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Canton Parade Route Shortened

The Canton Christmas Parade will start between the firehall and Dollar General and out onto 5th street and go west past the Courthouse turning on main and ending on 4th.

Deinema Grants

The Jim and Caroline Deinema Canton Community Foundation is now accepting grant applications.

Since its founding, the Foundation has awarded more than \$110,000 to nonprofits and causes throughout Canton, supporting organizations who serve youth and senior citizens, as well as those dedicated to important causes such as education, the arts, cultural enrichment, historical preservation and more.

Grants are made possible thanks to donors who support the Foundation. Through the power of endowment, gifts to the Foundation grow over time thanks to the benefit of a pooled investment that generates long-term asset growth.

Grant applications can be submitted online at sfacf.org/canton. Applications are due by Friday, Dec. 8.

News Items

Remember, you can email, phone, drop off or mail any news items to the Sioux Valley News. Reach the News at 605-764-2000, svn@midconetwork.com, PO Box 255, Canton, SD 57013 or 213 E. 5th in Canton. A drop box is available for use when the office is closed.

Weather



Thursday High 79 Low 54 Sunny
Friday High 77 Low 55 Sunny



Saturday High 77 Low 47 Sunny
Sunday High 76 Low 45 Sunny



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Wallner Steps Back; Closer to Retirement

Tom Wallner from Lite Electric is not retiring but taking steps to lessen his workload. He will only be doing service work and small jobs after the end of the year. Employees of Lite Electric Austin Fossum and Jesse Vosika were encouraged to start their own electric business "Highland Electric" to cover the larger projects. They will be offering all electric services for the Canton area. They will have a Facebook page up soon. In the meantime, you can reach them at 605-553-8486.



Tom and Patty Wallner have been running Lite Electric since 1994. Patty said, "I won't let Tom retire but he will be scaling back his work load."

Friendship Preschool Holds Thanksgiving Program



The Canton United Methodist Church Friendship Preschool had a program on Tuesday, November 21. The 3 & 4-year-old classes performed songs and poems. The kids have been working hard all fall to learn the fun songs. Their teacher is Jenna Stearns and her assistant is Kathy Lottman.

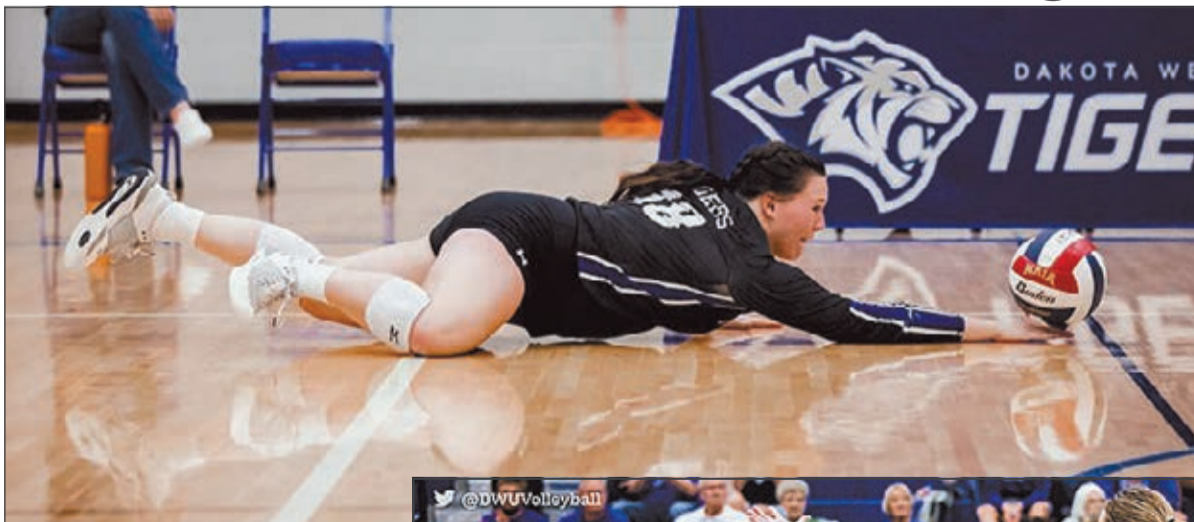


An Evening at the Stable Construction Begins

The Canton Lutheran Church Annual Evening at the Stable Live Nativity construction began last week. This year it will be December 9 and 10 with shows at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The Christmas Cantata will be performed Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. Soup will be served both nights starting at 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.



Canton Graduate Dominates DWU Tigers Volleyball Team

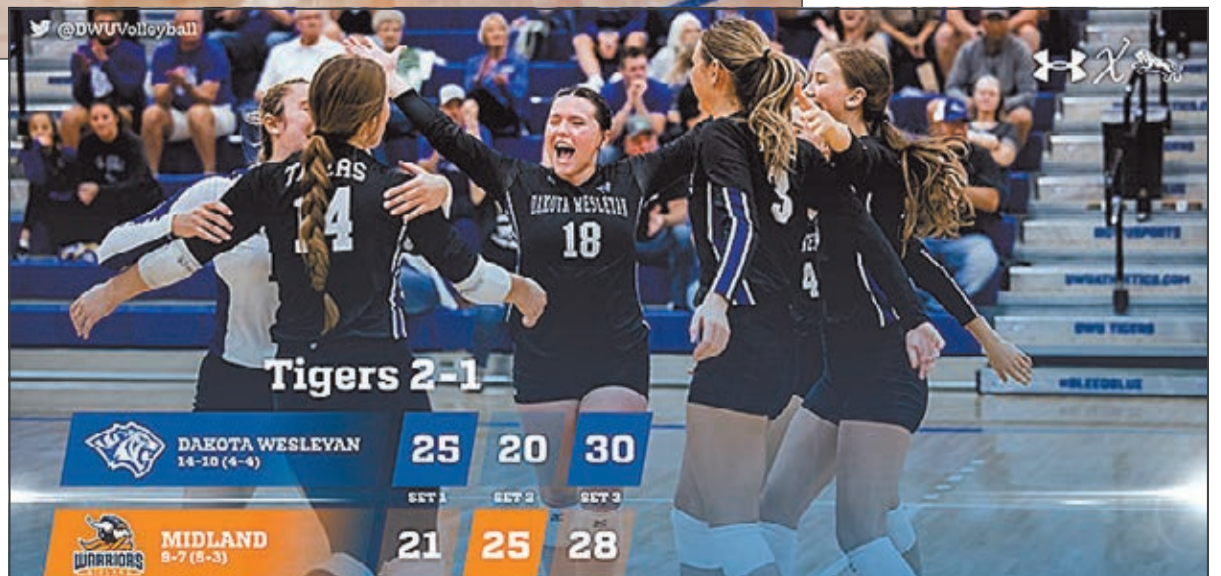


Dakota Wesleyan University Tiger Volleyball ended their Women's Volleyball season with a record of 19-15 on November 4, 2023. Carlee Laubach, from Canton, was a varsity starter for the Dakota Wesleyan Tigers in her freshman year at the university.

Laubach graduated from Canton in 2023 after playing four years for the C-Hawk Volleyball team.

Carlee Laubach played 34 matches and 114 sets for the Dakota Wesleyan Tiger Varsity Volleyball Team.

During the fall season for the Tigers, Laubach captured 294 digs and 20 ace serves. Laubach played middle back for part of the season and then moved into the left back position for the Tigers. On serve receive, Laubach passed the ball 462 times with only 17 errors for a 96.32% on serve receive. The Tigers begin their offseason work to prepare for another tough 2024 GPAC schedule.





Anne Marie Young
December 6, 1945 –
November 21, 2023

In loving Memory of Anne Marie Young With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Anne Marie Young, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, who departed from this world on November 21, 2023. Anne was born on December 6, 1945, and lived a life filled with love, warmth, and dedication to her family.

Anne leaves a legacy of love and strength, touching the lives of all who knew her. She was a devoted mother of five children: William, David, Robert, Stephen, and Elizabeth. Anne's unwavering love and guidance shaped the remarkable individuals that they have become.

Family was the cornerstone of Anne's life; her greatest joy came from being a grandmother and great-grandmother. She leaves behind 11 cherished grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, with more to come. This is a testament to the love and values she instilled in her own children. Her home was always filled with laughter, love, and encouragement.

In addition to her role as a loving matriarch, Anne was a pillar of strength and resilience. Her legacy of love, compassion, and perseverance will continue to live in the hearts she leaves behind. She has left an indelible mark on those who knew and loved her and will continue to inspire our family for generations to come.

As we mourn the loss of Anne, let us celebrate and rejoice in the incredible life she led and the unforgettable mark she left on the hearts of her family and friends. May her memory be a source of comfort and strength during this difficult time.

A memorial service to honor Anne's life will be held at 10:00am on December 9, 2023, at Church at the Gate, 6820 W. 26th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

May Anne Marie Young rest in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior, surrounded by the love that she so generously gave throughout her life. www.andersonandsonsfh.com



Gordon Wilford Powell
September 11, 1945 -
November 19, 2023

Gordon Wilford Powell passed away November 19, 2023 at Avera St. Benedict Hospital in Parkston with his family by his side. Gordon was born on September 11, 1945 to Emery and Pearl (Talbot) Powell. He graduated from Alcester High School in 1963. He met the love of his life, Elaine Kopsas, while working together at Otis Radio. They were married on June 25, 1965 and had 58 wonderful years together. They had 2 children, David and Barbara.

Gordon worked over 40 years in the manufacturing industry. This included working for Otis Radio, Coil Craft, Raven Industries, McCord Heat Transfer, CCL Label, Hutchinson Technology, and Handgard, Inc. He also was a manager for Shop-N-Cart. He worked for Quality Presort prior to his retirement. After his retirement, they moved from Sioux Falls to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Alan, on their farm near Parkston.

Gordon enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing with family and friends. He also loved playing cards from poker, rummy, pinnacle and black jack. He enjoyed teaching all his grandchildren how to play different card games. During his retirement, Gordon enjoyed watching and feeding the birds and butterflies.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, Emery and Pearl; his brothers, Gerald and Allen; his brother-in-laws: George, Ralph, Louis, John, Bill, Alex, Jerome, Curt and David; his son, David and several friends.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine and daughter, Barbara (Powell) Timm; grandchildren, Michael Powell, Travis Timm, Kimberly Powell, Kaylee (Timm) Sacks, Lucas Timm and Emilee Timm; great-grandchildren, Lillie Mendinger, Olivia Timm, Echo Sacks, Weston Timm, MaKenna Timm and Kinsley Timm.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 3, 2023, from 1:00-3:00pm at Heritage Funeral Home with family present. A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00pm.



Larry Heyden,
November 26, 2023

Larry Heyden, age 80, died Sunday, November 26, 2023 at the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center. Private family burial at the SD Veterans Cemetery will take place at a later date. www.andersonandsonsfh.com



Sandra Thorsby
July 18 1953 -
November 23, 2023

Sandra Thorsby, age 70, died Thursday, November 23, 2023 at Sanford USD Medical Center. Sandra requested that no services be held. www.andersonandsonsfh.com

Southtown Commentary

By Pastor Jerry Miller



Be Careful with Words

As I write these articles I have time to think about my words. I will often come up with an idea to write about and then I think about it for a few days. Other times I will just come up with an idea and start writing. Regardless, after I write it, I reread it, modify it, and then let it sit for days before making it public. I am able to put time and thought into these words.

I do not have as much time and thought for all my words though. Often one of my sons will ask me a question and I will not answer right away. Now that they are older, they are much more patient to wait for my answer. When they were little, they became frustrated when I did not answer right away. They have learned that there are times that I like to think before I answer them.

I wish I was better at that though. Too often I give an answer right away when I should have thought about it a bit longer. Other times I open my mouth and speak- even interrupting- when I should have been quiet.

Today we do not just have opportunities to speak and put our foot in our mouths, but we have so many opportunities to type words that we should have been more careful with. It is easy to peck out a quick reply to an online forum or a facebook comment.

Often those replies can be quite helpful. I am so thankful for the many people that contribute to automotive repair forums- even if they only have typed out a quick reply. Much of their advice has been very helpful. I have, however, figured out that even on an auto repair forum, there is contradictory advice. Some people even type without knowing what they are talking about.

As frustrating as bad automotive advice could be, I should feel even

worse if I speak or type in a sinful manner. Sticks and stones can break our bones and words do hurt. Proverbs 29:20 warns us: "Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him." Proverbs 26:12 shows us why it is so easy to give a quick answer when it says, "Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him."

Pride causes us to try to be a know it all on an automotive forum or to quickly give an answer to our kids. It also causes us to try to show someone we disagree with online how wrong they are. When such temptations arise we need to remember the example of Jesus. The Apostle Paul told us, "do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:4-8 NASB)

Jesus is God, yet he humbled himself and put others ahead of himself. Let us swallow a little pride and instead of showing off with our words, hold those words back a bit so that we can make sure that they come out in a loving and kind manner. Instead of just typing or saying the first thing that comes to our minds, let us make sure we say what Jesus would want us to say. "This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;" (James 1:19 NASB) www.southtownchurch.com

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Thank you

Thank you to friends and family for helping make my 90th birthday so special. It was great seeing everyone at the party and the cards and phone calls were appreciated.

Thank you to my family for putting together such a great day for me! The monetary gifts received will be donated locally. Again-thank you so much!!

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A Christmas Celebration Choral Event
7:30 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m Sunday

MEMORY LANE

2013

A "Penny War" was held at Lawrence Elementary this past week. The students brought in money and the winner will receive a Popcorn Party. "We were very impressed with the generosity of the students and parents. All of the proceeds will be going to Love Inc. We raised \$1300.94 for Love Inc." said Lawrence Elementary Principal Gabe Devitt. Here are the results. 1st - 4th grade; 2nd - 3rd grade; 3rd - Kindergarten; 4th - 1st grade; 5th - 5th grade; 6th - 2nd grade.

Members of VFW Post #3164 in Canton were honored at a dinner on November 15, 2013 at the Post home. All Korean veterans, living and deceased, were recognized for their service and bravery as it was the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Cease Fire in Korea. There were 20 living Korean veterans who are members

The Canton City Commission met in regular session Monday, Nov. 18, with recognition "The wonderful people that have been in the library from people that have been in 50 years to two days," are why the library is important Iris Schultz said when she was honored with a plaque from the Canton City Commission and Mayor Chuck Smith. She told of a person who wanted to move to town and she stopped in to the library to learn

about the town. Mayor Chuck Smith made a proclamation for the Canton Football Team. Smith recognized the team for their wins and the contributions. The C-Hawks were honored for their achievements and Nov. 18 was recognized by the Commission as a special day for the Canton Football Team.

1998

"The Senior Lunch Bunch" cookbooks are back just in time for the holidays! Canton Community Education has joined forces with the Senior Citizens center to put together another edition of the "Lunch Bunch" cookbook. The books are designed to share cooking secrets of some Canton's senior residents. All cookbook sale proceeds are going to the Senior Citizens Center.

Albin Swanson, who will soon celebrate his 90th birthday, was born December 8, 1908, on the same farm north of Canton where a great-grandson was recently born. Born to a family of eleven children, Albin is used to being surrounded by lots of family. Two of his three sons, three of his grandchildren are his neighbors, living on adjoining land.

The 1998-99 Canton Wrestling Team opens their season on Saturday, December 5 when they host IODAK Tournament at the Canton Armory

1973

An estimated 51 percent of the eligible voters residing within the Canton School District turned down a proposal calling for the issuance of \$435,000.00 in bonds for the construction of a new Junior High Addition.

Members of the Canton City Commission named Jaxson Cummings of Hartford as a new patrolman for the Canton Police Department at the regular weekly meeting Tuesday morning. Mr. Cummings is presently a police officer in Hartford and city officials expect him to start his new position in about two weeks.

1898

A number of Sheriff Ulrikson's friends presented him with a beautiful engraved officer's star with a diamond in the center, as a token of their esteem. Mr. Ulrikson has made a very excellent official and friends desired to show their appreciation of the fact.

W. S. Ingham, the restaurateur, has been "house cleaning" this week. The interior of the restaurant has been beautifully papered by Artist E. Shufelt and now presents a most inviting appearance. A large new heater will warm the building. Mr. Ingham knows as well how to run a restaurant as he does a newspaper.

A LOOK BACK AT THE STORIES AND HISTORY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

By Gaynor Johnson

I am writing the following letter to save on a postage stamp and envelope knowing the person it's intended for subscribes to the Sioux Valley News.

Dear Naomi Nov. 22, 2023
Thanks a whole heaping bunch for the photo you sent me. I'm 99.999% sure it's Shorty Miller in the picture, a much younger version of him than the one I remember from my youth, and not Rattlesnake Bill. From what I know, Shorty Miller lived close to the river and I recall hiking to this site decades ago when remnants of his shack/dugout could still be seen. This was before he moved into Canton and lived in our old dump. I believe Rattlesnake Bill lived up in the hills (Newton Hills) which was his home for more than 40 years.

According to a story (that may contain some errors) written by my mother, Ethel Johnson, and her friends, Capitola Weisbeger, for the 1985 History of Lincoln County South Dakota, his real name was Bill Mitchell. He was a scout for the U.S. Cavalry during an expedition to the Black Hills in the 1860's. He had been wounded by an Indian arrow and left for dead. He was later captured by Indians and held for six months before he escaped. He then worked as a cowboy in Western Dakota. It's been said he could charm snakes hence his name. (Naomi-please don't try this without supervision.)

No one is sure why Bill came to Newton Hills. Some say it had something to do with his wife, a daughter of an Indian Chief, who was killed in Newton Hills. Bill also told folks that the Governor of South Dakota had appointed him to track down horse thieves

and cattle rustlers who took refuge in the hills. They also say his dugout was hard to locate and he had few friends. When people did run into him Bill would spin yarns about the folklore of the area. In one of these tall tales he claimed that certain places in the area were haunted (or "harnted" as he would say).

In 1938 Rattlesnake Bill was found dead in his beloved Newton Hills after a fall broke his neck. He was 89 years old.

Getting back to Shorty Miller, I thought this would be the perfect time to include a story from Tom Reimers memories of growing up in Canton in my soon to be award winning column (ha ha ha). Thanks again for the photo and UFF DA stickers. Once I have Bill or Omar Peterson verify it's actually Shorty Miller and not Rattlesnake Bill I'll let you know.

Before I sign off I'd like to invite you and Charlie down to our Lori Line concert on December 20 - the last day of Autumn if you're keeping track. I know you had your first visit to our PAC for our Veteran's Program earlier this month and you were quite impressed. If you can make it down please check out www.loriline.com for ticket info. This may end up as Canton's Christmas Event of the Season or close to it.

Sincerely With Season's Greetings
Gaynor Johnson

(By the way- Naomi is Naomi Johnson, she and her husband, Charlie, use to live in Canton.)

So, happy reading as Dec. and Christmas grow closer and closer. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and didn't put on too many pounds.

Memories of a Kid from Canton

by Tom Reimers

Shorty Miller: In Canton, if you had junk or garbage that you needed to get rid of and that the trash collector would not pick up, you took it to the "dump". The dump was on the south edge of town close to the river. It was a fascinating place to go as a kid. They were piles of junk and garbage everywhere, fires burning and rats scurrying about. But the most interesting part of the dump for me was Shorty Miller. Shorty Miller was the unofficial overseer of the dump. He lived in a Shack on the edge of the river near the dump. I do not believe that the city paid him, and I am quite frankly not sure why he became the overseer of the dump. But he was always there. Unfortunately, I never got to know Shorty personally. As a child I was frightened of him, and for no reason. Maybe it was his appearance. You can imagine that living in a Shack on the edge of the river next to a dump would not put you on the cover of GQ magazine. Shorty had long hair and a long beard and of course was always a bit rough around the edges because of him working at the dump. As kids, we would, of course, make up wild stories about Shorty Miller that had no truth to them at all. But as a kid our imaginations ran wild. I know that toward the end of his life he needed extra help and lived in the nursing home for a year or two. I am sure that was hard for Shorty. There are probably accounts of Shorty written up in the Canton paper and local historians would know more than I remember, but he was a fascinating man and someone I always remembered. He was hard to forget.

Attending the funeral of Mary Dean, Todd's mom. I learned some new facts about Shorty during her funeral. I also learned that Mary was a social worker who worked for the Good Samaritan nursing home in Canton. Shorty had been forced to stay there because the locals were concerned about his health. Shorty had other ideas. He would often leave the home and they would find him back at his Shack on the river down by the dump. This happened half a dozen times. One day, the sheriff showed up at the nursing home to find Mary. She was dressed in high heels and a suit. She was on her way to give a talk at a conference. He told her that Shorty had left the home again and wanted her help to bring him back. Two hours later, Mary returned with the Sheriff but not Shorty. Mary was covered in mud and dirt and was holding a string of bullhead fish. This was a gift from Shorty. Mary had decided that it was inappropriate to require Shorty to live some place he did not want to live and that he was healthy and able to live on his own by the river. He did eventually move to the home but only for health reasons. Good for Mary. Good for Shorty!



Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

We all enjoyed time with our families during the Thanksgiving holiday and are back at work and ready to serve you. We want to make sure you stop by the Library to view the Christmas tree decorated by the Prairie Threads Quilt Guild. We continue to offer Storytime for preschoolers, movie matinees, and LEGO Club. There is something for everyone at the Library. Be sure to stop and "check it out"!

ADULT FICTION

The Stolen Marriage by Diane Chamberlain (LP). A young nurse, in 1944, finds herself pregnant and alone. She abandons her nursing career, marries the father of her baby, and moves with him to Hickory, North Carolina. Here she is trapped in a loveless marriage, her husband is secretive, and she is not welcomed by the community. When the polio epidemic hits town, Tess steps up to care for the inflicted, and begins to find the love and the life she was meant to have.

Off the Record by Susan Page Davis (LP). Wynne's job as a reporter has caused her to offend farmer Andrew Cook with her story about his daughter's injury. Andrew's family loves Wynne, though, and are trying to draw her into their family, but can Andrew get over the offense and pursue a relationship with Wynne?

The Exchange: After the Firm by John Grisham (LP). What became of Mitch and Abby McDeere after they exposed the crimes of Memphis law firm Bendini, Lambert & Locke and fled the country?

Only She Came Back by Margo

Harrison. When true-crime fanatic Sam discovers her former classmate is the prime suspect in a potential murder case, their newfound friendship reveals there is more to the case than anyone knows.

Murder at the Library by Ellen Jacobson (LP). Thea did not expect to find a dead body in her new position as a volunteer at the Library, but now she, her grandmother, and the handsome library director are working to solve the mystery before another patron is taken out of circulation.

Cold Pursuit by Nancy Mehl (LP). Two private investigators are hired by the mother of a son who has been missing for 4 years. They know the boy is not alive but want to give the mother closure. As they pursue the case it, they find themselves in the path of a murderer who will punish anyone who gets in his way.

Second Act by Danielle Steel (LP). The head of a prestigious movie studio loses everything when the studio is sold, and the son of the new owner wants the top spot. He leaves L.A. and heads to the country near London to hide his shame and there he finds his new assistant has written a story that would be a great adaptation for the big screen. Could this be his way back to the top?

Shadowed Loyalty by Roseanna M. White (LP). A novel set amid the glitz and scandal of the Roaring Twenties, examines what love really means and how we draw lines between family and our own convictions, especially when following one could mean losing the other.

Happy Birthday!

December 1
Ella Mae Grimsrud, Glen Larson, Jessica Morrell, Kerri Andela, Myla Swanson

December 2
Harlan Paulson, Emily Rivera

December 3
Tatum Larson, Ryan Lems

December 4
Brady Abbott
Andy Toft, Peggy Moore, Andrea Krohn, Cain Wallner

December 5
Tom Raymon, Randy Severson, Pam Trower, Bernice Torberson

December 6
Megan McCann, Meredith Sehr, Jess Wiebe, LaVonne Cornelius, Melissa Tyrrell, Danny Garza

December 7
Dwain Gibson, Trintje Nordlie, Tim Veldkamp, Tyrone Harvey

December 8
Clair Gard, Meagan Mathison, Jordan Wiebe

Surf's Up!
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Vaer saa god - Come and Eat ... a cookbook which includes not only recipes, but information on topics including Growing Up Foods, Christmas Foods, Feeding Threshers, Norwegian Foods and other topics.

Haul the Water, Haul the Wood ... about Norwegian sweethearts who pioneered in South Dakota in the 1870's

Ole's Promise ... a sequel to "Haul the Water, Haul the Wood"


The Music Man from Norway ... an historical novel that follows the life of a musician from Norway who brought music to the Dakota prairies at the turn of the century.

On the Back Step ... free verse writings about Country Days, Nature, Family, Spiritual topics including Conversations with Eve

Advent ... Daily Meditations Throughout the Advent Season is a devotional of a day-to-day journey through Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas.

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Happy 66th Birthday
Nick Joslyn



December 5th **December 5th**

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Windmill Of My Mind

by Margaret Schultz



My goal, each morning, is to make a cup of coffee, sit in my favorite chair, cover my lap with a fuzzy blanket, and read Scripture. I have made up my mind to read Scripture before I do anything else. From where I sit, I can look out at the evergreens and am sometimes blessed to see a Cardinal sitting in one of them. I pray – actually, it is more of a conversation that I have with the Lord. I try to give Him a chance to talk to me and to be quiet and still so that I can hear Him speak to my heart.

Friday, following Thanksgiving, I was looking around at our quiet house, remembering the day before, and smiling at each memory. I saw all the imperfections of our physical house – the things I wish I could improve on prior to everyone’s visit. I don’t work as fast or as long as I once did, so I typically do not accomplish everything I had hoped to do. I tend to look at what I didn’t do and berate myself. But the other day, my mind went in a different direction. These were some of my thoughts:

This old house is sometimes messy;
This old house is full of dust;
This old gal is feeling achy;
These old joints are filled with rust.
But this old house was full of family,
That sweet Thanksgiving Day;
Full of hugs and full of laughter,
That warms me to this very day.
This old house is quite eclectic ;
So many things that do not match.
But things that we both cherish,
Even the cupboard that does not latch.
But this old house was full of family,
That sweet Thanksgiving Day;
Full of hugs and full of laughter,
That warms me in most every way..
This old house may not be perfect,
And a showplace it is not;
But we think it’s pretty comfy
And we love it quite a lot.
If you come to see us, and you sit upon a chair,
You may look down at your britches and see them full of hair.
I try to vacuum every surface, and do it with much care;
But the dog and cats ignore me and sit most anywhere.
I shake my head and give a sigh, there’s only one of me,
I simply can’t keep up with those creatures, don’t you see?
So, as I look at all the spots that seem to be ignored,
I’m thankful that this old house and us just want to serve the Lord.
Yes, this old house was full of family,
That sweet Thanksgiving Day;
Full of hugs and full of laughter
That warms me in most every way.

Bookish

By: Kala Hazelhoff



OFF The Road With Jerry

“One Dark Window” By: Rachel Gillig

Elspeth lives with her aunt’s family after being discarded by her father, his new wife, and their children. The city in which she lives, Blunder, is a dangerous place for a girl like her. It is believed that those who have been infected with the virus carry dark magic, which can’t be trusted. Those who carry the virus, or show symptoms, are sentenced to the dungeon or death. Elspeth has been able to hide her magic from everyone around her since youth as she hasn’t shown any “symptoms.” What they don’t know, is that Elspeth hears a voice in her head belonging to someone referred to as “The Nightmare.” Because of a curse put on the land long ago, there is a mist encroaching out from the forest getting closer to town every day. Elspeth meets a highwayman and works with him to put a stop to the curse threatening everyone they know.

“There once was a girl,” he murmured, “clever and good, who tarried in shadow in the depths of the wood. There also was a King—a shepherd by his crook, who reigned over magic and wrote the old book. The two were together, so the two were the same: The girl, the King... and the monster they became.”

This gothic fantasy was just what I needed to pick up and read. I am so glad my friend Lynn got me back into reading fantasy when COVID started, because if a moment for escapism was ever needed, it has been within the last 3 years. Only a few chapters in I knew it was going to be a great read, when I found myself ordering the second book “Two Twisted Crowns.” The dark gothic atmosphere felt like a moody, rainy day that reeled me in. Every chapter begins with a lyrical poem or story pertaining to the book, which were beautifully written. I can’t wait to start the second book and see how this adventure continues.



NEW SPORT Ralph Samuelson built the first water skis and tested them on Lake Pepin in Minnesota.

This is the man who started water skiing on June 2, 1922 according to one the Major Sports magazines. His name is Ralph Samuelson at Lake Pepin, Minnesota. He started on skis years ago on snow and starting experiments on water. He built his first water skis out of eight foot pine planks. There were very few motorboats around back then, so a big work boat towed him on the lake water.



Here is a large crowd watching him learning to do many fast wild tricks on the water. He could water ski over a 4 foot high ramp and going 80 mph behind a big Curtos Flying boat in the 1920’s. He started doing shows all over the country and he lost one of his skis in Winter Haven, Florida. He made do with only one and that was the beginning of single ski travel now called slalom skiing.

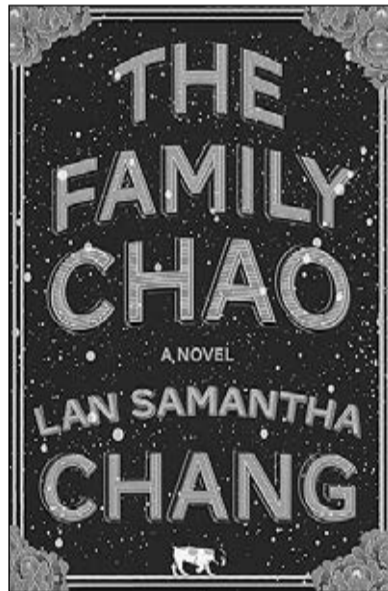


This is Ralph Samuelson in his new now full time job of helping to invent surf boards and other special equipment. One of the first surf boards was created in 1980’s and was called skurfere. It had straps to hold the feet onto the board. There was the first national sports show in New York in 1939 at Jones Beach.



Writers and Writing

By Michael Tidemann



The Family Chao a riot of characters

Sometimes a book not only suggests, but requires, a second reading.

That is most certainly the case with The Family Chao by Iowa Writers’ Workshop director Lan Samantha Chang, a native of Appleton, Wis. The book received the 2023 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award.

At the heart of the novel is Big Leo Chao – philanderer, control freak and owner of a Chinese-American restaurant in Haven, Wis., a town that accepts the Chao solely because of their quality cuisine. The rest of the family is comprised of Winnie, Leo’s long-suffering wife who finds solace in a Buddhist convent; Dagou, who returns home to take over the family business; Ming, whose unbridled ambition blinds him to his family roots; and James, a pre-med student who, as youngest, is in a position to observe the cacophonous spider web of love, hate and intrigue that binds the Chao family.

Ironically, it’s Dagou, who seems

most bent on preserving the family legacy, who falls victim to his own design. He abandons his fiancée, the wealthy and brilliant attorney Katherine Corcoran, for Brenda Wozicek, a server in the Chao’s restaurant, “that pansexual demon of his high school days,” most likely because she is not Chinese, like Katherine.

When Dagou plans on taking over the family business from his 70-year-old father, Leo says he has sold it, only later to say he was joking. Dagou takes his frustration to the airwaves of 88.8, his illegal pirate radio station, and blurts out the motive, means and opportunity he may have of killing his father by taking a key from the freezer room and locking Leo inside so he freezes to death—the exact manner in which Leo dies.

Against the better advice of everyone, Dagou is his own worst witness when he testifies at his trial, repeating his desire to kill his father

and telling how, right up the point where he says he didn’t do it.

There are clues, though, that counter Dagou’s claim. What happened to the stranger’s blue bag containing \$50,000 James found in a train station? What happened to the priceless jade ring Dagou gave Katherine? And who, if anyone, could have carried out Leo’s murder except for Dagou?

Chang hits us with a lot of characters all at once. That’s why a second reading is helpful. That’s when it’s possible to pick apart the plot elements that reveal how caring – and really unselfish and unlike their father – the Chao sons are.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Facebook page is Author Michael Tidemann.)

Dave Says: Pay Off Their Student Loans?

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are debt-free except for our mortgage and two Parent PLUS loans for our daughters’ college educations. One of the loans totals \$18,078, and the other is for \$41,500. Both girls want to pay them off using the new extended plan being offered, but I’m 59 1/2, and I’ve got about \$500,000 in a 401(k) from a previous job along with \$125,000 from a job I started five years ago. We’ve been thinking about just paying the loans off for the girls, but we wanted to know your thoughts.

Mike

Dear Mike,
If I were in your shoes, I’d just go ahead and pay them off. Technically, you’re liable for the loans. They are not.

The extended plan you’re talking about is garbage. In reality, it means the loans are never paid back. The extended plan is 30 years of not even making the principal payment. No interest is paid, and they don’t touch the principal. The whole thing works backward for 30 years, and it’s the very definition of a stupid government program.

I really don’t think you want your daughters to be part of something like this. But that means you’re going to be stuck with paying off these loans. You might as well just own it and pay them off now.

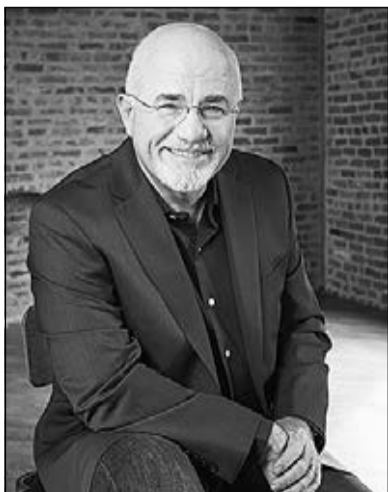
I want you to understand this, Mike. I don’t advise people to dip into their savings every time a problem comes up prior to retirement. But you’re 59 1/2, and at that point there’s no penalty. Plus, you’ve got \$625,000 sitting there. You’re going to pull less than \$60,000 out, plus a little in taxes, to make the problem go away. It’s not as bad as it could be, but I’m afraid you’re going to have to pay a little stupid tax on this one. I’m sure your girls didn’t know all this, but it’s a perfect example of what can happen when you put your faith in a stupid plan coming out of Washington, D.C.

I hate it for you guys—and everyone else in America who took out a bunch of student loans—because you’re getting messed over by your own government.

The first way they messed you over was to put a student loan program out there and then tell you the way to success was to borrow tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars for a degree in left-handed puppetry. And now, guess what? You’re a barista! Then, they start shouting they’re going to forgive it all. After that it’s, “No, we’re not. Yes, we are. No, we’re not. Yes, we are.”

The fact is, they don’t intend to forgive it. It’s the biggest scam in history—mathematically speaking—perpetrated on the American public by our government.

— 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 of Ramsey Solutions.

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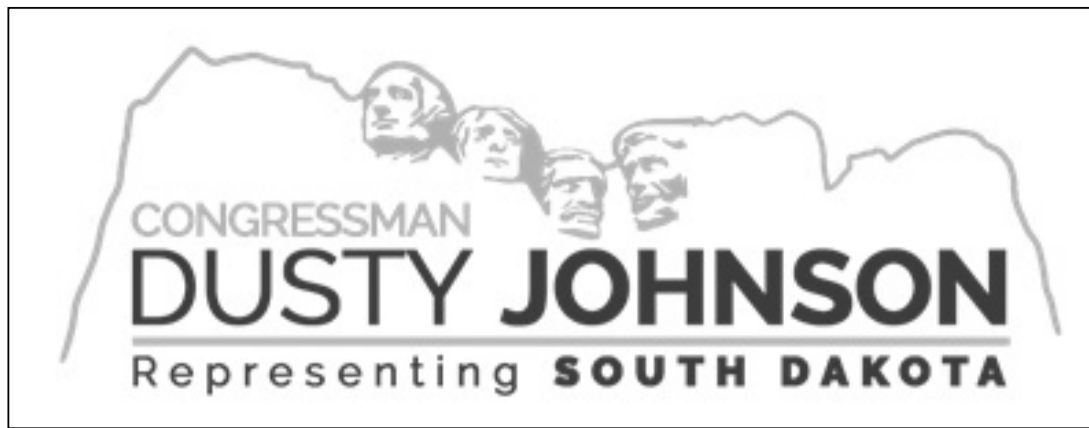
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Giving Thanks

By Rep. Dusty Johnson
November 22, 2023

BIG Update

Thanksgiving is upon us again. It's a time to gather around a table with our families and friends and be thankful for all we have been given. This year, I will gather with my family to celebrate our thankfulness for each other. We'll indulge in delicious food like the classic turkey, potatoes, and stuffing.

I don't want to forget to say thank you to the veterans and farmers who work hard and sacrifice all year to provide for our food and our freedoms. They work tirelessly throughout this season to keep our nation safe

and secure. As we begin this holiday season, I wish you and your families the best!

BIG Idea

Travis Sichmeller operates Sichmeller Engineering and Schwan Electric in Aberdeen. He knows how important an all-of-the-above approach is for energy security. Earlier this year, House Republicans passed the Lower Energy Costs Act to unleash American energy and lower energy costs for families, promoting the use of all fuel sources—from nuclear to fossil fuels to solar.

BIG News

The beginning of the holiday season calls to mind the

thankfulness for family, and some of those families who are together by the gift of adoption. Each year, I have the opportunity to nominate a family who's opened their home to adoptive children as "Angels in Adoption." This year, that family is the Petersons of Aberdeen.

Zach and Katie Peterson have welcomed four of their children into their family through adoption. Their decision to adopt has not only blessed their children but has made their home filled with more love. I hold deep admiration for families like the Petersons who are true heroes to kids throughout South Dakota.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I've heard many arguments for and against the proposed South Dakota State Prison site to be in Lincoln County off 278th Avenue 1 mile west of Highway 11. I agree with the opposition and agree with few, if any, State arguments.

My family and I moved back to the Canton area in 1990 from the Denver metro area. I worked as a deputy Sheriff/Special investigations Detective/ and DEA task force agent. We moved back to the Canton area (My wife grew up in Canton and I was a Canton police officer from 1981-1983) I started with the SFPD in 1990 and we moved to Lincoln County as I did not want to raise our children in the city. We were able to find a rural location near Harrisburg and Canton to provide that atmosphere for our kids. I worked for the SFPD for over 25 years and retired 8 years ago. We've lived in our home on Highway 11 for 32 years.

My dealings with the State Pen have been somewhat limited aside from interviewing inmates for narcotics or arson charges, assisting in the prison riots in the early 90's, watching several of my fellow officers walking out into the sewage ponds off Cliff and Chambers to apprehend an escapee. We (police and Sheriff's deputies) would occasionally get notices from the Pen, advising us of a "High risk" release. Usually a convicted child molester, rapist, or other violent offender, who had completed their entire sentence (flat timed) but who was still considered a danger to the public. These criminals were given their stipend, civilian clothes, and they walked out the front door. The street crimes unit and others were sometimes assigned to "monitor" these guys to make sure they didn't "re-offend". We don't wish to live two houses from that front door. Ron Johnson was a prison guard murdered by two inmates who have since been executed by the State of SD.

After Ron was murdered (beaten with a pipe and suffocated with plastic wrap) by Eric Robert and

Rodney Berget, they took his clothes and posed as a guard escorting a prisoner out the front door for some sort of appointment. They got as far as the front door of the prison and were one door away from freedom. The final guard between them and North Drive recognized them.

Luckily for the civilian population of Sioux Falls. The guard was also an amateur cage fighter and subdued both subjects. Two officers on my shift and I took custody of them and transported them to the police department about six blocks away. The inmates in the Penitentiary are there for a reason. They don't accidentally get sent there. Most are violent or have that potential. No moral code. No regard for anyone but themselves. Rodney Berget made a joke about the murder just before he was executed. Reality comes quickly in my profession.

My point is that a Penitentiary (like a CO2 pipeline not to get off subject) can remain unnoticed, out of sight, out of mind, unless something goes wrong. And something ALWAYS goes wrong.

Why would the State move the Penitentiary with 1500 criminals away from the support of a 290 officer police department, a county Sheriff's Dept. with another 60 or so deputies (not counting a substantial jail staff) 2 trained SWAT teams, K-9 units, and a fully trained riot control squad located several (under 8) blocks from the Pen, to a rural county setting supported by a small (but competent) Sheriff's Department (sometimes manned by 2-3 deputies during certain times) located 8 miles from the proposed site.

The Penitentiary needs to stay in Sioux Falls. The site could be in an industrial tract in the northwest or northeast area of Sioux Falls (Veterans Blvd and I-90 near the new SFPD and Fire training center) or NE of the current Pen site near 4th Avenue and Algonquin next to the department of homeland security office. No added stress would be added to the already existing infrastructure, although I realize Sioux Falls would

financially benefit by moving the Pen somewhere else. The current pen already draws services from Sioux Falls (power, water, and sewer). It already draws services from the Sioux Falls ambulance service, police, Minnehaha county Sheriff's office, and fire services. The residents and homes in the area have been near the Pen for many years and were built there with full knowledge of the Pens location.

We are extremely disappointed with our commissioners who will not condemn or even speak against the proposed site. I'm waiting to hear an objection from Jim Bolin who has always received my support in the past and has always responded to my inquiries. This proposed site was chosen in darkness. Nothing good comes from that.

The argument of "The state already owns the land" is a non-sequitur. The land in Lincoln County was left to benefit schools and agriculture. If the state wants to sell/auction off the proposed Lincoln County land and use the proceeds to put toward the purchase of a more suitable location, my vote is with you.

Stop dumping on Lincoln County.
Sincerely,
Jerry Mundt
27655 SD Highway 11
Canton SD, 57013

Freedom Works Here – Round Two

By: Governor Kristi Noem
November 24, 2023

When I launched the Freedom Works Here nationwide workforce recruitment campaign over the summer, I wanted people to hear South Dakota's story. I have always believed that our state has a unique story of Freedom and work ethic that would inspire the nation if they could only hear it.

This campaign gave us the opportunity to tell our story – and it's working.

Freedom-loving Americans have been moving to South Dakota at a record-breaking rate. More than 7,500 people have expressed interest in moving here. And almost 2,000 have actively worked with one of our job advisors to begin the final stages of their move. Some of these people have already filled jobs here in South Dakota! These numbers represent the folks who have gone directly through Freedom Works Here. There are even more people finding jobs in South Dakota on their own after seeing our ads.

Phase one of the Freedom Works Here campaign has been a huge success. Businesses have been telling me how much they love the campaign – and they want to know how they can partner with us to keep the ads going. Phase two will continue to recruit people from across the country to come live and work right here in South Dakota.

Even with all the success of phase one, we still have open jobs to fill. South Dakota has a strong need for more accountants. As our businesses grow and thrive, they need qualified individuals to manage their books so that they can continue their momentum. We also need more state

accountants who can advance our conservative fiscal policies, build on 134 consecutive years of balanced budgets, and help the taxpayers keep as much money in their pockets as possible.

We are also seeing a large need for more homebuilders. We have led the nation in new housing development, but we can't keep up with all the folks moving here. We need to continue building enough housing to keep up with our growing population. In order to do that, we need to recruit more skilled homebuilders.

Our law enforcement officers keep our state safe. Over the last few years, as we have seen entire states turn their backs on the police, I have invited law enforcement officers to come work in a state that respects them. We have made South Dakota the freest state in America. These law enforcement officers will help make us the safest.

Our biggest workforce need statewide today is for nurses of all classifications. Our nurses and healthcare providers are committed to ensuring that South Dakotans stay healthy. With more nurses moving here to fill those open jobs, we will continue to make South Dakota healthier for our kids and grandkids.

If you are interested in living and working in a state that values Freedom and personal responsibility, you can learn more about South Dakota at FreedomWorksHere.com.

I can't wait for everyone to see the new ads for phase two of the Freedom Works Here campaign. We have told South Dakota's story to America, and people are asking for more. It's time to show the nation that Freedom still Works Here.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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LOCAL VETERANS RECEIVE PATRIOTIC QUILTS FROM

Thank you, each and everyone of you, for your service. There are Veterans who have served from one year to 42 years and who have served in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and other sites overseas as well as stateside. Each one of you signed your name, raised your hand, and took an oath to serve and protect this United States of America. You left your families and friends, you missed birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, births of your own children, Christmases, and many other celebrations to serve and protect and for this we thank you all.

If you know of any Veterans who should be receiving a quilt, please notify the Prairie Threads Quilt Guild of Canton. They need your help with this as with the Hippa laws prevent them from getting all the information and names needed.

Quilts were made by Deb Harris, Linda Ekle, Rhonda Festa, Gwen Lehman, Anna Mundt, Carol DeJong, Barb Dykstra, Tammy Fischer, Elaine Suter, Yvonne Severson, Kurt Stoterau, Donna Dunn, Samantha Dunn, Pam Hammero, Joan Lund. An Additional 10 quilts were gifted in Hudson, Lennox and to the groups family members.

Veterans not pictured who also received a quilt are: Roger Simunek retired after 42 years as a Chief Mater Sargent of the Communication Flight in the Air Force National Guard at Sioux Falls. He is proud to be part of a family who has served over 100 years in the US military – including his father, uncle, and his daughter.

Bill Peltier served for 3 years in the United States Army in Germany for 2 of the years. He made firing point as a surveyor. Larry DeBuhr served for 34 years – 4 years Active Duty in



Members of the Prairie Threads Quilt Guild of Canton; back row – Gwen Lehman, Anna Mundt, Rhonda Festa, Carol DeJong, Deb Harris, Elaine Suter; front row -Joan Lund, Linda Ekle



Sgt. Corey Briest & Jenny Briest – Yankton, SD.



Wheeler Gill served for 6 years in the United States Navy.



David Mathison served for 3 years in the US Army in the 3rd S&T Infantry in Emery Kaserne, Wuerzburg/Frankfort, Germany.



Curt Hepner served for 8 years in the United States Navy in Active and Reserves.



John Toft served for 3 years in the United States Navy in the Sea Bees.



Ronald Globke served for 30 years in the United States National Guard & Reserves. He retired as an E8 Master Sargent.



Dave Earll served for 4 years in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War, in the Gulf of Tonkin, off the coast of Vietnam. Dave was on the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier.



Richard Slack served in the Army for 1 year, 2 months and 14 days. He served in the Korean War where he received the Korean Service Star/Bronze Star, United Nations Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.



Gerald Mettler served for 4 years during the Vietnam war in the United States Air Force leaving with the rank of Captain. He was a Pharmacology Instructor for 2 ½ years in the very first Physician Assistant Program offered in the country teaching Air Force, Navy and University of Nebraska students. The remaining time he was a Hospital Pharmacist.



Steve Espeland served 4 years in the United States Navy. He served in Vietnam as a Hospital Corpsman. Returning from Vietnam, he worked with Vets. While he was in the Navy, they started the 1st Drug Rehab and Post Traumatic Stress Program.

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PRAIRIE THREADS QUILT GUILD OF CANTON



Richard Hill (Poor Richard) served for 2 years in the Army. He served 1 year in the Vietnam War.



Clarence Lems served for 4 years in the Army National Guard. In 1962 he was called up, serving 11 months in the Berlin Crisis.



Rick Williamson served for 23 years in the South Dakota Army National Guard. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Jon Thornburn served for 4 years in the United States Navy. He served in the Vietnam War.



Jack Lease served for 1 year in the United States Army in the 720th Military Police at Ft. Hood, Texas.



Randy Halversen served for 2 years in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War and 6 years in the Reserves.



Dewey Hessaa served for 3 years in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War. He served on 3 different ships – a different ship each year he served. He received the Good Conduct Medal.



Tom Lease served for 18 months in the United States Army. He served as a Helicopter Crew Chief in the 101st Air Borne in the Vietnam War.



Gwen Thompson served 2 years in the US Army, 4 years in the Army Reserve and 18 years in the Navy Reserve. He was Stationed in 4 different Forts – Fort Bliss, Fort Lewis, Fort Knox and Fort Ord. Gwen Served for a total of 24 years.



Dennis Lundstrom served 3 years in the Army. He retired as an E5 having served in the Vietnam War.



Anton Kampen served in the United States Army for 2 years between the Korean and Vietnam war.



Elaine Suter, who served for 2 years in the United States Air Force as a nurse Anesthesiologist leaving as a Captain.



Ron Hill Served for over 3 years in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era serving on the USS Okanogan - which was a troop carrier.



John Ripley served for 2 years in the United States Army during the Vietnam Eras in Germany and the United States. He was a Specialist 5th Class.



Dickie Sorenson (Skip) served for 4 years in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era. He served in Sioux Sant Marie Michigan (at the Canadian Border), in Iceland and Dickson, ND.

Don't Look Back Students Meet Local Author Achut Deng

By Virginia Olson

The Lost Boys of Sudan refers to a group of over 20,000 boys of Nuer and Dinka ethnic groups who were displaced or orphaned during the brutal Sudanese Civil War. They are remembered for their resilience, walking over 1000 miles over three months without any support from adults. Then surviving in Kenyan refugee camps for ten years.

The world finally came to the aid of these 20,000 children and helped them find homes. With the help of the United States in 2000, 3800 Lost Boys were offered resettlement in America. Three hundred were relocated to South Dakota and 150 found their homes in Sioux Falls. And in this group of 20,000 Lost Boys, 100 were Sudanese girls.

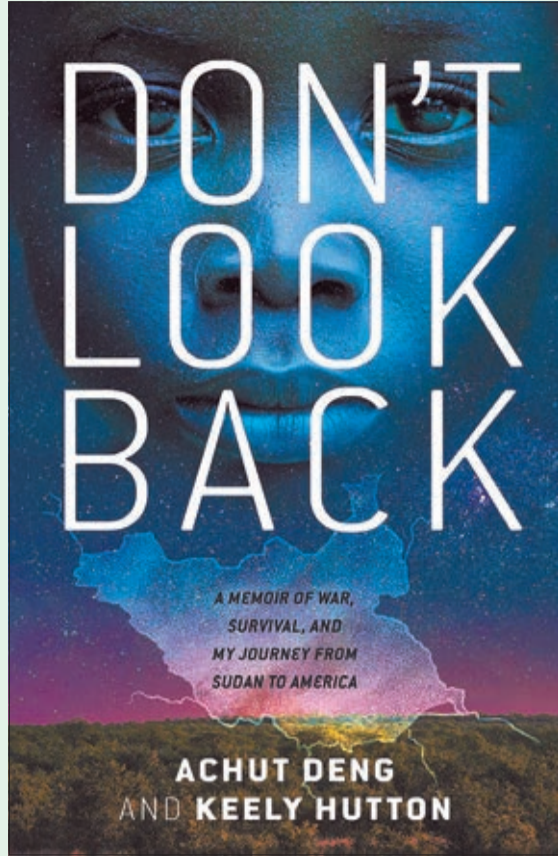
Achut Deng was one of those girls. She documented her journey of survival in a memoir Don't Look Back and spoke to students about her book and her experiences Nov 20 in the Harrisburg Library.

Achut shared her story of survival as a Lost Girl after she was forced from her home in Sudan fleeing in the darkness of night. Her grandmother's cautionary words to her, "don't look back". She was only six. Though it was only to be a sojourn and a stopping point, yet she remained in a Kenya refugee camp for 10 years. Those words – don't look back - became her mantra of survival as she faced disease, starvation and the loss of family members.

She came to America for the first time in 2000. But things didn't really improve as Sudanese girls continued to be marginalized. Living in Houston, she faced loneliness as well as language and cultural barriers. She also faced abuse living under one roof with six males. Eventually, she found her way out.

It was May 13, 2013, Achut moved to Sioux Falls. She took a job at Smithfield Foods. In 2020, she nearly died of Covid and was part of a New York Times story about how Covid tore through the meatpacking plant. Smithfield had over 1000 cases of Covid in a matter of days and the plant was forced to close for weeks. It was then she felt it was a good time to tell her story of survival and her international journey. She titled her book Don't Look Back.

Now an author and a mother of three boys, Achut talks about how important is to always look forward. "It's a blessing to be able to speak to students," she said. "I love connecting with kids."



The HHS Book Club read Don't Look Back. This group along with the ELL students and the creative writing classes got a chance to hear her story and be part of a book-signing.

Junior Bailey Brooks, who is a member of the HHS Book Club, attended the author visit and discussion.

"Achut wasn't scared to tell her story to her children and for the rest of the world to read. She was a survivor and used what she learned to motivate herself and others about how important it is to keep looking forward."

For Eve Langerock, Achut's visit made for a great day in the library.

"It was an incredible opportunity to have a local author Achut Deng visit our students about her journey to America. She is a spectacular woman who told her personal story. The students were engaged and asked thoughtful questions."



Battle of the Bots

Tiger Robotics Hosts Harrisburg Qualifier; HHS's Sophomore Team Wins the Event

By Virginia Olson

The Islanders, one of the Harrisburg Tiger's four robotics teams, won the Harrisburg Qualifier, a yearly Vex Robotics Competition (VEX), which was held at South Middle School Nov. 18.

This year 25 teams competed over this year's game Over Under. The event drew teams from across the state with four middle school teams and 21 high school teams making up the competition.

All four Harrisburg teams made it to the Finals. It was the sophomore team, the Islanders, that took the tournament championship with the help of the Robochickens out of Sioux Falls.



HARRISBURG NEWS BRIEFS

Santa arrives in Harrisburg December 1. The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is excited to usher in the season at 5:45 p.m. with a tree lighting promptly at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, as Santa arrives to help light the town Christmas tree at Lake Ole. Hot chocolate will be served and there will be candy canes and glow sticks for the children to welcome Santa to Harrisburg. Children can bring their letters to Santa. If there is a return address, they will receive a reply. We HO, HO, HO, hope you will join us!

Sensory Santa December 9. The Harrisburg Community Library and the Disability Awareness Commission are teaming up for an event that is open to families with children who would benefit from a calmer session and more relaxed meeting with Santa. Our goal is to provide an inclusive and accessible experience for children of all abilities and needs. Bring the whole family. While your kiddo visits quietly one-on-one with Santa and Mrs. Claus, their siblings will have craft activities and books to peruse. We will also have some great treats. Admission is free. All ages welcome.



Harrisburg Parks, Rec & Forestry Lighting Contest on now. Pull out your Santas, sleds, reindeer, wreaths and lights and get ready to spread holiday cheer throughout your neighborhood. The Harrisburg Parks, Rec & Forestry Holiday Light Contest is a festive way to demonstrate your community pride and light up the holiday season. For information about categories, prizes and to register, text LIGHT UP to 605-777-0110. The event runs through Dec. 17.

What is 988? On July 16, 2022, 988 became the national three-digit phone number for all mental health, substance use and suicide crises. 988 calls are routed to The Helpline Center, South Dakota's only 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline center. If you are experiencing hardship in any way and need someone to speak to, help is available.

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City Rubble Site Hours Discussed

By Rollie Steck

The Canton City Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Depot. All Commissioners were present at the time of roll call.

During Visitors to be Heard, Chris Lodes with Lodes Tree Service spoke about the need to discard trees that are being removed in the City due to the Rubble Site being open only one day a week. Lodes said it is very difficult to remove all the trees efficiently with no interim drop point. The reason for the increased tree removals is due to the Ash Borer removal timeline. Commissioner Paul Garbers said that the City needs to find a temporary solution to help the contractors before the March removal deadline. Mayor Sandra Lundstrom agreed. Due to this discussion not on the agenda, no action was taken. It was mentioned that they will get this item on a future meeting agenda. Lodes thanked the Commission.

With no other Visitors to be Heard, the only item under Old Business was the Second Reading - Budget Supplement Ordinance. The First Reading was held at the November 6 City Commission meeting. In order to not exceed the original budget appropriations, the City will need to make some adjustments to the budget through a supplement. These are items that were not originally budgeted but were carried over from 2022 or had prior City Commission approval. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Commissioner Tyler Larson. Unanimous approval.

The first item under New Business was a Raffle Request from St. Dominic Catholic Church (Ct St Christina). They will be hosting Bingo on Saturday, December 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bingo cards will be \$1/card. Each Bingo winner will receive 50% of the current pot and the other 50% will go to the Veterans Community Project (Sioux Falls Veterans Mini Home Project). Refreshments will also be sold and those proceeds will be donated. Motion to approve by Larson, Seconded by Commissioner Jerry Chaon. Unanimous approval.

An Employee Raise was next on the agenda. Utilities Operator William Winter received all his spray certifications as of November 15 and is now eligible for a step increase from Grade 10, Step 6 to Grade 10, Step 7. The wage will be \$25.98/hr. Motion to approve by Chaon. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the

2024 Health Insurance Renewal. The City budgeted for a 15% increase in premiums for City staff in the 2024 budget. After working with Wellmark Agent Jordan Volk, the proposed increase for 2024 is 3.34%. There will be no changes to the PPO plan for 2024. The High Deductible Plan deductible will increase by \$500 to \$5,500 for the year for an individual and by \$1,000 to \$11,000 for a family. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Chaon. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the 2024 HSA Contribution. To even out the costs of the HDHP/HSA and PPO plan, the City has been contributing to employees' HSA accounts if under the HDHP/HSA plan. Currently, the City is contributing \$25.43 per pay period. Based on the difference in numbers for 2024, it is being recommended to contribute \$14.01 per pay period in 2024. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Commissioner Kris York. Unanimous approval.

The 2024 Step and Grade for City Employees was next under New Business. The proposed COLA increase is 3.7% and based on the State's new minimum wage: \$10.80/hr to \$11.20/hr. Motion to approve the Step and Grade Salary Table as presented on file by Larson. Seconded by Garbers. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the Schwartzle Contract Agreement. The City called a Special Meeting for October 27 and awarded the Canton Community Swimming Pool FEMA Bathhouse Bid in the amount of \$1,976,641.17 to Schwartzle Construction. Motion to approve by Chaon. Seconded by Garbers. Unanimous approval.

The Schwartzle Construction Notice to Proceed was next on the agenda. As part of the agreement, the Notice to Proceed needs to be approved. Motion to approve and place on file by Garbers. Seconded by York. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the Highway 18 Street Sweeping Agreement. The South Dakota Department of Transportation has submitted a three year street sweeping contract to the City. The contract is based on the estimated number of hours needed for a City Employee to sweep the Highway in the City and can be amended to reflect actual hours. They expect to pay the City \$5,000/yr and the City will sweep 3-5 times each year. It was noted that the hourly contracted rate for this lease has increased from \$150/hr to \$250/hr. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by

York. Unanimous approval.

The Niebuhr Agreement was next on the agenda. At the July 17 City Commission meeting, the Commission approved to pay Citizen Elaine Niebuhr for a position of the expenditures for drainage off of North Grant Street with a provision that she sign an agreement that no further action be taken. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the Amendment to Airport Lease - Knudtson. The Canton Airport Board has an amendment to a lease entered into in 2016 with Bruce Knudtson to enlarge the leased premises. The amendment is from December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2035; which thereafter would be renewed at one year periods. The lease is for 7,490 square feet at \$.1095/ft per year. The lease will increase by 4% each year. Motion to approve by Chaon. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

The 2022 Audit was next on the agenda. The City has received the 2022 Audit Report from ELO CPAs & Advisors (formally Quam, Bergin, & Post P.C.). Motion to approve the 2022 Audit Report and place on file by Larson. Seconded by York. Unanimous approval.

Apptegy Platform was the next item under New Business. Apptegy is a company that specializes in creating modern communication solutions that create user-friendly interfaces to update websites, apps, etc. It was noted by many in attendance that the website is very out of date. The set-up fee is \$7,000 and the annual cost/service is \$7,350. It was also mentioned that local School Districts and Municipalities use this Platform for their provider. Motion to table by Garbers until more research can be done. Seconded by Chaon. Unanimous approval.

The final item under New Business was a presentation from ISG, INC Engineers Steve Watson and Justin Heim presented the preliminary Capital Improvement Plan for the City. After some discussion, it was recommended that the Commission start ranking their top 10 projects and then compiling them at a meeting. No action was taken.

During Commissioner Dialogue, Larson noted that sales tax revenue for the past 10 months was up 9.16% over last year. With no further discussion, motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. by Garbers. Seconded by Chaon. Unanimous approval.

Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

Football was a big part of my Thanksgiving weekend with the Niners on Thursday night after a day of stuffing my face with great food and I am pretty sure it was all good for me and then some football. I was lucky this year that my favorite team the 49ers played so we finally got a team I cared if they won or not and I found a room I could watch in a little bit of quiet. They beat the division rival and that felt good and I had almost 12 hours to enjoy football till my next team played on Friday. Friday is the Nebraska-Iowa game and like most every year we want to find different ways to lose to them. Well, we found a way but it was one I have seen before so it wasn't a new way just a way. Iowa won their 10th game and I haven't figured out how that happens but maybe they played their JV team since we had a chance to win the game and it almost looked like we could do it until the final couple minutes just like before. If we could lose by getting our butts kicked all over the field that hurts less but this one was a hurt felt game. The Huskers need one win in their last 4 games with each game win able but I guess not because we found a way to lose everyone of them to stay out of that horrible Bowl game fun. We go back and start finding out what happened and come back next year and try it again with hopefully better luck or still a major disappointment but we are getting use to that so we will wait and see.

Ok now for good football stuff and first I want to say congratulations to Cain Wallner for being selected for the Elite 45 team in the Argus Leader paper over the weekend. That section of the paper was always something I looked forward to every Thanksgiving morning but with no delivery on no mail days I didn't get the paper that morning so didn't like it. I looked it up but I did get the paper over the weekend and got to look it up and read a lot of the players on the list. Had a nice write up on Cain about his great season and tackles and rushing yards along with new records in receiving and long run but he also has another year with the C-Hawks so that is good. They had an honorable mention list with Matt Anderson and Cnaan McCracken on the list so that's how you win 8 games with 3 leaders on the team. Then I looked a little closer at the stuff in the sports page and they had the All-South Dakota Team and right there was a 1st team defensive back named Matt Anderson from Canton so congrats to Matt for his efforts as a D-back this season. Cain was on the 2nd team as a running back with some pretty good football players so this was a great team to be named on so great job Matt and Cain.

That's enough football and now on to the winter sports and first one going is wrestling and for the last 10 years this is the most productive sport in our high school. We are going for our 7th straight state B championship and our 9th over all and there is no reason we shouldn't get it. We have 2 state champions coming back for their last season as a C-hawk and that's Ayson Rice and Traun Cook. Ayson is shooting for his 4th straight title this year and Traun is looking for his 2nd in a row as he won the heavyweight title last year. We have kids all up and down the lineup that have state experience led by Ashton Keller, Zach Bartels, Aiden Schrempf, Aidan Kranz, John Halverson, Hunter Richmond and Teague Granum with lots of victories and state tourney experience so should be a great season. We have some new kids this year that will help and have state tourney experience too so looking forward to a fun year. The schedule this year is kind of different so check the list out in the wrestling story but gas up your car there is plenty of travel time if you want to see all the matches. Two new ones in Iowa this year and they are big time dual tournaments that we have earned the chance to go so we will see how that all works out for our Hawks. The girls have been working hard this early part of the season and they have a lot of girls out and lots of state tourney experience too and they are led by senior Sara Schroder who is a returning state champ along with others with high finishes in state tourney matches. The girls will be hosting a big team dual tourney this year with around 17 teams attending so keep your eye out for that but good luck to all the wrestlers.

More on the basketball teams as they get going in this early season as they have just got underway with practices and they are trying to figure out where they are as they get through some practice time and what new kids can do. Good luck and lets get out on the court and get running around.

A New State Prison in Rural Lincoln County "Not in our backyard," neighbors say

By Virginia Olson

**Questions, questions and more questions
Here is what Lincoln County residents
want answers to.**

Though it's Thanksgiving week, many Lincoln County residents are not feeling much good will when it comes to South Dakota and the Department of Correction's decision to build a new state prison. Over 300 people showed up to a public forum Nov. 8 in Canton expecting to ask Kellie Wasko, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Correction, some pointed questions. Because of the NOPE impending lawsuit, she reneged on her commitment to be present. No one from the DOC attended.

Disappointed about the DOC's no show, a NOPE Facebook post then went on to ask: "If the DOC would have shown up for the Nov. 8 meeting in Canton, what would have been your first question?" Here are those responses.

Tyler: Why was there so much secrecy around the proposed location? The public was under the impression the state was looking into industrial zone land next to the interstate with paved roads close to the interstate and infrastructure established. Instead you chose a location two miles away from any paved roads, six miles from the interstate, zoned agricultural and with no infrastructure even close and chose to ruin the rural community's way of life because the dynamics of that location will completely change when the prison is established. Ultimately, did the state choose this location simply because it figured it could not be stopped or go by the law of due process, not follow the proper procedures and rezone it to whatever fit its needs?

Josh: The ACA guidelines for adult secure facilities recommend engagement with local authorities and citizens regarding site selection to ensure proper infrastructure and comprehensive planning as well as community support. When strong community opposition to a site of interest exists, use of eminent domain authority is discouraged. What makes the SD DOC exempt from these guidelines?

Kyah: Was due process followed in determining this location. If so, how?

Jeff: Why does the state feel they can proceed without following local zoning regulations?

Shanna: You said this location is the 'best for public safety.' What public were you speaking of because it doesn't sound like the best location for the safety of the residents of Lincoln County?

Why did residents and many lawmakers not know about this until the 11th hour?

Amy: What about the safety concerns of inmates and employees? A prison outside of Sioux Falls makes it further to go for an ambulance in case of an emergency.

Michael: What other locations were considered? Why is the property adjacent to the current prison not acceptable, as I believe the state owns this, which would eliminate the cost to purchase land. This rationale is being used as the reason the proposes site was chosen.

Emily: Why was this location picked vs the other sites?

Cass: Why can Sioux Falls, Mayor TenHaken and other counties and towns refuse consideration, but Lincoln County cannot?

Leah: Has the state given any consideration to the long-term impact of wiping out the home and property equity of an entire region in the fastest growing county in the state thereby greatly reducing a tax base which will impact schools and infrastructure all while hobbling future economic development? Has the state done long-range data analysis on this? Do they have data to show that this will be harmful economically to Lincoln County?

Mona: Were there any other locations considered? Where were they, and why were they rejected especially sites that are also currently owned by the state or the city of Sioux Falls? Were there really no sites currently zoned industrial that met acceptable criteria?

Shelly: Where is the money for the prison coming from? If it is our tax dollars, I feel we should have a say.



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Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners will meet in the Courthouse at Canton, South Dakota, on December 12, 2023, and hold a public hearing between 8:35 a.m. and adjournment, pursuant to SDCL 7-21-22, for the purpose of adopting the following supplements to the 2023 Budget:
A supplement adding \$100,000 to Board of Commissioners Budget for personal services not budgeted for; \$10,000 to Treasurers Budget for personal services for the change in payroll deductions and other current expenses change in leadership; \$15,000 to Postage Revolving because of change in accounting for postage; \$79,000 to the Highway Department Intergovernmental Expenses for the Wheel Tax for Cities/Townships paid more wheel tax out; \$45,000 Airport for personal services, \$45,000 Airport operating transfer in, because of new Airport Manager Position; \$28,481.08 RAI for subrecipient payments paid

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN CIRCUIT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FILE NO: 41CIV 23-696
In the Matter of the Name Change of: PAISLEE JOY MURPHY, Minor Child
For a Change of Name to: PAISLEE JOY WICKRE
Notice is hereby given that a Verified Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child has been filed by Katherine Wickre, the object and prayer of which is to change her minor child's name from Paislee Joy Murphy to Paislee Joy Wickre. Said Petition will be heard before the Honorable John Pekas in the courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse, 104 N Main

out not budgeted for; \$300,000 Debt Service Tif # 8 under estimated tax that would be collected.
The public hearing is open to all interested parties. Anyone unable to attend the public hearing can submit written comments to the Lincoln County Auditor at 104 N. Main Street, Suite 110, Canton, SD 57013. Written comments will be reported to the County Commission on the date of the hearing. Individuals needing special accommodations are asked to contact the Lincoln County Auditor at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative.
Dated this 14th day of November 2023.
Sheri Lund
Lincoln County Auditor

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Street, Canton, South Dakota on the 28th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 11:00 am, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the Court. Any interested party may come and appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.
Dated this 17th day of November, 2023.

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City of Harrisburg Meeting Minutes

Harrisburg City Council Unapproved Meeting Minutes
The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on November 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm, with Mayor Derick Wenck presiding. Council members were Matt Westerman, Tom Anez, Kevin Maxwell and Chris Kindt. Also present from the city were Toby Huizenga, Andrew Pietrus, Jill Johnke and Deb Harris. A list of all others in attendance is on file at the city office.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
No Public Comment
Consent Agenda: Motion Maxwell, seconded Anez to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote; all present in favor
1. Approved Agenda
2. Approved Nov 17, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approved Nov 21, 2023 Claims
4. Approved and authorize Mayor to sign agreement with Lookout Plan and Code Consulting
5. Approved pay increase – Jonathan Lewis – Class 3 Wastewater Treatment in the amount of \$3.00/hr
6. Approved surplus items - WTP
7. Approved adoption of Mechanic Job Description
8. Approved to advertise for full time Mechanic.
9. Approved to advertise for part-time recreation attendant
10. Approved quote for Bobcat UW56 (Budgeted item 2024, not to take delivery or expend money until 2024)
11. Approved proposal from utility service Co for Ladder Update (2024 Budgeted Item) in the amount of \$5255.00
12. Approved and authorized the purchase of 2 event tents and 1 pop up tent from Tiger Nation – not to exceed \$2500.00
13. Approved and authorized Mayor to sign 2024 SECOG Sub-Recipient Agreement
A & B Auto Specialists \$707.64; A & B Business \$264.95; Accounts Management \$366.56; American Engineering Testing \$1,865.00; AFLAC \$488.46; Avaya \$789.52; Banner Assoc \$12,554.50; BatteriesPlus \$192.80; C & B \$326.75; Chernatinski, Vitold \$55.03; City of Harrisburg \$1,509.63; Core & Main \$10,310.52; Customeyze Signs \$120.00; Dakota Riggers \$661.72;

Delta Dental \$991.50; Dept of Treasury \$12,568.58; Equipment Blades \$8,246.14; Greater Sioux Falls Chamber \$212.00; Hammond, Magenta \$221.35; Health Equity \$965.45; Hedlund, Brad \$102.90; Home Definition \$25.00; Innovative Office \$361.80; Krier & Blain \$1,413.00; Kullander, Chris \$299.98; Marco \$172.86; MC2 \$5,322.00; Menards East 541.92; Menards West \$353.48; Meyer, Nolan \$52.96; Midco \$213.59; Midwest Engineering \$1,380.60; Novak Sanitary \$361.49; Optilegra \$176.52; Preheim, Dustin \$167.02; Retail Strategies \$50,000.00; SD Public Health Lab \$209.00; SDRS \$11,683.34; SDRS Supplemental \$100.00; SDWWA \$40.00; SE Electric Coop \$9,472.05; Sioux Falls Humane Society \$281.74; Sioux Falls Networks \$2,699.50; South Dakota 811; 217.35; Stockwell Engineers \$77,065.15; T & R Contracting \$655,904.14; Thurston, Jason \$125.03; Verizon \$440.11; Vessco \$331.65; Wellmark BC/BS \$11,708.34; White Glove Cleaning \$96.25; Payroll \$37,885.69; Deposit Refunds \$1,329.72
Business Item 1. Motion Kindt seconded Maxwell to approve increase to H S A accounts in the amount of \$500.00. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.
Business Item 2. Motion Maxwell seconded Kindt to set the second reading of Ordinance 2023-07 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance to December 5, 2023. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.
Business Item 3. Motion Anez seconded Maxwell to approve Proposal from ITS -Integrated Technology & Security to install Traffic Cameras in Harrisburg in the amount of \$74,753. Upon roll call vote, all in favor.
With no further business, a motion was made by Maxwell seconded Anez to adjourn the city council meeting at 6:31pm. Upon roll call, all members present in favor.
The next regular meeting of the Harrisburg City Council will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday December 5, 2023. Submitted by Jill Johnke, Deputy Finance Officer
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Notice of Audit

NOTICE OF AUDIT OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF CANTON
Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of the City of Canton, South Dakota, have been audited by ELO Prof. LLC, Certified Public Accountant of Mitchell, South Dakota for the year ended December 31, 2022. A detailed report thereon, containing additional information, is filed with the City of Canton and the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota for public inspection.
The following finding and recommendation referred to in the report are hereby listed in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12.
CURRENT AUDIT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION
Finding:
In 2022, the expenditures paid from the general fund exceed amounts budgeted in 1 function.

Recommendation:
We recommend that when such situation occurs in the future, a supplemental budget to be adopted to utilize unobligated fund balances.
Management's Response:
The City of Canton will monitor the budgets of each fund more closely to ensure that overspending does not occur. If expenditures are anticipated to exceed the annual appropriation, the City of Canton will adopt a supplemental appropriation to utilize unobligated fund balances.
RUSSELL A. OLSON, AUDITOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
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City of Canton Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF CANTON CITY COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2023 UNAPPROVED
The Canton City Commission met at the Depot Viking Room, on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00p.m. Commissioners Chaon, Garbers, Larson, York and Mayor Lundstrom were present for roll call.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
CONSENT CALENDAR
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Chaon seconded to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following: 1) to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting and that they are signed and published; 2) to approve the warrants to be listed at the end of the minutes; 3) to approve the month end reports from October; 4) to approve the agenda. Unanimous approval.
VISITOR DIALOGUE:
Chris Lodes, Lodes Tree Service, spoke on the need for a place to discard trees that are being removed from town. The rubble site is only open one day a week and it makes it hard business to remove trees efficiently.
SECOND READING-SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Larson seconded to give second reading and to adopt an Ordinance titled "A Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance to Ordinance 1100 of the City of Canton South Dakota, for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023" and that it be given a number, signed and published.
RAFFLE REQUEST CT ST CHRISTINA
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Chaon seconded to approve a raffle request from St Dominic Catholic Church (Ct St Christina), as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.
EMPLOYEE RAISE-WINTER
Commissioner Chaon moved and Commissioner Larson seconded to approve a raise to \$25.98 per hour for William Winter, Utilities Operator, for completing his spray certifications. Unanimous approval.
2024 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Chaon seconded to approve Health Insurance Renewal for 2024, as presented and on file, and authorize the Finance Officer to sign. Unanimous approval.
2024 HSA CONTRIBUTION
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner York seconded to set the HSA contribution at \$14.01 per pay period effective January 1st, 2024. Unanimous approval.
2024 STEP & GRADE
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Garbers seconded to approve the 2024 Step and Grade Table, as presented and on file.

Unanimous approval.
SCHWARTZLE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
Commissioner Chaon moved and Commissioner Garbers seconded to approve the contract with Schwartzle Construction in the amount of \$1,976,641.17 for the Canton Community Swimming Pool FEMA Bathroom, as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.
SCHWARTZLE CONSTRUCTION-NOTICE TO PROCEED
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner York seconded to approve notice to proceed on the Canton Community Swimming Pool FEMA Bathroom, as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.
HIGHWAY 18 STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner York seconded to approve a contract with the South Dakota Department of Transportation for the sweeping of Highway 18, as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.
NIEBUHR AGREEMENT
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner York seconded to approve an agreement with Elaine Niebuhr for the installation of a French drain on her land, as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.
AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT LEASE-KNUDTSON
Commissioner Chaon moved and Commissioner Larson seconded to approve an amendment to the Airport Lease with Bruce Knudtson for more space, as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.
2022 AUDIT
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner York seconded to accept and place on file the 2022 Audit Report as completed by ELO CPAs and Advisors, as presented and on file. Unanimous approval.
APPTEGY PLATFORM
Discussion ensued about the Apptegy Platform for City social media sites.
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Chaon seconded to table any action until some more research can be done. Unanimous approval.
CANTON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
Steve Watson and Justin Heim from ISG presented the preliminary Capital Improvement Plan.
No action was taken.
DIALOGUE:
Mayor Lundstrom commented that City Hall will be closed on Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Nutcracker will be performing at the PAC, and that there are lots of different things going on in town.
Commissioner Larson commented that October Sales Tax is up .6% and that over the past 10 months, we are up 9.16% over last year.

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN CIRCUIT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FILE NO: 41CIV 23-910 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
Hayli Elizabeth Howard (Current Name)
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Elysia Lucine Elizabeth Howard (Proposed Name)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Hayli Elizabeth Howard the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Hayli Elizabeth Howard to Elysia Lucine Elizabeth Howard. On the 28th day of December, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. said verified petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Judge Rachel Rasmussen Presiding, at the Court Room in the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Canton, Lincoln County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Anyone may come and appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.
Dated this 15th day of November, 2023 at Canton, South Dakota.
Judge Rasmussen, Circuit Court Judge
Attest:
Brittan Anderson, Clerk of Court
By: Deputy
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Fairview Meeting Minutes

Fairview Town Board of Trustees October 16, 2023
The Fairview Town Board met in regular session on this date. President Severson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with all members present: Severson, Lang and London.
Motion by Severson, second by Lang with all voting in favor to approve as read the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting.
Motion by London, second by Severson with all voting in favor to approve for payment the following bills: The Floral Shed: \$100.00; Sioux Valley News: \$15.21; SDFPA: \$301.00; Jeremy Erie: \$75.00; MidAmerican: \$86.46; Lavern Lang: \$70.00.

Many thanks to Jerome Van De Stroet for providing the equipment and his labor, and Trustee Lang for his labor in getting the merry-go-round set up in the park for the kids.
There being no further business to come before the meeting body, the motion to adjourn was made by Severson, second by London, with all voting in favor. Next meeting date November 20th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Fire Station.
Dianne Lang, Finance Officer
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Request for Bid

Request for Bid Sale of Surplus Property
The Harrisburg School District 41-2 will accept sealed bids for the sale of a 2004 Chevy Venture Van. The van has 151,701 miles, fuel tank is rusted, and the van itself has a lot of rust.
The bids are to be received by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Administration Offices at 200 East Willow Street, Harrisburg SD 57032, at which time the bids will be opened. The Board of Education will act on the bids at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Harrisburg Board Room.

Any questions regarding specifications should be directed to Lance Gerry, Bus/Fleet Mechanic (605) 261-4179.
The Harrisburg School District Board of Education reserves the right, subject to State and Local provisions, to reject any and/or all bids.
Jennifer Conway
Business/HR Manager
Harrisburg School District 41-2
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Ordinance 1114

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1114

A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE to Ordinance 1100 of the City of Canton, South Dakota for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.
BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Canton that the following sums are appropriated to meet the necessary functions of the City:

General Fund	Attorney	101-4141-422000	Professional Services	\$ 10,000.00
Police		101-4210-425000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
		101-4210-434000	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 5,500.00
Fire Dept.		101-4229-425000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00
		101-4229-433110	Building Improvement	\$ 100,000.00
		101-4229-434000	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 770,000.00
Streets		101-4311-422000	Professional Services	\$ 15,000.00
Snow Removal		101-4317-411000	Salaries	\$ 5,000.00
		101-4317-425000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
		101-4317-426110	Fuel	\$ 10,000.00
		101-4317-434000	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Street Clean		101-4322-426100	Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
Rubble Site		101-4324-434000	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Recreation		101-4511-426100	Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
		101-4511-434000	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Pool		101-4512-422000	Professional Services	\$ 250,000.00
		101-4512-433116	Pool Reserve	\$ 2,000,000.00
Parks		101-4522-4261000	Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
		101-4522-434000	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
General Fund Total				
BBB Sales Tax Fund		212-4651-429121	Chamber Donation	\$ 7,000.00
BBB Sales Tax Fund Total				

ATTEST: Sandra Lundstrom, Mayor
Kyle Cwach, Finance Officer
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C-Hawk Wrestlers Open Season Looking for 7th Straight State Title



The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team started their season with 51 wrestlers participating in road work, lifting weights and hours and hours of practice on the mats to try to keep the consecutive state championship streak going as they shoot for number 7 this season and their 9th overall. Canton will also be looking for their second 4-time state champion when Senior Ayson Rice tries to win his 4th. The Hawks will also return Senior Traun Cook as he returns as the state champion HWT from last season.

There will be new weight classes this season and they will be in the boys division 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215 and 285. In the girls division they are 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 250. Leading the C-hawk boys team this year will be co-Head coaches Jeremy Swenson and Parker Swenson with assistants Kyle Seibel, Marshall Baldwin and Michael Walker. These coaches coach the varsity all the way down to the junior high wrestlers.

Seniors participating this season for the Hawks are Traun Cook, Micah Decker, John Halverson, Ashton Keller, Carter Kreger, Gavin Neu and Ayson Rice. Juniors will be Cameron Anderson, Zach Bartels, Teague Granum, Lane Halverson, Tyler Lease, Hunter Richmond, Devin Ridge, Carson Ross,

Landon Walker and Jesse Wentz. Sophomores are John Anderson, Aidan Kranz, Tasyn Ockenga and Gunner Swenson. Freshmen will be Chase Adam, Landon Dominisse, Owen Gard, Carter Kendrick, Jase Kroger, Aiden Ostrom, Carson Patch, Ryland Richardson, Aiden Schrempp, Shane Sehr, Slayton Swenson and Wyatt Tuntland. Junior high participating will be 8th grade- Blaise Bentz, Jace Brunsting, Joseph Buitenbos, Kayden Chauk, Myki Hastings, Damion Myburgh, Candyn Ockenga, Trekin Serck, Bode Walker, Conley Winquist. 7th graders are- Caden Baune, Jaymison Brown, Wyatt Decker, Aiden Schaeffer, Lincoln Sehr, Hunter Tetrick, Levi Tuntland, Kamden Winquist.

Last season the C-hawk wrestling team had a 30-0 dual record and won 4 tournaments they wrestled in along with Dak 12 conference

and Region 2B and finished that off with a 2023 Class B State Wrestling title for their 6th consecutive and 8th overall and they return 8 place finishers led by Seniors Ayson Rice 3X state champ, Traun Cook retuning Hwt champ, Ashton Keller 3rd last year, John Halverson 8th last year. Junior's back are Teague Granum 6th and 3 time state placer, Hunter Richmond qualified last season but did not play, Zach Bartels qualified but didn't place but had a 51-3 record last season. Sophomore Aiden Krantz qualified but didn't place and Freshman Aiden Schrempp finished 4th at state in his first state tourney. Joining the Hawks this season with state experience will be Carter Kendrick who placed 2nd at 106 and is a freshman and Landon Walker and he finished 7th at 120 and he is a Junior.



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December

- 1&2 - Dan Gable Donnybrook Invite Xtrem Arena Iowa City 11am
- 2 - Clark Willow Lake Tourney Clark HS 9 am
- 12 - at Vermillion vs Vermillion, Dakota Valley, EPJ 5:30
- 16- EPJ Huskie Invite 10am
- 22 - MCM Invite 9am

January

- 5&6- Mid Dakota Monster Lyman HS 11am
- 9 - at Canton vs Tea and Lennox 5:30
- 11- Quad vs MCM, Custer, Kingsbury Co at Lake Preston HS 4:00

February

- 13 - Osage 12 team duals, Osage Iowa 9am
- 16 - Tri Valley triangular vs TV and West Central 5:30
- 20 - Dak 12 Conference Meet at Madison 10am
- 27- Lee Wolf Invitational in Aberdeen 9:30
- 27- Groton Invite in Groton 10am
- 30 - Canton Senior Night vs Madison and Dell Rapids 5:30
- 1 - Platte-Geddes Multi-purpose Room vs KWLPG, Redfield, WS/W/W-W, M/H-H 4:00
- 6 - Parkston Triangular vs Canton and Wagner 5:30
- 17 - Region 2B Tournament at Canton HS 10am

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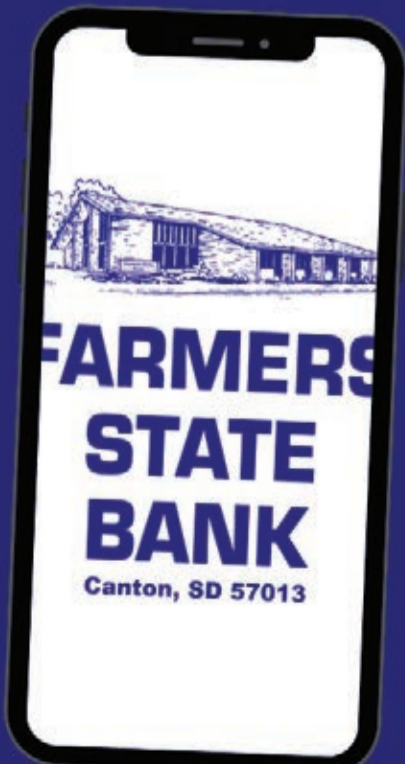
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