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SSC, NE 68776

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July 12th
10am-22pm

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City offices will be closed on Friday July 4th in observance of



JULY PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers– 1615 1st Avenue

City Council Meeting*:	14th & 28th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency:	8th & 22nd at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*:	2nd,9th,16th,23rd & 30th at Noon
Public Works Committee*:	7th & 21st at 5:00p.m.
Design Commission:	3rd & 17th at 8:30 a.m.
Planning & Zoning Commission:	9th & 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office – 1021 E 6th Street

Parks & Recreation Board: 7th at 5:15 p.m.

South Sioux City Library – 2121 Dakota Avenue

Library Board: 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

*Meetings are Broadcast Live on Cable One Channel 57
Sparklight Channel 3 and live video streamed on city
website www.southsiouxcity.org

Dakota County Star Podcast: Mayor Rod Koch



Mayor Rod Koch recently sat down with the *Dakota County Star* podcast to share his story, reflect on a decade of service, and discuss key priorities for South Sioux City. A lifelong resident, Mayor Koch spoke about his background in city government and his passion for community engagement. He highlighted the city's strong leadership team, low turnover, and collaborative approach to decision-making.

Major topics included the need to prioritize homeownership over rental expansion, new housing developments, the upcoming casino and racetrack project, and the city's strategic efforts tied to the Inland Port Authority grant. Mayor Koch also confirmed he plans to run for one final term before transitioning leadership, expressing continued commitment to serving the community.

You can listen to the full podcast using the link below:

https://youtu.be/-eyh3vMQNHU?si=_4_sEEX-llrWLz4S

NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

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WHERE: 2605 DAKOTA AVENUE, SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE

WHEN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Enjoy a free lunch, music by Q102 Radio, and discover what NICC has to offer!

Ticket purchases are available on South Sioux City campus. Need name and phone number.

The winner will be drawn at the end of the event-----you do not need to be present to win.

Elder Abuse

Each year many people are abused, neglected, and exploited. One type that is very problematic and goes unseen is elder abuse. This type of abuse typically happens with persons, male or female, who are 65+ and older. These individuals can be frail, weak, or mentally incompetent to take care of themselves. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, abuse is about power and control, people with disabilities may face unique challenges and barriers to accessing support. An abuser can be anyone however the vast majority of abusers 90% are family members who are most often adult children, spouses, or partners. Elder abuse can also include abuse in retirement homes, hospitals, and/or hired caregivers.

Elder abuse includes, but is not limited to, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, exploitation, emotional abuse, abandonment, and self-neglect. Please be alert and attentive as the suffering is often in silence. In most cases elder abuse goes unreported because the elderly may be reluctant to report their own children or in most cases they fear retaliation. According to Elder Abuse and Neglect, many of the signs and symptoms of elder abuse do overlap with symptoms of mental deterioration, but that doesn't mean you should dismiss them on the caregiver's say-so. Please be on the lookout for signs of elder abuse.

- Bruises, pressure marks, broken bones, abrasions, and burns may be an indication of physical abuse, neglect, or mistreatment.
- Unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness, and unusual depression may be indicators of emotional abuse.
- Bruises around the breasts or genital area can occur from sexual abuse.
- Sudden changes in financial situations may be the result of exploitation.
- Bedsores, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, and unusual weight loss are indicators of possible neglect.
- Behavior such as belittling, threats and other use of power and control by spouses are indicators of verbal or emotional abuse.
- Strained or tense relationships, frequent arguments between the caregiver and elderly person are also signs.

If you suspect or know someone who is suffering from elder abuse, please contact your local law enforcement or adult protective services. Adult protective services can be reached at 1-888-493-9929 or locally at 402-241-0032. This is a serious crime that needs more awareness. The elderly may not have the power or voice to speak up, but you can for them.

For more information please visit the following site:

<http://www.thehotline.org/is-this-abuse/domestic-violence-disabilities/>

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/abuse/elder-abuse-and-neglect.htm>

Article submitted by Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP) can be reached at 402.494.7550, dcvap@southsiouxcity.org, Facebook page at Dakota County Victim Assistance Program, or located at City/County Law Enforcement Center, 701 West 29th St, South Sioux City, NE 68776.



JR. ROBOT CAMP

Attention students going into 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades! Are you up for something new and exciting to do this summer with Legos? How about learning about WeDo 2.0 Lego kits? You will learn to build simple machines and program them.



Register for the camp at go.unl.edu/jrobotcamp2025 by July 14th.

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July 17-18, 2025
9:30 to 11:30 AM
Dakota County Extension Office
Cost-\$20 per child

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE NEBRASKA EXTENSION OFFICE IN DAKOTA COUNTY
1505 BROADWAY STREET
DAKOTA CITY, NE 68731
402-987-2140



ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP

CAMP SPOTS ARE OPEN
JULY 21-25, 2025
1:00 TO 4:00 PM
DAKOTA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
COST-\$40 PER CHILD
(3RD GRADE TO 8TH GRADE)



Across the region, kids are starting up their own business and making money from home. Experience making and selling a product while learning what it takes to develop your own ideas for a business. This will be an exciting five day camp experience. Youth will be selling their products during Chamber Coffee at the Dakota-Thurston County Fair on August 1st.

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Celebrate Tree Grant Program From Papio Missouri River Natural Resource District

In honor of City of South Sioux City receiving a tree grant from Papio Missouri River Natural Resource District.

Our Public Works Department planted a total of 17 trees starting at Veterans Bridge and all throughout Dakota Avenue.



Ceremony for the Paving of Foundry Road

On Wednesday, June 11th a ceremony was held for the ribbon cutting of the paving of the plastic asphalt surface for Foundry Road at 1801 Veterans Drive at Siouxland Freedom Park. This forward-thinking project will feature an asphalt road built using recycled plastic materials sourced from used plastic bags. It will be the first in the State of Nebraska; one of a few in the country, and replicates what is done internationally. In addition, this material will be used to add to our wonderful bike path facilities in this area.

The project is being funded in part by a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and represents a collaborative effort among the City of South Sioux City, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, DOW Chemical, Jebro, Barkley Asphalt, First Star Recycling, and Goodwill of the Great Plains. By incorporating recycled plastics into the asphalt mix, the initiative aims to reduce environmental impact while advancing sustainable infrastructure practices. An estimated 2 million plastic bags will be used in this process.

Foundry Road and the Al Bengston Bike trail will be closed during construction for public safety. This marks a significant step forward in combining innovation, environmental stewardship, and community partnership to improve local roadways.



July



South Sioux City Public Library

2121 Dakota Ave.

402-494-7545



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	2 Nebraska Department of Labor – 10am-2pm Level Up Your Independence – 5pm	3	4 Library Closed	5
6	7 The Tea on IT – 5pm	8 Tangled Yarns – 6pm WaterCowlor Cows – 6pm	9 Level Up Your Independence – 5pm	10	11	12 Ingles sin Estres – 2pm
13	14 Cover to Cover – 3:30pm The Tea on IT – 5pm	15 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	16 Level Up Your Independence – 5pm	17 Songs and Dances of the Lakota – 6:00pm Fruity Bookmarks – 6pm	18	19
20	21 The Tea on IT – 5pm	22 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	23 Level Up Your Independence – 5pm	24	25 Goodwill of the Great Plains Job Assistance – 10am	26
27	28 Cover to Cover – 3:30pm The Tea on IT – 5pm	29 Tangled Yarns – 6pm	30 Level Up Your Independence – 5pm CA: Granny Squares – 6:30pm	31 Encuentros Y Cuentos: Bilingual Book Club – 5:30pm		

publiclibrary@southsiouxcity.org



<http://libraries.ne.gov/southsiouxcity/>



Scan here to see our online calendar!

JULY



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Toddler Time 10:00 am Tween and Teen Anime Club- 3:45	2 Perler Bead Club 10:00 am Teen Time 1:30 Rag Doll Class 3:00	3 Level Up 2:00 Dungeons and Donna 4:00	4 Closed	5
6	7 Crochet Club 10:00 Sioux City Explorers 1:00 PM	8 Toddler Time 10:00 am Tween and Teen Anime Club 3:45	9 Perler Bead Club 10:00 am Teen Time 1:30	10 Level Up 2:00 Legos 5:00	11 Story Time 11:00 am NRD Program for 10+ 1:00 PM
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SSC NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CORNER

by Dr. Rony Ortega



Dear Community,

Summer is off to a great start in South Sioux City Community Schools! Summer school is in full swing at Covington Elementary, our Middle School, and the High School—providing students with great opportunities to keep learning, growing, and connecting.

We're also proud to offer **free meals** for all children and teens ages **18 and under** through **July 31** at **Covington Elementary**. This USDA-funded program ensures every child in our community can enjoy nutritious meals throughout the summer. No registration required.

On a personal note, I recently stopped by **El Mexicano** grocery store on West 29th Street here in South Sioux City and was impressed by the wide selection of items. I picked up meat for *carne asada*, *some tasty cheese, chips, and fresh salsa*. *I highly recommend checking it out!*

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Wishing all families a fun and safe summer!

Dr. Rony Ortega
Superintendent, South Sioux City Community Schools



Estimada comunidad,

¡El verano ha comenzado con buen pie en las Escuelas Comunitarias de South Sioux City! Las clases de verano están en pleno apogeo en la Primaria Covington, nuestra Escuela Secundaria y la Preparatoria, brindando a los estudiantes excelentes oportunidades para seguir aprendiendo, creciendo y conectando.

También nos enorgullece ofrecer **comidas gratuitas** para todos los **niños y adolescentes menores de 18 años hasta el 31 de julio** en la **Primaria Covington**. Este programa financiado por el USDA garantiza que todos los niños de nuestra comunidad puedan disfrutar de comidas nutritivas durante todo el verano. No es necesario registrarse.

En lo personal, hace poco visité el supermercado **El Mexicano** en la calle 29 Oeste, aquí en South Sioux City, y me impresionó la amplia selección de productos. Compré carne asada, un delicioso queso, totopos y salsa fresca. ¡Les recomiendo mucho que lo visiten!

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestras escuelas. ¡Les deseamos a todas las familias un verano divertido y seguro!

Dr. Rony Ortega, Superintendente
Distrito Escolar de South Sioux City

South Sioux City Community Schools

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