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### Sanford Picnic Canceled

The Sanford Community Picnic will be canceled this year.

### News Items

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Low 60	Low 61
Sunny	Sunny



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## Canton Small Business Group Holds Customer Appreciation Day

The Canton Small Business Group held their first customer appreciation day last Saturday. The group is made up of small businesses in Canton that encourage everyone to shop and support our local shops and businesses and what they have to offer. Businesses who participated in this event were Canton Home and Farm, Garden Shed Floral, Sunshine Foods, Heartland Spaces Market, Haisch Pharmacy and Gifts, Noid's Gaming Parlour, Blossom, Kari's Creations, Sioux Valley News and My Timeless Day.

For more information on the Canton Small Business Group, email [CantonSmallBusinessGroup@gmail.com](mailto:CantonSmallBusinessGroup@gmail.com).



## Canton Performing Arts Council Ready for New Events

By: Kala Hazelhoff

About nine years ago, Canton citizens Becky Heikkla and Kari Elrod, started to hold art classes for children at the former Carnegie Library. They were then called the Carnegie Center for the Arts. Who knew from doing these art classes, that they would turn into what is known today as the Canton Performing Arts Council.

I recently met with Dan Heinemann, the Board President, to talk with him about the Canton Performing Arts Council. We talked about their successful fundraising efforts and some upcoming events that will be happening at the PAC this coming fall season.

Some events they have had at the PAC recently are Campfire Concerto, The Browns Celtic Show, James Garner's Tribute to Johnny Cash, Shaun Johnson & The Big Band Experience, and the play Little Women. The Council also partnered with the Canton Open Air Market for the past three summers to provide musical entertainment. CPAC has also brought in professional musicians to the classroom for band students at Canton High School to learn from. By bringing in these musicians, it helps to show band students that if they really love music or may be

interested in pursuing it as a career in their futures, it can be possible. This also helps bring confidence to these high school students to be able to work with professional musicians. They are also thinking of ways to get some actors in to help the students with the musicals or plays. Not every high school student in a small town like Canton is able to say they have worked with professionals in this manner.

Their mission statement reads: "to enrich our community through the power of the arts." CPAC will be celebrating their 10th year of operations and look forward to being able to bring high-quality programs to the community. Their goal is to bring a variety of programs every year that will speak to people of all ages, and different interests. Educational opportunities such as workshops, masterclasses, and other skill developing opportunities in the arts are offered by them. The PAC seats one thousand people. To put that into perspective for size, the main stage at the Washington Pavillion seats eighteen-hundred, and the Orpheum seats eight hundred. The sheer size of what we have available to us, right here in Canton, is something to be proud of.



Expenses for shows performed are estimated to cost anywhere from \$6,400-\$16,400 per show. The Council's budget for the 2023-2024 season is \$19,200-\$49,200. This includes the contracted talent, rental of the PAC, sound technician, marketing for event, back line, and other miscellaneous costs. Costs may change from year to year, and the talent they can book will be decided on by the amount of financial support they receive. This can be from individuals, business sponsors, and grants. The Council reached out to some other performing art centers in the area, such as Worthington, to ask what they could do to get bigger acts into the PAC. They were advised to get sponsorships to help support the arts programs that are so important to so many. By supporting the Canton Performing Arts Council, they can keep bringing acts like these back to Canton. So far, they have had 11 businesses in the community donate to their fundraising efforts, totaling \$13,200.

There are four different sponsorship levels that are available to contribute to:  
Dreamer Level \$1,000 and under: Bidwell/Terex and Frieberg, Nelson and Ask  
Visionary Level \$1000-1999: First Bank and Trust, Farmers

State Bank, Security Savings Bank, Canton Dental Clinic, Hoogendoorn Construction, Sanford Canton-Inwood, and the Dental Implant Group.

Masterpiece Level \$2000-2999: Johnson Feed

Premier Level \$3000 and above: Paulson Monuments.

To read more about what each tier includes, you can visit their website at [CantonPac.com](http://CantonPac.com) or find them on Facebook by searching for Canton Performing Arts Council.

Sunday September 24th -Phillip Daniel Live- Film Composer & Pianist.

Tickets will be \$10 or \$5 if you bring two items for food pantry donation.

Friday November 3rd- Crazy for Patsy Kline- Katie Deal & Her Nashville Band

Tickets \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

Wednesday December 20th, 7 pm- Christmas with Lorie Line

Tickets \$60- The Council is also trying to set up some options for the possibility of meet & greet tickets. They are also hoping to have Christmas caroling in the lobby surrounded by the community's decorated Christmas trees, which will really get attendees into the Christmas spirit!





# Southtown Commentary

By Pastor Jerry Miller



## Wrestling With Jesus

We have 4 boys in our house, so there has been a lot of wrestling through the years. Our boys are not unusual in this regard. I grew up with 2 brothers and we wrestled a lot as well. We did not wrestle because we were mad at each other. We wrestled because it was fun. It was a bonding experience for us as brothers.

Occasionally someone would get their feelings hurt and tempers would flare, but most of the time we grew closer to each other through the competition. It was a way for us to build camaraderie.

Exercise is also a great way to relieve stress, and our wrestling matches were a great way to unwind.

My mom was an only child and the closest she had to sibling were 2 girl cousins who lived next door. She did not grow up around all the wrestling and did not understand what we were doing. She just thought we were being wild. In reality we were showing love to each other.

The loving bonding that can occur during wrestling between brothers, helps us to better understand the wrestling match between Jacob and God in Genesis 32. At the end of the match we find this conversation taking place: "And he said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there. So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved." (Genesis 32:28-30 NASB)

Jacob understands that during the wrestling match that he had seen God. He was told that he had striven with God and fully man. That explains why they were so closely matched. As God, Jesus could have vaporized Jacob at any time in order to win,

but he did not come to vaporize him, he came as his friend. He set aside so much of his heavenly power to wrestle with Jacob man to man.

On the night Jacob wrestled, he was facing one of the greatest challenges in his life. Twenty years earlier he had left home because his brother Esau had wanted to kill him. Now he is returning and hoping for peace with Esau, but he has gotten word that his brother is coming with 400 men. Thankfully he is coming looking for peace as well, but Jacob did not yet know that.

During this time of stress, Jacob calls out to God for help and God comes to wrestle with him. This is a beautiful picture of how we should respond to God during a time of stress. We should draw close to Christ in prayer and draw him toward us even if we feel like we are being pushed away. Then as we push away from Christ, we should remember that he is pulling us toward him. This is the picture of a wrestling match. It is also a picture of how our prayer lives can often be during times of great turmoil and stress in our lives.

Jacob had his thigh put out of joint to remind him that God was the one who was really in control, but he was also shown that God was right there with him as he faced his trial. As we wrestle with God in prayer, let us not forget that he is in control even if the results are not what we were hoping for. Also realize that he is there with us and we are not alone. Proverbs 18:24 tells us, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Let Jesus Christ be that friend and draw close to him during times of adversity. My brothers are great and they are there for me, but having the creator of the universe, Jesus Christ, beside me is even better. www.southtownchurch.com

## Lunch With The Senior Bunch



- August 28 -Baked Steak/ Mushroom Gravy, Parslied Potato, Tossed Salad, Acini De Pepe, Fruit
- August 29 - Biscuits and Gravy, Hash Brown Wedge, Carrots, Fruit
- August 30 - Chicken Alfredo, Italian Veg, Bread Sticks, Juice
- August 31 - Roast Beef/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Fruit

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## A Note to Self: Called to Love

By: Governor Kristi Noem August 18, 2023  
In the Gospel of John, shortly before Jesus is arrested, He says "my command is this: love each other as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Jesus and His disciples teach the significance of love throughout the New Testament. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gives us what has become known as "the golden rule" – "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).

We learn these things as children. We learn to be kind to be kind to ourselves so that we can be kind to one another. We learn to treat others how we want to be treated. But as we grow up, those important lessons are too often forgotten.

Forgetting to love ourselves and to love each other as Jesus loves us can have dire consequences. My Department of Social Services has launched a new campaign focused on eliminating the stigma around behavioral health concerns. The campaign is called "Notes to Self," and it is encouraging folks to take an active role in their own mental health, as well as the mental health of their loved ones.

Through tv, radio, and online ads, as well as billboards and other efforts across the state, the campaign will educate South Dakotans and promote the resources that we have readily available for those in need. These "Notes to Self" reminders focus on behavioral health needs that are common in South Dakota – needs that our communities can resonate with.

The goal of the "Notes to Self" campaign is to provide those struggling with the resources they need. Even if someone does not need these resources now, or isn't ready to ask for help yet, we want them to know that they're there for them.

The first "Notes to Self" ad features a farmer who's family leaves kind notes for him. The ad ends with a surprise meal celebrating 100 days of recovery. This is a very real situation for many families. The "Notes to Self" campaign is a reminder to check in on those around you. A seemingly small act of kindness like a phone call, a homemade meal, or an encouraging note can make a huge difference to someone struggling with their behavioral health.

In the state of South Dakota, we have our Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. When you dial 988 from a 605-area code, you will be connected to the Helpline Center. A group of individuals with advanced degrees and experience in behavioral health will be available to talk you through whatever situation you may be facing. The Helpline Center provides follow-up calls to individuals and helps to end the stigma toward those seeking access to mental health care. Text and chat services are also available through 988 for anyone who does not feel comfortable speaking on the phone about their behavioral health concerns.

The campaign also strives to help folks to feel comfortable starting the conversation. Sometimes for those in need, all it takes is a reminder that they have someone who cares about them. We've often called these "buddy checks." If you notice a change in a loved one, reach out and ask them how they're doing, then refer them to any resources they may need.

We are called to love. "Notes to Self" serves as a reminder that it doesn't have to be complicated. By simply checking in with ourselves – and with those we love to let them know that we care about them – we are doing exactly what Jesus commands.

### Barb Dupuy December 9, 1959 - August 13, 2023

Barb Dupuy, age 63, died Sunday, August 13, 2023 surrounded by her family at Ava's House in Sioux Falls. A visitation celebrating Barb's life was held Thursday, August 17, 2023 at Anderson Funeral Home in Canton. A graveside service was held Friday, August 18 at the Beloit Cemetery, Beloit, Iowa.

Barb was born on December 9, 1959 in Huron to John and Elaine Joan "JoAnn" (Oe) Eckert. She graduated from Canton High School. She married Dave Dupuy on November 5, 2000 at Canton United Methodist Church. The couple made their home in Canton.

Through the years, Barb worked at A & R Grocery Store, Garden of Eat'n, Keystone Treatment Center, and Latchkey. She loved children, animals, spending time with family, and reading. She also enjoyed car rides and talking with people. She will be remembered for always having a clean house.

Grateful for sharing her life are her husband of 22 years, Dave; daughter, Michelle (Scott) Blom; mother, Elaine "JoAnn" Eckert; siblings, Mark Stern, Allyn Campbell, Marlene Schmidt, John Eckert, and Bill Eckert; numerous nieces and nephews, and many extended relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, John; brother, Keith Stern; and grandson, Remmy Blom. www.andersonandsonsfh.com

*Thank y*

Thanks to all the wonderful caregivers who cared for our brother John over these past 7 months. To everyone who visited him, brought goodies and cards. Thanks also for the cards, flowers and memorials after his passing. Thanks to Andy for all the help with the planning and his time.

Thank you to everyone who also sent cards and memorials at this difficult time of losing our sister Shirley Nelson.

Thanks again to all.  
Mary VanDeKieft  
Alice Fluit  
Lena Brower

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# MEMORY LANE

**2013**  
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls and Adams Thermal Systems celebrated a ground breaking ceremony for a new home in Canton, SD. The ceremony was held at 513 S. Main St. on Monday, Aug. 12 at noon. The ceremony included representatives from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls and Adams Thermal Systems, which is sponsoring the home. The future home owners and their four children also attended the ceremony.

A new sign welcomes visitors to Coplan Field, where its namesake, Burdell Coplan spent many seasons coaching the Canton C-Hawks. The sign was paid for through a memorial for Coplan and the Canton Booster Club and volunteers helped build, paint and install the sign with the help of Tom Rutten, Justin Wallner and Darin Sehr. The sign measures 18 feet across and is a welcome addition to the field. The sign was cut out of steel by Justin Wallner at his business, Hot Steel Custom Fabrication and the painting was done by Josh Tyrrell. Volunteers raise and install the sign.

**1998**  
Nineteen years ago, Norris Ekle took on the responsibility of transporting hundreds of children to school each day in the buses of Canton Elk Point Transportation. Ekle, who has been manager of the local bus garage since March of 1979, is retiring from his position,

but not quite ready to hang up the keys. Norris says he'll still be behind the wheel driving his route this school year.

During the school year, Jeremy Ackerman has studied radio along with his other school subjects. This summer he took his amateur radio test in Sioux Falls along with his dad David and passed it.

Four bites of yogurt and a smile are encouraging signs to friends and family of 9-years-old Samantha (Sami) Winter, Sami and her friend Alli Boyer, 7, have been patients at McKenna Hospital Burn Unit since they were injured by a propane explosion occurring by a camper in the Boyer's backyard. Sami, who was standing in front of Alli, was injured more extensively.

**1973**  
A squash, grown in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Short, measured 46 inches last Saturday morning and is still growing according to the Short's. They have some others in their garden not quite as large, but still in the giant size class.

Thirty-five 4-H Clubs, with 492 members, exhibited entries during Achievement Days.

When the door of Harrisburg High School opens on Friday, students will get the distinguished pleasure to use for the first time the \$715,000 addition which has been added to their school.

Friday marks the beginning of the Third Annual Corn Carnival in Canton, sponsored by the Canton

Chamber of Commerce. The event will be concluded on Saturday evening with a Youth Street Dance beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Nine hundred chickens were prepared by a group of men Wednesday afternoon for the annual 4-H feed. Paul Hohman and Dick Haisch won a play-off over Henry Wegener and Jim TerWee won the second half.

**1898**  
The picnic held last Friday afternoon in J. P. Hawn's grove on the banks of the Big Sioux River was a decent success. It was the best picnic we have attended this season. But then the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted of course by the old veterans and their sons, know how to give a picnic. The ladies served potatoes, and sweet corn boiled on the grounds and hot coffee something that is seldom done at a picnic.

The "War Sociable" at the residence of Jacob Kehm Tuesday evening was a grand success. In fact all sociables given but the Epworth League seem to be stamped with that brand.

The annual missionary tea will be held at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Milliman, next Wednesday afternoon.

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## A LOOK BACK AT THE STORIES AND HISTORY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

By Gaynor Johnson

Looking for something to write about this week I came across this Thank you ad for the 16th Annual Sioux River Folk Festival. It's from the August 10, 1995 edition of the Sioux Valley News and mentions all the people and businesses that helped make the festival a success despite rain and stormy weather. If I'm not mistaken this was the year lightning struck a tree south of the stage area at Newton Hills State Park and split it down the middle. Luckily no one was hurt but the tree was pretty much toast.

Sadly, some of the people mentioned are no longer with us and others have moved away from Canton. Also, some of the businesses named are no more. Our current mayor, Sandra Lundstrom, was working for the Sioux Valley News at the time and Eric Hohman and Bruce Farus were

the editors/publishers. Back then Connie Corey was kind enough to turn her home into a weekend B&B for musicians. My mother, Ethel Johnson, had recently passed away and the festival was dedicated in memory of her. Over the years she probably sold more advance tickets to the festival than our tickers outlets did.

Reading through this made me realize how important community is to an event like the folk festival. This year was a perfect example of that. It was a lot of work to move the event from Newton Hills to the PAC and without the help of a lot of great people it wouldn't have worked as smoothly as it did. Thanks again to everyone who pitched in and made the 43rd Sioux River Folk Festival happen back in town where it all began. Happy Reading.

## Happy Anniversary



### Jacobs Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Dave and Betty Jacobs will celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversary on August 24th. Greeting maybe sent to: 1019 E. 2nd St, Canton SD, 57013



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## Viereck Celebrates 82nd Birthday

Our beautiful mother, Carol Viereck, will be celebrating her 82nd birthday on Monday, August 28th. We would love for you to help us celebrate her special day with a card shower. Your cards will reach her at:

Carol Viereck  
4504 S. Prince of Peace Place  
Oakwood #18  
Sioux Falls, SD. 57103

Despite a little rain and some thunder and lightning, the 16th Annual Sioux River Folk Festival made it from Point A to Point B without going too far off track. The following list of people and businesses helped more than they will ever know to get the old Folk Train up to speed and keep it on the rails. And what a ride it was!

**Connie Corey** - Wail innkeeper extraordinaire! Only two nights next year...we promise.

**Eric 'I Was Born to Sell' Hohman** - t-shirt promotion, Canton Chapter.

**Everyone else at the Sioux Valley News**, especially **Sandi Lundstrom** for the Folk Fest history articles. Ethel would have loved it!

**Lyn Short and Everyone at the Garden of Eat'n** - 86 is the magic Folk Number. Yes! (Lyn, we forgot to dust the easel but I don't think anyone noticed)

**The Gateway Motel** - Folk lodging for the Natalie 3, James & Larry, and the C. Players. Not one complaint as usual.

**Randy Ludwig** - for the folk sign. Did WE get a parking ticket?

**Dakota Lumber & Supply** - for the dancing floor. It sounded great!

**Dean Albertsen** - first rate first aid. How was the 'best seat in the house'?

**Kid's Castle Daycare Folk Feeders** - we really meant to be there again to help put up the tent but you see.....

**Loren Beard and Dave Enke and the Entire Staff at Newton Hills State Park** - as always you make it so easy for us. Sorry about the tree though. We'll check our insurance.

**Cye Heath for the Folk Motor Lodge** - If you get a bigger one we may have to cut down some trees next year. Just kidding Loren.

**Sterling and Mary Heath** - our two Folk Fest compadres. They don't make'em any better than you two. By the way, GREAT BIRD this year and remember -- drives like a car.

And last, but certainly not least, our six (count'em) GREAT Canton sponsors - **A&R Food Mart, First American Bank, Farmers State Bank, Jerry's Appliance, Peterson Monuments**, and the **Newton Hills Store**.

We thank you all very much and may the fest be with you.

Sincerely,  
Bill Peterson and Gaynor Johnson  
for the Sioux River Folk Festival

... This one was for Ethel ...



## Writers and Writing

By Michael Tidemann

### Essay Collection Captures Iowa Heartland

The Wapsipinicon Almanac  
Timothy Fay  
*So what is Iowa, and who are Iowans?*

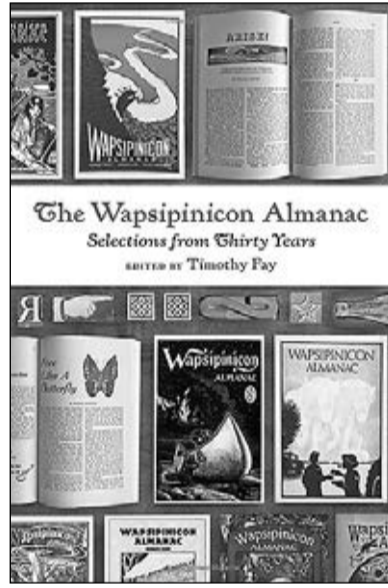
Those are the questions Timothy Fay answers in his charming essay collection, *The Wapsipinicon Almanac*, recently released by the University of Iowa Press. The book contains a collection of contributions from writers, artists and advertisements over the more than 30-year span of Fay's literary journal by the same title. Fay published the journal on a letterpress from 1988 through 2018.

An essay by Osha Davison, "The Last Days of the Schultz Brothers Variety Store", evokes the sort of nostalgia we remember from our youth. The store offered everything including the kitchen sink to its Tipton customers for 58 years before its inevitable closing due to competition from big box stores.

"To the left of the glass door entrance stand racks of clothing; school supplies, household goods, toys, and hardware line shelves and displays to the right. The familiar smell of Spic and Span is everywhere."

Davison poses a key question: "What kind of community will we have, and what kind of people will we have become, when all the Schultz Brothers stores (of whatever name) in all the small towns in Iowa have been replaced by Walmarts, Kmart, and Targets? When our town squares stand silent and empty? When we have been divided into the few wealthy and the many poor?"

Mike Kilen, former features writer for the Des Moines Register, writes of his return to Iowa in "The Iowa Sky". Kilen's Iowa travel stories were a staple for Register readers for several years.



Kilen's image of his return to Iowa would evoke paths in any Iowan.

"The sun's glow painted the thin, high clouds pink and purple, splashed against light blue sky that grew darker to the east. The place felt like a huge colored dome, plopped over the top of my van. The world suddenly was bigger and yet familiar again."

John Peterson's poem, "Wapsipinicon", an appropriate selection for the collection, also captures the state beautifully.

Fay completes his collection with selections from "Talk of the Township" from 2010-2018, a mix of observations and opinions.

The Wapsipinicon Almanac is a great collection for anyone who fondly recalls the good old days of the country store. If you're the sort of person who enjoys getting lost during a Sunday drive through the backroads, this is exactly the book for you.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Website is [michaeltidemann.my.canva.site](http://michaeltidemann.my.canva.site).)

## We Can Help

By Rep. Dusty Johnson  
August 18, 2023

This month, my office was awarded the Democracy Award for Outstanding Constituent Service by the Congressional Management Foundation. Only one Republican and one Democrat office is selected for each award category. This award honors congressional offices for their non-legislative achievement and performance. My office has excelled at helping South Dakotans with their requests and inquiries, and this award recognizes my team's hard work.

It's not the first time my team has won a Democracy Award. In 2021, we won in the Constituent Transparency and Accountability category for holding frequent town halls, both in person and over the phone.

Federal agencies are covered in red tape, slowing down processes and making it difficult to get in touch with the right contact to resolve your issue. One of the main responsibilities of members of Congress is to help people like you

navigate these processes.

Every day my team helps people with passports, tax returns, veterans' benefits, and more. We act as liaisons, bridging the gap between the federal government and citizens of South Dakota. We're constantly advocating for our constituents and are committed to getting answers for them.

My team has created efficient and effective systems to streamline processes, ensuring constituents receive timely responses. Our casework staff sends quarterly casework review surveys to people they have helped. In 2022, 96% of constituents had a positive experience with our office, 97.4% of constituents reported having a positive experience in 2021, and 95.5% had a positive interaction in 2020.

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# Windmill Of My Mind

by Margaret Schultz



## T'WAS THE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

T'was the day before the wedding, when all thru the house,  
 Every person was stirring except for the mouse.  
 The tuxedos and dresses were hung up with care,  
 So glad that the wedding day soon would be there.  
 Bob in his blue jeans and I in my shorts,  
 Were hoping we wouldn't get all out of sorts.  
 Bob pruned the bushes and weeded flower beds,  
 While visions of dollar signs danced in his head.  
 And Margaret in a dither, "Oh, my, and Oh dear!  
 My house isn't ready, I really do fear!"  
 When out in the yard they heard such a sound,  
 Away to the window they flew with a bound.  
 The kinfolks were here, with Texas license plates,  
 Sister, brother and nieces, all with their mates.  
 Such hugging and kissing and squeals of delight,  
 I knew at that moment we'd be up all night.  
 We giggled and hooted and told corny jokes,  
 And said "It's so good to see all you folks!  
 We are so pleased that you'd come so far,  
 Some in the airplane and some in the car.  
 It's great that you'll be here to see our girl wed,  
 To share in the tears when the "I do's are said.  
 If we don't get some rest we will be quite a sight,  
 So happy wedding to all, and to all a good night!"

That was written well over twenty years ago, just prior to Robin and Troy's wedding, but it could have been written a couple of weeks ago, as we were getting ready for our granddaughter's wedding. The cleaning was very intense, as both our house and our bodies are just that much older. My brain has a way of thinking up goofy things, perhaps as a way to relieve the stress or to get through an unpleasant task. With that in mind, I give you this:

I just finished cleaning around the upstairs toilet. This was the result. "Well, I got it done. It was close, and by that, I mean the space I had to squeeze into. I hugged that toilet for so long, had my arms around it, breathing down its neck, that when I was finished, it asked me to go steady with it. I said, "I would not go steady with you if you were the last toilet on earth." I think it just couldn't quite get a handle on it because it looked quite flushed when I walked out of the room. "

Friends, I think I have inhaled too many cleaning fumes.

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## Accessibility Builds Personal And Community Connections

By Jim Speirs, Executive Director, Arts South Dakota

We all know about the power of the arts to change lives—my own life as a performer and arts advocate has created opportunity, forged friendships and shaped my personality. The arts lift us, transform us, save us—but are we doing all we can to ensure that the power of the arts is available to people of all abilities across South Dakota?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a major step towards physical and programmatic accessibility for differently abled people in our country. But somehow, although 25% of all Americans live with some form of disability, this community is represented in just 3% of film, television and media.

While we're making our concert halls and art galleries accessible to everyone, are we making our planning committees, governing boards and program-building groups open to input from people of all abilities in our communities?

We need to not just include people of all abilities, but also welcome everyone. Open doors provide learning and growing for all people, and sharing arts experiences—as well as planning and creating those arts experiences—builds community in exciting new ways.

Most of all, our approach to inclusion and accessibility must be intentional. That means factoring all-ability programming and participation into our community and organizational planning from the beginning—and making sure

that there is a place in the budget for the unexpected extras that true accessibility requires. Listening to everyone, including the 176,000 South Dakotans who live with some form of disability, should be part of our missions as arts providers and arts advocates.

Arts South Dakota has recently been part of three webinars on accessibility, from the national perspective, the state perspective and the personal, welcoming, human perspective. You can view these thought-provoking webinars on our website, artsouthdakota.org. Please check them out to learn more about the dramatic work being done to share the arts with people of all abilities here in South Dakota.

I don't think many people remember this Harvest Festival and Norwegian talent variety show at Jack Fox Park. This 1991 local ad said to contact Curt Hepner for details about a 125 years of celebrating Canton's past.



Here is Canton Commerce Assn. preparing for the festival. They are putting up corn stocks all down the streets of downtown. Dana Koupal, Shelly Eneboe and Molly McCarty are all working in this August 1991 picture.

## Dave Says: A Degree Isn't Power, Knowledge Is Power

Dear Dave,  
 I've heard you talk about paying for college for your kids. Why is this a requirement? I'm not trying to shirk my responsibility, but I worked my way through college and so did my parents. My wife and I have talked about paying for their books and maybe rent. Am I missing something here?

— Thomas

Dear Thomas,  
 First, I don't believe it's a requirement that all parents pay for college for their kids. It's not a moral issue, and you're not an immoral person if you don't or can't do it. I've told plenty of single moms, single dads and parents who don't earn a big income that their kids need to apply for as many scholarships as possible, learn how to work, and choose an inexpensive school if they want to continue their education.

As a parent, one of your biggest jobs is to give your kids a moral compass and the tools they'll need to succeed in the real world. And one of the keys to being a successful adult is engaging in a lifetime of learning. If the last time you read a book was when you were in high school or college, and you've never done training of any other kind since, you're probably not very successful. Never. Stop. Learning. If I'd stopped

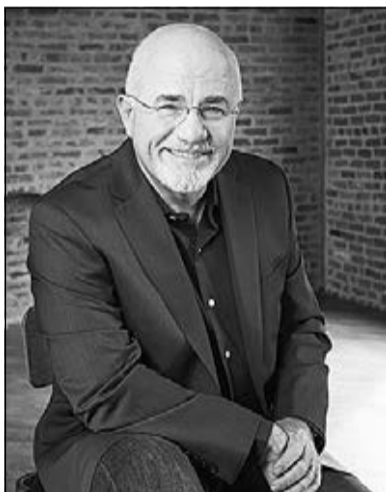
learning after getting my bachelor's degree, do you think I would've been able to build Ramsey Solutions? Absolutely not!

Do you see where I'm going with this, Thomas? As an adult, learning is your job. An entire lifetime of learning is your job. And if you can encourage that in your kids with some level of help, financial or otherwise, then it's your obligation to help them. You can't expect a 17-year-old to figure it all out. They don't have the tools yet.

The point is this: You don't have a moral responsibility to pay for your kids' college education. You do, however, have a moral responsibility to highlight the importance of knowledge, share what you have, and show them how to get more. If you can't afford to help with money, do everything else you can. There are plenty of more important things than cash. If you want to help financially, that's fine too.

Just don't use debt to make it happen!

— Dave



Dave Ramsey, author of Dave Says.

\* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.



This large group of Norwegian singers came down from Brookings to perform a chorus and take part in the variety show.



This strange dressed person on the left was Harvey Texley who also came down from Brookings. Harvey is shown reading something in a variety show some where in town and he was tease for dressing in women clothing.

Below these are the winners from the Norwegian Joke contest here in 1991. They are left to right Kenny Badget - worst joke, Ryan Engstrom - best joke, Clazena Sorum - second worst. Ryan won fifty dollars for his effort.



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# State Fair's Events Complex Shadowed By Cost Overruns, Management Concerns

By Stu Whitney  
South Dakota News Watch  
HURON, S.D. – In her December 2020 budget address, Gov. Kristi Noem laid out a plan for a state-of-the-art events facility at the South Dakota State Fair to replace the old livestock complex, which had been destroyed by fire about a month earlier.

The governor's proposal sought to double the size of the former facility with a heated building for 4-H and Future Farmers of America events to be unveiled in 2022. Noem also spoke of luring national rodeo and equestrian competitions to spark revenue for the state fair and the community.

"Our goal is to become the No. 1 choice for equestrian and livestock events in the country and for attracting new opportunities to South Dakota," Noem told legislators during her 2020 address. "I look forward to seeing you all in the new livestock complex at the 2022 State Fair."

More than 2 1/2 years later, with the 2023 State Fair beginning Aug. 31, pandemic-related construction delays and cost overrides have hampered the governor's vision. The Dakota Events Complex, known as the DEX, was not ready to open in 2022, and its bleachers won't be available for this year's fair, dampening some of the enthusiasm for its unveiling.

The grand opening slated for opening day is now described as a ribbon-cutting ceremony, with beef exhibits and shows still scheduled at the facility during the fair. The official grand opening celebration is planned for 2024 as part of the Governor's Agricultural Summit.

"The concrete is poured and the building is there. But until we get the bleachers, the project is not complete to the point where people can see what it's all about," said Jim White, a longtime Huron resident and former state legislator who led the DEX fundraising effort.

"It's a work in progress, needless to say."

White gave a tour of the sprawling 150,000 square foot complex as crews on scissor lifts did electrical work near the roof. The barn-themed modern entrance on the west side features large signage, wood-beamed ceilings, restrooms and a concessions area. On the east side of the building, crews were still working to complete watering stations for livestock.

## Cost overruns for complex draw scrutiny of lawmakers

Construction delays coincided with the state fair raising ticket prices for the first time since 2015. Daily admission increased from \$6 to \$10 for adults, with weekly passes up to \$40 from the previous \$25. For youth ages 6-15, tickets are \$5 a day and \$20 for the 2023 fair, which runs Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Advance tickets are sold at a discounted rate.

Legislators have so far appropriated \$29 million for the Dakota Events Complex, which can hold two full-size equestrian arenas or 1,700-plus cattle stalls. Those appropriations include \$18 million in general funds, \$6 million in private fundraising and much of the rest from insurance payments from the loss of the old facility.

The first round of funding, \$20

million, was approved in 2021, and a second round of \$9 million was rubber-stamped in 2023 after costs started to escalate. The facility has been scaled back from 200,000 square feet to 150,000 and from a seating capacity of 7,000 to 5,000 due to concerns about the overall price tag.

Noem's office and the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), which oversees the financial management of the state fair, attributed budget overruns and construction delays to the COVID-19 pandemic and backorders on steel.

But the funding and outlook of DEX has drawn the scrutiny of lawmakers, reviving a decades-old debate over whether the state fair should stand on its own financially or be subsidized by taxpayers.

## 'South Dakota is an ag state, so you want a nice facility'

State Sen. Jean Hunhoff, a Yankton Republican and co-chair of the Joint Appropriations Committee, has criticized the lack of a business plan to show how the DEX will bring in enough revenue to make up for increased expenditures needed to manage and market the complex.

The state fair fund had a negative cash flow of \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2022, dropping its balance from \$2.8 million to \$1.3 million, according to the Office of the State Treasurer. The fair received a transfer of \$721,582 from state general funds in 2021 due to pandemic-related revenue losses, based on Noem's recommendation.

"Are they ever going to be totally self-sufficient? I don't think so," said Hunhoff.

"But they're also not at the level that we expect them to be. South Dakota is an ag state, so you want a nice facility, but you need to be able to market it. They're indicating to us, 'If you build it, they will come.' Well, you need to have programming that prompts people to come there, especially if you want (the Legislature) to continue to contribute."

Attendance at the five-day fair was 192,279 in 2022, the highest since the pandemic but lower than every year between 2014 and 2019.

The Noem administration denied News Watch requests to interview Agriculture and Natural Resources Secretary Hunter Roberts and State Fair Manager Peggy Besch.

## Ticket prices raised to help fund DEX management

Besch presented a plan to lawmakers in June 2022 to raise ticket prices and camping fees for the 2022 state fair. She noted that the proposed prices were less than rates charged at state fairs in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and North Dakota.

The fee increases were projected to generate \$280,000 annually, Besch told the Legislature's Rules Review Committee, which would be used in part to hire staff to manage and promote the DEX. She acknowledged at the time she didn't have a specific business plan to reflect those needs or expenses.

The process faltered when Hunhoff chastised Besch and the State Fair Commission for not mentioning the fee increases at a DANR budget hearing that took place during session, instead trying

to push it through the five-member committee panel.

## The fee changes were not allowed to go into effect.

"I was very verbal about them bypassing appropriations," said Hunhoff. "I said, 'Had you told us you were going to do that by putting it in your budget, we would have been more receptive, but you really didn't follow the process.' So those rules got reverted back (by a vote of 4-1)."

During the 2023 legislative session, the fee increases were part of the DANR's budget outline, along with the additional \$9 million in appropriations to complete construction of the DEX.

Both requests passed as part of the budgetary process.

## 'We're looking for some sort of concrete plan'

Roberts and Besch faced questions about their premise that the events center will spark increased revenue by luring national events to Huron on a year-round basis.

"Most of the activities they've hosted in the past have been spring and summer, and now they have to look at utilizing that complex all year round," said Hunhoff. "We're taking them to task by saying, 'We're being supportive in helping you to finance this building and create this state-of-the-art complex, but what are you doing to market it?' We want to see some metrics come out of that."

She added: "One of the things that came up was, 'Where are all these people going to stay? What's going to be different? How are you going to showcase this complex and bring people to Huron for these events?'"

The most recent count from the South Dakota High School Activities Association had Huron with 425 hotel rooms, compared with 5,100 for Rapid City, 4,300 for Sioux Falls, 1,095 for Mitchell and 890 for Aberdeen. There are also more than 1,200 camping sites at the Huron fairgrounds.

Along with Joint Appropriations Committee co-chair Rep. Mike Derby, R-Rapid City, Hunhoff sent a letter of intent to Roberts on May 3 requesting a report "detailing revenues and expenditures for State Fair division operations with DEX operations separate for calendar year 2023 and each year thereafter" to get a better sense of how the events center is performing.

The information, the letter said, would be used by the Joint Committee "as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding."

## South Dakota State Fair has history of financial concerns

Concerns about solvency have frequently plagued the state fair, requiring corrective action from lawmakers.

In 2001, with the fair \$500,000 in debt, legislators authorized \$700,000 in general funds and shifted budget and financial management to the Department of Agriculture rather than the State Fair Commission.

Two years later, after the 2003 event lost \$300,000, then-Agriculture Secretary Larry Gabriel shifted the fair schedule from July to its former slot in early September, trying to take advantage of Labor Day weekend. But financial troubles threatened



The Dakota Events Complex (DEX) was built to replace the old Beef Complex at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron. Legislators have so far appropriated \$29 million for the facility, which can hold two full-size equestrian arenas or 1,700-plus cattle stalls. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

the fair's future, with Gov. Mike Rounds refusing at the time to rule out terminating the event if circumstances didn't change.

"I can see that as a possibility if we don't begin to make progress on bringing the fair back into a profitable position," Rounds said at the time. "I think the Legislature will accept some subsidy for a period of time, but I really think they want to see it do a better job of making it on its own."

In 2005, after the fair posted a shortfall of nearly \$1 million on its 100th anniversary, Gabriel announced that the fair would be

a chance to build for the future."

White, a retired Wells Fargo executive who served as Senate Assistant Majority Leader from 2015 to 2016, put Noem's optimism into action. He chaired a local fundraising effort that brought in \$6 million, or more than 20% of the appropriated funds for the DEX project.

In addition to ag-based businesses such as Bank West, Butler Machinery, Agtegra and First Dakota National Bank, White said individual donors were also receptive to the idea of upgrading the livestock exhibition experience



The back east-side entrance to the Dakota Events Complex (DEX), a 150,000 square foot livestock and equestrian facility at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

shortened to its current five-day schedule, ending on Labor Day, in the hopes of boosting attendance and cutting costs.

Legislators were mixed on whether the event was worth saving, according to an Associated Press survey of lawmakers conducted in 2006. Of those who responded, 49% said they believed the state should continue to subsidize the fair, while 27% opposed continuing support and 24% were undecided.

"We have to make a decision: Is it worth having, and if it is, are we willing to step up to the plate?" House Republican Leader and current Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden said at the time.

"Instead of having an ongoing discussion, make it as viable as it can be on its own and then just assume we pay the rest of the tab."

Subsidies for state fairs are not uncommon, although larger operations such as the Minnesota State Fair and Iowa State Fair exist independent of operating revenue from state government. North Dakota's annual event currently receives \$570,000 annually in general fund revenue to help defray costs. Nebraska, meanwhile, earmarks 10% of state lottery proceeds to the State Fair Board, which amounted to \$5.6 million in 2021.

## Tragedy leads to opportunity with fundraising effort

Noem, whose family participated in 4-H and equestrian activities at the Beef Complex in Huron, called it a "scary night" when the building was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of Oct. 31, 2020. No people or animals were injured by the blaze, which investigators determined was caused by a faulty cord on a refrigerator in the concession area.

The governor knew that replacing the complex would take an organized effort.

"In South Dakota," she said in her 2020 budget address, "we know out of adversity comes opportunity and

at the fairgrounds on a year-round basis.

"We just sold our story," said White, who was appointed by Noem to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission in February. "The Beef Complex represented approximately 50 percent of revenue in previous years. And with the heated arena and so forth, I know that expectations will be above that for the future."

DANR public affairs director Brian Walsh sent a statement to News Watch with a list of events booked for the DEX. That includes the South Dakota Rodeo Association Finals (2023 and 2024), National Barrel Horse Association State Barrel Race (2024), South Dakota Summer Spotlight Livestock Show (2024) and Red Power Round Up National Show (2026).

"Based on the widespread support of the facility and the interest in booking it, we believe the facility is living up to its design," said the statement.

For state appropriators, the key will be making sure those expectations translate into financial reality. Such oversight, they said, is the best way to ensure that concerns about subsidizing the state fair with taxpayer money don't reach crisis mode as they have in the past.

"You've got a community that invested, you've got ag-based people in the state that want these kind of showmanship places, and you've got the state as a partner," said Hunhoff.

"We provided the capital. The question is how much more we're going to provide going forward, and we need to evaluate that over the next two or three years. If there's more support that's needed, what's it going to be, and is that a priority for the state?"

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### Obstacles Facing Small Businesses in the Modern Economy

Small businesses are the economic engine that runs countries across the globe. Such businesses comprise a larger share of the economic landscape than big firms. Despite how essential a thriving small business sector is, such firms are vulnerable to the fluctuating economic conditions, particularly in the aftermath of the global pandemic.

According to ValuePenguin, powered by Lending Tree, 86 percent of small businesses are facing economic challenges as of 2022. The latest MetLife and U.S Chamber of Small Business Index has identified issues that many small businesses are confronting in the current economic climate.

• Inflation: The Index indicated inflation is the number one concern for small businesses today, with 53 percent of firms reporting this is the biggest challenge they are facing. When the survey was conducted, inflation was up 30 percentage points year-over-year. Also, according to Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses Voices survey, more than 76 percent of respondents said the financial health of their business had been hurt by inflation in recent months.



• Supply chain issues: Larger corporations may be able to source their products from many different vendors to keep shelves stocked, but smaller businesses often experience difficulties when items become unavailable. An Oracle survey reported that 80 percent of consumers would stop buying from a brand entirely if they experienced delays or shortages in their orders. This has been troubling to small businesses who have found it harder to compete with larger firms amid supply chain disruption.

• Revenue generation: As the costs of supplies and labor has risen due to inflation, small businesses have struggled to generate revenue. The U.S. Chamber of Small Business reported that, in the fourth quarter of 2022, nearly seven in 10 small business owners said they raised prices to cope with rising inflation as a measure to help mitigate revenue lags. Even after raising prices, certain small businesses have been having trouble breaking even.

• Rising interest rates: Small business owners who rely on loans and credit to finance their business operations have been hit hard by the rising interest rates the Federal Reserve has been implementing to stem inflation. These rising rates, coupled with revenue struggles, are added costs to doing business.

• Recruitment and retention: Finding and keeping quality employees has been challenging for some time. This has been exacerbated by the fact that everyone is feeling the pinch of rising costs, and individuals need jobs that will offer salaries and benefits that can help them make ends meet. This means that employees may be lured away by the prospect of better pay at big box businesses that may have more available capital to pay employees. In addition, large firms can provide access to less expensive health care plans because they are servicing a greater number of employees.

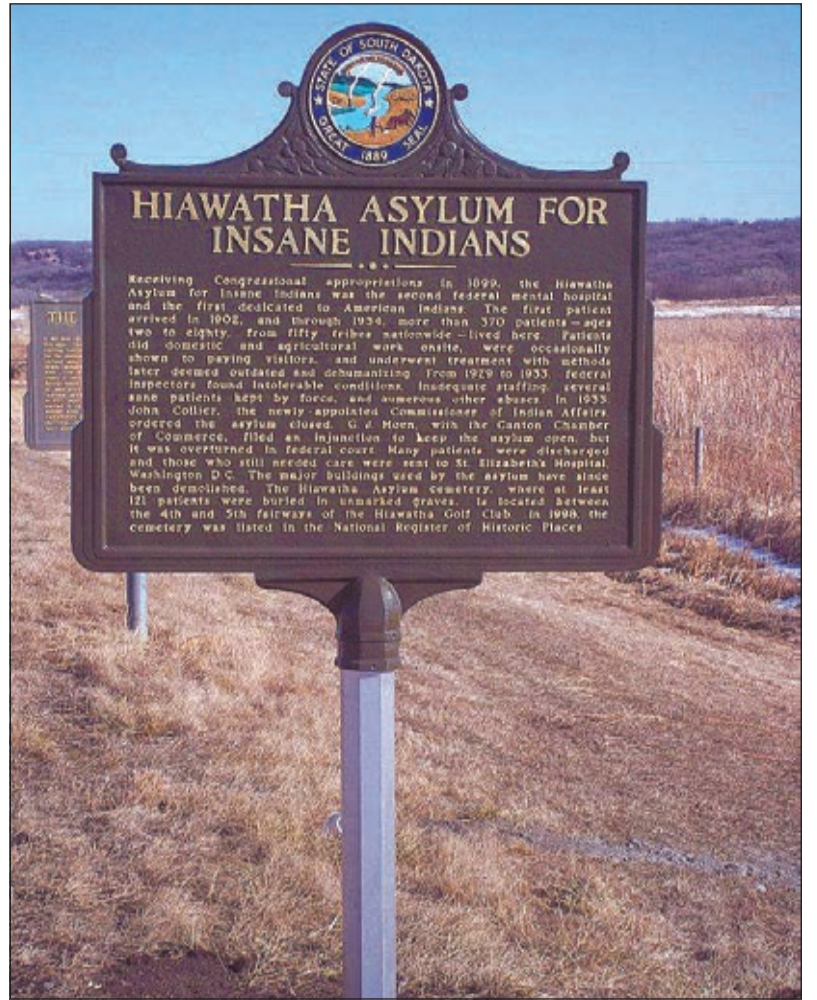
Small businesses are facing considerable obstacles in the modern economy. Consulting with a business advisor may help entrepreneurs solve these issues. TF239267

# Remembrance of Hiawatha Indian Asylum

By: Kala Hazelhoff

On Saturday August 19th, in a sweltering 100-degree heat, around 60 family members and friends gathered at the Hiawatha Indian Asylum cemetery to remember the loved ones buried there. The cemetery lies between the fourth and fifth fairways of the Canton golf course. Some of these relatives come from Arizona every year to acknowledge and remember. Many of them have historical ties to relatives that were patients at the asylum, which sat close to where the Sanford Canton-Inwood hospital currently is. The participants in the ceremony shared stories and opened with a traditional song, played with sacred instruments. Following the ceremony, everyone was invited to Canton United Methodist Church for fellowship.

The Hiawatha Indian Asylum was opened in 1903. Whilst open, more than 350 individuals came through the doors as patients. Of these, 121 are buried in unmarked graves in the cemetery. The Native American individuals who came through these doors were kept there for such grievances as alcoholism, opposing the government, misbehaving in boarding schools, or for not being culturally accepted. Years later it was proven that most of these patients were not even mentally ill. Patients were often kept in horrendous conditions, such as chained to beds and left to lay in their own filth. One speaker shared how his family didn't know where their grandfather was for years. The family later found out he had been taken to Hiawatha. During this period, children were pulled from their schools and homes and



sent off to live at boarding schools thousands of miles away. Following the removal of children from homes, the Government sent many of the Native American elders and teachers to the asylum, in order to reduce influence on younger generations. The asylum closed its doors in 1933 after investigations were conducted regarding treatment of Native American patients who resided there.

It is exceedingly important we

learn from our shared history, to be better prepared to teach our children of things that have happened. When reviewing stories of those who had come to Hiawatha, this author felt like she was reading fiction. We must acknowledge this happened in our country, in our hometown of Canton, South Dakota. There was no awareness while growing up about Hiawatha. I did not know that this had even occurred until I was about twenty years old. It is imperative to remember, and teach each other, about crimes against humanity that were committed. Only then can we create a better vision for future generations.

The definition for remember is "have in one's mind or be able to bring to one's mind: an awareness of someone or something that one has seen, known, or experienced in the past."

If you are interested in learning more about the Hiawatha Indian Asylum you can contact the Facebook page "Keepers of the Canton Native Asylum," read "The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo" by Kent Nerburn, or visit the Canton Library for more resources.



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# Preparing for a Tripledemic

## Three Vaccines - flu shot, Covid and R.S.V. shots - to be offered this fall

**Travis Slaba, PA-C at Avera Medical Group - Harrisburg, shares tips on how to stay healthy this winter**

By Virginia Olson  
At the end of 2022, health professionals and media reports discussed the simultaneous spread of three viral diseases and their impact on public health and healthcare facilities. It was then that a new term gained use specifically due to the spread of COVID -19, the flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), all three of which were highly contagious and surging about the same time. Though not a scientific definition, an accurate term describing situation came to be. Tripledemic. It referenced three separate diseases and the ending -demic, particularly as it is used in words pandemic and epidemic -describing a viral triple-demic of

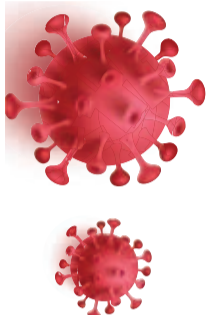
respiratory illnesses that hit hard. Whether the word was a scare tactic or just a graphic description of three contagious diseases striking all at once, federal health officials at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the CDC are hoping Americans will take safeguards to protect themselves against the flu, Covid and RSV this “flu season.” They also hope that widespread use of these vaccines will head off another “triple-demic” of respiratory illnesses that occurred last year. Though there was lots of rhino virus and strep last year Travis Slaba, a Certified Physician’s Assistant with Avera Medical Group in Harrisburg, says the SD Dept of Health is preparing for “the big three” – flu, Covid, and R.S.V. “Medicine doesn’t follow the rules when one or all of the viruses start to spread, but we have effective vaccines that will be available and that the public should be aware of.”

Here is what Slaba and other experts say who should be receiving which vaccines and when.  
**What respiratory illnesses are coming our way?**  
The coronavirus, flu and R.S.V. are likely to resurge this fall, but exactly when and how much damage they will do are unknown. Last winter, the flu peaked in December in South Dakota and across the country. Nationally, the virus may have caused as many as 58,000 deaths. Covid kept up a steady number of infections and deaths most of the season, with the peak in January. R.S.V., mostly recognized as a childhood respiratory illness, is increasingly recognized as a major respiratory threat, particularly to older adults, immunocompromised people and young children. But R.S.V. has been unpredictable with its patterns. Compared with its patterns before the pandemic,



R.S.V. peaked in November, several weeks earlier last year, and it circulated longer than usual. “R.S.V. has been around forever,” said Slaba. “It is a respiratory illness that is really harmful to airways. And like the flu can make your very, very sick.”

car, Slaba says; it’s a good idea to keep using them. “Vaccines provide an extra layer of protection. Though nothing is 100%, vaccinations will decrease complications.”



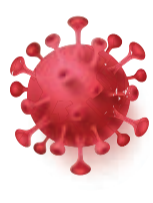
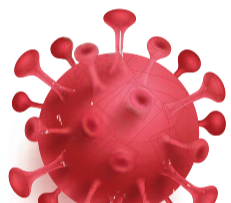
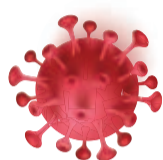
### Covid came back again this summer, but why?

Here we go again. Covid-19 has spiked every summer since 2020 – and this year’s was no exception. Cases and hospitalization rose in mid-July and into August according to the CDC.

So why did Covid cases rise this summer? It all has to do with where we are and the air we breathe. As in previous years, it’s partly because the heat has forced more people to flock indoors and into the AC. The virus is more likely to get transmitted with more people mingling and breathing the same recirculated air. The rise in summer travel was also a likely factor, experts say.

Plus, for many of us, our immunity has begun to wane. Only 17 percent of Americans received the bivalent vaccines, which were rolled out last fall and were supposed to protect against Omicron variants Wired reports. Another reason for the uptick may be all the wildfires smoke that affected air quality this summer. There is evidence that pollution may weaken the immune system.

CNN reports that those who are generally healthy and have either been vaccinated or have been infected are not likely to become severely ill, but they still run the risk of developing long Covid. (It is estimated that 1 in 10 Covid survivors end up with the condition.) Older adults and those with weakened immune systems are still vulnerable.



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#### Which vaccines to seek out

There’s been lots of hype when it comes to vaccines. Though the pandemic exhausted (and soured) people of medicine as well as caused the deaths of more than one million Americans, it also brought lots of medical innovation. The COVID vaccine created watershed moments and a new era of vaccinology.

Effect vaccines are available, and experts say everyone should have at least the flu and Covid shots this fall.

Still, federal Health officials are also trying to get Americans to look at shots and vaccines in a whole different light. They aren’t talking about a primary series of shots followed by boosters. Ironically, they have even moved away from that nomenclature and aren’t even calling the shot “boosters” anymore. Instead, they are trying to steer Americans toward the idea of a single, annual immunization with the latest version of the vaccine.

The annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six month and older, but it is most important for adults ages 65 and older; children under five and people with weak immune systems.

Covid has not gone away, so updated Covid shots are coming this fall from Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax. All are designed to target the XBB.1.5 the Omicron variant that currently accounts for 27 percent of cases said Slaba.

The FDA also approved an adult R.S.V. shot. Vaccines are like a seatbelt in a

“No one know when these viruses will re-emerge, so you should get the shots early enough in the fall to build immunity,” said Slaba. “Most people will not want or be able to make multiple trips to a clinic or pharmacy to space the shots apart. That probably means September or October.”

Most people may want to consider receiving the flu and Covid shot at the same time, so they are prepared to face either virus. Older adults who are in poor health – who have heart or lung disease, for example, or are on home oxygen – should get Covid, flu and R.S.V. some experts say.

“They should get them as quickly as possible and definitely before the season and do it all at once,” said Slaba.

#### Is it safe to get these vaccines at once?

The flu and Covid shots were often given together last fall and seemed to work well. Because the R.S.V. vaccine is new, however, there is little information on how it might interact with the other two vaccines.

“The available data pertaining to the administration of influenza and Covid-19 vaccines at the same time do not indicate safety concerns,” the Department of Health and Human Services said. “FDA and CDC systems monitor vaccine safety year-round and will remain in place. If any new potential safety signals are identified, the FDA or CDC will conduct further assessment and inform the public.”

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Juniors with a key roll last season are Teague Granum, Cain Wallner, Rylan Larson, Hunter Richmond, Chance Riley and Corbin Winquist. Other Juniors fighting for a spot are Andrew Ortman, Tyler Lease, Jacob Rupe, Jesse Wentz, Cameron Winter, Carson Ross and Cam Anderson.

Sophomores this season are Quintin Bakke, Kieshon Smith, Alex Rhead, Daniel Langerock, Jarius Battese, Wyette Greenwood, Tasyn Ockenga, Tier Jones, Mason Bentz, Nick Baker, Ty Carlson, Daniel Robertson, Nate Bryson, John Anderson and Tripp McAthie.

Freshmen this season are Jaden Folkens, Landon Dominisse, Shane Sehr, Wyatt Tuntland, Aiden Schrempp, Carson Patch, Keyvin Strand, Chase Adam, Natalia Long and Jase Kroger. These guys will be fighting for a shot at getting on the field on either offense, defense or special teams.

Leading the way this season will be Head Coach Rich Lundstrom as he starts his 20th season as head coach and he will be assisted by Matt David, Matt DeGeest, Kent Anderson, Shane Skiles, Jackson Anderson, Todd Gannon and Mark Rhead.



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# Canton Boys Golf Season Opener

Canton golf team opened up season play Monday, August 14th at the West Central Invite. Varsity members competing were Carson Steffensen, Ryan Kuper, Tucker Rhead, Ethan Vaksdahl, Theo Meister, and Hunter Hamre. Placing 3rd overall with a score of 79 was Carson followed by Ryan with a top half of field finish.



# Pack the Nest This Friday

This is a breakdown of the Pack the Nest Event. You were required to sign up before hand to participate.

- Thursday, August 24th:**
- Preregistered K-6th students will get:
  - To practice with the varsity football team
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The Canton 5th and 6th grade tackle football team Johnson Feed Inc. started their season Saturday and were defeated by Dell Rapids 34-0 putting their record at 0-1. Dells Started the game moving the ball at will as they jumped out to a 28-0 halftime lead and cruised to the 34-0 win.

**Offensive Stats:**  
Rushing- Kai Knoblock 7/27, Easton Skiles 3/10, Beau Bryson 2/6; Eli Thompson 1/2, Caiden Rozeboom 1/1.

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# Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

It is officially my favorite time of the year and that is the start of Canton C-hawk football season. It will begin Friday night as they host SF Christian with a 7:00pm kickoff and stuff to do before the game too as they have a tailgate party by the PAC being hosted by Farmers State Bank so go early and get some football food. The Hawks are ranked 4th in the pre-season poll and SFC is ranked 3rd but all our opponents for most of the season are ranked so we will let the season figure it out but lets get up there and cheer the Hawks on to a victory. I have seen them practice for a couple of weeks as they are practicing when my little guys team is just starting and the Hawks look big and fast. Good luck to the Hawks Friday night and all season and I can't wait to get the season started.

Sunday night I ended up watching Field of Dreams again and it still is a great movie and it doesn't matter that I have seen it many times I still tear up at the end. I have never been to the sight of the movie but hope to go sometime in the near future so if you have been there let me know if it is worth the ride to go. At the end of the movie the main guy gets a chance to play catch with his father who died along time earlier and they had a rough relationship and never had the chance but this was their destination to have one more chance and it ends with them playing some catch as they end with a lot of people coming to the field to financially help the family out. Great movie and I hope you all got to see it sometime but as I sit and watch I get to think about not having a chance to play catch with my father as he died when I was a 6-year-old and I think I would like

one chance to try that so what I am saying is I got the chance when I went out in the yard and played a lot of catch with my 2 boys and even Emily too. Chase and Zach always tested by arm which started to have a lot of distance and speed on the throws but as the throws got longer all I could remember hearing is "CAN YOU THROW IT THIS FAR!!". The answer now is no not to mention I can't really wave to much with the right arm but I wouldn't want it any other way. Dads get outside with your sons and play catch with anything but spend the time and later in life you will know why you did it. Yes I have tears watching that the catch and I love to think about all the times our yard was used for just this reason. Boys would you like a CATCH?

Well the 5th and 6th grade tackle football team had a tough start Saturday for our first game as we played a very good Dell Rapids team and were beat 34-0 and before we knew it started we were down 28-0. We have some things to work on and hopefully we get practice this week in all this heat but we will get better and work harder so keep working boys we will get this. Thanks to all the family and friends who came out and sweated with me watching the boys and not sure if you felt like dropping after the game but man, I did feel like I just got done swimming. Just think in about 4 or 5 games we will be shivering out there with coats on but let's get thru this week.

Good luck to all the Canton Fall sports teams as they all get underway this week and I hope you all have a great season and see you at state this year.

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