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COUNCIL AWARDS BID for new aerial unit —The Plattsmouth City Council accepted the recommendation from fire chief Mike Wilson and a fire department committee to purchase a Pierce firetruck. The cost is \$2.31 million. After the discount for prepayment at contract signing and the down payment are applied, the remainder is \$1.81 million. The city council passed an ordinance recently that authorized the issuance of public safety tax anticipation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2.4 million. At last night's meeting, those bonds were set to reflect the \$1.81 million loan. The city received aerial truck bids from two vendors. In the written committee recommendation, Wilson stated even though the bid from Pierce was slightly more expensive, it is believed the extra cost is more than made up for in craftsmanship and quality of the product as evidenced by past experience with Pierce apparatus. The build and delivery time for the new unit is projected at four years.

DRIVER IN WEEKEND PURSUIT IDENTIFIED — The incident started at 6:30 Saturday night. A blue sports bike was clocked going 96 mph in a 60-mph zone on Highway 75 south of Plattsmouth. There was a pursuit through town which ended with the bike crashing at the city/county line on the east side of Plattsmouth. According to reports from the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the driver lost control, veered off the road and collided with a tree. 28-year-old Anthony Warner of Plattsmouth sustained several injuries and was transported to the trauma center. Warner's driving privileges were revoked in Nebraska. The sheriff's office, "while no charges are filed at the time they are currently expected pending further investigation and analysis of evidence gathered at the scene and the hospital."

THE COUNTY JAIL INMATE with the longest current length of incarceration time will likely remain there until his trial date this coming June or a plea agreement is reached -- 58-year-old Michael L. Brueckner of Eagle is in Cass County Jail. Bond is \$500,000. He went before the judge yesterday with his attorney, Mike Ziskey, asking for a bond reduction. Brueckner has been held in county jail on the same bond amount since October 2022. Ziskey said the bond is "extremely high and unwarranted." He asked that bond be reduced to "something more manageable" for the Brueckner family and suggested \$50,000 with pretrial release conditions in place. Ziskey said the family would benefit from Michael Brueckner going back to work in his construction business. Cass County Attorney Chris Perrone objected. Perrone recounted the alleged events of October 6th, 2022. A Cass County sheriff's deputy had responded to a domestic disturbance call that night at the Brueckner residence in Eagle. Brueckner got into his vehicle, backed up and the vehicle struck the deputy. Brueckner then drove to Kansas and was arrested there after Taser deployment by Kansas law enforcement. Perrone noted that the delays in the trial process were the result of actions from the defendant's side. Three other attorneys were either dismissed by Brueckner or withdrew from the case over the last 18 months. Cass County District Court Judge Micheal A. Smith left the bond at \$500,000. He said that if the defense request was granted, "I would have concerns about him showing up for trial." Brueckner has entered not guilty pleas to four felonies and one misdemeanor. The state has requested habitual criminal enhancers on the felonies.

REWARD OFFERED IN SIGN VANDALISM incidents — The Alan Miller for Cass County Commissioner Committee reported five large campaign signs were damaged and one is missing. It is believed the vandalism occurred sometime Sunday night. The committee is offering a \$1,000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for the damage. A sheriff's report was filed. Suspect information can be given through sheriff's office channels.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JAMIE EUGENE LAMBERT, age 45, Plattsmouth, will be 10:30am Saturday (4/20) at Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3912 in Bellevue. -Roby Funeral Home, Plattsmouth

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR THERESA CHRISWISSER, age 60, Nehawka will be 1pm until 4pm Sunday (4/21) at the Lilac Hill Event Center in Louisville. -Fusselman-Allen-Harvey Funeral Home, Louisville

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