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Missoula Children's Theatre

The Missoula Children's Theatre is returning to Canton this summer July 22 through 27. The planned musical is The Pied Piper. Watch the Sioux Valley News or the facebook page for more information to come.

Moe Parish Fourth

Moe Parish will be holding their celebration on Thursday, July 4 starting at 5:30 p.m. Music will be by Sonny Sundstrom with Walt Peterson, Scott Griffith and Brad Larwick. Games and treats will be available for kids and fireworks at dusk.

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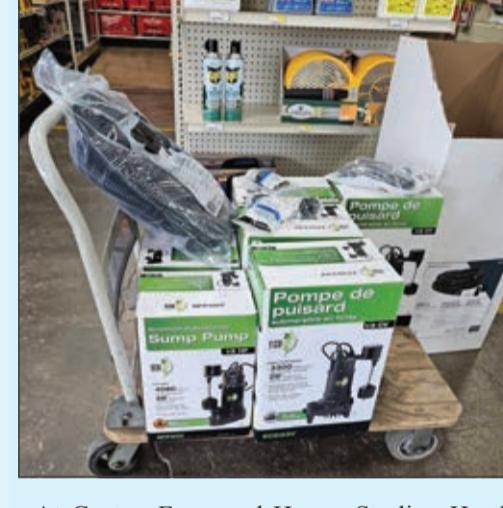
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Several Local Stores Made Extra Efforts to Help the City Recover from Flood

Bomgaars made three trips down to Sioux city to restock supplies, sometimes taking two to three hours to get back to Canton because of detours and traffic. They took the pickup down to get two pallets at a time of vacuums, sump pumps, shop vacs and whatever else was needed. Last weekend was steady for the staff as they were busy all weekend with customers hoping to find the needed tools to save their homes.



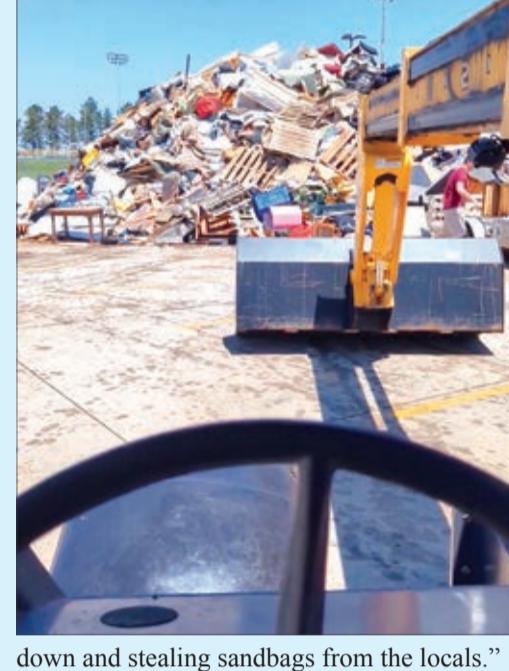
At Canton Farm and Home, Sterling Heath called United Hardware to see if they could send up an emergency shipment like they did in 2014 during the flood, but they were unable to. Then when he was talking with Vicki at United Hardware, they were able to place an order, with Vicki agreeing to meet Sterling at the Madison exit with sump pumps, vacuums, shop vacs, etc. They haven't been able to get any dehumidifiers ordered unfortunately. Farmers State Bank has gift cards available for Canton Farm and Home at Love Inc. Canton Farm and Home would like to thank everyone for shopping locally.

Michael Levi Engel is the owner and founder of MECA Construction. He has been working in construction since 2004. The company relocated to Canton as of December 23,

2022. Engel is a residential general contractor licensed and insured in South Dakota. The company works with residential homes as a "footing to finish" company constructing anything home related. "We value God, our country and our hometown," Engel said. He worked tirelessly for a total of 66 hours during the flood last weekend.

Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, Engel saw a post that said the fire department was filling sandbags and that bagging was going on at Tri-State Ready Mix. He was in Mitchell, South Dakota, so he grabbed his keys and got in his vehicle after receiving messages from Canton residents. He found highway 18 was closed into town, so he cut over to the Co-op Road, making it to town shortly before the road washed out. He put a post online offering his services with his large forklift telehandler, which would be able to move pallets of sand if people were willing to bag them and place them on pallets. Then they put a post for people to bring pallets. Soon after many pallets arrived, and they were able to start loading them up.

"Volunteers were loading them so quickly. For 12 hours, I picked palettes up and put them into trucks, trailers, cars, non-stop on Friday. At the end of the day, people from out of town were coming to steal sandbags from Tri-State. They were from Sioux Falls. People coming



down and stealing sandbags from the locals."

Engel then resumed his rainy post at Tri-State and sat in his forklift until 10 p.m. Around then he noticed the water was coming over the highway and that there were several cars that had driven in and swamped their vehicles. He grabbed an empty pallet and drove his forklift into the river. Rushing over the road, he picked up two sheriffs and three people from their car, delivering them to safety. Then he drove back through the river to get a road barrier created to keep cars from driving into the water. He saw Davey McConnell's house was starting to take water near the foundation, so he drove back through the river. He then acquired two pallets of sandbags and delivered them to McConnell's. McConnell has since given Engel a thank you card, as he believes those two pallets of sandbags single handedly saved his home. On Saturday morning, he pumped out footings at a construction project, trying to save water from going into a home.

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New Canton Youth A Capella Group

"When God closes one door or says no to something, it's usually because he has something better in mind. And this opportunity has exceeded beyond our wildest expectations!" says Adam of the new Youth A Capella group that started this summer.

"What began as a fun summer project idea, has grown into a weekly gathering of singing, laughing and learning." Adam recounts. "We meet every Monday evening, dinner is available to anyone who's hungry, and then the fun begins!"

At the first gathering back in May, the group worked on the "drills and skills" of proper singing technique through games and activities. The kids worked on their vocal ranges, and were divided into groups that best suited them. The rest as they say, is history. Five weeks later, the group has one fairly big performance under their belts - singing the anthem at a Canaries Game - and an impressive

repertoire of songs ranging from a special anthem arrangement, to jazz improvisations, to hymns, including two songs in different languages.

"Music is a gift that God has given us to bring glory to Him, and that is the foundation of our group. When we first started working out details, we asked Him 'What should we do with this?' And He was faithful - He brought the kids, the resources, and the support we needed to get this group off the ground."

By support, Adam means the USF choir members who have been more than generous with their time and talents. Adam's oldest daughter Zoë who wrestles at USF, has several friends in the USF choir. When she shared the idea of a mentorship model a cappella group, her friends jumped on board. "We wouldn't be as successful as we have been, if it wasn't for their help" Adam states "They give up their Monday evenings to come down to Canton, sing with our kids, learn with them,



Bree Adam directs the group as they performed the National Anthem at the Canaries baseball game last week. They will be singing again Tuesday, July 9.

and share their love of music. This is especially encouraging for the teen boys in our group to see young men from USF enjoy singing, and mentoring them. It's really a beautiful way to grow."

The age range of the kids in the group is varied, and Adam is quick to note that every voice brings value to the group.

"Our youngest singer is 9, and our oldest is 16. Every voice in the room brings a richness to the group, and we are so excited they keep coming! We have some powerhouses, and we have some more timid voices and that's ok. Building skills and camaraderie builds confidence, and having an encouraging environment for someone to learn, and have opportunity, is how we grow together."

So what does the future hold for this young group? Adam isn't sure, but also isn't opposed to working with the kids beyond the summer.

"We have three more performances lined up for the summer," Adam said. "We sing the anthem a second time at the Canaries Game in two weeks, we were approached to sing at a church event in Beresford, and we have another event in Canton on the 26th of July. Lots of excitement for our little group!"

Adam says. "I would love to carry on practicing and growing with this group throughout the school year if possible. There is so much talent here! And even though we started small intentionally, there is a lot of room for growth. We will see what God will do. It's His group."

Sioux Valley News is dedicating a whole page of thank yous in next weeks edition. Please keep them short and sweet to all the people that helped you during the flood. This would be a great way to recognize the groups and individuals that stepped up during this disaster. Email them to SVN@midconetwork.com

**Sara JoAnn Clementson**June 27, 1938 -
May 8, 2024

Sara JoAnn Clementson was born to Herbert and Olive (Hofstad) Clementson on June 27th, 1938, at Akron Hospital in Akron, Iowa. JoAnn lived most of her childhood in and near Alcester. She was baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Elk Point and confirmed at Nathanael Lutheran Church in Alcester. JoAnn was active in many activities throughout high school. During her sophomore year, she began dating the love of her life, David Lappgard. JoAnn graduated from Alcester High School in May of 1956. Following high school, JoAnn attended Beadle College and received her teaching certificate. JoAnn taught in various rural schools.

On August 1, 1958, she married her high school sweetheart David Lappgard at Trinity Lutheran Church rural Hudson. They made their home in rural Beresford. During the mid-1960's Dave, JoAnn and a neighbor started the Tea Steak House in Tea. Dave and JoAnn had many hobbies including: gardening, golfing, baseball games, antiquing, playing cards, "coffee time" and dancing. They spent many hours jitter bugging especially after dinner in the kitchen. Dave and JoAnn were able to travel many places including two trips to Norway to visit relatives. One of their favorite places to go was to their cabin at Big Stone Lake that they called their "Little Slice of Heaven".

To truly describe JoAnn's personality, talents, skills, and interests would take a short novel! JoAnn was a beautiful, loving, but "feisty" redhead. JoAnn could do just about anything she put her mind to. If she was told "No", she would turn around and say, "Well, how can I get it done!"

After teaching, she spent many years making elderly people smile as an Activity Director in nursing homes. JoAnn was a businesswoman – antiques, ceramics, greenhouse, prairie parties and a dinnerware room. JoAnn had a gift as a hostess. She also a passion to make every event, program, or gathering special, complete and memorable. JoAnn spent many hours at her country church as a choir director for kids and adults. In her later years, she was a Sunday School teacher. Most importantly, JoAnn was a mom, grandma and a great-grandma. Her greatest joy was having her family together. She would pray daily for each one of her family members – mostly that they would love each other and love God.

With her family around her, JoAnn went home to meet her Savior on May 8, 2024 at Ava's House in Sioux Falls.

JoAnn is survived by her three children-her son Michael (Tami) Lappgard-Beresford, Stephanie (Jay) Bontje-Tea and Shelley (Mike) Nelson- Beresford. Her grandchildren: Whitney Schoellerman- Cranston, R.I., Hillary (Chad) Andrews-Beresford, John (Veronica)-Beresford, and Erin (Collin) Zwart- Miller, Michael Lappgard Jr.- Lincoln, Neb., Ryan Lappgard-Sioux Falls, Savannah (Chris) Setnar-Clare Minn., Josh Freeman-Sioux Falls, Cherie (Brad) Spooner- Texas, Kellie Holder-FL, Valerie (Michael)Dahl- Okla., Caleb (Melissa) Nelson, Makayla (Carson) Johnsen- Beresford, and Wade Anderson-Waubay, her great-grandchildren: Jacob, Zachary, Andrea, Aaron, Brendan, Rhen, Macy, Mary, Carilee, Oakleigh, Ellie, Aiden, Vivian, Ryek and Navy. She is also survived by brother, Jim (Connie) Clementson-Beresford, Donna Mae Anderson-Alcester, her special "sisters"- The Moe Sisters (Karen, Julie & Denise) and a special, beautiful friend Ella Layne.

She is preceded in death by her husband David, parents, brother Jack and special "sister" Altie.

A Celebration of Life was held, Wednesday, May 15th at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Hudson.

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Delores Severson

Delores Severson, age 92, died Monday, July 1, 2024 at Good Samaritan Society Canton. Funeral arrangements are pending. www.andersonandsonsfh.com

**Rodney Gene Knutson**May 10, 1949 -
June 13, 2024

Rodney Gene Knutson, 75, of Elk Point, South Dakota, passed away on June 13, 2024.

Born on May 10, 1949 to Milford and Eva Knutson in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Rod grew up on the family's farm south of Canton. He spent his early years helping on the farm and attending school at Pleasant Valley, a one-room schoolhouse.

After graduating from Canton High School in 1967, Rod studied Business Education and Physical Education at Southern State College in Springfield, South Dakota where he also excelled in track and field. Rod graduated in 1971 and that summer met his wife-to-be, Marcia Sogn, at a church softball game. They were married on December 29, 1972 and were blessed with two sons and two daughters.

Rod began his teaching career at Elk Point High School in 1971. Over the years, he taught various subjects including accounting, business math and law, and physical education. Known for his approachable teaching style, he made every student feel valued.

Rod also had a passion for coaching, particularly in track and field and cross country. Over his thirty-three year career, he received numerous awards including the South Dakota Track Coach of the Year and the Dan Lennon Award. He retired in 2004 after a long and impactful career.

In retirement, Rod worked as a service technician at Midwest Office Automation, where more friendships were formed and memories made.

As a young person, Rod made a profession of Christian faith and attended church throughout his life. In his final years, he deeply contemplated his faith, and renewed his commitment to Christ.

Rod is survived by his wife Marcia, children Reid (Jenna) of Sioux Falls, Ross (Jessica) of St. Louis, Caroline Palmer (John) of Memphis, and Beth of Sioux Falls, sister Lynn Schrick of Sioux Falls, nine grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends.

A celebration of Rod's life was held Friday, June 21, 2024, at Morningside Lutheran Church, 700 S. Martha St., Sioux City, Iowa.



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**Renee (Wiese) Council**

June 19, 1956 -

June 1, 2024

Renee (Wiese) Council, age 67, died Saturday, June 1, 2024, in Tucson, Ariz. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 8, 2024, in Tucson, Ariz.

Renee was born June 19, 1956, in West Point, Neb., the fifth child of Hubert and Dorothy (Heimann) Wiese.

She is survived by her granddaughters Jasmine and Ajalee Council, her sisters Yvonne, Susan, and Shirley Wiese, and her brothers Mark and Chad Wiese. She was preceded in death by her brother Brian Wiese, her husband Jim Council (Dlv.), and her parents.

Her presence—gone too soon—will be greatly missed.

Condolences may be shared at Swan Burial and Cremation, Tucson Ariz. www.swanfuneral.com/obituaries/renee-council

By Jim Speirs
Executive Director

**Creating A Place For Arts Connections**

By Jim Speirs, Executive Director, Arts South Dakota

The biennial State Arts Conference earlier this month in Sioux Falls brought together champions of the arts from across South Dakota for two days of meaningful workshops, dynamic speakers and the exchange of creative ideas. But the most important aspect of the conference was creating a place where person-to-person arts connections could happen.

This year's conference had a strong focus on advocacy, reminding participants that they are the frontline activists for the arts and creativity in South Dakota—and that advocacy can be as simple as sharing the message that the arts matter! Representatives of the state's Community Arts Councils flocked to Sioux Falls, as 30 leaders from 19 communities traveled a combined total of 8,000 miles to share their stories of success and their passion for our cultural environment. They joined over 100 other conference attendees. The local

integration of creative programming into the everyday lives of South Dakota residents was another powerful theme of the conference, shared by city leaders from Yankton to Hill City. For a more comprehensive review of this year's State Arts Conference, just check out the postings at ArtsSouthDakota.org.

We were reminded that the arts drive our local and state economies with jobs, ticket sales and tax revenues.

People came away from the conference energized to share their advocacy, re-educated on the sheer power of cultural connections and convinced that ours is a culture rich in history, potential, legacy and creativity. Most of all, those of us who attended were linked in the knowledge that all of us—and everyone who shares our belief in the arts as vital to modern life—are the future of cultural growth in South Dakota.

To learn more about the 2024 State Arts Conference and discover ways in which you can be an advocate for the arts, visit ArtsSouthDakota.org.

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July 12 - Chicken Salad Sandwich, Potato Salad, Pea Salad, Grapes



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MEMORY LANE

2014

Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center announces the front entrance reopened Monday, June 30 at 1 p.m. Parking and patient pick-up and drop-off also returns to the front entrance. The newly-remodeled lobby will offer one-stop registration for the clinic and hospital. The Laboratory has also been relocated to the main lobby area.

Canton area residents continue to recover from record flooding that occurred June 20, but the city and county have seen help arrive in various forms over the past week. South Dakota Department of Public Safety Preparedness Team Leader Cari Leidholt has taken up residence in the Canton United Methodist Church's Library, now the volunteer and disaster relief headquarters. Leidholt said at a news briefing last week, "In this situation, the muck-out did not occur as soon as we could have gotten to do that," she said of the response. As she was pointing to a map of push pins that identified homes in need of work and assistance.

1999

Thirty-five youngster from the Summer R & R program lined the wall outside Haisch's enjoying

what, for most, was probably their last taste of a 25 cent Haisch ice cream cone.

Canton's new postmaster, Ralph Delaney, began on the job this week. Delaney will take over for Deb Nelson who has been in charge.

The 18 member cast of the Canton Community Education Theatre production of "Charlotte's Web" put on a dress rehearsal. Canton High School students that participated are: Samantha Blake, Stephanie Abbas, Rachel Hurley, Amy Beer, Scott Ducheneaux, Tiffany Solem, Janae Stahlecker, Alicia Johnson, Bobbi Jo Britt, Kalyn Longstaff, Ryan Hoffman, Kaci Olson, Riley Olson, Krista Bogue, Maddie Kroger, Chez Huntsinger, Whitney Gard and Reagan Remmers.

1999

Official announcement has been made this week of Roger Molstad selling his interest in the Molstad-Trumm Apothecary and Gift to his partner Bob Trumm. The business transaction became official on Monday, July 1. The owner said the store will be known as Trumm's Pharmacy.

With swimming season in full operation, plans are being made for some extra water activities. Beginning the week of July 8 there

will be adult lessons, synchronized swimming, and swim team.

The front lawn of the Good Samaritan Center was a bee hive of activity last Thursday evening when several youngsters put on a carnival as a benefit for Muscular Dystrophy. The highlight of the evening appeared to be the wet sponge throw. Other games were a ball throw, fishing pond, penny toss, fortune teller and shoot out.

1899

Honorable William Jennings Bryan went north on the noon train Wednesday on his way to Sioux Falls. The Gate City Band went along to furnish some popular airs. Quite a crowd of people took the opportunity of seeing the Colonel.

Street commissioner Frank Aronld has been putting in several street crossings this week.

The first number of the Canton Chautauqua will be given on Saturday, July 5, when the gondolier Orchestra gives a program at three o'clock. At three forty-five Frank Hollman will give a demonstration and lecture on pigeons, releasing the Homer pigeons a four thirty to carry the report of advance sales to the Cedar Rapids office.

HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

If I would have been writing this column back in 2014 it would have been very similar to what you are about to read. It would have contained phrases like "very heavy rain for extended periods," "Canton had become an island" and "almost every home in town had a huge amount of damaged carpet, furniture, etc. piled up out by the curb." I also may have written "people who had a big mess in their own homes were out helping their neighbors who had an even bigger mess" and "Canton had sprouted a new swift moving river that ran from the north side of town, past the library, then southeast past the fire hall and First Bank and Trust and across 5th Street."

One thing Canton didn't have back in 2014 was the PAC and that huge parking lot to the west where a mountain of very soggy damaged household materials- you name it began to grow. Video of this appeared on all of Sioux Falls TV stations.

It will take some time before things are back to normal in Canton and Lincoln County. Hopefully FEMA will help with all of this. Back in 2014 a story in the Sioux Valley News stated that "this record breaking storm caused \$180,000 in damage in Canton alone to its infrastructure and \$2.275 million in Lincoln County.

As I write this on June 25, I'm quite sure there are no real estimates yet on what this recent flood caused. I have an idea it will be a lot more than what this disaster a decade ago left in its wake. Back then I helped put together "I Survived the Flood" which was held at Jack Fox Park.

Through donations we raised enough funds to buy a nice used vehicle from G&K Supreme Auto and then sold raffle tickets for it. Along with a free meal, entertainment, inflatables, KELO weatherman Brian Karstens, Mayor Chuck Smith and Lt. Governor Matt Michels we raised about \$10,000 to help those effected by that flood.

Every music act that I asked to perform for this event said they would be happy to do it for free because they loved Canton and knew we'd just taken a major hit. Working with Lisa Alden on this, we pulled off something I truly believe our community really needed at that time.

I've been thinking of doing something like this again but being 73 years old I don't know if I have the

energy to do "I Survived the Flood Part Two" (or "The Sequel"). If any of you would like to help with something like this, or have other ideas, please give me a call. (605-987-2582) If this does happen we should probably have the PAC booked for backup in case of - you guessed it- rain.

If there's a silver lining to all this hell and high water we've recently endured, I've heard Lake Lakota is actually a lake again. Hearing that put a big smile on my face and made my sore back feel a little better.

I'd also like to mention that Steven Clint, who was scheduled to perform at Jack Fox Park on June 20, the day the BIG RAIN began, may team up with one of the acts we have booked in August. We're hoping to extend the hours of the open air market so everyone can hear Steven's music. So keep your fingers crossed that it doesn't rain again. I'll keep you posted on this.

With no Open Air Market on July 4th (Happy Independence Day by the way) our next event will be on July 11 with Canton's own Mr. Bill Peterson and His Wild and Wonderful Wheel House Band. See you all there and keep a smile on your face. We can get through this bad flood related stuff if we all stay strong and don't lose our sense of humor. It is the best medicine, they say, for highwateritis. (May not be a real thing.)

A Last Minute Addition

Because my brain isn't functioning at that high level of proficiency and intelligence I had before the BIG RAIN, I almost forgot to mention that Moe Parish is having another excellent Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic. It all starts with the flag raising and national anthem at 5:30 p.m. The picnic begins at 6 p.m. and the music will start at 7 p.m. Performing will be Sonny Sundstrom who kicked off Canton's Open Air Market last month.

Joining Sonny will be Brad Larwick who was inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame back in 1999. Also performing will be Walt Peterson (who has also performed at our Open Air Market) and Scott Griffith. In my book (that I haven't written yet) this is the place to be on July 4th. Their fireworks show is pretty incredible and a good way to end Independence Day. Now I'm done.

USDA Offers Disaster Assistance to Agricultural Producers in South Dakota Impacted by Heavy Rain and Flooding

Agricultural operations in South Dakota have been significantly impacted by recent heavy rain and flooding. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover from these adverse weather events.

HURON, S.D., June 27, 2024 – Agricultural operations in South Dakota have been significantly impacted by recent heavy rain and flooding. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover from these adverse weather events. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

USDA Disaster Assistance

Producers who experience livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality or sell injured livestock at a reduced price may be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). To participate in LIP, producers will have to provide acceptable documentation of death losses or evidence of reduced sales resulting from an eligible adverse weather event and must submit a notice of loss to the USDA Farm Service Agency. The LIP payment application and notice of loss deadline is March 3, 2025, for 2024 calendar year losses. Livestock producers who experience losses related to tornadoes should check with their local FSA office for LIP eligibility criteria.

Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses. For ELAP, producers are required to complete a notice of loss and a payment application to their local FSA office no later than the annual program application deadline, Jan. 30, 2025, for 2024 calendar year losses.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines. TAP complements the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days of the disaster event or the date when the loss of the trees, bushes or vines is apparent.

"Once you are able to evaluate the

impact of the recent heavy rain and flooding on your operation, be sure to contact your local FSA county office to timely report all crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses," said Steve Dick, State Executive Director for FSA in South Dakota. "To expedite FSA disaster assistance, you will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses."

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

Additionally, FSA offers several loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the agency because of reasons beyond their control.

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) provides low-interest financing so producers can build, repair, replace, or upgrade facilities to store commodities. Loan terms vary from three to 12 years. Producers who incurred damage to or loss of their equipment or infrastructure funded by the FSFL program should contact their insurance agent and their local USDA Service Center. Producers in need of on-farm storage should also contact USDA.

Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or FSA's NAP should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office, respectively. If they have crop insurance, producers should provide a notice of loss to their agent within 72 hours of initial

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Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

The Adventure continues... what a week we have had in our community. It has been uplifting to see the community come together as we strive to overcome the challenges we are facing. The Canton Public Library was affected by the elements, but we did not lose any library materials. We have so many volunteers to thank for their work in protecting the library and helping with the clean-up. Be sure to stop by the library and view the beautiful quilts made by the members of the Prairie Threads Quilt Guild. The Summer Reading Program was a tremendous success, we had a lot of fun with the many programs we offered, and we had great participation. All SRP readers may now turn in their reading logs and collect their rewards. The Adult Reading Program will continue through August 31, at which time we will draw four lucky winners for valuable prizes.

ADULT FICTION

The Heaves May Fall by Allen Eskins. Two friends take opposite sides of a murder investigation and trial, each convinced that he is right.

Bitter Trumpet by Fred Grove (LP) Driven out of his Tennessee home after the Civil War, Jesse Alden Wilder is forced to make a new for himself.

The Beach Blueprint by Elana Johnson. Joy Bartlett is leaving Texas for island life. Then she meets Scott Anderson and falls head over

6,600-plus Huskers named to spring Deans' List

LINCOLN, NE (06/21/2024)- More than 6,600 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours.

Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

College of Business, 3.6; Dean Kathy Farrell.

College of Education and Human Sciences, 3.75; Interim Dean Nicholas J. Pace.

College of Engineering, 3.5; Dean Lance C. Perez.

discovery of damage and follow up in writing within 15 days.

For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

"Crop insurance and other USDA risk management options are offered to help producers manage risk because we never know what nature has in store for the future," said Eric Bashore, Director of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) Regional Office that covers South Dakota. "The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well-trained in handling these types of events."

Conservation

FSA's Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests, and remove debris from feed stocks, water supplies and feeding areas.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is always available to provide technical assistance during the recovery process by assisting producers to plan and implement conservation practices on farms and working forests impacted by natural disasters. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on land impacted by natural disasters. "The Natural Resources Conservation Service can be a very valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery and utilize conservation measures to

minimize storm impacts for future weather events," said Tony Sunseri, NRCS State Conservationist in South Dakota. "Our staff will work one-on-one with landowners to develop approaches that focus on effective recovery and conservation of the land."

Assistance for Communities

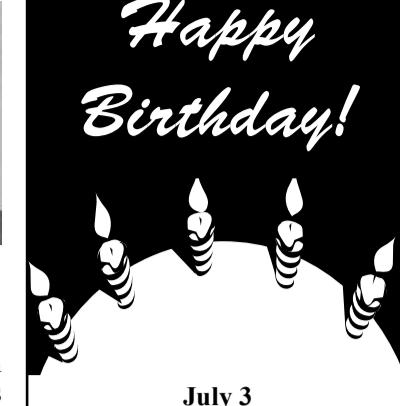
Additional NRCS programs include the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, which assists local government sponsors with the cost of addressing watershed impairments or hazards such as debris removal and streambank stabilization.

The EWP Program is a recovery effort aimed at relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms and other natural disasters. All projects must have an eligible project sponsor. NRCS may bear up to 75% of the eligible construction cost of emergency measures (90% within county-wide limited-resource areas as identified by the U.S. Census data). The remaining costs must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services.

More Information

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including USDA resources specifically for producers impacted by heavy rain and flooding. Those resources include the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet and Loan Assistance Tool. Additionally, FarmRaise offers an FSA educational hub with LIP and ELAP decision tools as well as farm loan resource videos. For FSA and NRCS programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent.

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Wayne State College Releases Spring 2024 Dean's List

June 17, 2024 (WAYNE, Neb.)

– Wayne State College included 1,154 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the Spring 2024 semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk (*) denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term.

Students are listed according to country or state, city, and name. (Please note: Students may have listed the location of Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb., as their hometown. Please check the Wayne, Neb., listing for students who may have listed Wayne as their hometown instead.)

SD, Canton, Seth Gustad

submit a formal request (by mail or email) to the NRCS state conservationist for assistance within 60 days of the natural disaster occurrence or 60 days from the date when access to the sites become available. For more information, please contact your local NRCS office.

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Volunteers Collect Enough Signatures for Referendum Against SB201

Pierre, SD – June 25, 2024 – In a statewide volunteer effort, citizens across South Dakota have gathered signatures to bring a referendum against Senate Bill 201 (SB201). Join us at the capitol on Tues, June 25th, 2024 at 4pm CST for the reveal of the number of signatures.

"It's important to note that these petitions were circulated exclusively by hundreds of volunteers," said Jim Eschenbaum, Chair of South Dakota Property Rights and Local Control Alliance (SDPRLCA). "Some volunteers collected multiple pages of signatures, and some just a handful of signers, but every signature is a South Dakotan who wants to preserve local control and protect private property rights."

The petitions will be hand-delivered to the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office at the Capitol in Pierre, SD, at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25 by Jim Eschenbaum and Tina Mulally, Chair and Treasurer of SDPRLCA.

"A referendum is 'The People's Veto,'" Mulally said. "Citizens have a right to say to the legislature 'you got it wrong' and this is our chance to make it right." She added that "the referendum puts on the brakes so voters can consider the pipeline company's spin versus the true effect this bill has on property rights and local control."

Mulally pointed out that SB201 met with strong opposition due to its unconstitutional nature, and the transfer of local authority to three individuals who sit on the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in Pierre. She emphasized that "...private property rights and public safety are of primary importance to South Dakotans. This kind of radical change in governance should only be decided by the people, because, as our State Motto says, 'Under God, the People Rule'."

"These signatures mark a crucial step in the fight to protect private property rights and maintain the authority of local governments", said Eschenbaum. He concluded that the voices of South Dakotans will be heard loud and clear on November 5th when they vote up or down on this issue, "and we hope that, in the end, voters will agree that what was marketed as a "Bill of Rights" for landowners was actually a Bill of Sale, and South Dakota is not for sale."

For more information, please contact:
Jim Eschenbaum
Chair, South Dakota Property Rights and Local Control Alliance



OFF The Road With Jerry



This is the end of a long bumper to bumper traffic from the south of Highway 11, on Highway 18 intersection west of town.



This was just south of Canton on Cedar Street to the first curve east. It was all on bug lake like the 2014 flood.



This is Chautauqua Park, so high that water is even over the yellow gate. A load of wood was floating out of that big pile of trees, going into the trees and some into the river.



This is a photo from the south side of Beaver Creek Bridge on Highway 18. It looks like a big raging river with a very fast current.



Late on Friday I caught this big possum in my live trap. I had to take both animals to a big farm grove out in the country and turn them loose to a new home.

more money. Also, your extra income could push you into a higher tax bracket.

Nonetheless, you can certainly gain some benefits by returning to the working world. Obviously, you'll be making money that can help you boost your daily cash flow and possibly reduce some debts. But depending on where you work, you might also be able to contribute to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And regardless of where you work, you'll be eligible to contribute to an IRA. By putting more money into these accounts, you may well be able to strengthen your financial position during your retirement years. You might also be able to receive some employee benefits, such as group health insurance — which could be particularly valuable if you haven't yet started receiving Medicare.

Your Social Security isn't the only benefit that could be affected by your earnings. Your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums are based on your income, so they could rise if you start earning

advantages of going back to work, you might get some social benefits, too. Many people enjoy the interactions with fellow workers and miss these exchanges when they retire, so a return to the workforce, even if it's on a part-time basis, may give you an emotional boost.

In the final analysis, you'll want to weigh the potential costs of going back to work against the possible benefits. There's no one right answer for everyone, but by looking at all the variables, you should be able to reach a decision that works for you.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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This is a small part of the huge traffic jam coming down the hill at Forest Hill Cemetery. We wanted to see how long this traffic jam was, so we drove south on Highway 11 to find a safe route to get to Lake Lakota. We found bumper to bumper traffic south 3 to 4 miles long. The reason for this was I-29 was closed because of flooding, so this was a detour to go north, but when they go to Highway 18 and go west, everyone was slowed by that red and green traffic light on the construction site.



Going south of Canton on oil to Newton Hills, all traffic was barricaded off, as Beaver Creek was so high, it was even flowing over the top of the bridge rails and also the road into Beloit was blocked off, with a lot of water going over the highway making a loud rushing sound.



I caught this big raccoon Friday morning in my live trap set for possum. We figured this animal was getting out of the flooded park down along the river. That nice picnic shelter on the north was almost filled with water up over the tables.



This is Lake Lakota completely filled and then some. This is looking down from the north side where the beach is completely covered up and also some picnic tables are under water.

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Interesting facts related to Independence Day

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

- There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

- More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

- The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

- The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

- July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The

Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

First thing I want to mention to everyone is that once again Canton South Dakota comes together and makes me dang proud to live in this town and I know a lot of you that are new to town now know why a lot of us are still here after graduating from Canton High School many years ago. It has been a couple tough days this last weekend and as we try to find ways to help along with taking care of ourselves, we look for the goodness of other people and family to try our best to get by. According to my figuring of number this last flood would be our third 100-year floods so that would make me about 364 years old and sometimes I feel it.

As I looked around at the water it seemed the common denominator I noticed at different sights where Canton C-Hawk athletes from all different teams and genders and all working so very hard either filling sand bags or carrying them to houses but all seem to have a one thing in common and that was they all had positive attitudes and smiles on their faces no matter how wet and sweaty they were getting. Along with the athletes I noticed coaches that were elbow deep in the sand and water right there with the kids leading the way by example. Great job coaches and kids the town owes you a great deal of gratitude for your efforts. I also think we need to thank a lot of local store owners in town that also stepped up by donating what they could to help of finding what

Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

• John Adams, a Founding Father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.

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people need from somewhere and for being open when they knew someone needed help. Thanks also go out to the fire department for their extra efforts all over town and sometimes in waist deep water just to help someone out. If ifs not in a flooded corner or street they were taking care of people at the firehouse with food and drink that everyone sure needed after long, long hours of bailing water.

Now that some of the long hours of water and wet everything you own may be slowing down and the clean

up that will be going for weeks and weeks are on us we have to thank all the volunteers who drove around with a trailer full of sandbags to hand out to everyone in need then when that was done and people had stuff all wet on their curb they were back out with the trailers picking stuff up for everyone and getting rid of it which I know for a fact was a great need for a lot of people. I wish I could name them all in this column but there were so many helping that I can't but you know who you are and myself with most everyone on Canton South Dakota owes you a THANK YOU!!!!

Finally good luck to everyone as you clean out the house and barn and shed along with a garage and make it yours again the way you want it. Thank God for having everyone survive and pray for all the

people and towns like Rock Valley, Rock Rapids, Hawarden and others around that got it worse than we did and lets hope God hears our prayers and they find a way to repair all that has been lost. I love Canton and I know I have only been here since 1966 but I think that makes me about 364 years old and hope to live another 300 years without the water in mine and your houses. Finally Go C-Hawks you guys are great kids and I know all former C-Hawks are so proud of you guys. Thanks finally to Tri State and their workers led by Phil Ranschau for the material and your workers help with everything. We are Canton and we will bounce back better and stronger and hopefully drier. God Bless Canton and its people!!!

Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Six (Spanish)
- 5. Invests in little enterprises
- 9. Large dung beetle
- 11. Gored
- 13. Partially paralyzed
- 15. Still a little wet
- 16. Legal field media company
- 17. Not working
- 19. 500 sheets of paper
- 21. Church structure
- 22. Sheep disease
- 23. Small drink of whiskey
- 25. Weaving tradition
- 26. Pestilence
- 27. Body part
- 29. Nabs
- 31. Places to stay
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Looked for
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- 41. Hair-like structure
- 43. Parts producer
- 44. Greek city
- 46. Subway dwellers
- 48. Norm from "Cheers"
- 52. Clean a floor
- 53. Vied for
- 54. Canned fish
- 56. Inspire with love
- 57. Sent down moisture
- 58. Wrest
- 59. Partner to carrots

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mounted
- 2. Assign
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 5. Parts of an organism
- 6. Person from England
- 7. Tropical plants of the pea family
- 8. Body part
- 9. Practice boxing
- 10. Containers
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Bleached
- 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian

15. A group of similar things ordered one after another

18. Innermost spinal cord membranes

20. Cassava

24. A restaurant's list of offerings

26. Annoy constantly

28. Orchestrate

30. Z Z Z

32. Astute

34. Highly decorated tea urn

35. Teach to behave

37. Endurance

38. Urinating

40. Barbie friend dolls

42. Repents

43. Man-eating giant

45. Jewish calendar month

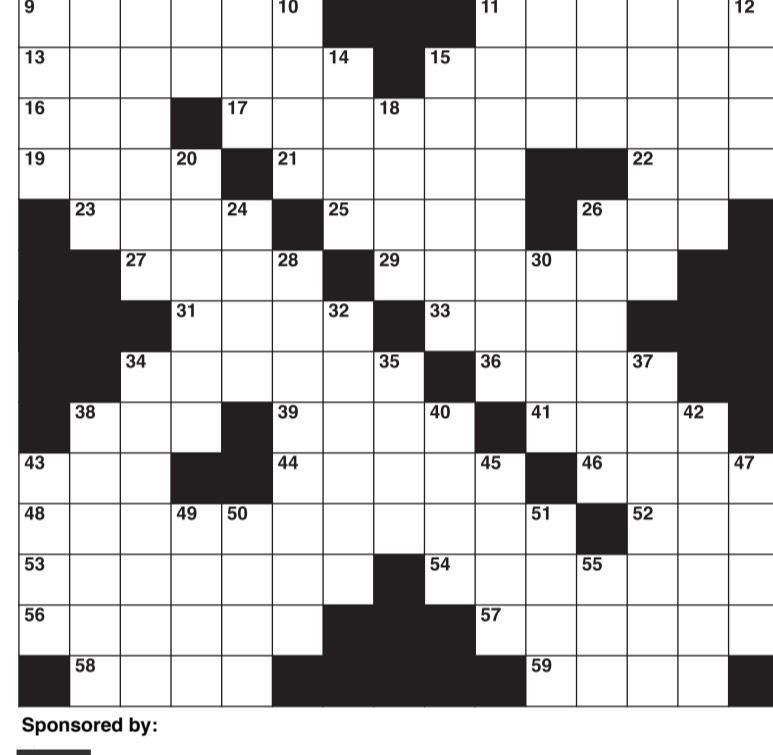
47. Accelerated

49. Husband of Sita in Hindu

50. Lump of semiliquid substance

51. Lying in wait

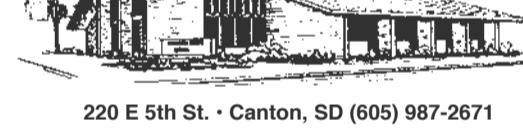
55. Cease to exist



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Gov. Noem Provides Supply Shortage Relief for Flooding Recovery

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, Governor Kristi Noem signed Executive Order 2024-05 granting an hours-of-service waiver for certain products being transported through South Dakota.

The 14-day order declares a state of emergency and exempts delivery of needed supplies in support of flood relief efforts from federal motor carrier regulations regarding drivers' hours of service.

Although hours of service have been temporarily suspended for commercial deliveries, companies may not require or allow fatigued drivers to make deliveries. All other road safety and vehicle compliance regulations still apply.

The executive order expires at midnight on July 8, 2024.



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-05

Whereas, The State of South Dakota has been impacted by severe storms, flooding, and predicted water flows show additional flooding; and,

Whereas, These severe storms have caused significant damage to roads, bridges, dams, and other public infrastructure and that the damage to the roads, bridges, dams, and other public infrastructure has caused many roads to become impassable; and,

Whereas, Drivers of delivery vehicles are required to transport supplies, necessary to provide direct assistance in flood relief efforts and maintain supplies; and,

Whereas, It is the responsibility of the State to assist South Dakotans in meeting problems of mutual concern, and transportation and delivery of needed supplies is in demand and support of flood relief efforts; and,

Whereas, In the interest of public safety, SDCL 49-28A-3, and 49 CFR Parts 395.3 and 395.5 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, regulate the transportation requirements for motor carriers or drivers that are providing direct assistance of this regional emergency declaration; and,

Whereas, Motor carriers, while under this Order, shall not require or allow fatigued drivers to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who informs a carrier he or she needs immediate rest shall be given adequate rest before the driver is required to return to service; and,

Whereas, This Order is limited to 49 CFR Parts 395.3 and 395.5 (Hours of Service). Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed as an exemption from the controlled substances, alcohol use, and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), the commercial driver's license requirements (49 CFR Part 383), the financial responsibility requirements (49 CFR Part 387), applicable size and weight requirements, or any other portion of the regulations not specifically identified:

NOW, THEREFORE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the State of South Dakota, declare, notwithstanding SDCL 49-28A-3 and 49 CFR Parts 395.3 and 395.5 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, that a state of emergency exists in South Dakota, and that transportation and delivery of needed supplies in support of flood relief efforts within South Dakota shall be exempt from 49 CFR Parts 395.3 and 395.5, otherwise known as the U.S. Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

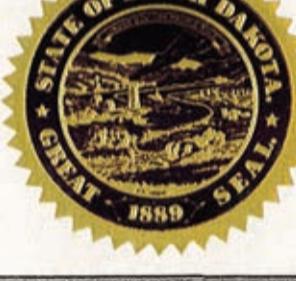
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, This Executive Order shall expire upon conclusion of the emergency, but no later than midnight, July 8, 2024.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of June, 2024.

Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

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The June Flood of 2024

By Gaynor Johnson

The water was risin'
more rain was comin'
and over in the corner
the sump pump was runnin'.

The kitty was freakin'
the river was peakin'
the roof it was leakin'
this was gonna be a bad one.

All day and all night
the flood brought much anger and
fright
to our town on the river
and soaking wet many did shiver
as Mother Nature did give
best shot.

But we did survive
all of us came out alive
and amazing things began to take
place
people rallied together
despite this foul weather
and although there was much de-
spair
there was love and hope in the
damp air
neighbors were helping neighbors
with their soggy labors.

Sandbags were filled
burgers were grilled
water was handed out
people had to find an alternate
route.

In a parking lot did grow
not a huge pile of snow
but a mountain of debris
higher than a building or tree.

We made the news
we all had the blues
but we still put on a smile
while some took a nap for awhile.

For this town we call Canton
I will always be rantin'
that we are the best
north, south, east or west,
so

may this flood poem
find you at home
or wherever you're at
with your loved ones and cat
or maybe your dog
(for some odd reason you named
Frog)
and know there will be
much better and brighter days
ahead
for both you and for me.

I would like to dedicate this poem
to all those (you know who you
are) that dropped everything and
went right to work helping others
when you most likely had issues
at home that needed your atten-
tion. I'm quite sure you don't want
to be called the heroes of this dev-
astating flood but you are.

Letter from the Mayor

To The Citizens of Canton,

I wanted to take this opportunity to send out an email to address the recent flooding events in Canton and speak to what is being done and has already been done in the aftermath of this horrendous event. While natural disasters are unfortunate and unpredictable, I do recognize there are a number of steps a City can take and I as Mayor can implement to ensure as swift a recovery as possible. We will conduct an evaluation of the areas where we fell short and identify the areas where we made progress in disaster mitigation. Through this process, we will update our outdated 2003 process and emergency plan as well as create an action plan to improve our community's readiness for future events.

On this note, I wanted to let you know that the community has the "eyes" and "ears" of Governor Noem and the State of South Dakota during this difficult time. I spent time with her yesterday assessing the situation in Canton along with key personnel. I want you to know that she has committed to offering the full resources of the State, which are at her disposal. Additionally I wanted to let you know that the Governor in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency are working towards an official disaster declaration for Lincoln County, which I am confident the community of Canton will have federal resources too. I do want to recommend that property owners, both homeowners and businesses, take numerous pictures of the damages caused by this event. The website has already been released on the Canton app.

I also want to express gratitude for the countless people that stepped forward to volunteer during this time. We witnessed the spirit of the Canton people and the resolve of community leaders in assuring the situation was handled in a manner that would not have been possible for City personnel to do alone. We are all grateful for the 'all hands on deck' approach. Please forgive me if I forget to thank someone as the list of volunteers is endless. The people I want to thank include: Tri-State Ready Mix, Canton Fire Department, Canton Police Department, first responders including dispatch, Laurel Laubach, all Canton High School teams, coaches and families, church leaders and all the individuals that ensured those hungry were fed.

These individuals, along with so many others not mentioned, worked around the clock to save their community. I just want to say thank you to all who contributed to this effort! I also want to acknowledge that the City is exploring areas that can be improved for future response efforts to such events. Given the current natural disaster, it has become clear to me that our City requires the expertise of qualified city administrator now instead of later; This person can help guide us through the challenging times and assist in preparation for the future. I will collaborate with City officials, commissioners, staff and community leaders to create a proposal for hiring a dedicated professional, city administrator. The person that will fill this position will need to be seen as an individual that supports the Community as it exists now and is capable of leading Canton into a brighter future.

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Sandi Lundstrom

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Weathering the Storm – Together

By: Governor Kristi Noem

June 28, 2024

Nothing gives life quite like water. We rely on it every single day for nourishment, for cleanliness, and so much more.

But that same simple liquid can also cause devastation in a very short period of time. Unfortunately, South Dakota experienced that firsthand in recent days. Historic flooding caused by heavy and sustained rainfall filled our rivers, some of them reaching crests at unprecedented levels. Families in about 30 counties are suffering in the aftermath.

South Dakotans link arms and work together to get through the worst of situations. Every single day since before these storms started, I have been in these communities to help them prepare, make decisions, and deliver resources. I have also been so blessed to have been able to hear such incredible stories of grit and teamwork to weather this storm. Young teenagers in Canton went door to door helping people clean out their flooded basements. Boat rescue crews conducted dozens of tricky rescues, often in the middle of the night, to keep South Dakotans safe. One local contractor personally provided the Department of Transportation with enough clay to finish construction of a crucial levee that kept the entirety of North Sioux City from being underwater – avoiding a fate like we've seen in towns downstream in Iowa.

But we've experienced more than our share of devastation. Farmers have had their crops wiped out and

their barns and homes destroyed. Families around McCook Lake have seen their homes washed away entirely. Daily, I have seen the aftermath with my own eyes – it's unbelievable – and we are doing everything in our power to help them through this difficult time. We had the administrator of FEMA at McCook Lake on Thursday, and she is going to do everything in her power to get these families help as soon as possible.

This is not our first time witnessing the destructive power of water. In 2019, my first year as governor, a bomb cyclone hit almost the entire state. At one point, 63 out of our 66 counties were declared federal disaster areas. Before that, massive flooding in 2011 and 2014 impacted many of the same communities that were hit hardest in this recent crisis.

We learned lessons from those earlier floods. We built levees stronger and higher. We developed new plans to get through the worst of the situation. As a state, we invested in reinforcing and rebuilding dams to make sure that we can hold back these powerful rivers to the greatest extent possible.

But any mitigation plan is just that – it mitigates the disaster. It will never help us avoid disaster entirely. We are but men and women. God still controls the storm – "Even the wind and the sea obey him." We will put our communities back together. We will learn from this storm, as we have in the past. And we will come out of this stronger than ever before.

By Sen. John Thune
In July 1776, John Adams wrote to his wife of Independence Day, "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations ... It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

Although Adams thought we would celebrate July 2 – the day the Continental Congress voted to declare independence and two days before the Declaration of Independence was approved – our celebrations still resemble what Adams described. Fireworks, parades, games, and many other elements of his centuries-old vision are still defining marks of the Fourth of July today. And, as Adams foresaw, these celebrations take place across a vast country that stretches from sea to shining sea.

I might be biased, but I don't think there's any better place to celebrate Independence Day than right here in

South Dakota. It's tough to compete with South Dakotans' patriotism. There are the rodeos, parades, and barbecues that bring communities together to celebrate our American heritage. And of course, nothing compares to spending the Fourth at Mount Rushmore and the rush of patriotism you get seeing Borglum's tribute to four great Americans.

That patriotic feeling is a sense of pride – pride in what our country has done and in what it has the potential still to do. And it's not very different from the Founding Fathers' vision. They saw what America could be and were inspired to fight for independence. We are still a people of free thought, risk-taking, resilience, loyalty, and faith, qualities we share with the founding generation that fought for freedom and with the generations of brave Americans who have fought to defend it since then. We should take pride in the fact that as much as things have changed since 1776, the American spirit has only grown stronger.

Signed the Declaration of Independence was a courageous act. The Continental Army faced long odds, and there were many difficult years ahead. But they had faith in America, and they believed in the ideas they were putting forward to the world. In the same letter to his wife, Adams acknowledges the difficulties ahead, but he says, "through the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means."

We know our history, and we know Adams was right. We live in the greatest country the world has ever known – a beacon of hope to the world. I hope on this Fourth of July we share Adams' faith in America, in the idea that began with the simple yet revolutionary words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

How To Address Mold After A Flood

Floods can quickly turn lives upside down. According to the World Health Organization, more than two billion people were affected by floods between 1998 and 2017, and those people no doubt recognize just how unsettling floods can be.

The damage caused by flooding can linger long after water levels have subsided. Mold left in the wake of a flood poses a significant threat, and WebMD notes that mold can be especially dangerous for people with respiratory issues like allergies or asthma. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one of the organization's chief concerns was to let those affected by the storm learn how to safely clean up mold.

Mold cleanup must be done with a sense of urgency, as WebMD indicates that mold can grow very quickly in damp environments. That said, it's vital that homeowners only reenter flooded properties when it's safe to do so. Reentering too quickly and before government officials say it's safe to do so can put residents in serious jeopardy. Once it's safe to reenter a home, the CDC recommends the following approach to address mold after a flood.

- Wear personal protective equipment. Gloves, masks and goggles should be worn to protect the eyes, nose, mouth, and skin. While personal protective equipment can be highly effective, anyone with mold allergies or preexisting respiratory conditions like asthma should leave mold cleanup to the professionals.

- Discard certain items. Items that are wet with flood water but cannot be cleaned and completely dried within 24 to 48 hours should be discarded. People with flood insurance policies may need to take photos of items prior to discarding them if they hope to be reimbursed.

- Open doors and windows. The Federal Emergency Management Agency notes that airing the home out by opening the doors and windows can inhibit mold growth when humidity levels are lower outside than inside.

- Circulate air around the house. If it's safe to turn the electricity back on, circulate air inside the home with fans. In addition, use a dehumidifier to remove moisture from inside the home.

- Do not mix cleaning products. The CDC notes the dangers associated with mixing cleaning products. For example, mixing bleach with ammonia can produce toxic vapors.

- Scrub surfaces. Use clean water and detergent to remove all visible mold from surfaces around the house. Dry the surfaces immediately after cleaning them.

A safe and quick response to flood-related mold growth can prevent illness and further damage to a home.

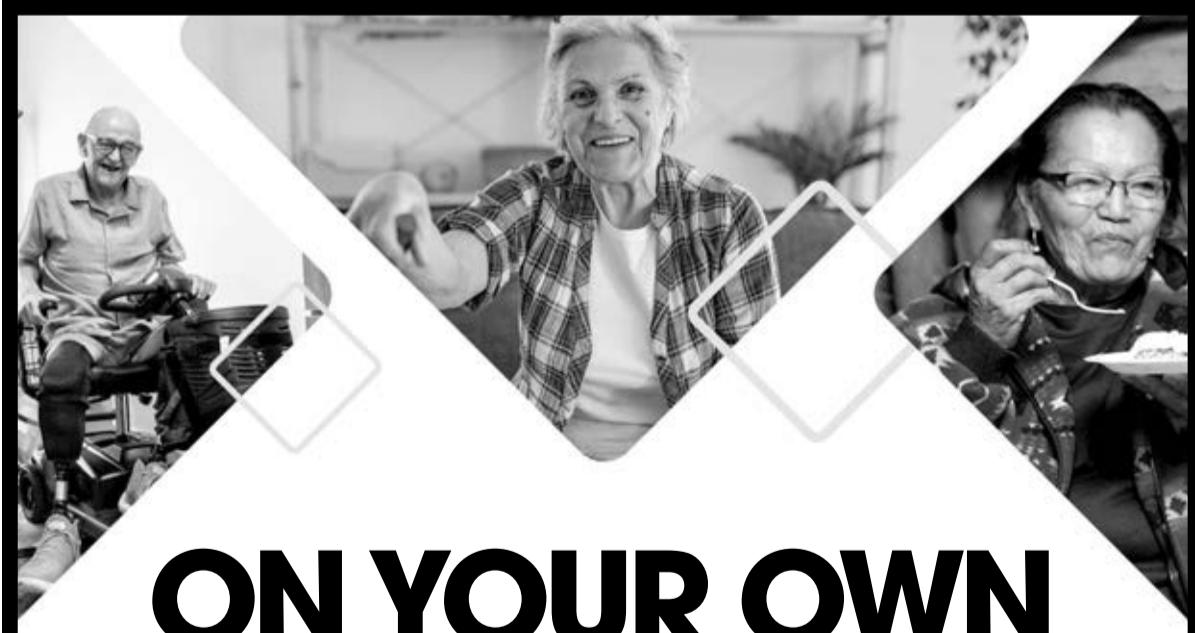
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Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 16, 2024 • 2:00 PM (CDT) | July 18, 2024 • 7:00 PM (CDT)

Meetings will be virtual this year covering the entire state.

For more information and how to participate virtually, please visit

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Harrisburg, Tea, Box Elder lead booming South Dakota cities

BY MARIIA NOVOSELIA
South Dakota News Watch

HARRISBURG, S.D. — This bedroom community just south of Sioux Falls transformed over the past couple of decades into the fastest-growing South Dakota city of more than 5,000 people, according to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau and Population Division report.

Harrisburg's population ballooned by 37.8%, or more than 2,500 residents, between July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2023, the report said. Nearby Tea was just behind with 29.9% growth followed by Box Elder, just east of Rapid City, with a 16.2% increase over the time frame.

After teaching first grade for 14 years in Brookings, Julie LeFebvre needed a fresh start and found it in Harrisburg.

"I applied for a job down here, and I got it right away," LeFebvre said. "With the way that things transitioned so smoothly, I felt like it was meant to be."

Eighteen cities in the state now have populations of at least 5,000, but not all grew between 2020 and 2023. Brandon, just east of Sioux Falls, saw a slight decrease in its population, as did Aberdeen, Madison, Mitchell, Pierre, and Sturgis, the Census said.

South Dakota population unlikely to drop

Despite decreases in some cities, South Dakota's overall population grew by 8.9%, or almost 72,500 people, from 2010 to 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau said.

Augustana University economics professor David Sorenson used data from the Internal Revenue Service to examine migration into and from South Dakota in his most recent article for the Dakota Institute. According to the piece, in 2020-2021, more than 25,600 people moved between counties within South Dakota.

Additionally, Sorenson wrote that while 23,000 people from South Dakota relocated to a different state, more than 29,000 chose the Mount Rushmore State as their new place of residence, increasing the population by 6,000 and raising the state's net migration rate to 0.8. The only state in the region with a higher net migration is Montana.

Notably, over the years, Minnesota has contributed the most to migration into South Dakota. Minnesota also seems to have been the state of preference for people looking to move out of South Dakota. In an interview with News Watch, Sorenson said that the Gravity Model, which is similar to Newton's law of gravitation, can explain this trend.

The attraction between two places depends on their sizes and the distance between them, Sorenson said. With Minnesota being a neighboring state with the largest population in the region, its persistent interaction with South Dakota comes as no surprise.

While Sorenson wrote that "there is no guarantee of favorable continuing patterns" in terms of population spikes in the future, he said it is also unlikely that the number of South Dakotan residents will decrease.

Sorenson said the population in the state may expand further thanks to factors like the natural increase, or the difference between births and deaths, which reached 2,800 in 2023, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

West River to generate more growth, led by Box Elder

Another South Dakota city seeing a major population surge is Box Elder, home of Ellsworth Air Force Base.

The U.S. Census Bureau said its population more than quadrupled over the past 30 years, from 2,700 in 1990 to 11,900 in 2020. Rapid growth has continued with the official population listed at almost 13,900 in 2023 and steady growth continuing since then.

The city, which straddles Interstate 90, is poised for even more explosive growth because it was chosen in 2021 as the main base of operations and training location for the Air Force's new B-21 Raider bomber program.

The B-21 is a \$700 million long-range stealth jet with nuclear capabilities that is intended to replace the B-1B Lancer bomber currently based at Ellsworth.

Col. Derek Oakley, commander of the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth, said at a meeting in Rapid City in November 2023 that the Air Force will embark on nearly three dozen individual construction projects on the base at an estimated cost of at least \$1.5 billion.

The B-21 program will add more than 4,000 new military personnel, families and civilian workers to the base over the next 20 years, Oakley said.

The Air Force projected in its B-21 Economic Impact Statement that development of the new bomber program at Ellsworth will create nearly 600 local jobs and almost \$24 million in local economic impact. Once the bombers arrive, some state officials estimate the program will create an annual benefit of \$480 million to the state.

As of February, nearly 300 new housing units were under construction in Box Elder, and the city has seen recent development of new banks, restaurants and other commercial business. It's also planning to build a \$60 million elementary school to further accommodate the anticipated growth.

Monument Health of Rapid City is also preparing for population increases in Box Elder by building a pair of new urgent care clinics in or near the city.

The health group said it has begun construction on a primary and emergency

care clinic on 2.1 acres near Liberty Plaza. It will also open an urgent care clinic in Rapid Valley, a community southwest of Box Elder, in 2025, according to a news release.

"As the needs of the community grow, including supporting the mission at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Monument Health remains committed to being a trusted partner in ensuring the health and well-being of our neighbors," said Mark Schulte, Monument Health vice president of operations.

Lincoln County is keeping pace

Lincoln County, which is home to both Harrisburg and Tea, has seen an increase in population too.

According to a U.S. Census Bureau report from March, the county's population grew by 11.6% from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2023. In western South Dakota, Custer County and Lawrence County are runners up with increases by 9.4% and 8.5% respectively.

Jim Schmidt has been on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for over 25 years. He said when he got the job first, the population of Harrisburg was under 500 people and no one paid much attention to Lincoln County because of how rural it was.

Schmidt said the growth of Sioux Falls fuels population increases in Lincoln County, which is why he believes it is important for the county to be "more of a participant in the future of how the whole (Sioux Falls) area is going to develop."

A lot of residents have taken issue with a new men's prison planned for the county because of safety concerns, he said. But many of the people who will work there are likely to relocate to Lincoln County, increasing the population and housing demand, Schmidt said.

COVID-19 leaves a legacy in state

Normally, Harrisburg sells about 14 houses a month, said Brady Daly, director of agent services at Hegg Realtors.

When News Watch spoke with him at the end of May, 64 houses were on the real estate market. This, Daly explained, means that, in theory, it would take about 4 1/2 months to sell all of those houses.

The number of months of inventory can help estimate whether an entity has a seller's or a buyer's market.

Historically, a well-balanced market has six months of inventory, Daly said. Anything below that number would be considered a seller's market where there are fewer houses and more people willing to buy real estate. In a buyer's market, on the other hand, those willing to purchase some property have more control.

Even though Harrisburg's 4 1/2 months of inventory means it is still a seller's market, Daly said it is "aggressively close to a buyer's market."

At the same time, Daly said it is tough to find an affordable spot for a first-time homebuyer in Harrisburg. A lot of new construction is "higher-end houses," which is why they do not sell out as fast, raising the number of months of inventory.

Some of the current demand stems in part from the pandemic, said Harrisburg Mayor Derick Wenck. A significant number of people started moving to South Dakota in 2020, many of them young families.

"People were just fleeing areas where their schools were shut down and everything was closed up. Whereas in South Dakota, we shut down for just a little bit but then opened everything back up," Wenck said. "We had people that were buying houses sight unseen, and just moved away from everything. It was crazy."

While leading through the first few months of the pandemic was peculiar, soon enough "it was like any other day," Wenck said. "I felt like we were in a weird area where (COVID-19) was there, but nobody was scared of it."

Even with the pandemic in the past, Harrisburg's population continues to grow, and Wenck said there is no sign of it slowing down.

The increasing number of residents has brought a variety of companies to Harrisburg. A coffee shop, a gas station and a hotel are among some of the businesses set to open later this year. One of Wenck's goals is to attract enough businesses so that people from Harrisburg will not have to go to Sioux Falls to shop.

In addition to making Harrisburg appealing to business owners and young families, Wenck said he and his team have been working on Harrisburg's infrastructure. Last year, the city spent \$12 million on enhancements that included sewer line upgrades, paving a mile stretch of a gravel road, and installing a roundabout, he said.

This summer, the city plans to invest \$10 million in infrastructure improvements, including storm drain projects and more paving, Wenck said.

Harrisburg residents offer a helping hand

Before moving to Harrisburg, LeFebvre did a lot of research about the school district, not only because she wanted to work there but also because she wanted her two children to get a good education.

She had visited the city several times for her children's activities, such as a trip to the apple orchard or a sporting event. Harrisburg had "some cool features for just a small little town," LeFebvre concluded.

Among them were people's friendliness and willingness to help. Being "a hop, skip, and a jump away from a big city" is another, she said.

At the same time, LeFebvre said she wishes there were a new family restaurant in town.

"If you ask a typical person, 'What are they building in Harrisburg?' They're gonna say it's either a gas station or townhomes or apartments. But I understand those things are important too," LeFebvre said.

In July 2022, LeFebvre relocated to a bigger house within Harrisburg. This fall, she will start her sixth year teaching first graders in the Harrisburg School District.

Harrisburg School District appeal transcends city limits

When JoAnne VerMulum, director of communications at the Harrisburg School District, walked in through the doors of the high school for the first time in the fall of 2009, she was surprised by the size of the hallways.

She said they seemed too big for the number of children who studied there. At the time, VerMulum worked as a computer teacher and technology integrationist. She said in addition to teaching classes of her own, her responsibilities included facilitating students and teachers with using technology.

"It was a needed position in our district – just with all of our growth," VerMulum said.

According to the 2023-2024 Harrisburg School District annual report, the number of students enrolled has been growing steadily since the 2000-2001 academic year.

In the fall of 2023, the count of all enrolled students topped 6,000. Compared to the 2000-2001 academic year, the student body has grown by 674.6%.

VerMulum said when she began working for the school district in 2009, there were 425 high school students. In contrast, last year, there were more than 480 first-year high schoolers alone.

"Now it makes a lot of sense why those hallways were as wide as they were," VerMulum said. "They were anticipating a lot of growth."

Two-thirds of Harrisburg students live in Sioux Falls

The Harrisburg School District has been building new facilities "almost every other year," VerMulum said. This upcoming fall, a new building will replace the old Liberty Elementary School because it has been exceeding its capacity.

"Change is one thing that's constant in our district because we have experienced growth for the last two decades," said Tim Graf, who just completed his fifth year as the superintendent of the Harrisburg School District.

Reinventing Liberty Elementary, however, should be the last addition to the school district for the foreseeable future. Graf said that opening new buildings can be "an extra burden on taxpayers," so the school district has been trying to use the money as efficiently as possible and that the local community has been supportive.

According to the 2022 Recap report from the South Dakota Property Tax Portal, Lincoln County levied \$131.8 million in property taxes that year, with schools receiving 62.3% of it.

Data from the report show that Lincoln County ranks third in terms of the amount of money collected. Ahead of it are Pennington County, which levied more than \$186 million in 2022, and Minnehaha County, which collected \$320 million. Together, the money from these three counties amounted to 41.7% of the \$1.5 billion collected in property taxes statewide.

The Harrisburg School District spans seven elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school and a Freshman Academy. Some, like Harrisburg Journey Elementary School, are located within the Sioux Falls city limits.

"A lot of times I get asked: 'Why? Why have we moved our district into the city of Sioux Falls?'" Graf said. He then explained that school district lines were drawn "generations ago" and the city of Sioux Falls "has just

grown into the Harrisburg School District."

Currently, almost two-thirds of all students in the district live in Sioux Falls, Graf said. This may explain why the number of enrolled students nearly equaled the number of all Harrisburg residents in 2002.

Staffing remains a problem at Harrisburg School District

One of the challenges that Graf said the school district faces is staffing. Despite the ongoing teacher shortage in the state, which was previously reported on by News Watch, Graf said that a bigger problem is finding support staff.

"We're fortunate in the teacher-regard in that we're located in the Sioux (Falls) metro area and we're a pretty progressive school district," Graf said. At the same time, the proximity creates competition that makes finding supporting staff a challenge.

In spite of these and other challenges, Graf remains optimistic.

"With growth comes opportunities, and that has allowed us to be innovative and progressive," he said. "We have embraced change – that's been who we are and what we do."

Born in eastern Iowa, Renee Rebnord moved to South Dakota for college. She lives in Sioux Falls but plans to move in late July to Harrisburg, where she has been working since 1980.

"When I started, I knew every staff member from K through 12 and every kid from seventh grade through 12," Rebnord said. "Now, when you have almost 500 kids in a class, that's pretty much impossible to do."

Rebnord first retired from her job as an English teacher in 2012 but then returned to teach a leadership and service class and substitute for colleagues.

"The students and families of Harrisburg as well as the staff – they've always been amazing and supportive," Rebnord said. "For me, it was a dream job."

Currently, she works as an administrative assistant in the principal's office, helping with dual credit registration, appointments, ACT scores and other tasks.

Graf said what makes the Harrisburg School District unique is a variety of personalized learning programs, or pathways. For example, in the 2023-2024 academic year, almost 50 students completed internships with local businesses and organizations. A lot of interns go on to become employees of those companies, he said.

Projections underestimate Harrisburg growth

Originally from the northeast South Dakota town of Gary, Dale Thorpe moved to Harrisburg with his wife and three children in 1971 after living in Minneapolis and Sioux Falls. Thorpe worked in construction and in 1984 joined the Harrisburg School Board.

Thorpe said he spent nine years on the board, and everyone got along. Some issues, however, created disagreement.

"We wanted to build new schools, but the community said, 'We don't want to build schools because if we build schools, we are going to grow and we don't want to grow. We want to be small Harrisburg.' We said, 'We don't have a choice,'" Thorpe recalled.

Years later, Thorpe said the way the community feels about population increases has changed and added that the growth the school board projected was "way less" than what recent U.S. Census Bureau reports show.

"I don't rub their noses in it, but they know we were right," he said.

Thorpe has been volunteering for the Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years. He said he likes to know what is going on and meeting new people. Much like LeFebvre, he pointed out that he would like to see a new restaurant in town but added that what appeals to him is how friendly the community is and how safe he feels in town.

"It's a great place to live in," Thorpe said. "It's rural America at as good as it can get."

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. JAMISON, Deceased. Notice is given that on June 13, 2024, Mary J. Devish, whose address is 2401 W. Sleigh Creek Trail, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Shirley M. Jamison.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 18 day of June, 2024.

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Notice of Hearing**City of Harrisburg
Notice of Public Hearing
Planning Commission**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Harrisburg will hold a Public Hearing on July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter at Liberty School Board Room, 200 E Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD. The hearing is to receive public input on a request for a zoning amendment to change the zoning as follows:

A portion of Lots 4 and 5 in Tract 3 of Country Corner Orchards' Addition and a portion of vacated Balamar Street lying therein, 3.2 acres total (Parcels 270.78.00.K305, 270.78.00.K300, & 270.78.00.K304) from A-1 Agricultural to CB Central Business.

The Planning Commission invites all interested people to attend and offer their comments. Those unable

to attend may submit comments in writing, prior to the hearing, to: City of Harrisburg Planning & Zoning, PO Box 26, Harrisburg, SD 57032. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the City Planning & Zoning Administrator at (605) 767-5010. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled may use Relay South Dakota at (800) 877-1113 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

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Notice to Creditors**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN CIRCUIT COURT****SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

41PRO24-000056

Notice to Creditors and Notice of Informal Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL ANDREW THOMPSON, Deceased.

Notice is given that on June 24, 2024, John Andrew Thompson, whose address is 7205 West 35th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Michael Andrew Thompson.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

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Dated this 27th day of June, 2024.

/s/ John Andrew Thompson
John Andrew Thompson
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Sioux Falls, SD 57106
(605) 799-7623

Sara E. Show, PROSPERITY LAW FIRM, PLLC, 7520 S. Grand Arbor Court, Suite 140, Sioux Falls, SD, 57108, Telephone: (605) 401-6257; Facsimile: (605) 401-6155.

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Harrisburg School Meeting Minutes**HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #41-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

The June 24, 2024, regular school board meeting at the Liberty Elementary Board Room, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Linda Kirchhevel. Board members present were Linda Kirchhevel, Jay Hutton, Mike Knudson and Lisa Groon and Terra Vennard. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Graf, Business Office Manager Conway, Principal Rollinger, Director of Instruction and Federal Programs Amolins, Activities Director Altenburg and Director of Fine Arts Berg, and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Action 227-24 Motion by Knudson, seconded by Hutton, to approve the agenda with the removal of the Cell Tower Agreement Action Item.

Motion carried 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Conflict of Interest- None; Building Projects Update; 1st Reading of Policy AF Firearms & Weapons Policy; Activity Participation; Softball/ Youth Baseball Field Project

ACTION ITEMS

Action 228-24 Motion by Hutton, seconded by Groon, to approve Consent Agenda: Claims.

Motion carried 5-0

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Goodroad Retires from PT



Kristin Goodroad has worked for Sanford Health for a total of 30 years this July. She has worked at Sanford Canton-Inwood since 2008, but spent 14 years at Sioux Valley/Sanford in Sioux Falls prior to that.

Kristin's favorite part of working at SCI was working with her patients and seeing their determination as they make great improvements. She will miss the people she's worked with and has built lifelong friendships.

She may be retiring from Physical Therapy, but she's not stepping away from caring for others. Kristin will be starting her own business with the Caring Transitions franchise, where she will specialize in senior relocation, downsizing, estate sales and online auctions.

Thank you, Kristin, for your dedication to your patients over the years! Sanford Canton-Inwood will miss you!

Bob Herman Retires after 40 Years at Sanford Canton-Inwood



After 40 years, Bob Herman is retiring from Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center. In the early 1990's, Bob was promoted to the position of Maintenance Manager and has remained there ever since. In his time at Sanford, he has seen lots of construction and remodels in the facility and has enjoyed working with the contractors in planning the projects. His favorite part of his job has been the people and friends he has met and stayed in touch with over the years.

Following his retirement, he plans to take a couple months off and enjoy life; golfing and traveling more, and spending time with his five grandkids and family. In August he plans to start a part-time job so he can "keep busy and out of the wife's way."

Sanford Canton-Inwood thanks you for your years of service, Bob, and wishes you the best in your retirement!

Businesses Help During Flood

continued from front

On Saturday, MECA proceeded to haul debris from people's homes. Engel went up to the high school to find the parking lot a disaster with debris piled everywhere. With nobody to push it into a pile he quickly went into action and switched from forks to a bucket. He headed to the high school to start pushing the pile. "My telehandler extends 42 feet. I had it pushed so high some locals say Governor Kristi Noem had to come and see. Altogether, my Telehandler worked 27 hours. And 6 hours of manual labor picking up sandbags, two full side dump loads. Our service use was indicated by the hour meter installed on the machine," Engel said.

Engel wasn't asked to do a thing, he just started helping everyone he

could, directing his construction crew to where help was needed while providing all the fuel and maintenance on his own. After the dust settled, Engel finally got the chance to check on his own possessions to find out that they had lost \$13,052 worth of tools, and a car.

As a donation back to the town, MECA is encouraging everybody in town to call for a free estimate. "We are cutting our labor costs to help the Canton community come back from the city-wide damage. Which I know is not a lot compared to what appeared to be millions of dollars piled at the high school. We're eager to do more construction projects in Canton. And get it back into its tip, top shape. We're eager to see what the city does to prevent these types of catastrophes in the



future. I am thankful for my city council, and I know with the help of the city folks, we can devise a plan to overcome this." -Engel

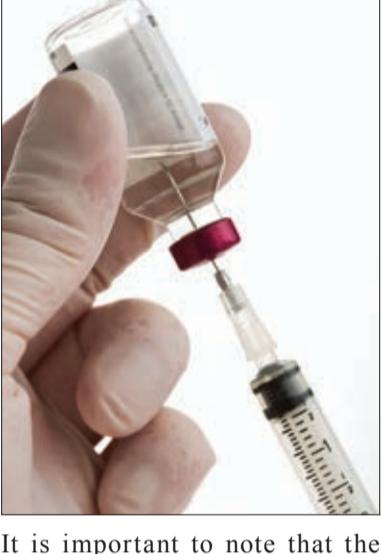
South Dakota Department of Health Offers Tetanus Booster Shots in Response to Flood Conditions

PIERRE, SD – The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) will be offering Tetanus booster shots to eligible citizens and responders in response to the recent flood conditions affecting parts of South Dakota.

The booster clinic will be held on Friday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North Sioux City Fire Department, located at 205 Sodac Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049.

"The safety and health of our citizens is our top priority," said Secretary of Health Melissa Magstadt. "We urge those involved in the cleanup efforts who may have been injured to take advantage of this clinic and ensure they are protected against Tetanus."

Tetanus booster shots are recommended every 7-10 years following the initial dose and are especially important for individuals who have sustained cuts or scrapes during cleanup efforts and have come into contact with floodwaters.



It is important to note that the Tetanus vaccine is not necessary for those who have only had contact with floodwater without sustaining any injuries.

Flood conditions present unique challenges and potential health risks.

Secretary Magstadt emphasized the importance of prevention and timely medical care, adding, "Preventative measures like getting a Tetanus booster can make a significant difference in avoiding serious health complications. Our department is committed to providing the necessary resources to support our communities during this time."

For more information on the booster clinic, please contact the South Dakota Department of Health by visiting our website at doh.sd.gov. You can also find additional information on the Tetanus disease fact page.

At the heart of the Department of Health's mission is a simple goal: to protect and improve the health of all South Dakotans. The department is entrusted with the vital task of promoting wellness, preventing disease, and ensuring access to quality healthcare for all South Dakotans.

Simplified Link to Report Flood Damage

Pierre, S.D.- Finding the link to report residential or business flood damage has been made even easier. Just visit the state website at sd.gov, enter the site, and the link will appear at the top of the page.

The South Dakota Office of Emergency Management is collecting damage data from residents and businesses that have experienced flood related damage. The information provided will be used to seek a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

It is important to fill out the form completely and accurately. Form fields include fill in the blank and drop-down options. Users will need to provide their property address, contact information, and an estimate



of the building value, along with other basic damage information.

Photographs showing the damage are crucial and should be included in the form submission. The deadline for submitting damage data is July 12, 2024. Completing the form does

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6:30 pm MOE PARISH WOMEN'S DESSERT STAND

7:00 pm - ON STAGE - Sonny Sundstrom, Walt Peterson, Scott Griffith and Brad Larwick

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