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### STAR CALENDAR

#### Chamber Coffee Friday

Friday's Chamber Coffee will be hosted by Siouxland Federal Credit Union at their South Sioux City branch, located at 3000 Plaza Drive.

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

#### Lunch and Learn Friday

Conservation Nebraska is hosting a free "Lunch and Learn" event on Friday, Aug. 15 to discuss renewable energy projects.

The free luncheon runs from 12-1:30 p.m. at the South Sioux City Library's north meeting room.

Registration to the event is encouraged. Call the library for more information at 402-494-7545.

#### Kramper Lake 10th

Danish Alps and Kramper Lake will celebrate its 10th anniversary out at the lake, located just south of Hubbard, on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

A variety of free activities will be offered, along with a trail ride and a fish shocking demonstration. Lunch will be available as well.

A Nebraska State Park permit is required for all vehicles.

#### Poker run Saturday

Camp High Hopes is holding its seventh-annual Miles for Smiles Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 16, which includes a variety of pit stops at unique small-town bars and a free barbecue lunch at the end.

For more information, go to www.camphighhopes.com.

#### Public Works meeting

The Public Works Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

An agenda is available at southsiouxcity.org.

#### County Board to meet

The next meeting of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is set for Monday, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Dakota County Courthouse.

#### P&Z meet in Hubbard

The Dakota County Planning and Zoning Committee will discuss the solar panel project at their regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.

Due to expected public participation, the meeting is being moved to the Hubbard Community Center.

### LOCAL WEATHER

Data Courtesy The Weather Channel  
FOR WEEK OF August 14, 2025

DAY	High	Low	Conditions
THURSDAY	89	71	Mostly sunny.
FRIDAY	89	70	Plenty of sunshine.
SATURDAY	89	70	A few passing clouds.
SUNDAY	88	70	Mix of clouds and sunshine.
MONDAY	87	69	A few clouds.
TUESDAY	87	67	A few passing clouds.
WEDNESDAY	86	65	Partly cloudy.

## Aviation fuel spill closes Highway 77 off-ramp

A rollover accident involving a commercial vehicle on the northbound off-ramp of Highway 77 led to the closing of the highway early Monday morning due to a spill of aviation fuel.

According to South Sioux City Fire Chief Doug Koopman, his department received a call about 7:05 a.m. Monday to provide mutual aid for a rollover accident involving a commercial vehicle on the northbound off-ramp of Highway 77 to westbound Highway 20.

A commercial agricultural aircraft support vehicle carrying about 500 gallons of aviation fuel had rolled over off the ramp. The driver of the vehicle was assisted out of the vehicle by a Dakota County Sheriff's deputy and

was found to have sustained serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center for evaluation.

In addition to the aviation fuel, multiple boxes of agricultural pesticide was dumped at the scene, and the vehicle's diesel fuel tank had ruptured, resulting in a diesel spill.

Dakota County Emergency Management and the Sioux City Fire Rescue HazMat team responded to the scene, and a safety perimeter was established that halted northbound traffic on Highway 77 while stabilization and hazard mitigation operations were underway.

Further investigation deter-

mined that several pesticide containers had ruptured and spilled their contents.

Fortunately, the aviation fuel tank, while dislodged from the vehicle, remained intact and did not leak.

Meier Towing and Dirty Sioux Hazmat Cleanup worked to safely remove the vehicle and contaminated materials, and the scene was cleared by about 11:40 a.m.

Assisting SSCFD in the incident were the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Dakota City Fire Department, South Sioux City Police Department, Dakota County Emergency Management, Sioux City Fire Rescue HazMat Team, Nebraska State Patrol and private recovery contractors.



A vehicle rollover caused a spill of aviation fuel and pesticides on Highway 77 early Monday morning. (COURTESY PHOTO)

### NEW ATOKAD TRACK DEBUTS SATURDAY



Aaron LaPointe, CEO of Ho-Chunk Capital, and Marshall Bass, business operations manager stand near the finish line of the new Atokad race track that will open up with its first races this Saturday at its new location at 4500 G Street in South Sioux City. The track is the first stage of what will eventually be a combination race track and casino that will be constructed here. Casino construction is expected to start in the spring of 2026. (PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARNES)

## New Atokad track galloping toward Saturday opening

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

It came together almost as quickly as Secretariat's 1 1/2-mile gallop to the Triple Crown 52 years ago.

In just two months, three acres of land on the south side of the I-129 expressway has been transformed into a 5/8-mile horse racing facility that will have its grand opening this Saturday with a four-race card.

The new Atokad track is being built by Ho-Chunk Capital, the first step in what will eventually include a \$50-60 million casino across the street from the track's location at 4500 G Street.

What looked like a giant mud pit after some of the heavier storms that hit the area earlier this summer has turned into what will be the area's premiere horse racing facility, and Ho-Chunk officials are excited to show it off when it opens the gates for the one-day showing.

"The track is in really great condition," Marshall Bass, Ho-Chunk Capital business operations manager, told the Dakota County Star as dirt was being conditioned on the track Tuesday afternoon in anticipation of Saturday's first race,

scheduled for 1 p.m.

"The mix of sand and dirt has been taken care of, so now we're watering things down and breaking up the dirt to get it to a nice consistency."

While no rain is in the forecast for the rest of the week, Bass said they're still prepared to deal with an unscheduled shower or two.

"If it does rain, we can seal the track and it creates a waterproof barrier so it doesn't seep into the dirt and the water rolls down into the infield," he said.

Working around the funky weather that has hit the Siouxland area the past few weeks made it a challenge to get the 5/8-mile track set up, Bass said.

"With all the rain and weather we've gotten the last couple of weeks, it's been kind of tough," he said. "But our guys have been out here maintaining the track, and they trained in Omaha and Lincoln at the Warhorse casinos down there and have really been able to work to understand how it all works and get it to where it's like a fine-tooth comb."

LLC, built casinos in Omaha and Lincoln before turning their attention to the South Sioux City facility. Getting those operations up and running has served them well and given them a blueprint for building the track and casino here.

"The participation in both facilities were very well-attended and a lot of expectations were surpassed, so with things like the racing sheets and programs, we've learned that we need to change those numbers because a lot of wagers were being placed," he said. "There were also a lot of questions on how to wager on horses, so we want to make sure everything is ready including all the food and drink vendors and make sure they have enough staff. There are a lot of things you can't predict, like a horse getting injured, and you have to be able to tweak the odds if needed."

The new Atokad track will open its gates Saturday at 12 p.m. and have a lot of other events going on to make it a family-type event, Bass said.

"That green area (north of the tents) will be a

## Council holds quick meeting

The City Council of South Sioux City were in and out in less than a half hour after a short agenda Monday evening.

Highlighting Monday's meeting as approval of a document relating to the scope of services and fees the city would pay for an Inland Port Authority plan that would be conducted by Olsson and Associates.

The agreement with Olsson will help the cities of South Sioux City and Dakota City, along with the local Community Development Authority (CDA) develop a high-level master plan for property designated in the city's Inland Port Authority region. Olsson will take a look at a variety of items relating to the property, including environmental regulatory databases for environmental impacts, assessing transportation issues and location of services such as sanitary sewer, water, electric power, telecommunications and natural gas lines. The city's share of the approximately \$60,000 study will be \$38,040.

Also approved were requests to put two city flood projects out for bid, including a city outfalls project and a proposal to repair soccer fields at Dible Soccer Complex and baseball fields at Scenic Park. Mayor Rod Koch said both proposals would receive between 80-90 percent federal funding, which will greatly reduce the city's financial responsibility for the projects.

The City Council's next meeting is Monday, Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. in Council chambers at City Hall.

## High-speed pursuit ends in Iowa

Pursuit of a man wanted on multiple felony warrants started here in Dakota County and ended in Sioux City early Friday evening.

Daniel Wenzel, 38, was driving a Buick Century and was spotted by Dakota County Sheriff's deputies, who tried to stop the vehicle. Instead, Wenzel eluded authorities and a pursuit began, carrying across Highway 20 and into Iowa, where officers from the Sioux City Police Department, Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and Iowa State Patrol joined the chase.

The pursuit continued north on U.S. Highway 75, where Wenzel reportedly shot at trailing officers. Spike strips were deployed and officers used a pit maneuver to stop the car in the 1500 block of U.S. Highway 75.

A female passenger in the Wenzel vehicle exited without incident, but Wenzel fled from officers as they tried to negotiate with him. He was eventually caught in the 1700 block

SEE GALLOPING, 2A

SEE PURSUIT, 2B

# SCHOOL STAFF GATHERS TO START NEW YEAR



(PHOTO BY LANCE SWANSON)

It was a full house in the middle school auditorium last week as South Sioux City Community Schools kicked off the 2025-26 school year with a staff gathering. School started this week with the first full day coming Wednesday.

# Attendance, behavior among school goals

By MICHAEL CARNES  
Star Publisher

Improving attendance and decreasing student behavioral issues are among the goals South Sioux City Community Schools administrators have in place for the 2025-26 school year that started this week.

At Monday's Board of Education meeting, principals at each of the district's eight schools discussed their buildings' plans for contributing to the overall District Improvement Plan that was presented by assistant superintendent Drew Wagner.

Among the goals the district has set for itself this year include increasing attendance to more than the 87 percent of the students who attended class a year ago, and to score higher in reading and math proficiency.

Principals in the eight district schools also showcased some of each building's goals for the coming year, with attendance, positive behavior and improved testing results a common theme.

High school principal David Clausen said the hope was to decrease chronic absenteeism among high school students by 6.86 percent this year, and to also cut down on discipline issues. Staff will be active in helping to prevent discipline problems and more communication between staff and parents is expected to help reach those goals.

Middle school assistant principal Chris Erickson also noted goals of increased attendance and positive behavior, and were also looking to increase student achievement in a variety of areas. More positive contacts with parents is another goal set for the middle school.

Among the elementary principals, highlights included

**Dakota City** — Principal Ben Schultz said the focus was to make sure kids were in their seats each day, and the building will rely on developing positive relationships between teachers and students. Bringing more people to the school for monthly activities is also planned.

**Cardinal** — Principal Dan Swatek said chronic absenteeism dropped from 15.44 percent two years ago to 5.76 percent last year, and the goal was to beat that number. Growing in writing among students is also on the list of building goals.

**Covington** — the district's oldest building celebrates its 101st year this year, and principal Laura Twait said they are looking to improve on chronic absenteeism and find more ways for parental involvement.

**Harney** — Principal Mike Andreason said chronic absenteeism has been cut in half and they want to continue that momentum this year. Improving reading proficiency among students in the building is another agenda item.

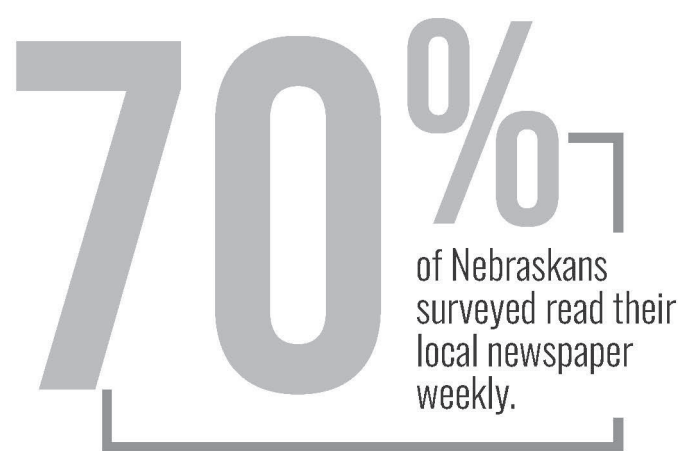
**EN Swett** — the district's pre-school building is looking to increase academic achievement in math and

English learning and ensure a high-quality preschool program to support a safe learning environment.

Multilingual director Tracy Garvey said the district is looking to grow language skills for all students so they can thrive academically and socially. With multiple nationalities

represented among the district's student body, the hope is to track language growth during the year and use that information to guide future plans.

The Board of Education's next meeting is Monday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. at the high school library.



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# County to mobilize for campaign

Thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, deputies with the Dakota County Sheriff's Office are participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over impaired driving awareness campaign, which runs from Aug. 16-Sept. 1.

In support of the law enforcement community's dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, you'll see officers from various local law enforcement agencies working together during this time to take drunk drivers off the roads. These expanded efforts to protect people against impaired driving will be conducted in a fair and equitable way.

"We want our communities' members to understand that it's our priority to keep people safe, so we are asking everyone to plan if they know they will be out drinking," Sheriff's deputy Randy Walsh said. "This is a campaign

to get the message that drunk driving is illegal, and it takes lives. Let's make this a partnership between local law enforcement and drivers. Help us protect the communities we live in and put an end to this senseless behavior."

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office recommends these safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive.
- Designate a sober driver, even if you have only had one drink.
- Use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drive? Take their keys away and arrange a safe ride home for them.
- If you see a possible drunk driver on the road, call 911 and report it.

# GALLOPING: New Atokad race track set to open Saturday

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Kids Zone and we'll have a bunch of inflatables and free face painting and free snow cones," he said. "We're going to have a Derby Hat competition to see who brings the best Derby hat, we'll have some stick-horse races in between the races for the kids, and our Winnebago Tribe dance group will be performing here as well."

A lot of planning and work has gone into getting the race track ready to go, including working with the state's Racing and Gaming Commission to make sure everything is up to legal requirements.

"We have a brand new track here and I'm not even sure the address exists on Google Maps right now," Bass said. "There has been a lot of planning to make sure all the T's are crossed and I's are dotted to make sure this is in full compliance through the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission. They were out here earlier today, and they were very happy with the progress we've made out here."

While Ho-Chunk has been keeping

its racing license active by holding one race day per year since the Winnebago Tribe bought the old Atokad Downs track in 2012, this will be the last year of a one-day event as construction on a \$3 million permanent facility will begin in anticipation of an expanded race calendar in 2026.

"Next year, all the Nebraska tracks will be required to run a minimum of five race days and 10 races a day, so the coming years are going to be very exciting for us," Bass said. "Saturday will be a good trial run, and we'll see what that looks like a year from now."

The race track is the first phase of what will eventually be a Warhorse South Sioux City gambling center that includes a casino that will be built on 50 acres of land across the street from the race track.

"The casino is in the planning development stage right now, and we're hoping to start construction early next year," Ho-Chunk Capital CEO Aaron LaPointe said. "We want to develop the whole lot to be more than a casino — we want to have some entertainment in that area and we also have plans for a hotel and some other

things that will make people want to come and hang out."

LaPointe said that Ho-Chunk has been working with South Sioux City officials in trying to develop a plan for the area that works for both sides.

After voters approved the addition of casinos at racetracks in 2020, Ho-Chunk went to work to build its first two Warhorse facilities in Omaha and Lincoln. The Omaha facility was completed earlier this year, and work on the third phase of the Lincoln facility is expected to begin later this year.

"We had to build this casino entity from scratch, because Ho-Chunk didn't have a casino, so from a development standpoint we're getting a lot better at it," LaPointe said. "Omaha was finished a couple of months ago and is in full operation, and we've occupied the Lincoln market for a while and will be doubling the size of that facility with our third phase there. This has helped us build up a track record of how they operate, and now we can gauge how to do that here in South Sioux City at a scale that makes sense for the population."

# PURSUIT: Felon caught after chase

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of Lewis Boulevard, but escaped a second time as he was being transported by a squad car to a local hospital. He was apprehended a second time and taken into custody.

Two officers were injured in the incident, including one who suffered minor injuries while trying to apprehend Wenzel and a second who sustained minor injuries in a traffic crash during the pursuit.

A search of Wenzel's vehicle resulted in the discovery of a loaded handgun with a live round in the chamber and rounds in the magazine, methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana. A scale and bags, typically used for distributing drugs, was

also found.

A dozen charges are pending for Wenzel, who was already wanted on multiple felony warrants for parole violation and third-offense domestic assault. He was charged with two counts of attempted murder of a peace officer, a controlled substance violation, eluding law enforcement, interference with official acts (firearm), second-degree criminal mischief, assault with intent of injury, being a felon in control of a firearm, being a domestic abuse offender in control of a firearm, and three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

# Northeast Nebraska Senior Center Menu

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Thursday, Aug. 14 — Hamburger, steak fries, cole slaw, peaches, sliced onion

Friday, Aug. 15 — Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, red/green peppers, onions, pears, sliced tomato

Monday, Aug. 18 — Grilled ham and cheese, tomato soup, broccoli, peaches

Tuesday, Aug. 19 — Tuna and noodles, peas, diced beets, pears

Wednesday, Aug. 29 — Cheeseburger, steak fries, five-bean salad, apple

# THANK YOU!

The Northeast Nebraska Senior Center board would like to thank Rick Bousquet, Billy Rogers, Denny Bligh and Dale Hans for moving our sign. After repairs are completed, our Senior Center will be better noticed.



The Board of Directors of the Northeast Nebraska Senior Center.

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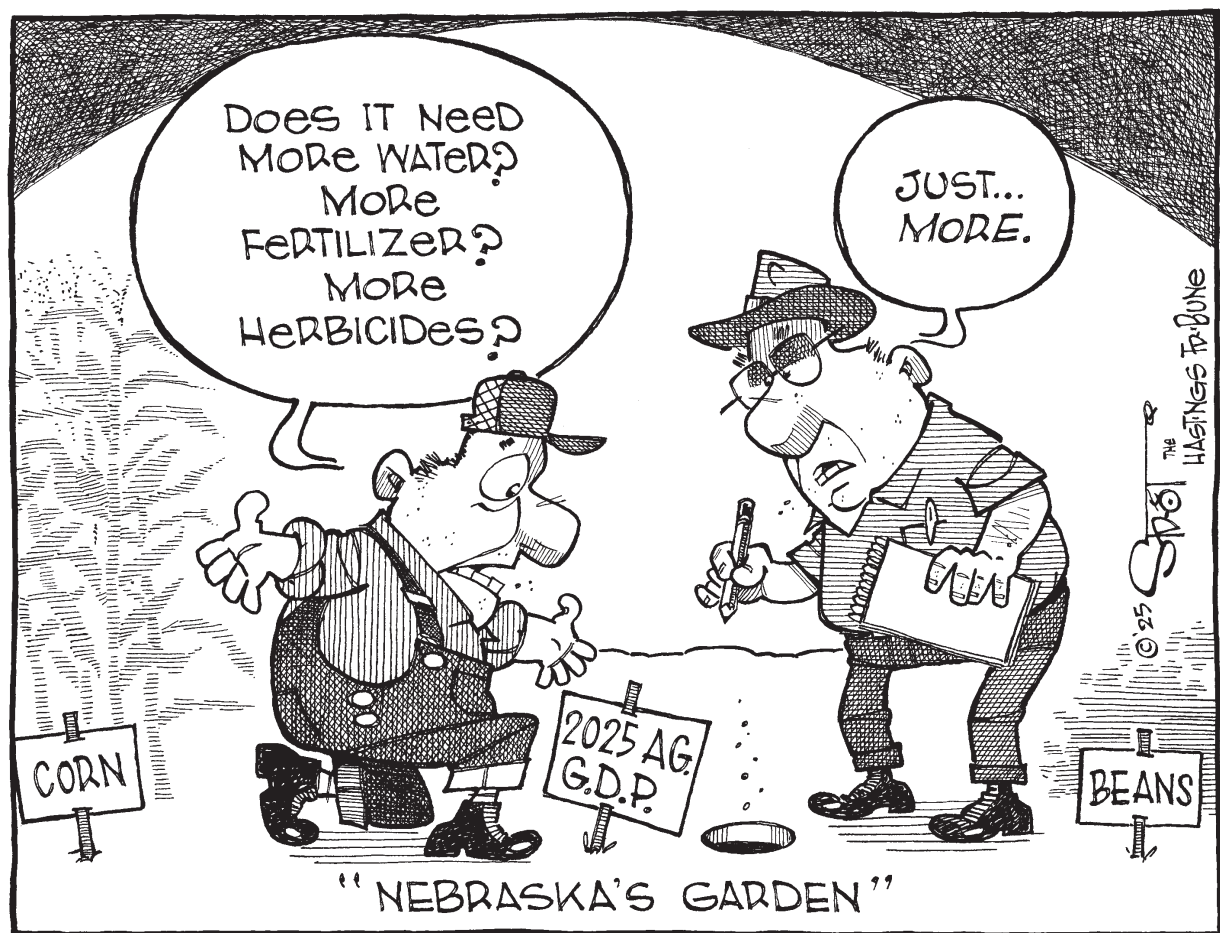
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## A bill so bad, it sends shock waves

Every once in a while, a bill advances in another state legislature which is so bad that, much like a giant tsunami, it sends shock waves across the rest of the country.

That is exactly what is happening today in the California legislature. The California State Assembly has advanced AB 495, a bill known as the Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025, which is so poorly written that it threatens the very fabric of the nuclear family and of society.

The nuclear family is the very foundation of American society as well as our civil form of government. For example, in 1913 the Texas Supreme Court wrote in the decision regarding Grigsby v. Reib saying, "The contract of marriage is the most important of all human transactions. It is the very basis of the whole fabric of civilized society," and "The truth is that civil government has grown out of marriage; marriage... [has] created homes, and population, and society from which government became necessary..."

Unfortunately, this understanding of the foundation of American society and civil government is no longer universally shared by all Americans, especially politicians. Consequently, the inherent danger embedded in California's AB 495 is that it threatens the strength and cohesion of the nuclear family. Without strong nuclear families, American society and our American republic cannot survive for long.

So, what does California's AB 495 do which is so detrimental to the family unit? The bill allows caregivers and mentors, who are unrelated to the child, to assume full guardianship of the child. Caregivers and mentors of the child who are 18 years of age or older may file an affidavit with the court, giving them full guardianship rights over the child. With the affidavit they may enroll the child in a

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State Sen. Glen Meyer  
District 17

school or a daycare center, give consent to a hospital or medical clinic for medical care, including sex change procedures, or send the child away to summer camp.

AB 495 was introduced by California Assemblywoman, Celeste Rodriguez, earlier this year out of an unfounded and unrealized fear of the Trump Administration's new immigration policy. Her worry is that California's courts will soon become overrun with cases involving minors with absentee parents. Consequently, the bill is intended as a way to care for these minor children whose parents have been detained by ICE or who have already been deported and cannot appear in court.

The fallacy of the bill, however, is that California, like all other states, already has ways of caring for the children of illegal or undocumented immigrant parents. The preference of the courts has always been, and should continue to be, to put the minor under the care of the child's closest adult relative; however, in cases where no such relative can be found, the minor child is placed in foster care or in a group home. However, AB 495 undermines the foster care system by making allowance for individuals who would never qualify to become a foster parent to gain full guardianship rights over a minor child, and that's where the problem lies with this bill. The category of 'caregiver' is so loosely defined in the bill that virtually anyone may qualify. There simply is no mechanism within the bill to determine whether the caregiver is fit to care for the child.

AB 495 has already begun to rock the State of California. The California Family Council recently posted an article about AB 495 on their organization's webpage along with the following heading: "Presto: Someone Walks Away with Your Child." Erin Friday, an attorney for Our Duty-USA, a parent led advocacy group, called AB 495 "a child trafficker's and kidnapper's dream bill." Jack Hibbs is the senior pastor of Calvary Chapel Church in Chino Hills, CA. Pastor Hibbs recently told his congregation that if AB 495 passes into law, they all need to leave the State of California, and he was not kidding. When was the last time you heard the pastor of a mega-church tell the people of the congregation to leave the church and the state?

All eyes are now turning to the State of California this month. Although the bill has advanced out of the California State Assembly, it has yet to advance through the California Senate, which has scheduled a public hearing on the bill for August 18 with the Appropriations Committee. California, like Nebraska and all other states, cannot afford to dilute the vetting process for guardianship of a minor. However, if AB 495 becomes law in California, we should expect legislators in other states to introduce similar legislation, including in Nebraska.

## Neighboring papers feel vulture bites

What do the Nebraska communities of Tekamah, Gering and Waverly have in common with the Wyoming towns of Lusk, Torrington and Guernsey AND the South Dakota municipalities of Huron, Redfield and Brookings?

The answer, sadly, is that each of these communities have seen their longtime homes for local news and information — their local newspapers — shuttered in the last few months.

Earlier this year, corporate vultures from Iowa-based Lee Enterprises closed the doors on weekly newspapers in Gering and Waverly, cutting the number of Nebraska newspapers they now own to 17. Just last month, they added the Burt County Plaindealer down the road in Tekamah to their ever-growing list of longtime local publications' burial list.

Not to be outdone, it was announced last month that another group of corporate vultures, Illinois-based News Media Corporation had closed the doors on almost a dozen small-town newspapers in Wyoming, then followed with last week's announcement that they were closing ALL of their remaining newspapers, including the Scottsbluff (Neb.) Business Farmer and their four South Dakota-based publications. They also closed five newspapers in Arizona and sold their seven Illinois papers to another entity.

Newspapers have been around for as long as the invention of print. Germany was the first to publish newspapers way back in the late 1500s, and the first continuously published newspaper in North America started in 1704. Here in Nebraska, the first newspaper printed in the state was in Bellevue back in 1854, more than 20 years before the state itself was officially established.

Newspapers have survived just about everything one could think of, from attempts at censorship to fires and floods and other natural disasters. Some communities had multiple newspapers published (I happened to work for both newspapers in Gretna many moons ago... oddly enough, the town has exploded in population and yet has zero hometown publications).

Ownership of local newspapers has changed hands over the decades and centuries. Most of those transactions involved individuals who possessed a desire to communicate, inform and educate with people in the communities they covered. Whether it was the local city council or the hometown baseball team's next home game, the commitment to providing local news and information was that newspaper's reason for existing.

More and more, though, newspapers are being bought by hedge funds and media conglomerates who place profit over product. And while it's important that a newspaper make money through advertising, public notices and subscriptions, many of these multi-billion dollar conglomerates

## Don't Get Me Started

By Michael J. Carnes  
Star Publisher



ates could care less about what graces the inside of their publications, so long as there are plenty of positive numbers in their financial portfolios.

Newspapers have survived through technological advances that have made it easier for people to stay informed. Radio, in the early 20th century, and the advancement of television a few decades later brought more immediacy to informing the public of what was going on, whether it was across the town or on the other side of the world.

Still, it is the printed word that offered the kind of details and need-to-know information that neither electronic medium was capable of providing. Much of the information in the Public Notices section of a newspaper is a perfect example of the printed word offering detailed information about how your tax dollars are spent that neither radio nor TV has room for.

Today, the challenge is different — the internet has made it possible for just about everything you need to know to be available in a click on a website. Photo, video, live streaming of events, downloads of data — it's all available if you know which website to type into your browser.

And yet, the newspaper continues to be the most trusted source of information to a community. We continue to not only publish those need-to-know documents that city, county and state government must provide to the public, but we also attend not only the school, city and county board meetings, but other events like ribbon cuttings for new businesses, high school sporting events, Memorial Day and Veterans' Day events, county fairs and other events that would otherwise go unnoticed.

So how is the Dakota County Star different from those newspapers who, as of last week, are no longer part of the printed world?

First and foremost, we are a locally-owned publication, owned and operated by a single-entity Limited Liability Corporation that is committed to covering and supporting this community and county. We put Dakota County first when it comes time to put together each edition of the newspaper. The amount of "fluff" or "filler" that doesn't have some kind of connection to South Sioux City or Dakota County is kept to a minimum — unlike some of the regional "daily" papers that not only fill pages with stories that have no connection to the area, but actually repeat certain stories on the days when their "electronic edition" runs in place of what

used to be a daily print version.

The Dakota County Star is taking a more active role in the community as yours truly makes the move from my current home in Wayne to the Dakota County area. We have helped out with some of the preparations for Homer's 150th celebration, were your go-to source for information on the recent school bond issue, and will be looking to help out wherever we can in the months and years to come as we get involved in other areas of South Sioux City and Dakota County.

Will all of this keep the doors of the Dakota County Star open long into the future? To be honest, a lot of that will depend on the people and businesses of Dakota County.

In years past, this newspaper was actually one of the biggest, in terms of circulation, among weekly newspapers in Nebraska. Each edition was full of local advertising, from banks to bakeries and everything in between.

Over the past couple of decades, previous ownership (from outside of the area, we will add) didn't place the same kind of commitment to local coverage and local involvement as I plan on doing. As a result, local advertising is nowhere near what it could (and should) be, and the number of subscribers is well below where it once was. While some of the subscription issue can be attributed to the growing cultural diversity that our community offers, there are ways that those challenges can be overcome.

My goal, when I first assumed ownership almost 15 months ago, was to rejuvenate this newspaper and rekindle the community's interest and involvement in what graces our pages each week. Addressing these challenges has not happened overnight — and if this newspaper were owned by vulture ownership such as Lee Enterprises, Alden Capital or the now-defunct News Media Corporation — it's a good bet that our doors would have closed by now.

Dakota County needs — and deserves — a quality hometown-based newspaper that educates, informs and entertains this area's residents on the news they need to know.

As long as I'm around, South Sioux City will not have to worry about suffering a fate similar to those experienced in Waverly, Gering, Tekamah, Huron or Brookings. You won't see any corporate vultures taking a bite out of Dakota County's news scene — that is, if I have anything to say about it.

## Powering the Good Life

### Washington Report

US. Sen. Pete Ricketts  
(R) Nebraska

Nebraska powers the nation. We are pioneers of homegrown energy and innovation. The One Big Beautiful Bill unleashes Nebraska's power to fuel the world. It invests in what works and removes what holds us back. It gives energy producers the backing to power the Good Life.

The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) is a win for biofuels. Biofuels are a win for consumers, the environment, and farmers and ranchers. They save Nebraskans money every time they fill up. Last year, Nebraskans saved \$325 million using ethanol blends. Last time I fueled up with E10 at Hy-Vee, I saved 55 cents per gallon. Ethanol blends reduce pollutants like carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and particulates. Biofuels support farmers and ranchers by raising demand for corn and soybeans. Nebraska is second in the nation for ethanol production, with our 25 ethanol plants and 1,300 local Nebraska jobs. This biofuel economy adds \$6 billion to the state each year.

OBBB returns 45Z clean fuel production credit profits to American agriculture producers. This supports biomass-based diesel and ethanol stakeholders across Nebraska. Only North American-grown commodities are eligible feedstock. Foreign producers should be prevented from receiving incentives meant for Americans. This protects Nebraska farmers and raises demand for their crops. The 45Z credit adds long-term business certainty. This means more investment and better prices for farmers.

OBBB repeals \$191 billion of Electric Vehicle (EV) tax credits that skewed the tax code. That includes credits for new, used, and commercial electric vehicles. EVs don't work well in rural Nebraska. Towns like Bloomfield, Alliance, or Valentine, are 45 minutes from the nearest charging station. When temperatures fall below 20 degrees, EVs lose 40 percent of their charge. EV mandates

ignored rural realities. This repeal restores common sense and protects hardworking Nebraskans. It puts taxpayers back in charge of their own energy decisions.

OBBB also helps producers invest in energy infrastructure. It permanently expands full expensing for energy-related business property. That includes machinery, shop tools, and work trucks. These are assets that keep fuel pumps pumping and the lights on at home. We also increased the limit for small business equipment expensing. That's how we're supporting small businesses.

Producers in Communist China should be prevented from receiving American tax subsidies. With OBBB, we're fixing these loopholes. We're bolstering American energy, powered by American producers. America's energy strength is a powerful tool on the world stage. Our energy leadership is key to countering Communist China. Our partners and allies in the Indo-Pacific region are reliant on seaborne energy imports. Many of them import Nebraska ethanol. Recently, I hosted a bipartisan Senate exercise studying Taiwan's energy vulnerabilities with members of the Foreign Relations Committee. My Senate colleagues and I worked through solutions to counter China's ability to exploit energy vulnerabilities. The answer was clear: we need to unleash American energy. That means more energy exports, a West Coast LNG terminal, and common-sense regulations.

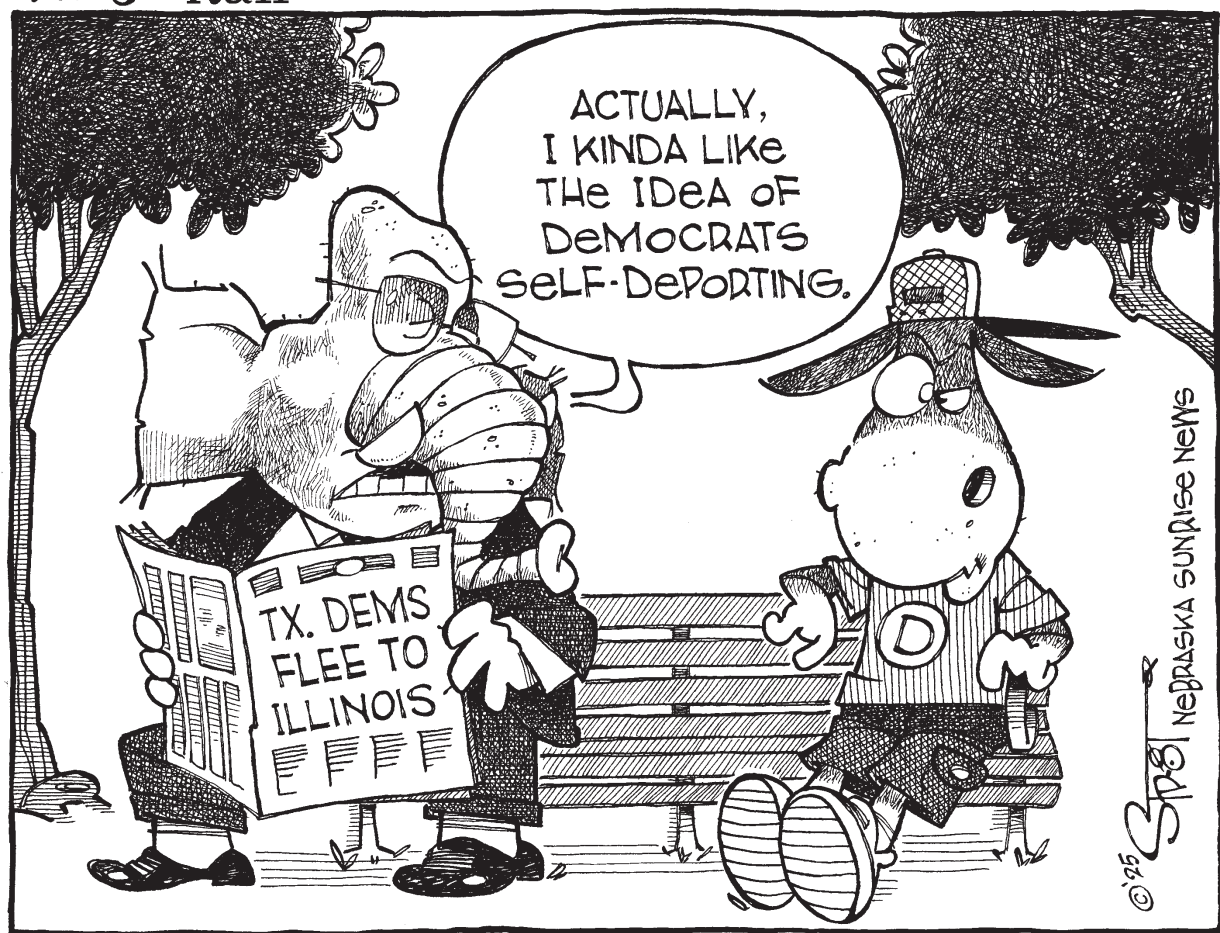
through \$285 million for the Supplemental Agricultural Trade Promotion Program. It doubles funding for trade promotion programs. This will help us promote exports like ethanol. It calls for 36 offshore oil and gas leases while streamlining the permitting process for extraction. OBBB provides long-term energy investments. It lets America step up as the global energy supplier of choice.

The energy economy powers modern American life. Cheaper energy lowers costs for farmers, truckers, and all working families. It helps farmers and ranchers get their products to market more affordably. Lower energy costs give families more room to cover daily expenses, like groceries or education. Efficient energy frees up capital for innovation and small business growth. As AI and new technologies emerge, energy demand will rise fast. Finding ways to produce reliable energy in cheaper ways is a win for every aspect of American life. This bill gets it right.

Nebraska leads in energy with biofuel innovation. The One Big Beautiful Bill supports what actually works: real energy for real people. It repeals what doesn't work, like government mandates and unfair handouts. With OBBB, rural communities will gain jobs, stability, and lasting opportunity. That's how we power the Good Life.

As always, my team and I are here to serve you. Contact us by phone at 202-224-4224 or visit [www.ricketts.senate.gov](http://www.ricketts.senate.gov).

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# PICTURE-PERFECT EVENING FOR ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY

(PHOTOS BY LANCE SWANSON)



You couldn't have asked for a better night for a National Night Out event than the one that greeted hundreds of local kids and families last Tuesday at Cardinal Park. Kids enjoyed bicycle opportunities thanks to the Morning Optimists, enjoyed spraying targets with water hoses with the help of SSC firefighters, played all kinds of games and were joined by their families, who received plenty of information with the help of local non-profits that were also in attendance.

## SSCPD makes 322 contacts during campaign

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Driving left of center	5	0
No front license plate	7	0
Driving without headlights	13	1
No insurance	4	2
No operator license on person	14	3
No operator license	0	24
No valid registration	4	20
Speeding	62	41
Stop sign violation	14	1
Traffic signal violation	11	6
Vehicle defects	27	0
Window tint violation	8	3
Failure to yield	7	1
Possession of marijuana (< 1 oz.)	0	2
Minor in possession (alcohol)	0	5
Open title	0	1
No trailer lights	1	0
No proof of ownership	1	0
Possession of a stolen motor vehicle	0	1
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle	0	1
Improper passing	2	0
Improper turn	1	0
<b>Total (322 contacts)</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>121</b>

— Numbers courtesy SSC Police Department

South Sioux City Police Department made a total of 322 contacts with motorists during its involvement in a Nebraska Department of Highway Safety program.

The Speeding Prevention Campaign, which ran from July 14-31, saw 121 citations issued along with 201 warnings, according to SSCP Lt. Steve Heide.

Of the 121 citations, 41 were issued for speeding while 24 citations for no operator's license and 20 more were issued for no valid registration.

A total of 62 warnings were issued for speeding, 27 for vehicle defects and 16 for improper display of license plates.

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## And they're off: Horses at Atokad, high school sports

*"And now they come down to the wire... and it's very close, it'll either be a photo finish or an oil painting"*  
— from "William Tell Overture" by Spike Jones.

Two months ago, I drove past the space that will become the new Atokad Park horse race track and saw what could best be described as a sloppy, wet mud bath.

Tuesday, I dropped by to talk with Ho-Chunk officials as planning for Saturday's live racing were being discussed. That big mud pit had turned into a fantastic-looking 5/8-mile track that will see four horse races this Saturday afternoon for the debut of the new facility.

The new race track — which replaces the old facility that is now known as the county fairgrounds — opens up to the public this Saturday at 12 p.m., with the first race set for 1 p.m. The race track is the first footprint of a new casino-racetrack complex built on more than 50 acres on both sides of G Street just over the Highway 20 overpass.

Ho-Chunk owns three of the six casinos that have been built in Nebraska during the past few years. They started with facilities in Omaha and Lincoln and have used those experiences to put their best foot forward on what will eventually be a new race track and casino here in Dakota County.


It will take some time for the facility to fully mature — Saturday's temporary setup will eventually be replaced by new construction, and starting next year it is expected the track will have horses running a minimum of five days in 2026, with as many as 10 races each day.

I've visited Ho-Chunk's facilities in Lincoln and Omaha, and if those are any indication of what we'll have here in South Sioux City in the coming months, it will be very impressive and give this area a real economic shot in the arm.

Also starting this week is area high school sports. The first days of prac-

**FROM THE BLEACHERS**

By **Michael Carnes**



tice started this week, and it won't be long before the 2025 fall sports season is out of the gate and running down the track.

Not having gotten all the team previews in yet at this writing, I don't have a detailed assessment of what to expect this coming fall. That being said, here are some early predictions:

— Homer cross country: Both teams bring back seasoned athletes and the girls, led by senior Lilly Harris, are a team the rest of Class D had better keep an eye on.

— South Sioux football: A new coaching staff and a lot of big holes to fill. Last year's seniors, led by record-shattering running back Tony Palmer, have moved on, so filling those holes will be important.

— Ponca softball: The program there continues to improve and with a co-op setup with Homer, they have a good nucleus of athletes to build around. Might be a sleeper for the Mid State Conference title over traditional behemoths Wayne and Guardian Angels Central Catholic.

— Tri County NE volleyball: this team has a good chunk of talent back from last year and a new coach will be looking to make this a competitive program in the always-tough Lewis & Clark Conference.

— Homer volleyball: Just missed a trip to state last year. Lost several key players but still have a great bunch to work with.

The Fall Sports Preview runs in our Aug. 28th edition, with photos and schedules of all four schools' fall sports teams.

## DONATION TO SSC SPECIAL OLYMPICS



CENTURY 21 ProLink is proud to announce that a portion of their annual Jeans Day collection has been donated to the South Sioux City Special Olympics and the Unified Union Omaha team. This initiative reflects the company's commitment to supporting the local community and encouraging teamwork among their agents. Pictured presenting the check is Alejandra Vasquez, REALTOR to the Unified Union Omaha team.

## 'State of Volleyball' program returns on NPM

Get to know the new faces leading two of Nebraska's best volleyball programs through "State of Volleyball: 2025 Fall Preview" as it kicks off the season Thursday, Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. on Nebraska Public Media.

Join Host Larry Punteney for an exclusive interview with Nebraska Volleyball head coach Dani Busboom Kelly and Creighton Volleyball

head coach Brian Rosen for an in-depth look at the upcoming season in an era of major leadership changes.

After both the former Huskers' coach John Cook and former Bluejays' coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth announced their retirement at the conclusion of the 2024 season, the two new coaches will work to carry on these programs' legacy of

excellence.

Volleyball beat writer Lincoln Arneal will provide updates on the state of other volleyball programs in Nebraska.

Tune in to catch player breakdowns, schedule analysis and all the latest in volleyball news from the Cornhusker state.

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Tech Help Monday: We could all use some tech now and again. Reenie, in reference, will share her tech knowledge as she can on Mondays from 5:30-8 p.m. Services offered will consist of the following: mobile device help, computer information, streaming device assistance, keyboarding practice, and more. Walk-in assistance is available.

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

Resume Review is on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. Come learn how to write a resume or gain advice on how to improve your resume. Registration is required. Space is limited.

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These are all available with a valid Nebraska driver's license, state Identification Card, or by calling the library for the latest password at 402-494-7545.

You can read about advances in technology.

"Writing AI Prompts," by Stephanie Diamond (006.3 DIA). "Learn the art of writing effective AI prompts and break into an exciting new career field. Unlock the full power of generative AI with Writing AI Prompts For Dummies, a comprehensive guide that will teach you how to confidently write effective AI prompts. Whether it's text, images, or even videos and music you're aiming to create, this book provides the foundational knowledge and practical strategies needed to produce impressive results" — Amazon.com.

"Supremacy: AI, ChatGPT, and the race that will change the world," by Parmy Olson (006.3 OLS). In November of 2022, a webpage was posted online with a simple text box. It was an AI chatbot called ChatGPT, and it was unlike any app people had used before. It was more human than a customer service agent, more convenient than a Google search. Behind the scenes, battles for control and prestige between the world's two leading AI firms, OpenAI and DeepMind, which now steers Google's AI efforts, have remained elusive — until now. In Supremacy, Olson, a tech writer at Bloomberg, tells the astonishing story of the battle between these two AI firms, their struggles to use their tech for good, and the hazardous direction they could go as they serve two tech monopolies whose power is unprecedented in history. The story focuses on the continuing rivalry of two key CEOs at

the center of it all, who cultivated a religion around their mission to build god-like super-intelligent machines: Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, and Demis Hassabis, the CEO of DeepMind. Supremacy sharply alerts readers to the real threat of artificial intelligence that its top creators are ignoring: the profit-driven spread of flawed and biased technology into industries, education, media, and more." — provided by the publisher.

"Marketing with AI," by Shiv Singh (658.80 SIN). "Stay ahead in the marketing game by harnessing the power of artificial intelligence. Marketing with AI For Dummies is your introduction to the revolution that's occurring in the marketing industry, thanks to artificial intelligence tools that can create text, images, audio, video, websites, and beyond. This book captures the insight of leading marketing executive Shiv Singh on how AI will change marketing, helping new and experienced marketers tackle AI marketing plans, content, creative assets, and localized campaigns. You'll also learn to manage SEO and customer personalization with powerful new technologies. Peek at the inner workings of AI marketing tools to see how you can best leverage their capabilities; Identify customers, create content, customize outreach, and personalize customer experience with AI; Consider how your team, department, or organization can be retooled to thrive in an AI-enabled world; Learn from valuable case studies that show how large organizations are using AI in their campaigns. This easy-to-understand Dummies guide is perfect for marketers at all levels, as well as those who only wear a marketing hat occasionally. Whatever your professional background, Marketing with AI For Dummies will usher you into the future of marketing" — publisher's description.

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Dan Nieman

## NICC HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING



(COURTESY SSC AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)

Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC) held a ribbon cutting Friday at its Dakota Avenue location in South Sioux City.

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## DAKOTA COUNTY COURT NEWS

Rebecca K King, 50, procure/sell alcohol to minor, fine \$750  
Leland Purgett, 38, possess or use drug paraphernalia, fine \$100  
Jeyson Ramirez Ramirez, 21, South Sioux City; no operator's license, fine \$150; no valid registration, fine \$150; possess or use drug paraphernalia, fine \$100  
Samuel La Rose, 22, Winnebago; Domestic Violence assault-3rd/threat bodily injury, fine \$300, probation 11 months, restitution \$4,256; criminal mischief \$0-500, fine \$300  
Delvy Zavala Lugo, 24, no operator's license, fine \$500; drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$300

Lucas K Daniels, 40, South Sioux City; criminal trespass 2nd degree, jail 21 days  
Alexander Lasley, 23, South Sioux City; drive during revocation, fine \$300, jail 3 days, revoked license 1 year  
Kourtinee Mohr, 32, South Sioux City; theft-shoplifting \$0-500, jail 14 days  
Ketina Tibon, 35, South Sioux City; contribute to delinquency of child, jail 2 days, probation 11 months; fail to appear or comply with citation, jail 7 days  
Victor D Cuevas, 20, South Sioux City; operator's license, fine \$150; minor in possession 19/20, fine \$30; carry concealed no disclosure 1st, fine \$500; excess windshield and window tinting, fine \$25

# Home food preservation tips

As summer sun warms the soil and days stretch long, gardeners across the region are digging in, turning backyards and balconies into vibrant hubs of color, flavor, and growth — and with baskets overflowing, many are turning to home food preservation to savor the season well into winter. There are many different ways to preserve your fresh garden produce.

Whether we are canning, freezing, drying, or pickling it's important to prioritize food safety. Food safety starts in the garden and doesn't end until we consume our products (and don't get sick)! Here are a few tips to focus on to ensure you keep your food safe:

— Proper washing: This starts with washing our hands in warm water with soap and scrubbing for 20 seconds. For produce, use a vegetable brush and rinse under running water. After rinsing dry with a clean towel or paper towel. We want to wash all fresh produce no matter where we got it. Even if you are peeling it. Fragile produce, such as berries should only be washed just before consuming. They will deteriorate

### Extension Update

**JULIE BOYLE**  
Food, Nutrition, & Health  
Extension Educator  
Dakota County

and be more susceptible to microorganisms growing if they have added moisture on them.

— Always use tested recipes: Always rely on scientifically tested recipes from reputable sources like the National Center for Home Food Preservation (<https://nchfp.uga.edu>), USDA, or University Extension Offices. Recipes found on other websites may not be tested or safe.

— Be sure to understand processing methods: Boiling water canning, pressure canning, pickling, freezing, and drying all have different requirements. For example, when canning at higher altitudes a longer processing

time or higher pressure. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the process you are using.

— Jar sterilization: Jars should always be sterilized before processing. — Test pressure canners: Pressure canners should be tested regularly to ensure accuracy and safety. Come into the Dakota County Office to have yours tested!

With these tips, and staying up to date on food preservation science you can enjoy your home preserved foods all year long! To learn more about home food preservation visit [food.unl.edu/food-preservation/](http://food.unl.edu/food-preservation/) or contact your local extension office.

## New WSC students offered new stipend

To help new students and their parents with financial clarity when choosing a college, Wayne State College is implementing "point-of-admission" scholarships, which will award a qualification-based scholarship to new first-year students when they are accepted to Wayne State.

The new process began Aug. 1. The new process is designed to expedite awarding scholarships and help reduce financial uncertainty, while making higher education more attainable for students and families. Other more competitive scholarships remain available for new and returning students.

"We recognize students and families are attempting to make a big decision with a significant amount of information coming at them in many different channels," said Kevin Halle, vice president for enrollment management at Wayne State. "Awarding scholarships at the point of admission simply means students and their families will have the information they need sooner, and we hope,

paired with a real sense of opportunity as well."

With the new process, families will receive a clearer picture of the cost of college early enough to support their planning and decision-making.

"Many students, especially first-generation and income-eligible families, may or may not be aware of available options," said Halle. "This change helps ensure no one misses opportunities due to late or unclear deadlines."

Last spring, 46 percent of Wayne State students graduated with no student-loan debt.

All point-of-admission scholarship offers are renewable, and all incoming first-year students who apply for admission will receive a scholarship offer.

For more information regarding Wayne State's new "point-of-admission" scholarships, contact Wayne State College's Office of Admissions at 402-375-7234 or [admissions@wsc.edu](mailto:admissions@wsc.edu), or visit [wsc.edu/scholarships](http://wsc.edu/scholarships).

## Nebraska providers seeking to measure scope of loneliness epidemic

By MARK MORAN  
Nebraska News Connection

Nebraska mental health care providers are working with groups in rural areas to address a growing loneliness problem in the state, especially among people who are less likely to report it.

The problem is especially prominent among the state's aging population, experts said. Nebraskans age 65 and older are especially susceptible to loneliness, especially if they lose a spouse or do not have friends or family nearby.

ShaNawn Strong, a mental health technician at Sidney Regional Medical Center, said the number of lonely seniors is growing. She explained Nebraska's rural geography and lack of mental health resources adds to the problem.

"It's kind of a stigma," Strong explained. "A lot of

people in that age group do not want to admit to how lonely they are, or they think that they're in it by themselves and no one else is dealing with the same problems that they are."

While experts believe loneliness is most prominent among people 65 and older, some data does not reflect it. A report from the University of Nebraska showed younger people are more likely to report it, especially if they are unemployed.

Strong pointed out caregivers are often resorting to low-tech approaches to addressing the problem among seniors 65 and older.

"Just having someone be there for them in just the simplest manner," Strong suggested. "Like coloring or painting a picture, or even just listening to them."

In the University of Nebraska report, 40 percent of unemployed Nebraskans surveyed said they feel lonely some or all of the time.



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# Emerson News

By Lulene Sebade

## Over 300 attend

Tuesday, Aug. 5 was a perfect night for Emerson's Night Out event. Free hot dogs, chips and water were available, as well as kids being able to register for prizes. Free swimming for the kids was available at the beginning of the evening. Police departments from neighboring towns, Dakota, Dixon and Thurston counties sheriff's departments represented as were Haven House, Dixon and Dakota emergency managements, First Nebraska Bank and Charter West Bank. Others represented were the Emerson and Hubbard fire departments, Scott Webb of the Dixon County Sheriff's Department with his drone and the Dakota County Victims assistance.

Those helping to make the evening successful were Police Chief Chuck Chinn, The Emerson Village office., Beth Bonderson and Laura Klein.

Others helping were Brian Horak, Gina Lawrence and Jennifer Chinn of Post 60 Grocery helping serve the food, Jamie Anderson serving ice cream, Karla Daum, Dustin Nielsen John Ahlers, Lisa Harrel, Ty Nielsen and the pool staff — Jada Stallbaum,

Ali Hermosillo, Emelia Herral, Halie Brentlinger and Ashlynn Jacobsen. Thanks also to all of the donors who made the evening possible.

## Schools are open

Emerson-Hubbard schools opened today (Thursday). Drivers, please watch for children walking to and from the schools — both the Elementary on the north end of town and the MS/HS on the south end of town. Previously I have seen students walking north from the MS/HS to the trailer court. There are no sidewalks along some of that route.

## Free, reduced meals

Emerson-Hubbard superintendent Dale Martin encourages parents to file for free and reduced meals if they feel would qualify. All applications are confidential and students who are on these plans are not differentiated from those who are not. This is something that families can do to help both their kids and the school. He says the district benefits from this program by qualifying for state and federal grants based on the percentage of students

whose parents have completed the forms and met the criteria.

## Picture day Aug. 21

EH Students and parents are reminded that Picture day is next Thursday, Aug. 21. Picture packets will not be handed out in advance, but approximately 1-2 weeks after picture day. Your child will receive a form with access to view their proofs and order prints online.

## Village Coffee Aug. 20

The Emerson Village coffee will be held Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church social hall. The church and the local food pantry will be the hosts. If you come you are encouraged to bring a food item to the food bank such as canned corn and beans, pasta and cereal.

## Emerson-Hubbard Schools

Thursday: Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Hearing checks.  
 Thursday, Aug. 21: Picture day; Girls Golf at Beemer.



(COURTESY PHOTO) Ty Nielsen sings the National Anthem with Emerson Chief of Police Chuck Chinn holding the microphone during Emerson's Night Out.



(COURTESY PHOTOS) Ramona Sullivan (above) and Isaac Albrecht show off some of the prizes they won during Emerson's Night Out event last week.



(COURTESY PHOTO) Thurston County Sheriff's Department deputies (from left) Isaiah Juarez, Derek Herron, Lorenzo Duenas and Sheriff Russell Briggs at Emerson's Night Out.

# Jackson News

By Laura Sullivan

## Sacred Heart all-class reunion

Sacred Heart School alumni are hosting an all class reunion on Aug. 16. The reunion will be held in the old gym next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Emerson. This reunion is for anyone who attended school at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome, not just those who graduated from Sacred Heart. The reunion is hosted by the Class of '66.

## Holy Apostles Parish

It's a birthday party for Father Mark Beran. Sunday, Aug. 24 at 12 p.m. at St. Augustine Church in Winnebago. Everyone is welcome!

## St. Patrick's Religious Education

Holy Day Mass for the Assumption at St. Patrick's will be Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education (CCD) Stewards Needed for Next Year: Do you hear Christ calling you to volunteer an hour a week to help our Religious Education programs continue? Next year, there are openings for different classes at

St. Patrick's, Jackson. Please spend some time considering and praying about this opportunity. If you have questions about the role or which grade levels etc. reach out to your DRE or call Paula at (712) 251-4732.

## Book Club

August reads are "Let Me Die in His Footsteps" by Lori Roy and "Shuggie Bain" by Douglas Stuart. The August meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 27 at Chris Gills'. September books are "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver and "The Women" by Kristen Hannah. 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

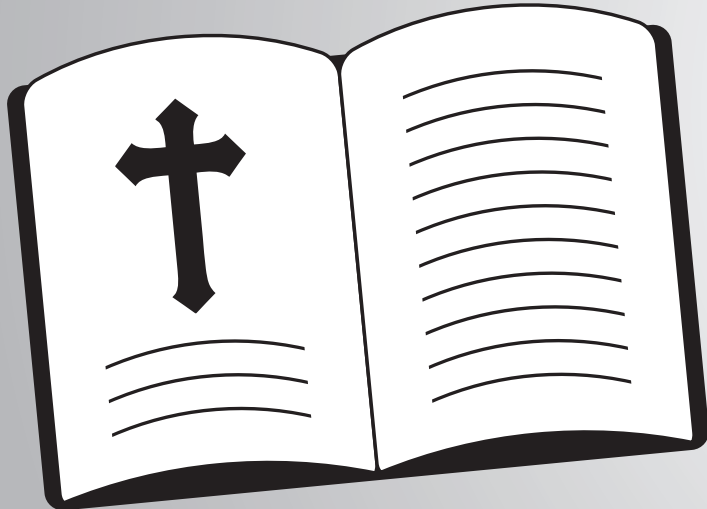
Next week school starts!  
 Thursday, Aug. 14 – First Day of School, Early Out – 1:10 p.m. at Jackson  
 Tuesday, Aug. 19 – Picture Day  
 Lunch menu for Jackson Elementary Aug. 19-22:  
 Monday: Pizza, corn, lettuce, fruit  
 Tuesday: French toast sticks, hash-brown, yogurt, fruit  
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, tater

tots, baked beans, fruit  
 Thursday: Fish sticks, carrots, pickle, fruit  
 Friday: Beef nachos, churro, green beans, 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 5 a.m.-10 p.m. and 6 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.  
 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 9:15 a.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.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**DAKOTA COUNTY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 2003 A Street • 402-494-4138  
 Facebook @ dakotacountyumparish  
**Sunday Services**  
 St. Paul UMC .....11:00 a.m.  
 Dakota City UMC.....9:30 a.m.  
 Homer UMC.....8:00 a.m.  
 Rev. Julie Raridan

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 21st & A Street, South Sioux City  
 402-494-1868  
 Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Rev. Beth Hamilton

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 ELCA  
 3601 Dakota Avenue  
 402-494-5461  
 Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Pastor Patti Meyer

**SIouxLAND COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
 17th & B Street 402-241-0744  
 www.scbible.org  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service..... 10:35 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer/Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 "Reformed by His Grace"  
 "Reforming for His Glory"  
 Pastor Richard Peralez

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 218 West 18th Street  
 402-494-1847  
 Sunday Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class  
 and Fellowship Hour..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Rev. Michael Awe

**RIVER HILLS CHURCH**  
 1101 5th Avenue  
 402-494-1852  
**Sundays**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesdays**  
 Family Ministries..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Pastor Kevin Roach

**GLAD TIDINGS LIGHTHOUSE**  
 410 East 10th Street  
 402-494-2185  
 Sunday Worship Service  
 10 a.m.  
 Wed. Night Family Night: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor Michael R. Ring



Time to clean out that garage. Get it done with a garage sale ad in the Dakota County Star. Call Laury at (402)494-4264 and get your garage cleared out today!

[www.dakcostar.com](http://www.dakcostar.com)



## LOCAL

### GARAGE SALE

1903 5th St., SSC. Hunting clothes, Craftsman's tools, microwave, safe, 5 Christmas trees, decorations, filing cabinet, Chester drawers, antiques, cabinet with drop front, shovels, rakes, misc. Friday, Aug. 15, 12-6; Saturday, Aug. 16, 8-4.

### PERSONAL AD

Young 80+ plus male seeking a young 75+ plus non-smoker Catholic lady for a friend and possible long-term relationship. Mail response to 450 Golf Rd., South Sioux City, Neb 68776.

## STATEWIDES

### ANNOUNCEMENT

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING works! Place your 25 word ad into thousands of Nebraska homes for \$225. Contact your local newspaper or call 1-800-369-2850.

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## 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, August 18, 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

### SECTION 00 10 00 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "Flood Repairs Scenic Park RV Campground Improvements for the City of South Sioux City," JEO Project No. 242035.00, QuestCDN No. 9799844, will be received by the City Clerk at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, until 1:00 pm on the 21st day of August 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Bank stabilization, cabin demolition, pedestrian bridge demolition, pavement removal, grading, erosion and sediment control and pipe outfall stabilization.

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

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

Copies of the contract documents are on file with the City of South Sioux City for examination by bidders. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at JEO's website at [jeo.com](http://jeo.com) for \$30. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a non-refundable price of \$100 per set. Please contact Malory Hollman at [mhollman@jeo.com](mailto:mhollman@jeo.com) to coordinate your request and send your check to: 2000 Q St, Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68503. In order to bid the project, the contract documents must be issued directly by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. or QuestCDN to the bidder.

The project is funded in whole or in part by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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

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.

South Sioux City, NEBRASKA  
Rod Koch, Mayor

### ATTEST:

Nanci Walsh, City Clerk  
Publish in the Dakota County Star  
July 31, August 7, August 14, 2025

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF TORTILLERIA Y RESTAURANTE EL REY LLC

Notice is hereby given that TORTILLERIA Y RESTAURANTE EL REY LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 1823 DAKOTA AVE., 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 July 18, 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

Publish in the Dakota County Star  
July 31, August 7, August 14, 2025.

## Legal Notice

### SECTION 00 10 00 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the construction of "Flood Repairs Boat Ramp Area Improvements for the City of South Sioux City," JEO Project No. 242035.00, QuestCDN No. 9801909, will be received by the City Clerk at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE 68776, until 1:00 pm on the 21st day of August 2025, and thereafter will be read aloud.

The work is generally described as follows: Riprap bank stabilization, storm drainage improvements, and dredging.

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

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## Legal Notice

### REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: Quality Appliance Repair  
Name of Applicant: Tyler Potter  
Address: 3237 Jackson St, Sioux City, IA 51104  
Applicant is: LLC S Corp  
If other than an Individual, state under whose laws' entity was formed: South Dakota  
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: 1985  
General nature of business: We repair major home appliances.  
/s/ Tyler Potter

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August 14, 2025

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALL ORDER: 315 CONTRACT ID: 32417 FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STP-129-1(32)

### LOCATION: I-129, DISTRICT 3 HIGH MAST TOWER REPLACEMENT IN COUNTY: DAKOTA

The Nebraska Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Nebraska Parkway in Lincoln, until 1:30 PM on August 28, 2025. At that time the bids will be opened and read.

Bids will be opened and the bid totals will be read via Webex. The Webex information will be available on the BidX Letting webpage a minimum of 2 days prior to the opening, and can be found by selecting the applicable letting from: <https://www.bidx.com/ne/lettings>

Plans, specifications, and additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Web Site at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/business-opp/hwy-bridge-1p/>.

This project is funded under the Federal-Aid Highway Act, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF HOLE 6 PROPERTIES, LLC

Notice is hereby given that a Nebraska limited liability company has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as follows:

- The name of the limited liability company is HOLE 6 PROPERTIES, LLC (the "Company").
- The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is 472 Hwy. 35, Dakota City, NE 68731.
- The street and mailing address of the Company's registered office in Nebraska is 1419 Dakota Ave., P.O. Box 215, South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776, and the name of the Company's registered agent at that office is John C. Ehrich.
- The company was organized and commenced on August 4, 2025, the company shall be Manager managed, and its duration is perpetual.

HOLE 6 PROPERTIES, LLC  
By: /s/ Laura Sulzbach, Organizer

John C. Ehrich (Bar # 24140)  
Buchheit & Ehrich Law, PLC  
1419 Dakota Ave.  
P.O. Box 215  
South Sioux City, NE 68776  
Phone: (402) 412-2080  
[jack@buchheit-ehrich.com](mailto:jack@buchheit-ehrich.com)

## Legal Notice

### Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Civil Service Commission of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The meeting will be held in the Council Conference Room at City Hall located at 1615 First Avenue, South Sioux City, Nebraska, which meeting is open to the public. An Agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall.

Publish in the Dakota County Star  
August 7, August 14, 2025

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Georgejean Olson, Deceased

### Estate No. PR 25-24

Notice is hereby given that on July 8, 2025, in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, James Douglas Rasmussen, whose address is 821 40th Avenue, Sherburn, MN 56171 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 1, 2025 or be forever barred.

Dakota County Court  
1601 Broadway  
Street/P.O. Box 385  
Dakota City, NE 68731

William F. Horneber, #15608  
Horneber Law Firm, P.C.  
401 Douglas Street, Suite 502  
Sioux City, IA 51101  
Phone: (712) 277-2333  
Email: [william.horneber@horneberlawfirm.com](mailto:william.horneber@horneberlawfirm.com)

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July 31, August 7, August 14, 2025

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Scott M Shadbolt and Kerry J Shadbolt, dated November 14, 2001, and recorded on November 19, 2001, Document No. 01-007177 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Dakota County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on September 30, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the Main Lobby of the Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

-Lots 5 and 6, in Block 8, in the City of Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska.--, commonly known as 601 N 6th Street, Dakota City, NE, 68731

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

## Legal Notice

### IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT M. LEE, Deceased

### CASE NO. PR 25-28

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 2025 in the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that John D. Lee, whose address is 802 17th Street, Onawa, Iowa 51040 has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September 20, 2025 or be forever barred.

Kerri L. Wiese  
Dakota County Clerk  
of County Court  
P.O. Box 385  
Dakota City, NE 68731

Jacob B. Natwick NE #24631  
Heidman Law Firm 1128 4th St  
Sioux City, IA 51101  
(712) 255-8838

Publish in the Dakota County Star  
July 31, August 7, August 14, 2025

## 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, August 11th, 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, August 14th, 2025 at 4:45p.m. and the 2nd rescheduled date and time will be Monday, August 18th, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

Pender Community Hospital

PENDER Medical Clinic

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Ewing is located in Holt County, part of the Summerland School District, and is accessible to great outdoor recreational activities.

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## City of South Sioux City

City of South Sioux City  
July 2025 – Claims  
ABREVIATION FOR  
THIS DOCUMENT:

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

3E-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SU, \$256.92; ABSOLUTE SCREEN ART, EXP, \$592.78; ACCESS SYSTEMS, EXP, \$1,065.72; ACE SIGNS, EXP, \$100.00; AEP ENERGY, SE, \$156,604.00; AFLAC, INS, \$329.94; AIRGAS USA, SU, \$224.85; AJ PHILLIPS PUBLISHING, SU, \$105.00; ALS GROUP USA CORP, SU, \$853.50; ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING SERVICES, SE, \$2,983.75; APX, INC, EXP, \$15.56; AQUA-CHEM, INC, SU, \$8,672.20; ARIENS CO, EQUIP, \$40,326.24; ARTHUR J GALLAGHER, EXP, \$45.00; ARTIC ICE LLP, SU, \$93.00; ARTISAN PRESS, PUB, \$2,550.00; AT&T MOBILITY, EQUIP, \$1,286.53; A-TEAM HEATING & COOLING, SE, \$996.02; BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS, SU, \$1,813.06; BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, EXP, \$544.53; BARKLEY ASPHALT, IMP, \$724,857.64; BATTERIES PLUS, SU, \$5.84; BARK BENTON, RE, \$30.00; BENCHMARK GOVT SOLUTIONS, EXP, \$556.85; BETH HORST, RE, \$66.00; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, SU, \$1,876.87; BRIAN ROE, RE, \$37.00; CARROLL CONSTRUCTION, IMP, \$345.08; CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING, EQUIP, \$136.42; CERTIFIED TESTING, SE, \$369.00; CHERYL QUIRK, RE, \$120.00; CHRYSLER CAPITAL, MVE, \$2,454.19; CITY OF SIOUX CITY, SE, \$159,773.28; CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, INS, \$4,864.72; CITY OF SSC, INS, \$122,734.29; CIVIC PLUS, SE, \$13,850.00; COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER, WH, \$508.38; COLLINS GROUP, SU, \$795.90; COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT, INS, \$642.67; CONCRETE PRODUCTS, SE, \$920.50; CONVERGENT TECHNOLOGIES LLC, EXP, \$3,073.62; CORE & MAIN, EQUIP, \$38,972.62; CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL, REP, \$1,773.21; COYOTE ENTERPRISES, EQUIP, SE, \$299.96; CRARY LAW FIRM,

SE, \$23,071.51; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, SU, \$18.78; DANIEL GESY, SE, \$160.00; DANIEL HORAN, RE, \$360.00; DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, SU, \$85.59; DELTA DENTAL, INS, \$521.44; DEPOSIT REFUND, RE, \$906.95; DEPT OF ENERGY, SE, \$68,303.00; DG NE ENERGY STORAGE LLC, SU, \$8,595.00; DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT, SU, \$2,111.75; DIANE CHRISTENSEN, RE, \$33.00; DOCKENDORF EQUIPMENT, REP, \$715.00; DOCUSIGN LOCKBOX, SE, \$2,760.00; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$3,123.56; ELECTRIC PUMP, EQUIP, SE, \$3,512.01; ELIZABETH REYES, MI, \$4.90; EMAINT ENTERPRISES, EXP, \$3,373.65; ENTENMANN ROVIN CO, SU, \$1,729.00; FARRELLS HTG & A/C, REP, \$1,463.60; FIRE DPT LOCAL MIKE WRIGHT, EXP, \$1,343.04; FIVE STAR AWARDS, SU, \$53.35; FIVE STAR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING, SE, \$556.40; FREMONT TIRE, EXP, \$1,501.49; GARY/KLAREN SCHOORMAN, RE, \$33.00; GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS, REP, \$3,523.00; GILL INC HOUSEHOLD, SE, \$69,503.23; GLOBE LIFE, INS, \$209.50; H2O 4 U, SU, \$662.05; HACH COMPANY, SU, \$1,649.46; HAWKINS, SU, \$86,595.04; HD ARMS LLC, EXP, \$1,125.00; HDR ENGINEERING INC, EXP, \$43,796.52; HEALTHINVEST HRA PLAN, INS, \$2,029.16; HOA SOLUTIONS, EXP, \$3,257.00; HOME BUILDERS ASSOC, EXP, \$425.00; HOOPLA, EXP, \$1,096.22; HUSKER AUTO GROUP, MVE, \$36,627.00; IMON, EQUIP, \$32.63; INDIANA STATE CENTRAL COLLECTION, WH, \$80.00; INTERSTATES INC, REP, EXP, \$1,400.00; IRS, TX, \$74,506.21; J C ROOFING, REP, \$360.00; JACKS UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT, SU, \$1,873.08; JEFF MANN, RE, \$66.00; JEN BUNKER, RE, \$37.00; JEO, SE, \$39,618.75; JERRYS SERVICE, EXP, \$2,475.31; JOSIAH BONE-SCHANS, EXP, \$888.20; KATHLEEN RILEY, RE, \$33.00; KERRY HEGGE, SE, \$6,030.00; KIM HANSEN, MI, \$26.46; KNIFE RIVER MIDWEST, SU, \$602.10; KNIGHT & DAVE INC, SE, \$45,147.98; KOLEY JESSEN, SE, \$6,035.50; L G EVERISTS, SU, \$988.39; LANCE HEDQUIST, MI, EXP, \$438.97; LEC, SA, \$47,789.68; LEGALSHIELD, SE, \$90.66; LIND-BLOM SERVICES, SU, \$3,380.00;

LONG LINES, EXP, \$3,777.86; MAC-QUEEN EQUIPMENT, EXP, \$383.00; MAIL HOUSE, PUB, \$7,810.70; MAIN CITY, SA, \$417,258.88; MARCO, EXP, \$160.17; MARICELLA ORELLANA, EXP, \$288.90; MARK BIERRMAN, RE, \$99.00; MARK BYRNE, RE, \$33.00; MARTIN TILLOTSON, RE, \$74.00; MATHE-SON TRI-GAS, SU, \$700.73; MAX WALKER, SU, \$530.13; MEDICA, INS, \$11,626.71; MELISSA SCHILLER, RE, \$33.00; MENARDS, SU, \$282.54; MERCYONE SIOUXLAND OCCU HEALTH, SE, \$2,679.00; MICKY C PRODUCTIONS-DC STAR, EXP, \$282.38; MID AMERICAN ENERGY, EXP, \$2,499.87; MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS, INS, \$31,926.66; MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, SU, \$2,327.60; MIDWEST HONDA SUZUKI KUBOTA, PT, \$280.03; MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES, REP, \$2,499.57; MISSION SQUARE, PEN, \$42,744.59; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF OMAHA, EQUIP, \$14,578.87; NANCI WALSH, MI, \$240.18; NATIONAL ACCT SYSTEM, WH, \$146.99; NE CHILD SUPPORT, WH, \$1,126.58; NE DEPT OF REVENUE, TX, \$6,294.00; NE DIPLOMATS, EXP, \$350.00; NE JOURNAL LEADER, ADV, \$99.80; NE NEBR VFA, EXP, \$50.00; NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EXP, \$605.00; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL, EXP, \$743.00; NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, EQUIP, SE, \$247,399.16; NE REVENUE, TX, \$26,699.88; NE REVIEW BOARD, EXP, \$2,708.64; NEBRASKA FOP #75, EXP, \$702.00; NEBRASKA CU FUND, EXP, \$7,801.00; NETSYS, EXP, \$13,441.50; NEWMAN SIGNS, SU, \$1,530.65; NEXTLINK INTERNET, SE, \$598.12; NORTH-EAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EXP, \$2,400.00; NUTREIN AG SOLUTIONS, SU, \$1,010.10; OLSSON, EXP, \$13,175.00; ONE BILLING SOLUTION, SU, \$5,005.25; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, SE, \$144.77; ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, SU, \$871.91; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PT, \$645.31; OSCAR GOMEZ, MI, \$66.50; PAM WOLF, RE, \$33.00; PAUL LARSON, RE, \$60.00; POINT C HEALTH, INS, \$556.94; PROJECT LIFESAVER INTERNATIONAL, EQUIP, \$4,231.09; RAILROAD MGMT CO, EXP, \$4,425.70; REAMS SPRINKLER SUPPLY, SU, \$1,540.23; RICHARD MAGANA, MI, \$1,008.00; RICK MALSON, RE, \$37.00; RIVER

VALLEY UNDERGROUND, EXP, \$26,050.00; ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT CO, REP, \$5,414.88; RR DONNELLY & SONS CO, EXP, \$679.85; SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, EXP, \$248.86; SAMANTHA KLUTMAN, RE, \$120.00; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$26,923.83; SERVICE MASTER, SE, \$1,755.00; SHERYL SANDS, RE, \$30.00; SIMPCO, EXP, \$13,640.85; SIOUX CITY TRANSIT, EXP, \$5,695.83; SIOUX CITY YAMAHA, PT, \$335.16; SIOUXLAND CONCRETE, SU, REP, \$1,861.53; SIOUXLAND HYDRAULICS, SU, \$164.74; SIOUXLAND PROUD, ADV, \$500.00; SITEIMPROVE, EXP, \$2,748.54; SNAP ON CREDIT LLC, EXP, \$49.42; SNAP ON TOOLS, SU, \$123.00; SPEEDY ROOTER, EXP, \$1,091.80; SSC ANIMAL HOSP, EXP, \$92.00; SSC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, EXP, \$80.00; SSC POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC, EXP, \$512.50; STAN HOUSTON EQUIP, SU, \$884.75; STANDARD INS CO, INS, \$228.75; STANLEY PETROLEUM MAINT, SU, \$536.25; STAR TREE SERVICE, SE, \$7,700.00; STATE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, SU, \$418.05; STEPHAN WELDING SHOP, REP, \$1,462.04; STEPHANIE LANDAAL, RE, \$33.00; STRAIGHT LINE STRIPING INC, SE, \$2,689.05; SUBSURFACE SOLUTING, EQUIP, \$38,703.42; TESLA SOLAR, EXP, \$25,468.27; TODD MASTERS ROCK CRUSHIN, SE, \$13,002.36; TOWNHOUSE CAFÉ, EXP, \$69.26; TRACY ELLINGER, SU, \$22.23; TRAVELERS, INS, \$56.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, EXP, \$7,300.00; ULINE, SE, \$3,473.73; UNITED WAY OF SIOUXLAND, WH, \$98.00; UTILITY SERVICE CO, REP, \$5,439.29; VERIZON WIRELESS, EQUIP, \$1,741.84; VISUAL EDGE IT, EQUIP, \$562.77; VSP, INS, \$266.72; WASHINGTON NATIONAL, INS, \$14.40; WILMES, SU, \$4,397.00; WILMES HARDWARE HANK-FIRE, SU, \$176.79; WOODHOUSE, REP, \$122.81; WOODHOUSE BLAIR, PT, \$156.10; WRENN'S PLUMBING & HEATING, RT, \$27,357.97; ZOO BEAN, EXP, \$939.75; Grand Total: \$3,025,345.86; CDA: CITY OF SSC, EXP, \$222,597.35; HCI REAL ESTATE COMPANY, EXP, \$4,000.00; NPPD, EXP, \$55.39; SIOUXLAND BANK, EXP, \$148,767.12;

Grand Total: \$375,419.86

## Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Dakota County Board  
of Commissioners  
Monday, August 04,  
2025 - 3:00 p.m.  
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 said at the BOE meeting prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present was Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

Chair Hohenstein opened the floor to public comment on anything that is not on the agenda. No public comment.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items:

a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 21, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for July 20, 2025, to August 2, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims-none;

d) Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June 2025. Approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2024-2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed – Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet- Yes, Rodriguez- Yes, Van Berkum – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$195,448.62; Net Pay-\$139,376.15; Total Retirement-\$14,195.02; Total FICA-\$14,480.37; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$213.96. Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$20,394.62; Net Pay-\$15,062.03; Retirement-\$1,376.61; Total FICA-\$1,532.64; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Health Planning Grant Employer 2502: Gross Salaries-\$1,617.33; Net Pay-\$1,218.76; Retirement-\$109.17; Total FICA-\$119.90; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Health Program

Grant Employer 2504: Gross Salaries-\$1,871.78; Net Pay-\$1,468.42; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.39; 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-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,124.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,350.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,577.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$148.06; Emily McNaughton-reimburse garnishment returned - \$342.80; Life Insurance, premium-\$213.96; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,991.85; PointC - admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,705.54; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$24,014.96; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,960.74; VSP, premium-\$525.46. Road Fund: Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$221.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,501.54; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$695.26; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,294.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,065.28; VSP, premium-\$54.34; Insurance Fund 1275: PointC FSA-Withdrawals, \$2,782.67; PointC - Auto Withdrawals, \$47,937.65; PointC Medical-admin fees, \$27,352.12; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; Health Fund 2502: DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$100.94; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$54.45; Principal Life - premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.95; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$239.80;

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; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.78; 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.

Van Berkum "-" Reed to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc. RCVUMC.

Committee Reports. Commissioner Hohenstein informed the board about the oversight committee raising funds that twice a year go to veterans' homes and meet with them in Dakota County. They give \$50 to their accounts and stop and talk with all the veterans that are in nursing homes. Talked about how there are a lot of good people who serve on the oversight committee and how they are involved with our veterans in Dakota County.

Mail and/or Emergency Business-letters from residents regarding the solar farm. Commissioners read the 3 letters we received. Chair Hohenstein informed us that the Planning & Zoning meeting will be August 19th at 7:00p.m. at the Hubbard Community Center to provide a better location for residents to be present for the meeting. Commissioner Hohenstein mentioned that there was good information

given to residents about the solar farms at the Cottonwood Convention Center on July 30, 2025, meeting.

Scott Davidson, Dakota City resident, spoke on behalf of residents that could not be present for the board of commissioners meeting. Scott questioned the process of who will be deciding if the solar farm will take place. Chair Hohenstein informed him of how the Board will get recommendations from the Planning and Zoning regarding the solar farm and that it will go before the Board. It will be well publicized so that residents are aware and can be present. Commissioner Bousquet did mention that the Chair can designate a special time/date to have a special meeting, especially with the solar farm being a big topic. Chair Hohenstein did take that into consideration. Scott spoke on his concerns regarding the solar farm. He mentioned how it would affect the lives of those residents who do live out in the country of Dakota County where the solar farm will be taking place. He mentioned expanding the one that is currently in So Sioux City instead of creating a new solar farm. Chair Hohenstein recommend that residents go to the Planning and Zoning meeting on August 19, 2025 and voice their thoughts.

Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 04, 2025, at 3:32 p.m.

**Dakota County Board of Commissioners**  
**Martin Hohenstein, Chair**  
**Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk**  
**Board Secretary**

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given that the Dakota County Board of Equalization will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 2:45 PM at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway Street, Dakota City, which said meeting is open to the public. The agendas for these meetings will be kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.  
**Cherie Conley, County Clerk**

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given of the following meetings located at the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1615 - 1ST AVENUE. All meetings will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall.  
**/s/ Nanci Walsh, City Clerk**  
Finance Committee – 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 25, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, the City of South Sioux City will hold a public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This grant is available to local governments for community/ economic development activities.

The City of South Sioux City is requesting CDBG funds for a project to replace and upgrade existing water and sewer lines along West 13th Street between 5th Avenue and 3rd Avenue. The current water line is a 4-inch transite pipe that is over 60 years old and in need of replacement. The need for the project was identified through City utility inspections and studies showing the existing system is deteriorating, undersized, and at risk of failure. The upgrades will improve reliability, meet current standards, and better serve residents. The total estimated project cost is \$829,416, with total CDBG funding in the amount of \$610,592. The CDBG total includes \$25,000 for General Administration; \$5,000 for Construction Management costs; and 30% matched funding of \$248,825 from the City's utility revenue and/or sales tax revenue. The project activities include:

- Project Activity 03J — Water and Sewer Line Upgrades/Replacements — \$580,592
- Project Activity 14H — Construction Management — \$5,000
- Project Activity 21A — General Administration — \$25,000

All funds will be utilized for the National Objective of LMI to benefit low- and moderate-income people. There will be no persons displaced as a result of CDBG activities.

The grant application will be available for public inspection at City Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application. Written and oral testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for 5pm, August 25, 2025, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE. Written comments addressed to Lance Hedquist, City Administrator at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE will be accepted if received on or before August 25, 2025.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print, or recorded materials, please contact Nanci Walsh at 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE, 402-494-7500 no later than August 20, 2025. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a 5-day notice is received by the City of South Sioux City.

### Legal Notice

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

A special 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, August 25th, 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 Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 at 12:00p.m. and the 2nd rescheduled date and time will be Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

### Legal Notice

**DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A resolution was approved to set a public hearing to be held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 3:01 p.m. in the regular meeting room of the Dakota County Commissioners at the Dakota County Courthouse, 1601 Broadway, Dakota City, Nebraska, to gather public input for the purpose of determining if the following described road should be vacated and abandoned: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.

**Martin Hohenstein, Board Chair**  
Publish in the Dakota County Star July 31, August 7, August 14, 2025

### Legal Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF ADCRAFT, INC.**

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 21-2,229(b) James D. Kelly and Holly J. Kelly, submit the following as its Notice of Dissolution:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the company is Adcraft, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II

The dissolution of the company was authorized and approved by the Board of Directors as of June 27, 2025.

#### ARTICLE III

The dissolution was approved by all the shareholders in the manner required by this chapter and by the Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Articles of Dissolution were filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State on July 25, 2025.

Dated July 28, 2025.

**James D. Kelly, President**  
**Holly J. Kelly, Secretary**  
**Adcraft, Inc.**  
**1008 Dakota Ave.**  
**South Sioux City, NE 68776.**

**Heidman Law Firm, P.L.L.C.**  
**Joel D. Vos**  
**1128 Historic 4th Street**  
**Sioux City, Iowa 51101**  
**ATTORNEYS FOR COMPANY**  
**200-6**

Publish in the Dakota County Star July 31, August 7, August 14, 2025

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

One and Six Year Street Improvement Program

City of South Sioux City  
TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS:

You are hereby placed on notice that the City Council of the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, shall hold a public hearing at the City Hall Council Chambers, 1615 1st Avenue, South Sioux City, NE on the 25th day of August, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to hear testimony in favor of, opposition to, and to answer questions in relation thereto the proposed one year and six year street improvement program for the City of South Sioux City, Nebraska. A copy of the programs are on file with South Sioux City, City Clerk, and are subject to public review and examination.

**CITY OF SOUTH SIOUX CITY,**  
**Nanci Walsh, City Clerk**

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

Notice is hereby given that Royal Seamless Gutters LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the Company is 1560 Fair Meadow Ln., South Sioux City, Nebraska 68776. The initial agent for service of process is Eduardo Joaquin, 1560 Fair Meadow Ln., South Sioux City, Nebraska 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 6/17/2025, and its duration shall be perpetual.

**Organizer Name:**  
**Eduardo Joaquin.**

Publish in the Dakota County Star August 14, August 21, August 28, 2025.

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE**

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA Estate of Ricky L. O'Dell, Deceased**

**Estate No. PR25-26**

Notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2025, in the County Court of Dakota County Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Katye Dilks, 485 Oakland Dr., Vidor, TX 77662 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Successor Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before October 14, 2025, or be forever barred.

**Kerri L. Wiese**  
**Clerk of the County Court**  
**P.O. Box 385**  
**Dakota City, NE 68731**

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# Homer News

By Stacie Johnson



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Hazen H** takes her first turn with her calf at the fair last week. Sounds like this was a feisty little bovine as Hazen told stories of playing "Hide & Seek" i.e. chasing her down at home on the farm before fair time.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

They start them young at the Dakota Thurston County Fair! This adorable shot shows Auggie, daughter of Homer alum and now teacher Kealy Ensminger, being interviewed during the pig show. She is flanked by Homer students Hadley Heikes and Loella Bousquet.

## Kramper Lake celebration this Saturday

If you're looking for something special and fun this weekend, look no further than the Danish Alps and Kramper Lake 10th anniversary celebration this Saturday, Aug. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

An opening ceremony at 11 a.m. is followed by lunch at noon: burgers, brats, sides, and drinks at \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids.

Free activities for kids and adults alike include kayaking, basic fishing, kayak fishing, bow fishing, boat tours and outdoor cooking demonstrations run from 12-3 p.m.

While activities on the lake and grounds are free, remember that a Nebraska state park entry permit is required. A daily permit costs \$7 while an annual permit is \$35 for Nebraska-licensed vehicles. A park entry permit in Nebraska gives you access to more than 75 state parks, state historical parks or state recreation areas and two trails. Buy your vehicle sticker in person at the park or online at [outdoornebraska.gov/permits](http://outdoornebraska.gov/permits).

## Open house at HCS

It's arguably one of the most exciting nights at Homer Community School — Open House night, an opportunity to meet your teacher, drop off school supplies, and catch up with school friends you may not have seen since May.

Open House at Homer will be held Monday, Aug. 18 from 6-7 p.m.

A few other activities will be taking place that evening as well with a TeamMates mentors and mentees meeting as well as a coaches and parents cross country meeting following Open House.

## School starts next week!

Students at Homer Community School will begin the 2025-2026 school year this Wednesday, Aug. 20 with a 2 p.m. dismissal, as usual. In fact all three days this week will run at a 2 p.m. dismissal to acclimate to

the new routine as well as give professional development time for staff in this busiest of times at school.

Regular school hours run 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for students in preschool through 5th grade, while the 6th through 12th graders go from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. School doors open at 7:30 a.m.

A couple of reminders as the school year begins: If your child is not going to be in school, please call the office as soon as possible in the morning to let staff know. Call 402-698-2377 ext. 101 or 102 or email [office@homerknights.org](mailto:office@homerknights.org). Also, a heads-up that Picture Day for students is scheduled for Sept. 16.

Finally, watch out for the tykes walking to and from school and practices! It does indeed take a village.

## Homer Volunteer T-shirts

The Homer Fire and Rescue crew is taking orders for breast cancer awareness T-shirts, pre-sale only. See any department member to order, or access their Facebook page online for a QR code.

Orders will be taken until Sept. 1 with both short sleeve and long sleeve options available. Short sleeve shirts run \$15 (sizes S to XL) and \$18 (sizes 2XL to 4XL). Long sleeve shirts cost \$20 (sizes S to XL) and \$23 (sizes 2XL to 4XL). Cash, checks, or Venmo for payment options.

## School lunch info

Homer families, please note that school lunches will not be provided free for all students this year. Families wishing to receive free or reduced-price meals must complete a meal application to determine eligibility. Applications are available in the school office — feel free to stop by and pick one up.

## Popular author next up for book club

"Reminders of Him," a book by Colleen Hoover, a No. 1 New York Times best-selling author, is next

up on the Good Roots Book Club agenda. It's a story of a troubled young mother yearning for a shot at redemption.

The club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at Good Roots Coffee Company. Pick up a copy today and start reading!

## Good things come back around, part 2

Homer School will welcome several new staff members this week, but another face should look familiar. Ashley Tremayne-Ziska is returning to Homer, "the district that helped shape who I am," she said. Ashley is not a stranger to the district as she has served as speech and drama and play production coach for over a decade, not to mention that she is a Homer alum and a Homer parent of four current Homer Knights.

She will serve as librarian and family consumer science teacher for the district.

"I'm especially excited to help launch a new Family Consumer Science class and continue supporting the incredible fine arts programs that make Homer so unique," she admitted.

Ashley said this feels like a full circle moment. "I'm thrilled to contribute back to the community that has given me so much," she added.

## Softball squad starts first

You may remember that Homer high school girls joined with Ponca to create a fall softball team last year. The team continues this school year with practices already ongoing and their first public action happening Monday night, Aug. 18 at the SSC softball jamboree at 5 p.m.

Donning the Homer-Ponca squad for Homer are Lyndsee Waldee, Cora Rushing, Justice Barclay, Everly Thomas-Bird, Chloe Dinmore, Joselyn Dinmore and Rylee Luesebrink. Best of luck to these girls and their coaches.

## School calendar

Monday, Aug. 18 - Softball jamboree at SSC, 5 p.m.; Open House, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 20 - First day of school, 2 p.m. dismissal

Thursday, Aug. 21 - Softball at Pierce, JV 4:30 p.m. Varsity 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23 - Softball at Wayne Tourney, TBD.

# Hubbard News

By Lori Overfelt



(COURTESY PHOTO)

This year's theme for the Hubbard Hoot Owl Days is "The Wild West", so dig out your boots and come join us next weekend, Aug. 22-24. Hope to see you there! Trudy Jepsen and Cadrien Livingston are pictured as they get ready for the weekend.

## Hoot Owl Days coming

It's hard for me to believe that the fair is over and we are only 10 days away from Hubbard's biggest event of the year, the Hubbard Hoot Owl Days! This year's theme is "The Wild West," so dig out your boots and join in on the fun starting Aug. 22-24.

The 5K glow stick run starts things off on Friday night. It's too late to get the free T-shirt, but I've been told we give out the best goodie bags for the first 50 people registered.

Saturday there's a parade with lots of fun activities for the kids and adults. (We're hosting both a pickleball and corn hole toss tournament.) The brisquet and sweet corn feed has been nice every year and the street dance with the band have been over the top!

Sunday breakfast by the Trinity Lutheran Church at St. Mary's Fellowship Hall, with the car show outside, seems like a nice way to wind things up. There will be a complete list of events in the paper, so check out the entire schedule.

An event that ties in well this year will be the Hubbard Farmer's Market Thursday, Aug. 21, from 4-7 p.m. I apologize for misleading you a couple of times about the market dates — I was thinking every other week, but I forgot that May and July both had five Thursdays this summer. I will watch the dates better next summer. I certainly have left loaded and satisfied after each market.

Take some time to enjoy the last few days of summer, because the seasons will change soon enough.

# Dakota City News

## Dakota City Library

Book Club is currently reading "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. The Four Winds takes readers to the Dust Bowl, where Elsa Martinelli lives with her in-laws, drunk husband, and two young children. Struggling to survive in every way — physically, mentally, and emotionally — Elsa must make hard choices for the sake and well-being of her children. The book club will discuss this story at their September meeting. Their next read will be "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger.

The library is in the middle of planning the school year's Story Hour programs. They are planning a Railroad Safety topic for the first Story Hour in September. We are looking for someone who might be interested in sharing their railroad train collection with the kids or talking to the kids about their train experiences. For more information, contact library staff.

The Little Free Library is still open and operating at the Cottonwood Park in Dakota City. New items are added on a regular basis. New items added recently: "An Inside Job" by Daniel Silva, "The Idaho Four" and "The President's Shadow" by James Patterson, and several donated books on European travel.

# Winnebago Board of Education

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Meeting of the Board of Winnebago Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 4:52 p.m. in the board room at the Winnebago Public Schools, Highways 77 & 75, Winnebago, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Teresa Littlegeorge, Nilah Solomon, Crystal Ross, Kiana Lewis, Kristine Earth

Absent: Greg Bass III (excused)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Receiving of Delegations:
2. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m. by President Teresa Littlegeorge, also President Littlegeorge states, "MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHOWING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING INCLUDING THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED. NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS PUBLISHED BY POSTING ON THE OFFICE DOOR AND THREE OTHER PLACES." A COMPLETE COPY OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT IS POSTED ON THE SOUTH WALL.

3. Approval of Agenda move 5-1

and 5-5 to the top of the Agenda

Motion: Ross

Second: Lewis

Discussion: None

Voting for: Lewis, Ross, Solomon, Littlegeorge

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (4-0-0-2)

Kristine Earth in at 5:15 p.m.

4. Business Affairs

4-1. Approve minutes of May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion: Lewis

Second: Solomon

Discussion: None

Voting for: Ross, Solomon, Earth, Littlegeorge, Lewis

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

4-2. Approve Character Strong and Discard Second Step as SEL Curriculum (w/payment)

Motion: Lewis

Second: Solomon

Discussion: payment

Voting For: Solomon, Earth, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

4-3. Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$487,382.32, petty cash account/ treasurer's report.

Motion: Ross

Second: Solomon

Discussion: accounts payable

Voting For: Earth, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross, Solomon

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

4-4. Approve Facilities WEFLC in the amount of \$606,129.11

Motion: Earth

Second: Lewis

Discussion: WEFLC

Voting For: Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross, Solomon, Earth

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

4-5. Impact Aid Payments (\$75,345+\$17,297+386,626=\$479,268 to Lease Loan Payment)

Information only, no action needed

4-6. Discuss/Approve Mandated/Updated Board Policies-504.06/504.12/1005.03/508.20)

Motion: Lewis

Second: Ross

Discussion: Updates

Voting For: Lewis, Ross, Solomon, Earth, Littlegeorge

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

5. New Business

5-1. Kikijire Community Crisis Response Program-Cassie Kitcheyan

5-2. Approve hire-B.G. (music teacher certified for 2025-2026)

Motion: Earth

Second: Lewis

Discussion: qualifications

Voting For: Ross, Solomon, Earth, Littlegeorge, Lewis

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

5-3. Federal Programs Desk Audit 2023-2024 Complete

5-4. Discuss/Approve Raise % for Classified staff, approve 3.5% increase

Motion: Earth

Second: Ross

Discussion: raise %

Voting For: Solomon, Earth, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Bass III

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

5-5. Teacherage Housing Discussion

6. Reports

1. Superintendent:

a. SERC Building Update

b. NDE rules and regulations

7. Closed Session 84-1410 Enter

Motion 6:34 p.m.

To discuss: 1. Employee Update

2. Change in duties 3. Boys & Girls MOU

Kristine Earth out at 6:49 p.m.

Motion: Solomon

Second: Lewis

Voting For: Earth, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross, Solomon

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

Exit Session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion: Ross

Second: Solomon

Voting For: Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross, Solomon

Voting Against: None

Motion Carried (4-0-0-2)

8. Public Comment: (No Board Discussion)

9. Adjourned 7:09 at p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Crystal Ross, Secretary**

**Winnebago Board of Education**

**Next Regular Meeting:**

**July 21, 2025**

# Dakota County Board of Equalization

**Dakota County Board of Equalization**  
**Monday, August 04, 2025**  
**2:45 p.m. Regular Meeting**  
**County Board**  
**Meeting Room, First Floor**  
**Dakota County Courthouse,**  
**Dakota City, Nebraska**

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

Chair Van Berkum called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Hohenstein, Reed, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Absent: Commissioner Bousquet and Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present was Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk as Board Secretary. The Open Meetings Act location was

noted for all citizens in attendance.

Hohenstein "-" Van Berkum to excuse Board Member Bousquet from the meeting. Missed taking Roll Call.

Board Member Reed moved, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025, meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed- yes, Rodriguez- yes, Hohenstein-yes, Van Berkum-yes. Absent: Bousquet. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Van Berkum opened the hearing for Heartland Counseling's application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Non-profit Organization for (1) 2018 Jeep Renegade SUV bearing VIN# ZAC-CJBB9JPG87706 and (2) 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan bearing VIN# 3FA6POHD6HR328408. Both vehicles are used to provide community support services, and/or substance abuse issues. These are to improve

the quality of life and decrease the risk for institutions or hospital admissions. The applications come with recommendation of approval by Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer.

Board Member Rodriguez moved, seconded by Board Member Reed to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer, and approve an exemption from motor vehicle taxes for Hearing for Heartland Counseling for their (1) 2018 Jeep Renegade SUV bearing VIN# ZACCJBB9JPG87706 and (2) 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan bearing VIN# 3FA6POHD6HR328408. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez- Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. Absent: Bousquet. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Christy Abts, Assessor, requesting approval of clerical error on parcel 220079714 out on Fiddler Creek Rd in Hubbard, NE. All the utilities in the mobile home were disconnected in

2024 since it was being sold. Did not take off for 2025 so this request is just to take it off for 2025. Board Member Reed moved, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez to approve Assessor's request to correct the clerical error made on parcel 220079714 removing the trailer and changing the taxable value to \$22,500. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes. Absent: Bousquet. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

There was no mail, emergency business or public comment.

Van Berkum moved to adjourn the August 4, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting at 2:56 p.m.

**County Board of Equalization**

**Brian Van Berkum, Chair**

**Paola Ledesma,**

**Deputy County Clerk**