, Wausa, 73; 2. Ben Jorgensen, TCNE, 75; 3. Teegan Burns, Creighton, 75; 4. Calvin Wilmes, Creighton, 76; 5. Gavin Albrecht, Homer, 77; 6. Jorgan

Area Results

HOMER — Gavin Albrecht 77, Spencer Elsea 79, Bodie Nelsen 98, Brody Barto 103, Deegan Pishna 119.

TRI COUNTY NE — Ben Jorgensen 75, Landyn Servine 88, Gabe Olesen 92, Jaxon Hall 102, Braxton Sebade 112.

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Cardinal tracksters hold their own at home meet

South Sioux City’s track and field teams picked up a trio of first-place finishes on their home track at last Wednesday’s SSC Invitational.

The six-team meet, which was moved back two days due to weather, saw the Cardinals claim two titles in girls action and one in boys competition.

Inn girls action, Madelyn Bohnet won the pole vault with a best effort of 9 feet, and the 3,200-meter relay team claimed top honors in a time of 11:17.81. The winning foursome included Jacqueline Salgado, Melanie Magana, Aolanis Reyes and Kalianne Norton.

Magana, Salgado and Norton put three medals in their pockets in the 1,600. Magana was second, Salgado was fourth and Norton placed fifth.

Zulema Godinez Ponce earned a pair of medals, taking runner-up honors in the shot put and placing fifth in the discus. Payton DeRoche also medaled twice, taking third in the triple jump and sixth in the high jump.

In boys action, Luke McGinty led a foursome of SSC medalists in the 1,600, winning the event in a time of 4:49.42. Melchi Munzmbi was a second behind in second, with Leandro Magana another second back in the third. Yahir Mejia placed fifth in the event.

Savan Salas was a runner-up in the long jump and McGinty took third in the 400, while Jared Munoz placed third in the pole vault.

SSC Invitational

Girls Team Standings

Columbus 156, Omaha Northwest 128, SSC 78, Sioux City North 66, Sioux City West 46, Bishop Heelan 28.

SSC Medalists

Discus: 5. Zulema Godinez Ponce, 100-

7. Shot put: 2. Ponce, 35-1. High jump: 5. Morgan Warner, 4-4; 6. Payton DeRoche, 4-2. Triple jump: 3. DeRoche, 30-0 1/4; 4. Paisyn Ross, 28-8. Pole vault: 1. Madelyn Bohnet, 9-0; 5. Samantha Solis, 6-0; 6. Yailin Reynoso, 6-0. 3,200 relay: 1. SSC A (J. Salgado, M. Magana, A. Reyes, K. Norton), 11:17.81; 3. SSC B (C. Walker, A. Cotez-Flores, Y. Lupercio, A. Robles), 14:12.30. 400: 6. Somarah Watts, 1:05.55. 100 hurdles: 6. Karen Magana, 19.35. 100: 5. Khyah Vaughn, 13.78. 800: 4. Aolanis Reyes, 2:47.19. 1,600: 2. Melanie Magana, 6:06.76; 4. Jacqueline Salgado, 6:11.16; 5. Kallianne Norton, 6:27.16. 400 relay: 4. SSC (P. DeRoche, K. Magana, A. Davis, K. Vaughn), 52.79. 1,600 relay: 3. SSC (S. Watts, M. McBride, O. Arens, A. Reyes), 4:34.40.

Boys Team Standings

Columbus 202, Bishop Heelan 102, SSC 79, Omaha Northwest 77, Sioux City North 35, Sioux City West 27.

SSC Medalists

High jump: 5. Davide Pettrignani, 5-6. Long jump: 2. Avan Salas, 21-1. Pole vault: 3. Jared Munoz, 10-6; 4. Angel Vargas Vazquez, 9-0; 5. (tie) Giovanni Alvarado and Bryan Bartolo Lopez, 8-0. 3,200 relay: 5. SSC A (E. Zamago, J. Khanphongphane, L. Olague, S. Sandusky), 11:03.15; 6. SSC B (B. Bartolo Lopez, A. Sandoval, G. Chavez, S. Linares), 11:04.84. 400: 3. Luke McGinty, 51.56. 300 hurdles: 5. Nabil Yussuf, 45.43. 200: 4. Salas, 23.61. 1,600: 1. McGinty, 4:49.42; 2. Melchi Munzambi, 4:50.71; 3. Leandro Magana, 4:51.17; 5. Yahir Mejia, 4:59.75. 400 relay: 5. SSC A (T. Baker, P. Turner, E. Torres, J. Juarez), 46.78; 6. SSC B (B. Doenhoefer, M. Kelly, J. Montoya, J. Munoz), 49.55. 1,600 relay: 4. SSC (A. Salas, A. Ibrahim, J. Delgadillo, L. McGinty), 3:33.86.

SSC boys second, girls third at RCC

In their final tuneup before district, South Sioux City’s boys finished second and the girls were third in the River Cities Conference meet held at Mount Michael High School in Elkhorn.

The Cardinal boys finished the day with three conference champions, all coming in field events. Jagger Sims won the shot put and was runner-up in the discus, Jared Munoz claimed the pole vault and Avan Salas took the long jump. Salas also took third in the 200-meter dash.

Davide Pettrignani was the runner-up in the high jump, Javier Delgadillo took second in the 300-meter hurdles and the 3,200-meter relay also finished second.

On the girls side, Zulema Godinez Ponce swept the throws, winning the shot put and discus. Madelynn Bohnet led a 1-2-3 finish for the Lady Cards in the pole vault.

Runner-up efforts included Khyah Vaughn in the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter relay team of Vaughn, Izzy Tranmer, Alyvia Davis and Karen Magana.

The SSC track and field teams will run in the A-4 district next Tuesday at Lincoln Southwest.

Girls Team Standings

Omaha Roncalli 184, Omaha Skutt 168, South Sioux City 83, Omaha Gross 70, Omaha Mercy 10

SSC Medalists

100: 2. Khyah Vaughn, 12.71; 5. Izzie Tranmer, 13.33; 6. Alyvia Davis, 13.37.

200: 5. Vaughn, 28.40. 100 hurdles: 5. Karen Magana, 17.46. 400 relay: 2. SSC (K. Magana, I. Tranmer, A. Davis, K. Vaughn), 51.62. 1,600 relay: 4. SSC (S. Watts, O. Arens, A. Reyes, M. McBride), 4:32.25. 3,200 relay: 4. SSC (A. Reyes, A. Cisneros, A. Cortez-Flores, Z. Sahagun), 11:40.04. Shot put: 1. Zulema Godinez Ponce, 34-4 3/4. Discus: 1. Godinez Ponce, 108-10. High jump: 4. Payton DeRoche, 4-8; 5. Morgan Warner, 4-6. Pole vault: 1. Madelynn Bohnet, 9-0; 2. Samantha Solis, 6-6; 3. Yailin Reynoso, 6-6. Long jump: 5. Somarah Watts, 15-7.

Boys Team Standings

Omaha Skutt 187, South Sioux City 123, Omaha Roncalli 93, Mount Michael 85, Omaha Gross 30.

SSC Medalists

200: 3. Avan Salas, 23.37. 800: 3. Luke McGinty, 1:59.99; 6. Leandro Magana, 2:05.83. 3,200: 3. Nathan Robles, 10:47.05; 5. Yahir Mejia, 11:15.80; 6. Misael Orozco, 11:33.65. 110 hurdles: 4. Nabil Yussuf, 17.22; 5. Javier Delgadillo, 18.62; 6. Jamie Alvarez, 19.07. 300 hurdles: 2. Delgadillo, 43.49; 5. Yussuf, 46.26. 400 relay: 3. SSC (T. Baker, P. Turner, A. Salas, J. Juarez), 45.46. 1,600 relay: 3. SSC (L. McGinty, L. Magana, A. Ibrahim, A. Salas), 3:32.46. 3,200 relay: 2. SSC (L. Magana, M. Munzambi, M. Ngeleka, L. McGinty), 8:33.18. Shot put: 1. Jagger Sims, 40-1. Discus: 2. Sims, 124-5; 3. Ian Ramirez, 117-9; 5. Cooper Ferris, 111-8. High jump: 2. Davide Pettrignani, 5-11. Pole vault: 1. Jared Munoz, 12-0; 3. Angel Vargas Vazquez, 10-6; 4. Giovanni Alvarado, 8-6. Long jump: 1. Salas, 21-1 3/4.

Ponca competes at Mid State

O’NEILL — Ponca won five events during Saturday’s Mid State Conference track and field meet.

Zyan Conrad earned four medals in the meet. He won the 400-meter dash in 50.47 seconds, placed second in the 200-meter dash and was on two relays that won medals, leading the runner-up 3,200-meter relay and got the 1,600-meter relay started on a third-place finish.

Gannon Pfister medaled in three races, highlighted by a win in the 3,200-meter run. He finished fourth in the 1,600 and was part of the 3,200-meter relay.

Ponca’s other boys conference champion was thrower Zach Luze, who won the shot put with a mark of 53 feet, 6 inches.

Also earning a medal was Casey Chadwick, who took fifth in the 800. The boys finished fifth overall.

Ava Brennan claimed both wins for the Ponca girls, who finished eighth. She won the 1,600 and the 3,200 and anchored the 3,200-meter relay to a runner-up finish.

Elsie Keller took third in the discus and Ellesyn Hrouda was sixth in the 800. Laken Pfister (fifth) and Addyson Chytka (sixth) joined Brennan on the medal stand in the 3,200. Also medaling was the 1,600-meter relay of Olivia Taylor, Hrouda, Avery McAfee and Alexa McGhee, finishing fourth. Hrouda, McAfee and McGhee were also on the 3,200-meter relay team



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARNES)
(Clockwise from above) Zulema Godinez Ponce earned a runner-up finish in the shot put at the SSC Invitational. She also finished fifth in the discus. Avan Salas medaled in three events, including this fourth-place finish in the 200-meter dash. Paisyn Ross jumped a personal best and finished fourth in the girls triple jump.

Area teams score well at Ponca Invitational

PONCA — Area teams put up some nice marks and led the field at last week’s Ponca Invitational track and field meet, held at the Ponca Athletic Complex.

Homer, Ponca and Tri County Northeast took the top three spots in the girls competition. On the boys side, Homer edged Ponca and Crofton for top honors while Tri County Northeast finished a close fourth in the 10-team meet.

On the track, Kiya Tornez of Tri County Northeast won the 100 and 200, Lilly Harris of Homer claimed the 1,600 and 3,200 and TCNE’s Bri Millard was a double-winner in the hurdles. Alex McGhee and Ellesyn Hrouda claimed wins for Ponca in the 400 and 800, respectively, and area teams won the relays with Homer taking the 1,600 and Ponca

winning the 400 and 3,200.

In field events, Elsie Keller won the discus, Walker took the long jump for Homer and runner-up finishes came from TCNE’s Micaeli Tornez (shot put), and Homer’s Jannessa Overgaard (high jump) and Jovee Valentin (triple jump).

Homer won the team title with 110 points, seven better than Ponca’s 103. The Wolfpack were third with 89 points, 21 ahead of fourth-place LCC.

Homer’s boys edged Ponca and Crofton by a single point in a tight team race, 90-89, while TCNE was fourth with 74 points, 30 ahead of fourth-place Winnebago.

Area runners won all but one event on the track, led by TCNE’s Bryan Isom, who dominated the hurdle events. Other individual winners included Homer’s Isaac Barclay (100), Josue Munoz (400), Jessup Snowball (800) and Caden Barclay (1,600), while Ponca got wins from Zyan Conrad (200) and Gannon Pfister (3,200). Homer’s boys won the 1,600 relay and Ponca’s took the 3,200 relay.

In field events, Isom won the triple jump to kick off a three-win day and Zach Luze took top honors in the shot put for the hosts.

Ponca will play host to the C-3 district meet, scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at the Ponca Athletic Complex.



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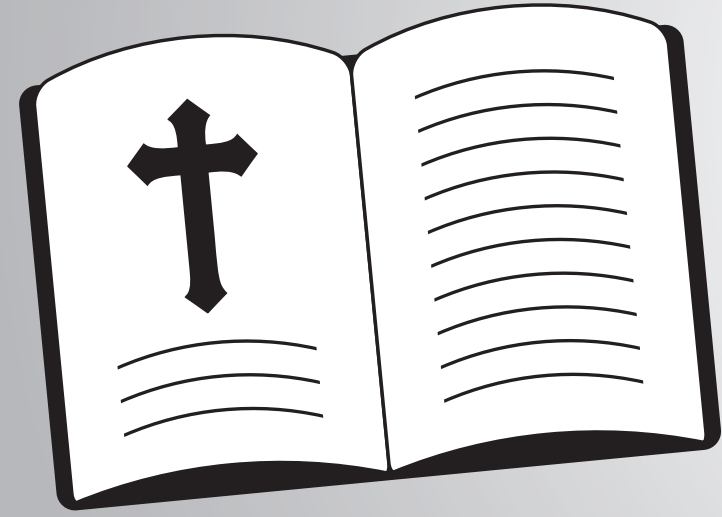
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NOTICE OF CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA

To: Carlos Cristian Ambrosio-Jimenez, Defendant, whose whereabouts are unknown and upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had.

You are hereby notified that on April 30, 2025, Plaintiff, Gladys Rocio Reyes-Ramirez, filed a Complaint for Custody and Paternity against you in the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, case CI 25-0074 the object of which is to establish custody, and paternity of a minor child.

You are required to answer the Petition within 30 days of the last publication of this notice or the Petition will be taken as true.

Gladys Rocio Reyes-Ramirez, Plaintiff
/s/_Tyler D. McIntosh
Tyler D. McIntosh
Attorney at Law
ROTH WEINSTEIN, LLC
713 S 16th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
Ph: 402-800-6690
Attorney for Plaintiff

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 17 WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

The regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") will be held at 4:45 PM, on Monday, May 12th, 2025 in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 & 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 & 75, 878-2224. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the 1st rescheduled date and time is Thursday, May 15th, 2025 at 4:45p.m. and the 2nd rescheduled date and time will be Monday, May 19th, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Shannon L Bartle, dated December 22, 2009, and recorded on January 20, 2010, Document No. 10-020354 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Dakota County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on June 20, 2025, at 1:00 PM, at Main Lobby of the Dakota County, Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 61, COVINGTON, FORMERLY THE TOWN OF COVINGTON, NOW ANNEXED TO AND A PART OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA., commonly known as 423 7th Ave, S Sioux City, NE, 68776

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee

Publish in the Dakota City Star May 8, May, 15, May 22, May 29, June 5 2025

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ALEJANDRO COSS ROFFING LLC

Notice is hereby given that ALEJANDRO COSS ROOFING LLC TAQUIZAS LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 1530 Edwards Ave, S. 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 3, 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 at LBS, INC at 1413 Broadway St., Dakota City, NE 68731.

Lydia Pintor
Organizer

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

Legal Notice

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

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

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

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



FOR such Bonds and tax



AGAINST such Bonds and tax

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

Voter Registration Deadlines

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

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

By-Mail Election –

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

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

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

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

Cherie Conley, Dakota County Clerk

Publish in the Dakota Star Thursday, April 17, 2025 - ZNEZ

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Village of Emerson has an immediate opening for Full-Time Maintenance position. This Monday-through-Friday position may include some weekends or evenings. Applicant must be able to complete a water and wastewater course within one year of hiring and be able to lift 50 lbs. or more.

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Email: emersonoffice70@gmail.com for an application and job description. Or stop by in person at: Village of Emerson Clerk's Office, 511 N. Main Street, Emerson, NE 68733.

The Village of Emerson is an EOE.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Pursuant to Section 21-2,229 of the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act (the "Act"), notice is hereby given that the Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles") of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, a Nebraska non-profit corporation (the "Corporation"), have been amended and restated by the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation which were duly approved and adopted by the board of directors of the Corporation on February 19, 2025, and were filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State on February 24, 2025 (the "Amended and Restated Articles").

A brief resume of the changes included in the Amended and Restated Articles is as follows:

a. Restated the original Articles and all amendments thereto into a single document;

b. Updated the Corporation's principal office address and registered agent name and address; and

c. Removed names and addresses of original incorporators of the Corporation.

Publish in Dakota County Star May 8, May 15, May 22 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 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 JOSELYI 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

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. Weiser
Clerk of Dakota County Court

Robert N. Stewart, #24759
Crary Huff, P.C.

329 Pierce Street, Suite 200
Sioux City, IA 51101

(712) 277-4561
ATTORNEYS FOR THE PETITIONER

Publish in the Dakota County Star April 24, May 1 and May 8. — ZNEZ

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, and which said meeting is open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will be kept continually current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Cherie Conley, County Clerk

Legal Notice

Asphalt Overlay and Milling Project 2025 City of South Sioux City, Nebraska

Jobs for City of South Sioux City, Nebraska for 2025

For complete scope and specifications please call 402.494.8167 or 402.494.7548

Project Timeline: Panel replacement can start on May 27th, 2025, and needs to be completed no later than August 31st, 2025

Bidding Timeline: Bids need submitted to City Clerk's office at 1615 1st Avenue, no later than 1:00 p.m. on May 16th, 2025. Bids need to be sealed with (Concrete Panel) on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be opened at 1:00 pm on May 16th, 2025. The City reserves the right to select the best bid, the best bid will be the determining factor and reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Once the bidder has been selected and the insurance requirement verification listed on specification sheet are completed, an agreement will be signed and the project can proceed. All contractors will be required to sign in as an E-verify company and have a Duns number provided previously, it is unnecessary to duplicate.



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Sample Ballot, Special Election, May 13, 2025 Boleta Muestra, Elección Especial, 13 de Mayo, 2025		
Dakota County, Nebraska	State of Nebraska	Special SSC School Bond 2025
<div>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</div> <div>The following are instructions on how to vote your ballot. Please follow these instructions precisely, otherwise, your ballot may not be counted.</div> <div><div><div>1. Verify that there are initials of an election official at the bottom of the ballot.</div><div>2. Verify that there are no voting marks on the ballot.</div><div>3. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot.</div><div>4. TO VOTE, you must darken the oval (●) completely.</div><div>5. Do NOT cross out or erase. If you make a mistake, write "VOID" across the face of the ballot and call the Dakota County Clerk's office for instructions at (402)-987-2130.</div><div>6. Place voted ballot into the brown return envelope. Write your NE driver's license or state ID in the space provided on the envelope, or enclose a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID or Reasonable Impediment Certification (if applicable). Complete, SIGN and seal the envelope. Remember to moisten both seals to cover the voter ID and signature boxes.</div><div>7. Any person physically unable to sign the envelope must make his/her "mark" and must have an individual witness. Failure to complete and sign the Return Identification Envelope will cause the ballot to be rejected.</div><div>8. Do NOT place more than ONE (1) voted ballot into the return identification envelope.</div><div>9. Return Ballot by:<div><div>a. Hand Delivery - deliver the ballot to the office of the Election Commissioner.</div><div>b. Mail - return ballot by mail by placing proper return postage on the envelope.</div><div>c. Drop Box - Located at 1601 Broadway St, Dakota City, NE 68731</div></div></div><div>10. Ballot MUST be in the possession of the County Clerk's Office office by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on May 13, 2025.</div></div></div>	<div>SCHOOL BOND ELECTION DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0011 (SOUTH SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA</div> <div>"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:</div> <div><div>(a) facility upgrades related to improving safety and security, eliminating overcrowding, making buildings accessible to those with disabilities, enhancing educational programs;</div><div>(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;</div><div>(c) construction and acquisition of a new elementary school building, new fifth and sixth grade building, and new preschool building;</div><div>(d) additions, renovations and improvements to existing elementary schools, middle school, and high school facilities; and</div><div>(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</div></div> <div>"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?"</div> <div>Aviso de Elección de Bonos Escolares Distrito Escolar 0011 del Condado de Dakota (Escuelas Comunitarias de South Sioux City) en el Estado de Nebraska</div> <div>"¿Deberá el Distrito Escolar 0011 del Condado de Dakota (Escuelas Comunitarias de South Sioux City) en el Estado de Nebraska emitir bonos de obligación general para obtener fondos que cubran los costos de:</div> <div><div>(a) mejoras en las instalaciones relacionadas con el aumento de la seguridad y protección, la eliminación del hacinamiento, la accesibilidad de los edificios para personas con discapacidades y el fortalecimiento de los programas educativos;</div><div>(b) reemplazar las escuelas que no pueden ser renovadas de manera rentable, lo que incluye la adquisición de terrenos necesarios, mejoras en los sitios y mejoras públicas dentro o en relación con las propiedades del Distrito, así como la demolición necesaria de edificios existentes;</div><div>(c) la construcción y adquisición de un nuevo edificio para escuela primaria, un nuevo edificio para quinto y sexto grado, y un nuevo edificio para preescolar;</div><div>(d) ampliaciones, renovaciones y mejoras en las escuelas primarias, la escuela secundaria y las instalaciones de la escuela preparatoria existentes; y</div><div>(e) la provisión del equipo y los aparatos necesarios para dichos edificios escolares, instalaciones, renovaciones y mejoras; Dichos bonos deberán ser emitidos por un monto principal total que no exceda los Ciento Veintisiete Millones de Dólares (\$127,000,000), en una o más series, en el momento o momentos determinados por la Junta de Educación, con tasas de interés y precios de venta fijados o determinados bajo su dirección, y con vencimiento en el momento o momentos que la Junta disponga; y</div></div> <div>"¿Deberá el Distrito Escolar imponer y recaudar anualmente un impuesto especial sobre todas las propiedades imponibles dentro del Distrito Escolar, en una tasa</div> <div><div><div>FOR such Bonds and tax</div><div>AGAINST such Bonds and tax</div></div></div> <div>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.</div> <div>Los electores que voten a favor de la propuesta deberán marcar el óvalo junto a las palabras "A FAVOR de dichos bonos e impuesto", y los electores que voten en contra de la propuesta deberán marcar el óvalo junto a las palabras "EN CONTRA de dichos bonos e impuesto".</div>	
<div>INSTRUCCIONES PARA EL VOTANTE</div> <div>A Continuación se detallan las instrucciones para votar. Por favor, siga estas instrucciones al pie de la letra; de lo contrario, su voto podría no ser contabilizado.</div> <div><div><div>1. Verifique que haya las iniciales de un funcionario electoral en la parte inferior de la boleta.</div><div>2. Verifique que no existan marcas de votación en la boleta.</div><div>3. Utilice un bolígrafo de tinta negra para marcar la boleta.</div><div>4. PARA VOTAR, debes oscurecer completamente el óvalo (●).</div><div>5. NO TACHE ni borre nada. Si comete un error, escriba "NULO" en frente de la boleta y llame a la oficina del secretario del condado de Dakota para obtener instrucciones al (402)-987-2130.</div><div>6. Coloque la boleta con su voto en el sobre marrón. Escriba su licencia de conducir de Nebraska o identificación estatal en el espacio provisto en el sobre, o adjunte una fotocopia de una identificación con foto válida o un certificado de impedimento razonable (si corresponde). Firme y selle el sobre. Recuerde humedecer ambos sellos para cubrir las casillas de identificación de votante y firma.</div><div>7. Cualquier persona que no pueda firmar físicamente el sobre deberá dejar su marca y contar con un testigo. Si no completa y firma el sobre de identificación de devolución, la boleta será rechazada.</div><div>8. NO COLOQUE mas de UNA (1) boleta votada en el sobre de identificación de devolución.</div><div>9. Devolver la boleta por:<div><div>a. Entrega en persona - entregue la boleta en la oficina de la Comisión Electoral.</div><div>b. Correo – devuelva la boleta por correo colocando el franqueo correspondiente en el sobre.</div><div>c. Buzon de entrega- ubicado en frente de la justicia, 1601 Broadway St, Dakota City, NE 68731</div></div></div><div>10. La boleta DEBE estar en posesión de la oficina del secretario del condado antes de las 5:00 P. M. hora central, del 13 de Mayo de 2025.</div></div></div>		

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY

A meeting of the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was held at the South Sioux City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue in said City on the 28th day of 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None.

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

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

B. Schultz motioned to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Gunsolley:

MINUTES: Council - April 14th, 2025; Public Works – April 21st,

2025; Finance – April 23rd, 2025

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS: April 28th, 2025

- Approval of Cory Koopman – Citizen Advisory / Inland Port Authority
- Approval of LaNay Larson – Parks and Rec Board
- Campground flood replacement equipment – cost for picnic tables and fire rings
- Quote for 14" Hydra-Stop Valve Insert – \$35,800.00 (Water line going to the Marina needing repaired)
- Interlocal Agreement for the use of Animal Service Facility
- Dakota County and South Sioux City - Village of Ponca and South Sioux City
- Dakota City and South Sioux City
- C Street Trail. Trail connection from Cardinal to 39th Street - connecting the bike trail that stops on Cardinal Drive and the one on 39th Street and prohibiting parking in area requested by staff and put in a bike lane on the street.
- Contract for Transportation (Transit) Services between South Sioux City, NE and Sioux City, Iowa
- Williams and Company – Audit Report
- INVOICES:
- JEO - \$2,000.00 – Foundry Road Improvements.
- Barkley Asphalt - \$19,292.60 - Foundry Road Improvements.
- Olsson
- \$5,611.97 – 39th Street RR Crossing Improvements.
- \$4,150.00 – New Water Treatment Plant.
- \$3,750.00 – Interconnect

Water Main.

- \$8,581.00 – Empirical Traffic Study.
- \$4,300.00 – Dakota Avenue Corridor Enhancement Plan.
- \$2,000.00 – Timberline Lift Station Replacement.
- Union Pacific Railroad Company - \$3,216.27 – Install Xing Surface at 39th Street – Quiet Zone
- Mark Albenesius - \$142,533.90 – Dakota Avenue and Empirical Drive Intersection.

Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Engineers from JEO Consulting Group and Olsson were present to give updates and to answer any question on various projects in the city. JEO – Ethan Joy stated that they had received bids for one part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant but not the other and will be re-advertising. No Action taken.

Library Director Cicely Douglas introduced members from her Teen Advisory Board, the teen board gave presentation on a bake sale fundraiser that they are hoping to have end of May 2025.

Marion Cain from Dakota City presented information on Dedication of the DAR Memorial Bench in honor of our Revolutionary Patriots - June 7th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the DAR Never Forget Garden – Siouxland Freedom Park, 1801 Veterans Drive, South Sioux City

At 5:40 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding Semi-Annual report of the Citizen's Advisory Review Committee as provided by the Local Options Municipal Economic Development Act. R.R.S 1943. There was no one present re-

questing special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the semi-annual report. At 5:42 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Meyer motioned approval of Semi-Annual report of the Citizen Advisory Review Committee, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

At 5:43 p.m. Mayor Koch opened the PUBLIC HEARING regarding the "First Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Hans Residential Redevelopment Project" There was no one present requesting special services or to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Hans Redevelopment Plan. At 5:44 p.m., Mayor Koch declared the hearing closed.

Information only that the Community Development Agency had approved Hans Redevelopment Plan at the previous meeting.

Kreins motioned, seconded by Bousquet approval of the following Resolution:

Resolution 2025-10
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED, "FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR HANS RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT".

Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Schultz motioned to approve updates to the NAHTF Program Guidelines, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) and Down Payment Assistance (DPA). Seconded by Meyer. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Meyer motioned approval to submit application to the All-America City - Hall of Fame Award, nomination of

Siouxland Freedom Park, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Kreins motioned approval to submit FY2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form to Senator Fischer requesting support for the Riverview Water Treatment Plant expansion. Seconded by Gunsolley. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Y Schultz motioned approval of the 2024 Crime rate report and a \$100.00 bonus for the Police Officers. Seconded by Meyer. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Y. Schultz motioned to deny due to lack of facilities and soccer field the SSC Veterans Soccer League request to use the soccer fields, seconded by Kreins. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

B. Schultz motioned to approval of the SIMPCO Memorandum – SIMPCO MPO FY26 Transportation Planning Work Program with support of Pine Street completion. Seconded by Meyer. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Bousquet motioned use of the city parking lot pursuant to discussion at the City Council meeting on April 28th, 2025, seconded Y. Schultz. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

Being no further business at 6:01 p.m. Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Y. Schultz. Voting Yes:8, No: 0

These minutes are subject to city council approval.

A copy of the minutes in their entirety is available at City Hall, 1615 1st Avenue., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and the City's website at www.southsiouxcity.org

Nanci Walsh – City Clerk

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
Published in the Dakota County Star May 1, May 8, May 15, 2025

ber's name, "-" = moved, seconded by; Roll Call Vote Unanimous Motion Carried = RCVUMC

Chair Van Berkum called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present: Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed, Hohenstein. Absent: Rodriguez. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, and Cherie Conley, County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was noted for all citizens present.

Bousquet "-" Van Berkum to excuse Board Member Rodriguez from the meeting. RCVUMC.

Reed "-" Hohenstein to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting. RCVUMC.

Bousquet "-" Reed to approve the Application for Exemption of motor vehicle taxes on motor vehicles (1) 2011 Buick Lucerne CX Sedan VIN#1G4HA5EM8BU124954 and (2) 2016 Dodge Grand SXT VAN VIN#2C4RDGCG8GR343376 for Heartland Counseling Services, Inc. RCVUMC.

The Board set the following dates and time for the upcoming Pro-test hearings: starting at 9:00 a.m. June 23rd, July 7th, July 21st and possibly July 22nd, 23rd and 24th depending on number of protests filed.

Reed "-" Bousquet to adjourn the meeting. Chair Van Berkum adjourned the April 28, 2025 Board of Equalization meeting at 2:53 p.m.

County Board of Equalization
Brian Van Berkum, Chairman
Cherie Conley, County Clerk

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DAKOTA CITY CITY COUNCIL

The Dakota City City Council met in a regular session on May 1, 2025. Notice of the meeting had been posted at three separate locations, sent out to various media outlets and was shared with the Mayor and the City Council. Notices included information that an agenda was available from the Office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Jerry Yacevich called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Jerry Yacevich announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act. Public Comment Period: None.

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

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Korthuis, to approve the consent agenda for May 1, 2025. Said motion includes approval of minutes from April 3, 2025 meeting, acknowledgement of reception of financial statements, and approval of bills and payroll to date as written. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Groetken, Korthuis, Rasmussen. Nay: None. Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

A&B GOURMET COFFEE - 161.00

AFLAC / REMITTANCE/ PROC SERVICES - 146.52, 68.04

ARPA ACCOUNT DAKOTA CITY - 3499.75

AT&T - 68.41

Ameritas Life Ins-RP - 1139.94, 440.40, 997.46, 474.55

Ameritas-Dent/Vis - 328.14, 109.36

Ariana Paz - 98.27

BADER'S HIGHWAY & STREET - 29490.00

BALL INSURANCE - 4940.00

BARNES & NOBLE - 157.70

BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY - 50.00

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE - 2368.87, 997.42

BOK FINANCIAL/CHAD SHIRK - 17121.25, 33395.00

BRUNO GALVAN - 50.00

CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES - 62.32

CAPITOL ONE-WALMART - 9.97, 11.14

CENTURY LINK - 80.10, 102.11

CITY OF SIOUX CITY FIRE RESCUE - 2565.50

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY - 50.00

CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM - 2013.75

CRYSTAL OIL CO. - 212.86, CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT - 47.94

DAKOTA COUNTY STAR - 120.20

DAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER - 6193.93

DAVID BARRIENTOS - 50.00

Dakota City Sales Tax Fund - 11105.48

Dakota County Public Safety Services Ag. - 11105.48

ELECTRIC PUMP - 8520.17, EMC INSURANCE COMPANY - 5142.76, 2999.96, 428.57

ERANDY MOHNSON - 50.00

FIBERCOMM - 128.43, 36.75

FREMONT TIRE - 27.00

Farmer's Pride-Battle Creek - 1254.68

Foulk Brother Plumbing and Heating - 1863.98

GALE/CENGAGE LEARNING - 197.24

GENERAL FUND DAKOTA CITY - 4275.00, 99.78

GREG WARREN - 50.00

HAWKINS INC - 8957.28

HOME TOWN LEASING - 394.76

JASON KLEIDER - 50.00

JEO CONSULTING GROUP - 2170.00, 1507.50, 2817.50

KING, REINSCH, PROSSER & CO. - 4100.00, 6150.00, 2050.00

MAX I WALKER - 97.64, 49.74

MENARDS - 62.00

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY - 228.00, 81.00, 91.42

MIDWEST ALARM COMPANY-SIOUX CITY - 115.00

Madison County Veterinary Clinic - 114.00

NAS OMAHA - 54.23

NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB - 34.00

NICK LAKES - 50.00, NORTH-

STOCK INC - 1189.20

Nebraska Public Power Dist. - 4886.02, 5162.23, 55.63

One Call Concepts, Inc. - 14.68

PEOPLE SERVICE, INC - 6508.00

Principal Life Insurance Company - 73.15, 29.26

ROBERT KRATKY - 100.00

RP CONSTRUCTORS LLC - 812.50

Railroad Management Company III, LLC - 1805.87

Robertson Implement - 173.80

STAN HOUSTON - 947.50

STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT - 2790.57

Siouxland Lock & Key - 673.50

Sparklight/Cable One - 165.60, 173.60, 166.55

THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP - 268.00, 168.00, 84.00

TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES CORP - 2974.40

VISA-CITY CARD - 1281.02, 834.85

Verizon Wireless - 40.01

Williams & Company, Inc. - 1447.50, 965.00, 482.50

Wilmes Hardware Hank - 194.56, 338.97

ZACKERY RASMUSSEN - 50.00

ZIEGLER, INC - 7463.82, Total - 226,401.54

Communication: Letter to Governance along with the Independent Auditor's Reports and Basic Financial Statements from King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co. was presented by Rebecca George and Jessica McAllister.

Moved by Groetken, seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Auditor's Report and Basic Financial Statements from King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co. as read. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

Moved by Rasmussen seconded by Groetken, to approve Resolution 2025-5 authorizing fees for trash and rubbish removal of \$19.25 per month and \$2.50 per extra receptacle. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Rasmussen, Groetken, Korthuis. Nay: None. Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF HEARING
CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX
CITY, NEBRASKA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 5 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1615 1st Ave, South Sioux City, NE 68776, to receive public comment, consider, and possibly take action on a redevelopment plan amendment entitled: "Amendment to the General Redevelopment Plan for the Northeast Redevelopment Area (Second Amendment to the Hovey Construction Redevelopment Project)," for redevelopment pursuant to the Community Development Law, Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections 18-2101, et seq., within a blighted and sub-standard area of South Sioux City, Nebraska, approximately located to the southeast of the intersection of East 17th Street and Missouri View Lane.

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

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

Dated this 28th day of April, 2025.
City of South Sioux City, Nebraska

**Nanci Walsh,
City Clerk**

The purpose of the first public hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comments regarding the addition of Solar Energy Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under 600.3 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations.

The purpose of the second public hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comments regarding the additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Energy regulations.

The purpose of the third public hearing is to give citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition, or make neutral comments regarding the addition of Commercial 25Kw+ Solar regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations

Comments may also be submitted in writing to Dakota County Planning & Zoning, 1863 N Bluff Rd, Hubbard, NE 68741. Regular Planning & Zoning meeting to follow.

Published in the Dakota County Star, May 8, 2025

Legal Notice

**NOTICE
PROPERTY OWNERS
AND OCCUPANTS OF
SOUTH SIOUX CITY
8" Weeds, Grasses or
Worthless Vegetation
Removal and Litter Nuisance
Ordinance No. 2013-17**

City ordinance 2013-17 states in part "The owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground shall keep the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining street and alleys free of any growth of eight (8") inches or more in height of weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation or to litter or cause litter to be deposited or remain thereon". In the event a property owner or occupant fails to abate the nuisance, the City shall have such work done and all costs associated with the nuisance abatement shall be the responsibility of the property owner. In addition to the costs associated with the nuisance abatement, fines shall be levied as follows:

Legal Notice

**Notice of Public Hearing
Regular Meeting**

Dakota County Planning & Zoning The Dakota County Planning & Zoning Commission shall hold three Public Hearings at 7:00 p.m. May 20, 2025, at their regular meeting at the Dakota County Road Department located at 1863 N. Bluff Rd, Hubbard, Nebraska, 68741.

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY CLAIMS

**April 2025 Claims
ABBREVIATION FOR THIS DOCUMENT:**

adv.-advertisement; equip-equipment; exp-expense; imp-improvement; ipay-incentive pay, ins-insurance; investments; mi-mileage; mve-motor vehicle expense; en-pension; pt - parts pub-publication; re-reimbursement; rep-repairs; rpt-report, rt-rent; sa-salaries; se-services; su-supplies; tx - taxes; wh-withholding

24/7 LOCKSMITH SERVICE LLC, REP, \$160.00

3E-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SU, \$109.55;

ABSOLUTE SCREEN ART, EXP, \$1,693.25

ACCESS SYSTEMS, EXP, \$337.73

ACE SIGNS, SU, \$378.00

AEP ENERGY, SE, \$307,279.00

AIRGAS USA LLC, SU, \$219.77

ALS GROUP USA CORP, SE, \$756.50

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOC, EXP, \$602.00

ANALISE BOVEE, MI, \$112.00

ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SERV, EXP, \$2,151.71

APX INC, EXP, \$54.78

ARTISAN PRESS, PUB, \$5,100.00

AT&T MOBILITY, EQUIP, \$2,757.66

A-TEAM HEATING AND COOLING, REP, \$1,483.69

AVID IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS, SU, \$539.61

AXON ENTERPRISE INC, EQUIP, \$72,181.72

BAIRD HOLM, PEN, \$5,913.00

BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, \$2,360.41

BARNES AND NOBLE, SU, \$31.98

BEKINS FIRE & SAFETY INC, EQUIP, \$90.00

BLACKBURN MANUFACTURING, SE, \$552.99

BLACSTRAP, INC, SU, \$19,836.48

BOMGAARS, SU, \$712.48

BOUND TREE MEDICAL, SU, \$3,142.42

CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, SU, \$679.63

CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING, EQUIP, \$389.67

CHRYSLER CAPITAL, MVE, \$1,480.97

CITY OF SIOUX CITY, EXP, SE, \$226,303.84;

CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, EXP, \$9,903.44

COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER, WH, \$1,271.62

COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS, INS, \$1,322.78

CORE & MAIN, EQUIP, SU, \$26,050.44

CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL, MVE, \$104,500.00

CPS HR CONSULTING, EXP, \$891.00

DAKOTA CO REGISTER OF DEEDS, EXP, \$88.00

DAKOTA CO STAR, PUB, \$555.35

DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, SU, \$2,893.28

DAKOTA TRANSPORT, SU, \$1,872.00

DANIEL L GESY, EXP, \$160.00

DANIEL ORTEGA, SE, \$2,000.00

DATA CENTER WAREHOUSE, LLC, SE, \$38,448.75

DELTA DENTAL, INS, \$521.44

DEMCO, INC, SU, \$142.28

DENTAL, INS, \$521.44

DEPOSIT REFUND, RE, \$8,013.01

DEPT OF ENERGY, SE, \$71,218.35

DG NEBRASKA ENERGY STORAGE LLC, SE, \$8,595.00

DIAMOND VOGEL INC, SU, \$86.41

DRAIN SPECIALIST, EXP, \$850.00

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$1,301.11

ELECTRIC PUMP, REP, \$4,008.96

ELIZABETH REYES, MI, \$10.78

ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS, SE, EXP, \$38,023.77

EQUIPMENT UNLIMITED INC, EQUIP, \$13,270.00

EQUIPT TRUCK & MACHINERY, REP, \$8,546.73

FARRELLS HTG & A/C INC, REP, \$71.69

FASTENAL, SU, \$7.00

FIMCO, EQUIP, \$1,035.43

FIRE DPT LOCAL 644 MIKE WRIGHT, EXP, \$2,686.08

FIVE STAR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING, SE, \$1,112.80

FLOCK GROUP, EXP, \$110,000.00

FREMONT TIRE, REP, \$607.07

GENE STEFFY CHRYSLER, RE, \$2,919.66

GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROL, EXP, \$4,566.28

GILL HAULING, SE, \$291.18

GILL INC-HOUSEHOLD, SE, \$69,376.23

GLOBE LIFE, INS, \$419.00

GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS, EXP, \$1,117.75

H2O 4U, SU, \$82.75

HACH COMPANY, SU, \$957.23

HAWKEYE ADJUSTMENT, EXP, \$420.00

HAWKINS, RT, \$41,746.49

HDR ENGINEERING, EXP, \$112,960.81

HEALTHINVEST HRA PLAN, INS, \$3,804.42

HOA SOLUTIONS INC, REP, \$787.76

IIMC, EXP, \$195.00

INTERSTATES, EQUIP, \$2,900.00

IRS, TX, \$63,144.49

JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIP, SU, \$2,106.10

JEFF JUNCK, SE, \$700.00

JEO, EXP, \$31,365.00

JERRYS SERVICE INC, SU, \$2,760.00

K&L GATES LLP, SE, \$19,652.50

KERRY HEGGE, SE, \$6,055.00

KIM HANSEN, MI, \$28.28

KOLEY JESSEN P. C. LLO, EXP, \$8,996.50

L G EVERISTS, SU, \$1,697.03

LANCE HEDQUIST, MI, \$420.00

LEADERSHIP DAKOTA CO, EXP, \$250.00

LEC, SA, \$21,168.36

LEC, SA, \$21,830.30

LECHNER LUMBER, EXP, \$220.00

LEGALSHIELD, EXP, \$181.32

LINBLOM SERVICES, SE, \$910.00

LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR, PUB, \$1,245.00

LONG LINES, EXP, \$3,756.11

LP GILL INC, SE, \$25.00

MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, EQUIP, \$3,708.82

MAIL HOUSE, EXP, \$14,063.92

MAIN CITY, SA, \$372,793.06

MARCO, REP, \$1,630.98

MARGRET SCOTT, SE, \$75.00

MARK ALBENESIUS INC, EXP, SE, \$96,047.00

MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, SU, \$229.02

MAX WALKER, SU, \$716.54

MENARDS, REP, SU, \$459.81

MERCYONE SIOUXLAND OCCUPATIONAL, SE, \$1,338.00

METRO ELECTRIC, REP, SU, \$9,224.88

MIKEY C PRODUCTION-DAK CO STAR, PUB, \$1,942.34

MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INS, \$60,334.37

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, SE, \$152,139.35

MIDWEST LABORATORIES, SU, \$38.24

MIDWEST WHEEL CO, SU, \$114.17

MPIRE HEATING AND COOLING, REP, \$37,248.00

NE CHILD SUPPORT, WH, \$992.72

NE DEPT OF REVENUE, WH, \$211.63

NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, EXP, \$500.00

NE LOESS HILLS RC & D, EXP, \$200.00

NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EXP, \$1,292.50

NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB, EXP, \$1,010.80

NE PUBLIC POWER DIST, EXP, \$260,222.04

NEBRASKA FOP 75, EXP, \$702.00

NEBRASKA NE FOP #75, EXP, \$650.00

NETSYS INC, SE, \$22,340.50

NEXTLINK INTERNET, EXP, \$598.12

NORM WAITT SR YMCA, EXP, \$53,000.00

NORTH RIDGE EXCAVATING, EXP, \$4,675.00

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EXP, \$2,102.00

OAK CREEK AVIARIES, SU, \$759.98

OLSSON, EXP, \$21,544.88

ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS, EXP, \$4,950.83

ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, \$216.74

ONE OFFICE SOLUTION, EXP, \$599.98

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, SU, \$904.19

OSCAR GOMEZ, MI, \$173.70

OVERHEAD DOOR CO, SE, \$2,500.00

PEPPERBALL, EXP, \$549.00

PLUMBING PROS LLC, EXP, \$4,319.77

RED LINE RECYCLING LLC, SE, \$200.00

RIVER VALLEY UNDERGROUND, EXP, \$78,115.00

ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT CO, REP, SU, \$1,402.11

ROSEN PUBLISHING, EXP, \$595.00

SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$18,847.13

SERVICEMASTER OF SOOLAND, SE, \$1,600.00

SHEILA GRAVES, SE, \$300.00

SIOUX CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, SE, EXP, \$7,021.50

SIOUX CITY TRANSIT, EXP, \$5,695.83

SIOUX SALES, EXP, \$134.95

SIOUXLAND CONCRETE, EXP, REP, \$1,950.48

SIOUXLAND HYDRAULICS, REP, \$709.76

SIOUXLAND PROUD, EXP, \$100.00

SSC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, EXP, \$100.00

SSC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, EXP, \$80.00

SSC MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION, EXP, \$80.00

SSC POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, EXP, \$990.00

STAN HOUSTON EQUIP, EQUIP, \$27,975.00

STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, SU, \$418.05

STATELINE ELECT & AUTOMATION, EXP, \$151.98

STEFFEN, REP, \$15,306.68

STEPHAN WELDING SHOP, SE, \$2,355.00

SUSAN COMSTOCK, SE, \$125.00

TESLA SOLAR, EXP, \$31,979.96

THE EMS TRAINING SCHOOL, EXP, \$8,848.84

THOMPSON SOLUTIONS GROUP, EXP, \$135.00

TODD MASTERS, EXP, \$10,050.00

TOTAL WIRELESS DATA, EXP, \$658.06

TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, EXP, \$7,101.25

ULINE, SU, \$4,153.54

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO, EXP, \$18,117.06

UNITED WAY OF SIOUXLAND, EXP, \$236.00

UNIVERSITY OF NE AT OMAHA, EXP, \$480.00

UTILITY SERVICE CO INC, EXP, \$56,854.15

VELOCITY DYNAMICS LLC, SU, \$2,611.24

VERIZON WIRELESS, EQUIP, \$1,276.08

VESSCO, EXP, \$500.11

VISUAL EDGE IT, EQUIP, \$1,363.42

WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS, INS, \$28.80

WILMES HARDWARE HANK, SU, \$1,569.04

WOODHOUSE, EXP, \$225.51

WOODS & AITKEN LLP, EXP, \$497.00

WRENNS PLUMBING & HEATING, RT, \$374.95

ZIEGLER INC, REP, \$17,877.50

ZIMCO, SU, \$1,900.00

Grand Total: \$3,015,263.26

CDA: CRARY HUFF LAW FIRM, SE, \$6,503.69

DAKOTA CO TREASURER, SE, \$39,806.14

DAYS DOOR & MILLWORK, EXP, \$280.00

Grand Total: \$46,589.83

DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Monday, April 28, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business
Meeting
County Board Meeting
Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse,
Dakota City, Nebraska**

Legal Abbreviations for this ad: the title Commissioner has been omitted before each Commissioner's name, "-" = moved, seconded by; Roll Call Vote Unanimous Motion Carried = RCVUMC

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Rodriguez. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherrie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

Van Berkum "-" Reed to excuse Commissioner Rodriguez from the

meeting. RCVUMC.

Van Berkum "-" Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes - April 14, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for April 13 to April 26, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court; and f) approval of Jail Quarterly reports. RCVUMC.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$195,059.70; Net Pay-\$139,099.44; Total Retirement-\$14,113.60; Total FICA-\$14,447.00; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$217.40; Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$23,133.44; Net Pay-\$16,842.62; Retirement-\$1,561.47; Total FICA-\$1,724.54; Health Plan-\$6,720.00; Dental Plan-\$240.00; Life Insurance-\$29.71; Health Planning Grant Employer 2502: Gross Salaries-

ries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Health Program Grant Employer 2504: Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507: Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$439.90; Dental Account, premium-\$2,144.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,844.82; Globe

Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$217.40; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$2250.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,871.18; Point C COE, flex fees - \$77.00; Principal Life, premiums - \$2,821.41; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,897.43; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,894.00; VSP, premium-\$524.44. Road Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$282.00; FSA Medical-\$40; Health Plan, premium-\$7,120.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,602.30; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$29.71; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$774.43; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-

\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,602.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,449.08; VSP, premium-\$63.92; Insurance Fund 1275: Point C FSA-\$1,249.06; Point C-medical claims \$26,989.39; Point C-administrative fees, \$28,407.32; VSP, premium-\$19.17; Health Fund 2502: DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premiums - \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; Health Fund 2504: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums-\$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; So-

cial Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; Juvenile Services Fund 2507: Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life, premiums-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: 911 Custom, radio repair-\$238.95; A Team, bldg repair-\$627.38; Aaron Voss, vehicle equip-\$38,468.96; Ace Refrigeration, sink faucet-\$95.00; Anesthesia Consultants, medical-\$1,597.50; Angela Abts, mileage, supplies, misc-\$346.41; Associated Fire Protection, qrtly inspect-\$1,061.33; AT&T, phones-\$647.64; AutoZone, vehicle repair-\$47.58; Availability, medical-\$128.75; Billion, vehicle re-

SEE COMMISSIONERS, 7B

Remember When?

A look back in the Star's history files

10 YEARS AGO

MAY 14, 2015

School Board approves residency requirement

New administrators in the South Sioux City School District will now be required to live in the district after the school board approved 5-1 to revamped residency requirement Monday night. According to the new policy, future South Sioux City administrators and directors will be required to maintain a residence in the school district. The policy also allows current administrators to be grandfathered in, allowing them to remain in their current residences if they are outside of the district.

20 YEARS AGO

MAY 12, 2005

Students, teachers, see benefits of tech classes

Students are finding more and more success in vocational programs after high school, and it's no coincidence, according to Marty Slaughter, SSCHS vocational instructor. "We really stress that, anymore a two-year tech school can provide the same job opportunities as a four-year degree," Slaughter said. "There's a need for it and there's job security in vocational work."

30 YEARS AGO

MAY 11, 1995

Travel on agenda for retiring Walston

House calls were routine, Salk vaccine was the miracle drug of the decade, penicillin and sulfa were the primary antibiotics, and the art of medicine was alive and well. He delivered more than 5,000 babies and was asked a few times to perform an abortion but never did. His patients provided him which more than his fair share of laughter and tears, and being a doctor was fun. South Sioux City physician James Walston says the profession he's practiced for more than 40 years is still fun but it's time for him to slow down and do some of the things he enjoys most traveling, playing golf and fishing. The 70-year-old South Dakota native will retire May 15. He and his wife, Cheryl, plan on taking a world tour.

40 YEARS AGO

MAY 16, 1985

Lid proponents call bus ban threat "scare tactic"

The Concerned Citizens group is the organization that conducted the petition drive calling for the May 30 special referendum on limiting the school district's property tax levy. The board had indicated that if the 2 percent limitation fails, the bus fare will be increased fifteen cents. The board's reaction was to spend over \$168,000 on a new athletic com-

plex. Since then the board adopted the 1983-84 budget which increased 4.10 percent at a time when inflation was only 2.2 percent and the 1984-85 budget which increased 6.72 percent at a time when inflation was only 3.1 percent. The increase in local property taxes for 1984-85 was over 10.2 percent a rate over three times the rate of inflation. We do not believe that the board's recent budgets have been responsive to local economic conditions.

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 15, 1975

Grocery seeks to buy school property

The South Sioux City School Board took no action Monday night on a request from spokesman Frank Owens to purchase a 30-foot wide strip of ground west of Harney School for expansion of the nearby Sunshine Market. Owens sought the land to expand storage and shipping space, but the board postponed action until legal ramifications of the sale could be worked out. If no snags are encountered on the legal front, efforts may begin in the future to negotiate a price for the 7,200 feet. Sunshine had purchased a much larger tract of land in Sioux Falls recently for \$1.18 per square foot, but board member Darold Newill said even \$2 per square foot was too low. Newill said he would favor the sale "if the price was right."

SEBADE RECEIVES GOLDEN PICA POLE AWARD

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Lulene Sebade (left) has been the Dakota County Star's Emerson correspondent for 62 years, and was recognized recently by the Nebraska Press Association as one of this year's Golden Pica Pole recipients. Sebade began her work with the Dakota County Star in 1962 and, with few exceptions, has never missed a week reporting on the activities in her hometown. She is shown here with Star publisher Michael Carnes, who presented the award to her at Friday's Chamber Coffee at the SSC Public Library.



OBITUARIES

Shirley Ann Davis, 89

Shirley Ann Davis, 89, of Hubbard, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2, 2025, in South Sioux City.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 22, at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City, with Reverend David Hawkins officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior at the funeral home. A private family graveside will follow the service.

Born on Oct. 22, 1935, in Waterbury, Shirley was the daughter of Oscar and Ruby (Jones) Beargeon. As the eldest of five siblings, she took great pride in helping care for her younger brothers and sisters. She graduated from Waterbury High School in 1954 and went on to work as a telephone operator in Sioux City for several years.

Shirley had a deep love for music and dancing and could often be found enjoying evenings at the Tamba in downtown Sioux City, surrounded by friends.

She married Earl Davis on Feb. 26, 1956, and together they built a life on their farm near Hubbard, where they worked the land and raised their three children. Shirley often reminisced about driving tractors and the stock truck hauling grain to the elevator in town and raising animals — memories that brought her great joy.

Renowned for her hospitality, Shirley had a gift for cooking and baking which she shared with everyone, any chance she had. Each year, she prided herself on making and sharing her delicious baked goods to the county fair, where her award-winning pies were highly sought after by many. Her home was always filled with the warm aroma of fresh cinnamon rolls, pecan rolls, pies, cookies, and bars — ready for any visitor who happened to stop by. It was not unusual

to hear polka music playing as she danced through her home, a reflection of her lifelong passion for music. She loved to play the piano and was always eager to waltz, two-step, or polka whenever she had the chance.

A devoted member of her church, Shirley spent many years volunteering at breakfasts, baking, and helping maintain the church. She cherished time spent with family and friends and had a knack for making everyone feel welcome with her kind smile and soul-filling laughter. No one left her home without a treat in hand. Family meant the world to her. She loved babysitting her grandchildren, taking them to local fairs and rodeos, and going to their activities.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Ruby Beargeon; her brother Russell Beargeon; her husband, Earl Davis; and their infant son, Steven.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren: Ron (Jeanne) Davis of Jackson and their family; Jerod (Jennifer) Davis, Cody (Caitlyn) Davis, and Tyler (Kate) Davis; Kathy (Randy) Jessen of Hubbard and their family; Nicholas (Dan) Jessen, Nathan (Jing Sun) Jessen, Aaron (Stephanie) Jessen, Ethan Jessen, Isaac Jessen; and Sandy (Larry) Blair of Homer and their daughters: Rachel Blair and Hannah Blair; nine great grandchildren; her siblings: Phyllis (Jim) Cleveland of Jackson; Beverly (Gary) Maxfield of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; Cindy (Gill) Stensrud of Papillion; and Greg Beargeon of Las Vegas, Nev.; sister-in-law: Nancy Beargeon and many beloved extended family members.

Memorial donations may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hubbard in Shirley's memory.



Davis

Library good for moms and their kids

When I was around eight years old, I was absolutely convinced that I was not my mother's child. I was certain that my mother was secretly up to no good and had stolen me from my original parents.

I looked forward to our weekly trips to the grocery store where I would always check the faces on the milk cartons, expecting one day to see my face plastered across the aisles. I imagined grabbing one off the shelf and screaming "I knew it!" And I would soon be reunited with my original parents. I'd be on all the daytime talk shows; viewers would marvel at my resilience at such a young age, and . . . I'm not sure what else I imagined — I was eight.

Let it be known that I had no reason whatsoever to doubt my origins. Especially considering the fact that I look exactly like her. It was probably something that started after hearing about a kidnapping somewhere in the world and my new but beautifully creative mind developed a story. I would torture my mother in other ways with my stories. I also had a habit of getting lost in grocery stores, then ask the lady at the counter to get on the microphone and announce to the entire store that I lost my mommy and was looking for her. I did that more than once, I really liked the PA system. When she arrived at the counter she would have to explain that she did not leave me, I walked off.

This woman took me to school, made sure I ate every day, gave me a warm, safe place to sleep, but somehow I just knew she couldn't be trusted. Then to make things worse, I would randomly gaslight her saying, "It's okay if you did kidnap me, I won't tell anybody. I just want to know." Then search her expression for some sort of concession, or something that would confirm that I was definitely a kidnapping victim. Alas,

Glass, labor-\$225.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supp, parts-\$88.00; Power Plan, labor, parts-\$21,956.81; RC Customs, labor-\$357.00; Robertson, shop supp-\$28.47; Sapp Bros, fuel, shop supp-\$1,811.40; Sioux City Ford, parts-\$191.42; Sioux City Yamaha Can-Am Inc, equip-utv-\$12,792.25; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$58.78; Sooland Bobcat, rental equip-\$144.45; Stan Houston Equip, asphalt-\$898.21; TNT Sales & Serv, labor, parts-\$759.90; Triview Comm, camera server issue-\$55.00; US Bank, parts, misc-\$199.25; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$901.88; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$55.40; Warren Oil, diesel-\$4,889.70; Wilmes Hardware, shop supp-\$149.03; Ziegler's, labor, parts, blades-\$9,366.78; 0302 Hard Surface: Civil Engineers, Likuwanta project water line-\$4,687.00; Steven Harris Construction, Likuwanta paving-\$54,267.89; Visitor Promo: SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$16,196.70; P&M Fund: Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$240.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; Health Grant 2502: Chole Coover, mileage, meal-\$321.57; 2504 Health Grant: Heartland Counseling, wellness for schools-\$3,300.00; NALHD, renewal, annual fee-\$16,875.00; RTI, laptop for Yesica-\$1,227.00; US Bank, office supp, misc-\$877.20; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; 2507 Juvenile Grant: Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,647.00; 2508 Health Grant: Ford Motor Credit Co, lease pymt-\$912.16; US Bank, phone-\$102.96; ARPA Fund: Civil Engineers, construction oversight-Likueanta Dr-\$10,000.00; Lyles Garage Door Serv, road dept shop door-\$5,182.75; Micah Herman, installation of ladders in jail-\$4,340.20; Thornton Flooring, replaced flooring in health dept-\$10,595.92; E911: City of So Sioux City, E911 monies-\$5,568.40; Public Safety 2960: RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$32,716.91.

Van Berkum "-" Reed to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with MEI for Construction Engineering Services and Field Oversight for Grading M Avenue Project #25038. RCVUMC.

Bousquet "-" Van Berkum to approve the Road Departments request to purchase a new dump from Kenworth for \$191,000. RCVUMC.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for April 13 to April 26, 2025.

Captain Elisabet DeRoin presented the Jail Quarterly Report for January, February, March 2025.

Commissioners went on quarterly jail tour.

Van Berkum "-" Reed, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 28, 2025, at 4:22 p.m.

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

All About Your City

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

By Cicely Douglas
Library Director

she would only return an exhausted but shrewd stare — the look of a woman who was sick and tired of my creative mind.

My point is that parenting is hard. I will never know the torture of bringing someone into this world, just so you can have an ongoing argument with them about where they came from and somehow unknowingly find a way to do everything to make your world more complicated. Moms: you are doing your best every day and eventually your kids will grow to know and appreciate what you endure for them. When days are particularly tough, you are always invited to let us at the library remind you that you are doing a great job.

The Library is a great place to come for children's activities. It's a positive place for them to socialize -and for you too. Donna, our Head of Youth Services, is our community's number one advocate for parenting. She is on your family's side all day and every day. If you feel like you're having a bad parenting day, she is happy to remind you that you are doing an excellent job. We have so many events that give you and your child the opportunity to connect, socialize, or just hang out together. We have many Storytimes, crafts, after school activities, and the annual Summer Reading Program - which is everything from reading books together to attending this year's Clown

Performance! We are always a good place to distract your offspring from their devilish suspicions about you, and perhaps soon become occupied by their other interests. Libraries are always a great place to learn about and explore your interests, even if it's conspiracy theories. We love helping you and your kids find their favorite authors, as well as discovering new ones.

Kids love going through cookbooks together and learning how to measure, following recipes, and even sometimes creating their own. But, you can also learn how to sew, knit, crochet, create 3-D prints, make and edit videos, and so much more. There's so many great opportunities to spend a little time learning together and building memories. One of our biggest missions is providing a space where kids and families discover their interests together.

Motherhood is hard. Keeping another person alive and caring for yourself, too, is extraordinary work. The fact that you can hold yourself together — even in the most minimal ways — is a triumph! There are so many good days yet also many hard days. It's those hard days that really take a toll. Please remember that you are not alone. Connecting with others, making new friends, discovering new authors, and building relationships — that's what the library is here for. We're with you, every step of the way.

SSCPD participating in "Make it Click" effort

The South Sioux City Police Department, with funding from the Nebraska Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, will participate in the upcoming "Make it Click" high visibility enforcement that runs from May 12-June 1, 2025.

"Seat belt use should be an automatic habit for drivers and passengers alike. It's not just a safe thing to do — it's the law," Lt. Steve Heide of the SSC Police Department said. "Buckling up is the simplest thing a driver can do to limit injury or save a life during a crash."

Heide added that if the enforcement effort alerts people to the dangers of unrestrained driving, it will be considered a success for the mission.

"We are asking friends and family to remind each other to buckle up when they drive, and to consider changing their habits if they don't," he added. "Help spread the message, seat belts save lives, and everyone — front seat and back, child and adult — needs to remember to buckle up."

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pair-\$3,457.30; Bob Barker, inmate supp-\$470.23; Bomgaars, spray parts-\$84.11; Burke Engineering, bobrick mirror-\$105.00; Charm-Tex, prisoner supp-\$6,091.62; Christy Abts, reimb-\$24.97; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,836.55; City of Sioux City, hazmat agreement-\$1,204.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel, LEC cost shares-\$58,592.78; Cray Huff Law, mental health hearing-\$665.00; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$34.81; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,476.23; Dakota County Jail, fuel-\$40.00; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,034.68; Dakota County Star, publil-\$347.18; Dakota County Treasurer, omadi pymt-\$3,750.00; DAS State Act, state printers-\$433.09; Des Moines Stamp, stamp-\$46.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supp-\$4,401.92; Dick McCabe, mileage, meeting-\$67.24; District Court, court fees-\$472.00; Dodge County Clerk, qrtly co bill-\$14,314.44; Dr Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Eakes, janitorial supp-\$5,881.54; Egley Fullner Montag, Morland, atty fees-\$1,530.10; Electronic Engineering, panic button monitoring, radio repair-\$393.62; ES&S, ssc school ballots-\$3,917.57; F&M Bank, deposit slips-\$42.06; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$758.52; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$554.60; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meeting-\$24.10; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$631.61; Groves Emergency Lighting Installation, vehicle equip-\$975.00; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Harold Moes, mileage, meeting-\$74.40; Hobart Sales & Serv, delimer-\$368.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$1,992.46; Im On, phones-\$775.51; Innovative Appraisal Serv, re-assmnt fld hrs-\$1,872.50; J622 Sports LLC, uniforms-\$425.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,853.05; JF Ahern, sprinkler inspect, misc-\$632.00; John Gunia, grave markers-\$1,125.00; John S Moeller, atty fees-\$475.00; Jolene Gubbels, setup meeting, min-\$150.00; Julie Boyle, mileage, supplies-\$405.66; Leaf, copier contract-\$547.84; Linda Carson, PYS-\$11.00; Linda Kastning, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Lindblom Serv, portable toilets-\$300.00; Lydia Rouillard, witness fee-\$29.80; Maggie Cook, mileage, mental health hearing-\$124.00; Marco, copier contract-\$1,097.15; Margie Rahn, PYS-\$12.00; Martin Rohde, mileage, meeting-\$78.60; McKesson Medical, medical-\$1,069.81; Menards, bldg supp-\$1,794.74; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; Micah Herman, bldg repair-\$668.04; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,701.91; MidWest Special Serv, medical-\$183.00; MIPS, state printings-\$4,072.95; MLB Health, medical-\$4,000.00; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$1,859.00; NACO, workshop-\$315.00; Nebraska Assoc. of County Engineers, workshop, dues-\$160.00; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$8.50; Nicholas Nieman, mileage, meals-\$615.18; NPPD,

utilities-\$3,533.51; One Office, copier contract, office supp-\$3,480.92; Pender Community Health, medical-\$2,760.00; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$300.00; Phoenix Plumbing, bldg repair-\$1,200.00; Planview Monument, grave markers-\$315.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, bldg repair-\$56.53; Plumbing Pros, bldg repair-\$148.02; PMRNRD, rent-\$750.00; Precision Power Serv, serv generator-\$950.00; R Rohan Electic, outlet repairs to clerks office-\$1,596.29; Randy Hisey, atty fees-\$703.00; Region IV INC, serv for developmentally disabled-\$5,320.25; Rick's Radiator, vehicle repair-\$845.00; Robert Wicher, atty fees-\$18,464.56; Robyn Newbrey, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$52.50; Ron Collins, mileage, meeting-\$52.35; Ron Gill, mileage, meeting-\$62.64; RTI, IT support-\$5,319.20; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meeting-\$34.20; Secretary of State, voter id cards, copies-\$50.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$320.00; Shane's Towing, commercial transport-\$125.00; Sioux City Yamaha Can-Am Inc, equip-utv-\$12,792.25; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$379.61; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical-\$3,052.92; Stanard Appraisal, res reval/maint-\$18,766.00; Steven J Twohig, atty fees-\$437.00; Steven Lieber, mileage, meeting-\$82.80; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$4,037.50; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$47,366.74; Tammy Peterson, mileage-\$78.40; Thornton Flooring, flooring for bathroom-\$190.13; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$24,600.00; Tim Decker, mileage, meeting-\$56.88; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$120.40; Trembly, pest control-\$155.00; Tri-State Comm, radio equip-\$7,133.25; Triview Comm, remote programming phones-\$276.50; UNL, computer equip-\$1,500.00; US Bank, supp, misc, fuel, repairs, meals, trainings-\$11,100.93; Verizon, phones-\$85.97; Victoria Mendiola, interpreter fees-\$75.00; Visual Edge IT, copier contract, copies-\$159.04; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, supp-\$99.89 Road Fund: Blackhill Energy, utilities-\$172.73; Bomgaars, shop supp, tools-\$436.05; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$3,657.49; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$5,862.08; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease pymt-\$52,413.64; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$997.20; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Grossenburg Implement, rental tractor-\$1,000.00; H204U, water-\$8.50; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$47.77; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$280.69; Lyles Garage Door Service, bldg repair-\$235.00; Medical Enterprises, drug tests-\$244.00; Arnie Mellick, PYS-\$13.00; Menards, tools, misc-\$203.29; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$112.97; Midwest SVC & Sales, shop grader bolts-\$133.00; Nebraska UC Fund, mic-\$4,986.91; NPPD, utilities-\$119.14; North American Truck & Trailer, parts-flatbed sander-\$1,306.00; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$120.22; Northeast Power, utilities-\$408.81; Northside



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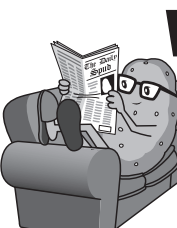
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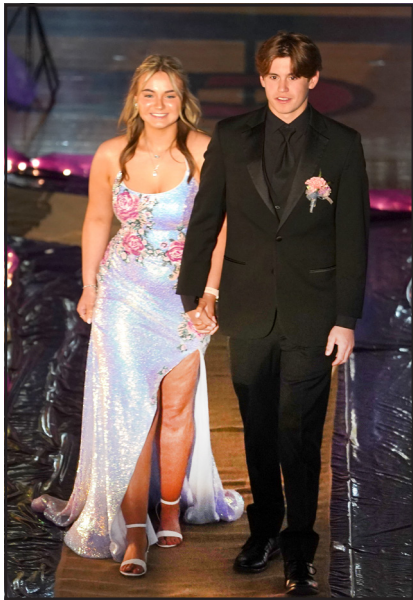
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CORN-HOLIN’ IT AT HOMER FIREHOUSE



(PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

Fourteen teams were tossing bags Saturday afternoon in the Homer Firehouse as part of a fundraiser for the community’s 150th celebration this summer. In this competition, Joe Florke (right) lets it fly as Rex Webster waits his turn. Webster and teammate Kain Miller beat Florke and his wife, Jessie, in this matchup. Winners were not available at press time.

Homer News

By Stacie Johnson

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Homer girls’ and boys’ track athletes and their coaches celebrated a big day on the blue oval in Winnebago at the Lewis & Clark Conference Track Meet on Saturday, winning the girls’ team championship and the boys’ runner-up trophy. It’s been a banner year for Homer girl athletes, garnering a trifecta in conference championships in volleyball, basketball and track.

Rummage this weekend

If you’re looking to jump-start summer yard-sale shopping, this weekend can get you rolling. Head to 204 John Street Friday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for a big three-family rummage sale.

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.

Coffee hour at Freedom Park

The South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism will hold their next coffee hour on Friday, May 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Siouxland Freedom Park at 1801 Veterans Drive. Coffee and commerce in a beautiful location sounds like a win-win for a warm Friday morning.

Ridge Ranch “Save the Dates”

Here are a few happening at Ridge Range Arena this summer: Baxter Brown Memorial Roping is set for May 31, 2025. More details coming soon. Ridge Ranch Rodeo Bible Camp is set for June 18, 2025.

Dine in, donate for cheer

The Homer High School cheer team will be holding a 4 Brothers Grill & Bar Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 20 from 6-8 p.m. Have a night out and help raise funds for the cheer team, who will receive ten percent of total food purchases. Four Brothers is located at 3322 Singing Hills Boulevard in Sioux City.

TeamMates celebrate

The 2025 TeamMates Spring Banquet, held last Friday afternoon, was a success. This is the sixth year of the mentoring program at Homer Community School. Cakes, speakers, and special shout-outs to the three seniors – Emma Urwiller, Ross Abts, and Josue Munoz – filled the hour. All three received gift bags and certificates, and Ross and Emma were awarded

Any summer news?

If you have anything you’d like to see printed here — anniversaries, special birthday, business news, you name it — please let me know. I’m always looking for spicy tidbits and hometown news to print. Contact me at stacieslj@aol.com or 712-898-0721.

School activities

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.
Monday, May 12 – JH TR at Homer, 2 p.m.; Golf at Highland Oaks Golf Course, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13 – Beginning Band Night, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14 – Golf at Highland Oaks Golf Course, 9 a.m.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Kickball Extravaganza, third edition, saw plenty of costumes and competitive spirit for students in grades 6-12 last Wednesday. Here, Tommy Reed revs up and takes a swing in the middle school bracket of competition. This has been a fun post-state testing celebration the past three years.

TeamMates scholarships.

New board members to the TeamMates organization for next school year are Kayla Dorcey, Michaela Carlin, Katie Scott, Joey Lefdal, and Kristina Nelsen. Kayla Eriksen will be taking the TeamMates Program Coordinator reins from Katie Curry, who will be leaving the district to teach in Ponca next fall.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Last week it was ladybugs and this week it was time for the butterfly release for preschoolers at Homer. Here, Grace Bundy holds her breath when a painted lady landed on her arm.

Thursday, May 15 – TR Districts at Ponca, 11 a.m.
Friday, May 16 – Elementary track meet, 9-11:30 a.m.; Pirates musical, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 19 – Golf Districts at Norfolk, TBD; Preschool Graduation.

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 Sunday, 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 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. June reads are “The Thin Man” by Dashiell Hammett and “Mrs. Kenndy and Me” by Clint Hill. 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 8 – Elementary Spring concert at 6:30 p.m. in Ponca West gym
May 16 – Elementary school track meet – 1 p.m. at the Ponca sports complex
May 19 – Preschool Graduation at 6:30 p.m. in Ponca West gym
May 20 – Kindergarten Graduation at 6:30 p.m. in Ponca West gym
May 23 – tentative last day of school
Elementary school lunch menu for



(PHOTO BY LAURA SULLIVAN)

The students at Ponca Elementary put in a lot of time and hard work creating their poppy posters. Ruth Greenough and Linda Bloomfield had the difficult job of judging the poppy posters from such talented kids.

the week May 12-16:
Monday – Pizza, corn, pudding, fruit
Tuesday – Taco in a bag, lettuce, churro, fruit
Wednesday – Eggs, muffin, hash-brown, fruit
Thursday – PB&J, carrots, yogurt, crackers
Friday – Cheeseburger on a bun, tater tots, pickle, fruit

Hours of Operation
Bank of Dixon County – Monday through Thursday, drive-through 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Lobby is open 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.
Lunch Box – Tuesday through Saturday – 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company – Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
United States Postal Services – Monday through Friday 12-4p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Pump and Pantry - Daily 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Morrow’s House Moving – 402-632-4555 - for estimates and appointments.
Bridal Sweet - by appointment
AA Meetings – Providence Hall, Mondays 7-8 p.m.
Jackson Public Library open Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.
St. Patrick’s – Sunday 9:15a.m. services
MC Salon – Men’s day every Thursday.
No appointment necessary. Call 632-2011 for appointments.
Palermo Italian Cuisine and Bar – Monday closed, Tuesday through Thursday 4-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 4-10 p.m.

Dakota City News

Dakota City Public Library

Book Club met on Monday, May 5 to discuss “Reconstructing Amelia” and received May’s selection. The group will be reading “A Reliable Wife” by Robert Goolrick during the month of May and discussing it in June. Extra copies are available for anyone to read along with the group. New members are always welcome.
Summer Reading Program planning is underway and the library is being transformed into a colorful setting in preparation for a “Color Our World” theme. The Dakota City Public Elementary School children will be visiting the library soon in anticipation of the Summer Reading Program.
The Growing Community Connections has prepared some Family Fun Night Fort Kits for families to pick up

at the Dakota City Public Library. Each kit contains a white sheet, fabric markers, and glow-in-the-dark stars to make a tent/fort along with a flashlight and storybook.
The Library Board of Directors will meet on Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Any ideas or concerns may be directed to Board members.
New materials added this month: Several titles to coordinate with the Summer Reading Program. Stop in and check out what’s new.
The Dakota City Library will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

City News

Electronic Recycling will be Thursday, May 22 from 2-5 p.m.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Richard W Brownmiller 57, Dakota City; no operator’s license, fine \$500; no valid registration, fine \$150
Kamarae M Stone, 24, South Sioux City; DUI-alcohol 1st offense, fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days; careless driving, fine \$100
Ketina Tibon, 34, South Sioux City; defendant failed to appear
Fawsia A Geire, 32, South Sioux City; commit child abuse negligently, fine \$1,000, probation 24 months; false reporting, fine \$1,000, probation 24 months, comm service 240 hours; DUI-alcohol 2nd offense, fine \$500, probation 24 months, revoked license 18 months; reckless driving 1st offense, fine \$300
Juan M Franco Candido, 37, South Sioux City; assault-threaten, fine \$500, jail 45 days, probation 9 months, restitution \$900; criminal mischief \$0-\$500, fine \$300, probation 9 months
Cetan A Heminger, 28, Pender; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$150; no operator’s license, fine \$300; possess marijuana 1 oz. or less-1st offense, fine \$300
Juan J Mendez Pena, 23, Sioux City; defendant failed to appear
Alan G Anguiano, 20, Sioux City, Iowa; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$50
Jerrica R Baker, 34, South Sioux City; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$100; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, jail 14 days
Justin D Engel, 43, Hubbard; assault-threaten, fine \$500, jail 2 days, probation 11 months
Terry N Jones II, 34, South Sioux City; DUI.15+ (1 prior conviction), fine \$1,000, jail 30 days, probation 12 months, revoked license 3 years; no operator’s license fine \$250
Shaitan R Fox, 40, South Sioux City; no operator’s license, jail 10 days, bond forfeiture of \$400; improper/defective vehicle lighting, fine \$25
Jennifer L Huls, 46, Sioux City, Iowa; waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Sindy R Volk, 30, waiver of extradition (Iowa) fugitive from justice
Robert E Aspleaf, 74, Fort Collins, Colo.; DUI-alcohol 1st offense, fine \$500, probation 6 months, revoked license 60 days
Stuart W Snake Jr, 24, Winnebago; no proof of insurance, fine \$300; no valid registration, fine \$150; possess marijuana 1 oz. or less 2nd offense, fine \$400, jail 3 days; fail to comply or appear, jail 7 days
Farahan Omar Dhaqane, 51, Minneapolis, Minn.; Speeding 6-10 mph, fine \$25; fail to appear or comply, jail 3 days
Fredrick C Reifenrath, 56, Dakota City; DUI.15+, fine 500, jail 2 days, probation 6 months, revoked license 1 year; possess marijuana 1 oz. or less 1st offense, fine \$300, speeding 16-20 mph fine \$125
Jeiber J Ramirez Ramirez, 19, leave accident fail to furnish info 1st, fine \$300, jail 3 days; nonresident violate 30-day immunity, fine \$300.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joey James Lafrentz, 34, Sioux City, Iowa and Shandy Lynn Porter 31, Sioux City, Iowa
Jose Eduardo Reyes Gonzalez, 37, South Sioux City, and Patricia Danae Cerroblanco Martinez, 40, South Sioux City
Dedrick Daquan Damonde Hunt, 31, South Sioux City, and Hannah Louise Barbee, 25, Dakota City
Tyler James Ellison, 31, Pierson, Iowa and Halee Sue Rose Henderson, 28, Pierson, Iowa

Emerson News

By *Lulene Sebade*



(COURTESY PHOTO)
FFA Officers: (from left) Mrs. Huber, Emily Stamm, Ava Luber, Rachael Bousquet, Makayla Horak, Chloe Peters, Emelia Harral, Thatcher Lamp.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Seniors: (from left) Kim Ahlers, Rylinn Mitchell, Leighton Gentrup, Myleah Mackling, Mrs. Huber.



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Freshman: (front) Bella Maisse, Emma Lamprecht, Kaydance Perez, Chloe Peters, Maddie Franzluebbbers, Ally Belt, (back) Thomas Sattler, Logan Morgan, Braxten Sebade, Cy Muller, Keegan Hightree, Knox Lamp.

E-H joins Skills USA

Emerson-Hubbard students have been involved in a new program at the school, Skills USA. Recently, eight Emerson-Hubbard students attended the state competition in Grand Island and brought home four medals. Nathan Franzluebbbers brought home a gold medal in masonry, while Thatcher Lamp brought home a silver medal in plumbing. Rachel Bousquet and Jenni Olson received second place in Ag Food and Natural Resources Division Career Pathways Showcase. Other students attending the conference and competing were Makayla Horak in Early Childhood Education, Braxten Sebade in Heavy equipment operation, and Cruz Rangel and Knox Lamp competed in Job Interview.

The Skills USA instructor is Blake Eriksen.

Graduation May 10

Emerson-Hubbard graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. at the high school gym. The Class of 2025 graduates are: Jace Malasek, Leighton Gentrup, Jackson Belt, Bernard Juarez, Kimberly Ahlers, Rylinn Mitchell, Myleah Mackling, Micaela Tornez, Leonara Rangel-DeLaTorre, Frank Lopez-Hernandez, Alejandro Usngan and Gabriel Franklin.

Community Coffee May 21

The Emerson May Community coffee will be held Wednesday, May 21 at Heritage of Emerson. Bring a friend and enjoy the morning visiting with friends starting at 10 a.m.

Memorial Day services

The Emerson Legion Post 60 Memorial Day services are set for Monday, May 26 at 10 a.m., at Rose Hill Cemetery. Following the services there will be a community lunch at Sacred Heart Gym from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Included in the menu will be chicken from Sneaky's. A donation of \$15 per person is asked.

Alumni Banquet set

The Emerson-Hubbard Alumni

Banquet will be held Saturday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emerson-Hubbard High School Gym. Please make your reservations by contacting Nancy Mackling at (712) 560-2119 or mail your check to P.O. Box 12, Emerson, Neb., 68733. The cost is \$20 per person and spouses and siblings are welcome to attend. Honorees this year will be the 50-year, 25-year and 2025 year classes. Please have your reservation in by May 30.

This is the 127th year of the banquet and alumni are encouraged to attend. The association gives two scholarships to a 2025 senior girl and boy who attends the banquet. Your reservation pays for your meal and helps pay for the scholarship.

District music results

Emerson-Hubbard music students recently attended the District Music Contest in South Sioux City. The Band received a 2 rating, while Drayden Zayas received a 1 for his trumpet solo and Keegan Hightree received a 1 with his tenor saxophone. Congratulations to all who participated.

End of school year

It's hard to believe but the end of the school year is near. The seniors are now out of school and graduation is Saturday. The Elementary dismisses at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 19. Grades 6-12 will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20.

School schedules available

Schedules for the 2025-2026 school year are available now for students in grades 6-11. Parents, please ask your student about the class choices they are considering. If you have questions about the classes or scheduling please contact guidance counselor Sandy Ahlers at the high school.

Hightree in All-State Band

Keegan Hightree, an Emerson-Hubbard freshman, participated in the Class D All-State Band in March in Kearney in the wind ensemble. Congratulations, Keegan.

Students in art show

The following Emerson-Hubbard students participated in the Lewis & Clark Art Show recently and returned home with Excellent and Superior ratings. Participants were: Aaron Satterwhite, Izzy Lennon, Maddie Miller, Marquise Goodman, Mary Rose, Matt Bousquet, Jenna Gunn, Sophie Cimino, Jamil Usngan, Cruz Rangel, Kya Hartsock, Eddy Galdamez, Shealynn Miller, and Maddie Heaton. Best Artists named were Cruz Rangel and Shealynn Miller. Congratulations to all participants.

Take care of yard waste

Please remember not to blow your yard clippings into the street because they end up in the sewer system and plug it up.

Mother's Day Sunday

Sunday, May 11 is Mother's Day. Be sure to wish your mother a great day. Mothers will be honored at Sunday's worship service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 9 a.m. service.

Bible School coming

Emerson-area Bible School will be held June 2-6 at St. Luke Lutheran Church. For more information, please call the church office.

Emerson-Hubbard schools

Friday: Track at Hartington, 12 p.m.; 5th grade field trip to Omaha.
Saturday: Graduation, 2 p.m.
Monday: JH Track at Homer, 2 p.m.; Boys Golf at Ponca, 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Boys Golf at Wayne 9 a.m.; 5th grade to Aqua Fest at Wayne.
Wednesday: Boys Golf at Poncam 9 a.m.; 4th Grade field trip to Lincoln; School board meeting, 5:30 p.m.
May 15: District Track Meet at Ponca.

St. Paul's/St. Luke's Church

Sunday: Worship, 9 a.m., Kathy Becker preaching; Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Monday: Bible study at 1 p.m.; Council meetings.
Tuesday: Sewing at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's.

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY IN THE STREETS OF SSC



(PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CARENS)

You couldn't have asked for a better day to celebrate Cinco de Mayo in South Sioux City than what locals enjoyed Saturday during the day-long downtown festivities on First Avenue next to City Hall. Food, music and plenty of fun activities for the young ones highlighted the event.

Bloom at the SSC Library

April showers bring May flowers, goes the old saying. The library has an abundance of programming to allow you to bloom where you are planted.

Lunch & Learn: Grounding and Stress Management: Join us at the library on Thursday, May 8th, at noon, when Kate Limpke of Heartland Counseling will teach us about grounding and stress management tools to use when needed. Bring your lunch. Let's learn together. The program will be held in the library's reference area.

Koi Fish: Acrylic Workshop will be on Thursday, May 8 at 6 p.m. In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will be painting with acrylics alongside reenie in Reference. Koi fish are a symbolic and traditional motif in many Asian cultures. Symbolizing prosperity, good fortune, perseverance, and strength. Join us for a night of painting and cultural learning.

Ribbon Skirt Workshop is held on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Trisha from Red Sky Nation will be in to teach how to make a ribbon skirt using sewing machines and fabric scraps. Feel free to bring any fabric you would like to use, but materials will be provided. Registration is required. There are no seats available, but a waiting list is available.

Cover to Cover Book Club will discuss chapters 1 through 19 of The Women by Kristin Hannah. This book examines the work of female nurses in the Vietnam War. Due to its popularity, we have waited a long time to read it. The library has extra copies, so if you haven't attended

before, we have a spot open just for you. Cover to Cover is a book club for readers of all genres.

The Tea in IT: If you are ready to pull out your hair over a tech issue, don't do that. Stop by on Mondays from 5-8 p.m. to have your questions addressed.

Tangled Yarns meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Bring needlework you can do in your lap.

Promise in a New Land: Homesteading in Nebraska, — Presentation by Cherrie Beam-Calloway is on Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. Discover what it was like to be a Nebraska settler between 1845 and 1870 in this first-person presentation at the South Sioux City Public Library.

Cherrie Beam-Calloway brings history to life as Mariah Monahan, an Irish immigrant and Nebraska settler from 1847-1870. Dressed in period clothing and speaking with an Irish brogue, she'll transport you through a powerful, first-person journey of prairie life — complete with laughter, hardship, and heart. This program is made possible with funds from the Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the State of Nebraska. The program is brought the library by Humanities Nebraska.

The Shamrocks perform on Thursday, May 13.

Are you ready for a romping stomping good time?

You will find it at the South Sioux City Public Library reference area, 2121 Dakota Avenue, on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. for a night of music with the Shamrocks. The Shamrocks play traditional Irish music. The Shamrocks is a four-member band who have entertained groups for many years.

Sheila Graves holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Northwest

ern University and has been a violin dealer and appraiser for over 30 years. She has been a member of the Sioux City Symphony, South Dakota Symphony and the Heidelberg Chamber Orchestra (Germany). Additionally, Sheila has participated in Fiddle Contests all over the Midwest and has published the book: "Serious Fiddling."

Dave Napier has been part of the Sioux City music scene since returning from Vietnam in 1967. He played with The VelAires from 1968-1971 and has been a member of the Dixie Daddys since 1986.

Father Pat Walsh has always been fascinated with the banjo and his Irish heritage. As the leader and founding member of The Shamrocks, he can celebrate both. Father Pat is also the band's storyteller, many of his tales flowing from his seven trips to Ireland.

Ric Krommenhoek began playing the guitar at age 40. A native of Sioux City, he is also a member of the local band Ragged Rooster. His love of Irish music was ingrained early by his mother.

This concert is made possible by contributions from LIVE Well Health Care, serving: Dakota, Dixon, Plymouth, Monona, Thurston, and Woodbury counties.

It is also made possible by Kevin O'Dell Electric: When you're looking for a trustworthy residential, commercial, or industrial electrical contractor in South Sioux City, NE and the surrounding area, contact Kevin O'Dell Electric, Inc.

This is a free program at the South Sioux City Public Library. For more information on this program call Dan at 402-494-7545.

Have a great week and continue to bloom where you're planting.

SSC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

Five outstanding South Sioux City High School students were honored recently at the Kind World Foundation Scholarship Banquet, held at the Marriott Riverfront. The Kind World Foundation Scholarship program, established in 2008 by Norman W. Waitt, Jr., supports Siouxland students in achieving their dreams of a college education. Mr. Waitt, a proud Sioux City native and successful entrepreneur, founded this scholarship as a way to give back to the community that shaped him. Today, the Kind World Foundation continues its legacy of investing in the future of Siouxland's youth. South Sioux City scholarship winners, including the amount and scholarship, include (from left) Angella Nguyen (\$25,000 Scholarship of Distinction), Nicole Marengo Centeno (\$5,000 Norm Waitt Sr. Scholarship), Barite Mohammed (\$5,000 Gleeson Family Scholarship), Miranda Castillo (\$10,000 Kind World Foundation Scholarship), and Alexandra Chavez (\$10,000 Kind World Foundation Scholarship).

Nebraska AG warns of crypto scams

Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers is issuing a consumer alert to the public following a surge in reports of romance scams and cryptocurrency-based investment fraud.

The Nebraska Attorney General's Office has received reports of multiple victims losing six-figure sums to cryptocurrency scams. Cryptocurrency scammers are encouraging Nebraskans to make small initial investments through fake trading platforms and apps. The scammers then create fake bank statements and documents to convince victims that their investment is growing. Afterward, scammers ask victims to increase their investments to chase even higher returns.

To avoid crypto scams, do not send money to someone online that you have not met in person. If someone asks you to discuss your investment on an encrypted app such as Telegram or WhatsApp, or an unfamiliar website, it is likely a scam. Crypto scammers will likely promise rewards that sound too good to be true with little risk.

If you are concerned that you have been in contact with a scammer, notify your bank and/or the cryptocurrency exchange provider to attempt to freeze or trace funds if possible. Report the scam to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at ic3.gov.

For more information, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Affairs Response Team at (402) 471-2682.