



A Harvest of Good Reading @ the Library

Tangled Yarns is on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Advisory Board is on Wednesday October 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Gardening Classes: We have 2 gardening classes this month.



Gardening for Wildlife is held on Tuesday October 1st at 6:30 p.m. In this class you will learn how to prepare your garden to provide food and cover for wildlife in your sustainable garden.

Tree Fruits is held on Tuesday, October 8th, at 6:30 p.m. Fruit trees can add beauty to the landscape and provide fully ripe fruit for fresh eating and preserving. Learn how to grow fruit trees.

Kerry Grombacher Live @ the Red Bird Café: Western singer and songwriter, Kerry Grombacher will be in concert on October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Kerry makes his home in New Orleans now, but he lived in Austin, Texas for many years.



A self-taught musician who plays guitar and mandolin, Kerry has fought forest fires in Oregon, worked as a field archaeologist in New Mexico, done day work on ranches in New Mexico, Colorado and California and worked with an outfitter in Yellowstone National Park and in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

His CDs *It Sings in the Hi-Lines*, *Riding For the Brand*, and *Sands* are available for checkout at the library.

Family Movies are held each Monday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Casper will play on October 5th and 7th. In this movie a paranormal expert and his daughter bunk in an abandoned house populated by three mischievous

ghosts and one friendly one.

Monsters vs Aliens
Mutant Pumpkins
from Outer Space

will play on October 14th and 19th. Susan, B.O.B., the Missing Link, and Dr. Cockroach, Ph.D., are back as special operatives dispatched to investigate a mysterious alien presence on Halloween. As the night unravels the innocent-looking pumpkins are revealed for what they really are: mutant aliens! Luckily the monsters are there to smash the mutants' wicked scheme to take over Earth.

Goosebumps 2 Haunted Halloween will play on the 21st and the 26th. In this movie Two young friends find a magic book that brings a ventriloquist's dummy to life.

Hocus Pocus will show on October 28th. In this movie, In the year 1693, sisters, Winifred, Mary and Sarah were executed for their unforgivable witchcraft. Just before their execution, Winifred made a curse - a curse that when a virgin lights the black flame candle on Halloween light, in their house, they shall return. 300 years later, Max decides to light the candle in order to scare his irritating sister Dani and his love interest Alison. Now, the three Witches are back ready for a night of fun, magic and horror in the now modern town of Salem.

Cookbook Book Club cooks with "Apples" on Sunday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite apple dish, the recipe, and the ingredient list to participate in this class.

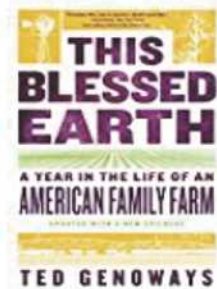


"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." — Albert Einstein

Cover to Cover book club will discuss

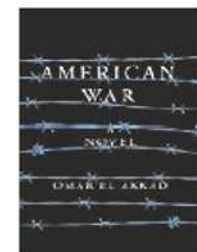


This Blessed Earth by Ted Genoway on October 14th at 3:00 p.m. The family farm lies at the heart of our national identity, and yet its future is in peril. Rick Hammond grew up on a farm, and for forty years he has raised cattle and crops on his wife's fifth-generation homestead in Nebraska, in hopes of passing it on to their four children. But as the handoff nears, their small family farm—and their entire way of life—are under siege on many fronts, from shifting trade policies, to encroaching pipelines, to climate change. Following the Hammonds from harvest to harvest, Ted Genoway explores the rapidly changing world of small, traditional farming operations. "—Page [4] of cover.



We will discuss **American War** by Omar El-Akkad on October 28th at 3:00 p.m.

"An audacious and powerful debut novel: a second American Civil War, a devastating plague, and one family caught deep in the middle—a story that asks what might happen if America were to turn its most devastating policies and deadly weapons upon itself. Sarat Chestnut, born in Louisiana, is only six when the Second American Civil War breaks out in 2074. But even she knows that oil is outlawed, that Louisiana is half underwater, and that unmanned drones fill the sky. When her father is killed and her family is forced into Camp Patience for displaced persons, she begins to grow up shaped by her particular time and place. But not everyone at Camp Patience is who they claim to be. Eventually Sarat is befriended by a mysterious functionary, under whose influence she is turned into a deadly instrument of war.



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From the Superintendent's Office

SCHOOL LUNCH

Our new partnership with Lunchtime Solutions Inc. is helping South Sioux City Community School District offer a wide variety of choices for students. All students have three entrée choices daily. All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable plus the unlimited Fruit & Veggie Bar, and milk choices.

Each Student is issued a unique 4-digit PIN, used to access his/her lunch account, just like a debit card. Credit card payments are accepted online via the web site (www.scccardinals.org). Cash, Check, or Money Orders should be made out to SSC Schools Food Service.

Get informed! Find out what your school is serving for lunch today, this week or this month!

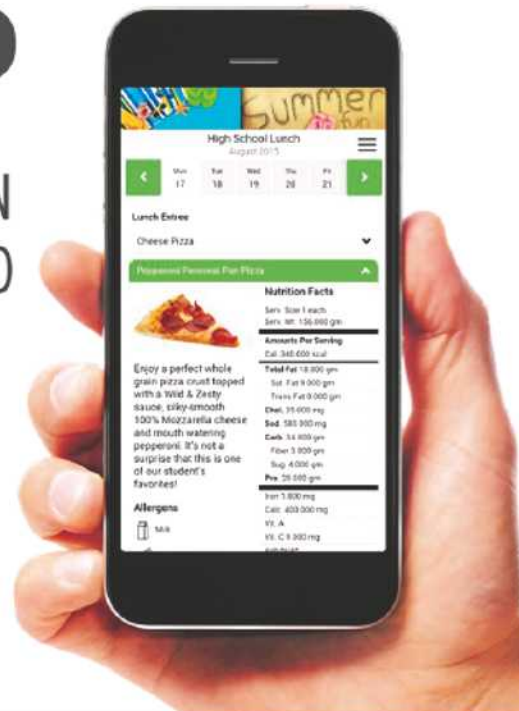
The My School Menus app puts your school's menus into the palm of your hand. Quickly and easily see menus and prices. You can even filter menu items out by selected allergens. Find out the nutritional values and components in individual items and meals. Now you can find out and manage just how many calories, carbs and many other nutrients are in your school meal. Great for parents who care about what their child eats away from home. This app can be an awesome teaching tool for parents and teachers by helping students pick the entrees and meals right for them.

App Features:

- See the menus and items offered at your student's school
- Filter out items by allergens
- Find the prices for each school menu (if included)
- Easily translation in the app to

MY SCHOOL MENUS APP

NUTRITION ON THE GO



VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEB PAGE ONLINE AT:
[HTTP://WWW.SCCCARDINALS.ORG](http://www.scccardinals.org)



October 2019

CARDINAL Pride

There have been some misrepresentations from the media regarding the property tax increase of the City of South Sioux City.

The information below is meant to provide some factual information in that regard. In addition, the city budget calls for a deduction of at least \$800,000 in electric service charge for next year; positive for our citizens.

From Lance Hedquist City Administrator
The 2019/2020 budget comments:

The total tax levy for 2019/2020 is less than it was 20 years ago. See chart below.

The 17% tax increase is offset in part by new valuations as provided by Dakota County of 6%.

For a person with a \$100,000-dollar house the tax increase would be changing from 385.00 dollar annually to 424.70 dollars annually. This is a 39.70 dollar (10.3%) annual increase.

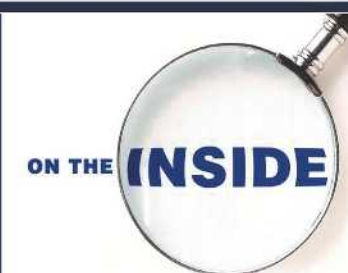
Last year for a \$100,000 valued house you would pay \$2108.14 in total property taxes. South Sioux City share would have been \$385 which is 18.26%. A \$39.70 increase in taxes would be a 1.88% total property tax increase.

02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06
0.3836342	0.3676940	0.3663341	0.3811618

06-07	07-08	08-09	09-2010
0.3887850	0.392706	0.395877	0.389493

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
0.399119	0.399118	0.004321	0.404264

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Trick-or-Treating in South Sioux City
Halloween is Thursday, October 31st. Mayor Koch suggests that trick-or-treating be done between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall Council Chambers—1615 1st Avenue
City Council Meeting*: 14th & 28th at 5:00 p.m.
Community Development Agency: 10th & 24th at 11:00 a.m.
Finance Committee*: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd 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 Long Lines Channel 3 and live video streamed on city website www.southsiouxcity.org

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
0.404264	0.399117	0.399117	0.399117

2018-19	2019-20	18-19 to 19-20 % Change	
0.385000	0.42470	10.20%	

The tax increase is primarily due to the reduction of federal support for the paid fire department members. This was anticipated when the city applied for federal funds for paid fire personnel. The voters rejected a plan to have a ½ cent sales tax pay for the fire department increase in costs placing the burden on property taxes. A ½ cent sales tax would have produced \$1,000,000 dollars annually and resulted in a low-ering of property taxes.

The fire rating in the community is scheduled to be completed this spring. With the new paid members of the fire department and the 14 volunteers; along with the equipment upgrades; it is anticipated that the fire rating will be lowered. This will be of benefit to the property owners within this city. With the 24-hour service of the fire department; quicker response time (average 40 seconds) has been achieved for both fire and rescue ser-vices. Lifesaving awards have been given to the department and personnel for these efforts. The library operation fund increase is a result of Northeast Community College closing its 21st and Dakota opera-tion resulting in loss of rent and utility payments.

CODE SAVE AWARD

This award is given to First Responders who bring back a cardiac victim to a full recovery walking out of the hospital. The crews were recognized for the three recent since January with a total of four since November 2018. The National average is 8%, the Nebraska average is 12%, South Sioux City Fire has a 36% successful recov-ery rate. With the assistance of First Responders and witnessed at-tacks initiating CPR, this all gives the cardiac victim a greater chance for a successful outcome.



AWARDS PRESENTED TO: Firefighter Kevin Ott, Firefighter Aaron Merithew, Firefighter Chase Antle, Captain/Paramedic Payne Allen, Firefighter Kevin Eischeid, Firefighter Brandon McCune, Paramedic Blake Bruns, Firefighter Zach Daniels, Paramedic Aaron McCoy, Captain/Paramedic Qwin Wright, Fire Chief Clint Merithew, Captain/Paramedic Jay Mathis. South Sioux City Police Officer Claussen, Officer Hattermann. Walgreen Pharmacy Manager Tally Stark who witnessed one cardiac event inside the store and initiated CPR until the ambulance from south Sioux Fire Department arrived and took over patient care for transport to the hospital. Nebraska State Senator Joni Albrecht was also present to congratulate the Department and the City for a sincere appre-ciation to a job well done.

Hero Award Dedication– Felipe Mendoza

During the council meeting on August 26th 2019, Councilman Lupe Gonzalez presented the Hero Award to Felipe’s children. Felipe drowned in the Missouri River while saving the lives of two girls. “Felipe was a great person and giving up his life to save others just comes to show what kind of person he was! You can see that he was a great family man just in the way his children handle them-selves. The community has suffered a tremendous loss!” said Councilman Lupe .



Volunteer of the month is Jared Junge

Jared grew up in Sioux City, Iowa and attended East High School. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1987 and graduated from East High in 1988. In 1988 Jared joined the United States Marine Corps where he served aboard the USS Ranger CV61 and 3rd Marines 5th Battalion. Serving during the Desert Shield and Iraq Freedom. He attended Western Iowa Tech Community College where he earned an Associates of Arts in Police Science. Jared started his Law Enforcement Career with the Walthill, Nebraska Police Department. He met his Wife Cindy Junge and they have 4 children Jeremiah, Joshua, Kalie and Kaleb. Moving to South Sioux City, Nebraska in 1997 and has been with the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office. Jared and Cindy coached T-Ball, Soccer and Softball. Jared has also taught fishing fundamentals for the Nebraska Game and Parks and also teach the Nebraska Safe Boater Class. Returning to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in 2004. He is an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 149 in South Sioux City, Nebraska, also sitting on the Eagle Board of Review for the War Eagle District. Jared’s oldest son Jeremiah is an Eagle Scout. Joshua made the journey to Life Scout and youngest son Kaleb is currently at Star Scout. Daughter Kalie was in the Girl Scouts program. Jared enjoys watching young boys climb the ladder to toward Eagle Scout and along the way become productive young men in our community. His hobbies are fishing, hunting, camping, hiking and boating.



Reminder!!!

South Sioux City Fall Cleanup October 7-11 2019
Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 14-18 2019

It’s City Fall Cleanup time! South Sioux City Fall Cleanup week is ***October 7-11, 2019!*** Tree debris pickup will be Oct. 14-18, 2019. *Please wait to set out tree debris until this week.*

Crews only make one pass for the clean-up each week, if items are set out after that pass it is the resident’s responsibility to remove. If you have questions please call South Sioux City Public Works 494-8166
South Sioux City Public Works

Siouxland Freedom Park Celebration

Please join us on November 8th for coffee hour at the Memorial Hall lo-cated at 1501 1st Ave. We would like for you to wear your Siouxland Free-dom Park t-shirt, t-shirts are available for purchase at City Hall

3rd Annual SSC Schools “Be Kind” 2 Mile Walk

Event: Saturday, October 12th @ 8:30 a.m. at Freedom Park in South Sioux City, NE
Proceeds: All proceeds will go to Dakota County Leadership (SSC Aquaplex Updates)
Course: An out and back course beginning and ending at Freedom Park in SSC, NE
Registration: \$25 cash or check (Cardinal Education Foundation) T-shirt included
High School Students: \$15, Elementary age or below: FREE
Online:<https://www.active.com/south-sioux-city-ne/walking/be-kind-2-mile-walk-2019>
Teams/Corporate: Teams/ Schools/ Businesses with the most signed up win a prize!
Walk Day Check In: Registrations will be taken day of walk. **7:30-8:30 a.m. Packet Pick Up**
Volunteer: We are looking for volunteers to assist with the walk (check in, water/refreshment stations, packets, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering, contact Erica (erica.bowman@ssccards.org)
Pre and Post Race: There will be refreshments served. A small ceremony to kick things off at 8:30 a.m. Several vendors will be on site offering various giveaways and information.
FUN For the whole Family: Bounce Houses, face painting
Interested in being a sponsor or vendor?? Contact Lance Swanson (402) 494-2425

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Several hundred attended the an-nual 9/11 Remembrance Cere-mony on Wednesday September 11th...the traditional program be-gan with the official military flag retirement pageant conducted by members of the Dakota County American Legion and VFW Posts. Over 1700 flags of all sizes from Freedom Park's 60'X30' to the smallest hand held versions of Old Glory were inspected, approved for respectful retirement, and then burned in a precise ceremony. After the flag retirement, members of Fire Departments from all over Dakota County, this year led by the Dakota City contingent, provided the 9/11 Remembrance rites featuring the actual radio call signs of New York's first responders on the day of the deadliest terrorist attack ever to be committed on US soil.Uniformed firefighters, emergency response personnel, and law enforce-ment officials participated in the emotional presentation. The evening ended with the firefighters' "final call", four sets of five bells each, followed by the Legion's traditional twenty-one gun salute and Taps.



Hydrant flushing will be Monday October 14th at 12:00AM to Wednesday Oc-tober 16^h at 12:00pm

The South Sioux City Wa-ter Department will be flush-ing city fire hydrants to insure a continued high quality supply of water. Persons are advised not to wash clothes, etc. during these times. If your water has colored, please let it run for a few minutes until it clears up. If the water hasn’t cleared after a suffi-cient time, please call 494-7548 and someone will be dispatched to check the prob-lem.

National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Bullying, by definition, is unwanted, aggressive behavior often among school aged children, but can be attributed to all ages. There is often a real or perceived power of imbalance. Power imbalances can change over time, so the bully can become the victim and vise versa. The behavior is often repeated over time. Bullying prevention is important because there can be lasting consequences for both the victim and the bully.

Prevention:

Talk about strategies for staying safe, such as staying near adults or groups of other kids. Talk about how to stand up to kids who bully. Give tips, like saying “stop” directly and confidently. Talk about what to do if those actions don’t work, like walking away. Encourage the child to report bullying if it happens. Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.

Common Mistakes:

Don’t ignore it. Don’t think kids can work it out without adult help. Don’t make the kids involved apologize or patch up relations on the spot. Don’t talk to the kids involved together, only separately. Never tell the child to ignore the bullying. Do not blame the child for being bullied. According to pacer.org, school-based bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25%. Educating our school staff by training them on what bullying is, what the school’s policies and rules are, and how to enforce the rules on students will create a safe environment for them. If your child is a victim of bulling make sure to get their input, talk to the school authorities, teach your child to avoid the bully, encourage your child to be assertive, and deal with the bully in a pro-social manner. Contact your local school officials first and your local authorities if needed. For more information visit: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/respond/on-the-spot/index.html>

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/stats.asp>

Dakota County Victim Assistance Program can be reached at 402-494-7550 or

dcvap@southsiouxcity.org