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National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 20 at 6:30 p.m. will be a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, 1021 W. Bailey Street, Sioux Falls. They will be honoring their sacrifice and earnestly searching for those still missing.

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Thursday High 85 Low 57 Sunny	Friday High 82 Low 60 Sunny

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Goodroads Bring "Caring Transitions" Services to Area

By: Kala Hazelhoff

Kristin and Brad Goodroad moved to the Canton area in 2008 with her retired parents. Kristin's sister Kim, husband Russ Wentz and family, who moved here in 2007. Kristin's dad, Chuck Kramer, passed away in March 2024. They found themselves faced with the overwhelming task of helping their mother, Janet, go through all of her and her husband's belongings. This included Chuck's workshop full of woodworking tools. Kristin is the oldest of four siblings, her two brothers live in Lincoln, Neb. With numerous work and life schedules to work around, it was difficult for them to offer help. Kristin stumbled upon "Caring Transitions" and felt as though this was exactly what they needed.

The new "Caring Transitions" location will provide a unique full-service approach that is an end-to-end solution, including decluttering, resettling, clean-outs, space planning, and managing estate sales and online auctions. Brad retired in 2021, after 27 years with the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue, and currently serves as the site director for "Bidwell, a Terex Brand" in Canton. After Kristin recently retired from 30 years as a Physical Therapist, along with her husband assisting her, they are becoming "Caring Transitions" owners to service the Canton and surrounding areas. Even though

"Caring Transitions" has over 325 locations across the country, the closest locations to Canton were in Omaha, Neb. or Mankato, Minn.. This is a much-needed service that they are proud to offer to this area. Their local roots and firsthand experiences with life transitions make them uniquely qualified to understand and meet the needs of their community.

"We are excited to welcome Kristin and Brad Goodroad into the Caring Transitions franchise family and to strengthen and be able to continue to build up our brand presence in South Dakota," said Ray Fabik, President of Caring Transitions. "Their dedication to serving others and their deep roots in the Midwest make them the perfect fit to lead our newest location."

Throughout her career as a physical therapist, Kristin has always enjoyed working with seniors, listening to their stories, and making personal connections that extended beyond patient care. "I've always enjoyed hearing seniors' stories and listening to them share where they've come from. It helped make our sessions more enjoyable and allowed me to relate to them as people, not just patients. Now, I'm excited to help seniors in a different way, easing the stress of their transitions and making a difference in their lives." -Kristin Goodroad



"Caring Transitions" is a business that caters to everyone's specific needs, whether it is sorting, organizing, packing, or unpacking after moving, Estate sales (both online and in person), basic downsizing, and adapting the home to accommodate aging.

The clients arrive in their new home with everything unpacked and put away, even with pictures hung on the walls. This allows the client and their families to focus on grieving for the loss of a loved one while being able to spend quality time together, that is not filled with the stress and headaches of coordinating a home cleanout.

"Caring Transitions of Sioux Falls SW" will serve Yankton, North Sioux City, Mitchell, Tea, Harrisburg, Sioux Falls, Vermillion, and the surrounding areas.

There will be a ribbon cutting at the Canton Depot for "Caring Transitions" on September 26th, 2024, at noon. "Caring Transitions of Sioux Falls SW" is currently hiring part time help and say they would love to have you on their team!

To find out more about "Caring Transitions of Sioux Falls SW" please visit their website at www.caringtransitionsofsioxfallssw.com or call them at 605-370-5730 for a free consultation to see how they can serve you. You may also visit www.CTbids.com to view online auctions from Caring Transitions clients across the country.



• Senior Relocation • Downsizing • Estate Sales •

Dakota Specialty Solutions Breaks Ground

By: Kala Hazelhoff

On Wednesday, August 28th, "Dakota Specialty Solutions" (DSS) had their groundbreaking event. Located on the corner of 479th Avenue and Innovation Street, once completed this site will serve as the primary warehouse and packaging plant for DSS.

"Dakota Specialty Solutions, LLC is a specialty agricultural science and chemical company that is excited to set up new operations and grow in Canton. This investment calls for a new facility and operations on a 4-acre parcel in Canton's Industrial Park which is expected to bring around 15 new full-time jobs to the Canton community, a \$4.5M capital investment, and room for expansion in future years." Sioux Metro Growth Alliance

According to Raj Pazhinur, president of DSS, the town of Canton is a perfect fit for a small company like theirs since "we



embody the same values". Further, with significant business growth in Canada, Canton's geographical location would be ideal to serve

customers in western Canada. Although the warehouse is only 30K square feet, DSS and its affiliates are very excited about it

since currently they rely solely on third parties to lease warehouse space and package their products.



**Jarrod Edward Hill**October 14, 1971 -
August 30, 2024

Jarrod Edward Hill, age 52, passed away with family by his side on Friday, August 30th, 2024 after his courageous ten-year fight with cancer.

Jarrod was born on October 14, 1971 at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri to parents Kathy (Sievers) and Merle Wiarda. He returned to South Dakota with his parents in 1972. Their marriage dissolved in 1973. Kathy later married Ron Hill who adopted Jarrod in 1976. Thereafter, he grew and was raised in a blended family of six in Canton where he graduated high school in 1990. Jarrod was baptized and confirmed in Canton Lutheran Church.

In June of 1993, Jarrod married Susan Steensland. They established a home in Canton and welcomed two sons, Sawyer and Dawson. Though this relationship wasn't permanent, they remained friends afterward.

Jarrod met Taylor Galarnyk in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and they married on October 1, 2016. They welcomed two children, son Henry and daughter Hazel, during their time together.

Prior to becoming disabled, Jarrod held careers in HVAC, commercial sales and as a convenience store owner. Most recently, he cherished his time as a stay-at-home dad with his two youngest children. He loved hunting, fishing, boating, motorcycles, traveling and the Minnesota Vikings.

Known for his kind, loving, caring and humorous self, Jarrod lived a life full of passion. This often included a dose of adventure with a side of mischief. He held fast to his inner, playful child and was never one to shy away from a bear hug or a whisker rub. A gregarious man, Jarrod will forever be remembered for his million-dollar smile, unforgettable laugh and personality that drew people to him.

Jarrod is survived by his wife, Taylor; children Sawyer (Anna) Hill, Dawson Hill, Henry Hill, and Hazel Hill; parents Ron and Kathy Hill; sisters Randi Merrill, Ronda (Gary) Headrick, and Sara (Mark) Sipple; mother-in-law Toni Galarnyk, father-in-law Timothy Galarnyk and sister-in-law Tessa Galarnyk and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his biological father, Merle Wiarda; grandparents Orval and Cathren Sievers, Cecil and Mary Ann Wiarda, Normand Hill and Pearl Hill; uncles Edward Sievers and John Sievers and aunt Dana Larsgaard.

A Celebration of Jarrod's Life will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Canton Lutheran Church. Family will greet visitors one hour prior to the service. Fellowship to follow at Redeemer Free Lutheran Church in Canton.

A future Celebration of Jarrod's Life will be held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16, 2024 at the Eau Claire Golf & Country Club, 828 Clubview Lane, Altoona, Wisconsin 54720. www.andersonandsongfh.com

**Mary B. Eliason**December 27, 1932 -
September 7, 2024

Mary B. Eliason, age 91, died Saturday, September 7, 2024 surrounded by her family at Sanford Canton-Inwood Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 12, 2024 at Grand Valley Lutheran Church, Canton.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Grand Valley Cemetery Association or Love, Inc.

Mary was born on December 27, 1932 in Beresford to John and Solveig (Pedersen) Eikanger. Mary graduated from Augustana Academy in 1950. In 1957, she obtained a teaching degree from Augustana College.

Mary taught kindergarten in Watertown, Worthington, Minn., and Marshall, Minn. She was also a substitute teacher in Canton for several years. In addition, she worked at Sanford Health for 21 years at the Child Care Center and Midwest Home Health.

Mary was united in marriage to Harley Eliason in June 18, 1960. They lived and farmed south of Canton and were blessed with three children, Karen, Steve and Mike.

Mary was an active member of Grand Valley Lutheran Church. Through the years, she was a Sunday School Teacher, an officer on the church council and WELCA, and was the first female president of Grand Valley. She was also a member of the Grieg Auxiliary and longtime member and secretary of the Sons of Norway.

Mary enjoyed anything Norwegian, loved baking flatbread and krumkake, traveling, especially to Norway, musicals, watching Wheel of Fortune, and rooting for the MN Twins. Above all else, she cherished time spent with her family.

Mary is survived by her children, Karen (Terry) Kaskie, Steve (Penny) Eliason, and Mike (Mary) Eliason; grandchildren, Amanda (Adam) Siverton, Kari (Brandon) Rozeboom, Andy Kaskie, Camden Eliason, and Asher Eliason; 6 great-grandchildren; grandchild-in-law, Tiffany Kreun; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Eikanger and Judy Eikanger; 4-legged friend, Leo; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and LaVonne; husband, Elroy; grandson, Levi Bartels; brother, Terry Short; and special in-laws, Ardie and Denny Fossum.

**Karen Plucker**June 19, 1950 -
September 5, 2024

Karen Joyce Plucker, age 74, died Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Sanford USD Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, September 13, 2024 at Canton United Methodist Church, Canton.

Karen was born on June 19, 1950 in Canton to LeRoy and LaVonne (Weeg) Short. She grew up in Canton where she attended country school before graduating from Canton High School in 1968. She married Elroy Plucker on December 23, 1969 in Canton. The couple made their home in Canton where they were blessed with 3 daughters, Sheila, Steph, and Shawna.

Through the years, Karen worked at Otis Radio, Fastek, K-Products, Quarry-Stone Greenhouse, and the Garden of Eat'n. She also ran a daycare for many years and helped Elroy at the city rubble site. Karen enjoyed gardening, shooting fireworks, baking, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Karen is survived by her children, Sheila Plucker (Dan Johnson), Steph Schuttloffel (Brian Jennings), and Shawna Plucker (Brian Sehr); grandchildren, Kelly Bartels, Britni Plucker, Morgan Plucker, Christopher Schuttloffel, and A.J. Otten; brothers, Bruce (Amy) Short and Tim (Gloria) Short; sisters, Marlyce (Bob) Harris, Jackie (Doug) Glenn, Lori (Jeff) Davelaar, and Janel (Fred) Kaltenbach; sister-in-law, Lynn Short; along with numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and LaVonne; husband, Elroy; grandson, Levi Bartels; brother, Terry Short; and special in-laws, Ardie and Denny Fossum.

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HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

For this week's column I thought I'd list the cost of certain things concerning South Dakota and this region's long history and what public officials were once paid to govern our state. For instance, back in the late 1930's if you lived in Canton, Buffalo, Milbank, etc. and were a South Dakota legislator you were paid 10¢ a mile to travel to Pierre and back. In 1902 you could buy a homestead for three dollars and some change per acre. Today you would be laughed at (or not believed) if you told someone you had just bought 320 acres of land for \$1,000.

I'll be using several sources for this including A South Dakota Guide (1938), the centennial issue of The Farmer (1882-1982), a brochure published by the US Dept. of the Interior and National Park Service (1962) and the Sept./Oct. 2024 issue of South Dakota Magazine.

I had the idea to write this when I compared what our state had for total expenditures back in the late 1930's (almost \$13,000,000) and what our 2023 legislature approved to spend on a new prison (\$341,000,000). Luckily I found some interesting reading material during our recent Canton City-Wide Rummage Sale that really helped me put this column together.

Here are a few examples of what things cost that came from The

State Government

(Please keep in mind that this was written in the late 1930's)

According to the State constitution, a candidate for nomination as Governor must receive at least 35 percent of the votes cast by his party in the primary; otherwise the nominee is decided on by a caucus, which quite often has nominated some candidate other than the one receiving the highest number of votes. The salary of the Governor, \$3,000 a year, is the lowest paid to any State Executive in the Union.

The State has a bicameral Legislature, reduced in 1937 to 75 representatives and 35 senators, elected every two years. They convene at Pierre on the first Monday after the first Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years, for a limited session of 60 days. Special sessions have been rare.

Legislators draw a salary of \$5 per day for not more than 60 days, and travel allowance of 10 cents a mile from their homes to Pierre and return. They also draw an expense allowance of not more than \$200.

South Dakota has five judges in its supreme court. Originally there were three, but the number was increased in 1909 by an act of the Legislature. The judges are elected every six years by a vote of the entire State, and vacancies are filled by appointment by the Governor. The court has both original and appellate jurisdiction although most of its cases are appellate. The only appeal from its decisions is to the United States Supreme Court. Salary of the judges is \$3,000 a year, with an \$1,800 annual allowance for expenses.

Twelve circuit judges, elected by districts every four years, preside over the tribunals that hear most of the civil and criminal cases arising in the State. They have original jurisdiction over all cases except those of probate, city ordinance, and Federal character. The Salary of circuit judges is \$2,500 a year.

The trend of South Dakota's finances is toward a decrease in bonded indebtedness. In 1927 the per capita net bonded indebtedness was approximately \$88.66 and by 1936 it had been reduced to \$63.56. This included Rural Credit bonds which in 1936 constituted 91.8% of the total net bonded indebtedness while contributing only 16.1% of the total amount in the interest and sinking funds. Outside of the Rural Credits, the bonded indebtedness of South Dakota is almost negligible.

The total revenue available for the State in 1936 was \$21,646,494.06 of which practically 23% was Federal aid. The total expenditures were \$12,923,444.55, 59.9% for expenses in departments under appointive officers (three-fourths of which was for highway construction), 14.6% for educational institutions, 11.4% for State enterprises, 8.6% for penal and charitable institutions, and the rest for miscellaneous operations.

Seeking Artist's Entries for SDHCA

Dakota MasterWorks Senior Art Show –

Entry Form is Available

The South Dakota Health Care Association (SDHCA), Legacy Healthcare and KEOLAND Media Group announce that Entry Forms are available for the 27th Annual SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks Art Show. The SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks Art Show is open to all South Dakota citizens age 60 and older.

Entries will be accepted at the South Dakota Health Care Association Office located at 804 N Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, October 7 – October 11 between the hours of 9 AM – 3 PM only. Entry Forms are available at www.sdhca.org by following the SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks link (<https://www.sdhca.org/dakota-masterworks>) or call 1-800-952-3052. The Exhibit Show will be held November 7 – 8 at the Jerstad Center at the Good Samaritan Society National Campus in Sioux Falls. Free public admission to the Exhibit Show.

SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks was created to showcase the talent and creativity of South Dakotans 60 and older. "The second half of life is full of creative growth and fulfillment, and SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks demonstrates that reality," said SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks Coordinator LuAnn Severson. The competition is open to every citizen of South Dakota age 60 and older. The winning entries will be exhibited at various sites throughout South Dakota following the Sioux Falls Show.

Categories include watercolor painting, oil painting, acrylic painting, drawing/pastels, photography, mixed media and

Farmer. Celebrating 100 years of their magazine (that was once called The Northwestern Farmer) they included a few pages of old ads going back to the late 1800's:

- In 1902 the Hackney-Boynton Land Company out of St. Paul listed 320 acres for \$1,000. They even offered "Free Livery to Show the Land".
- In 1906 L.S. Snyder, Crookston, MN, had 240 acres of "well improved land" in the Red River Valley for \$30 an acre.
- In 1903 the Consumers Carriage and Mfg. Co. in Chicago was selling \$50 buggies for \$28.50 and \$85 buggies for \$57.50. Harnesses were selling for \$8.88.

According to the United States Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, work began on Mt. Rushmore in August of 1927. Fourteen years later it was completed at a cost of \$989,992.32 with the Federal Government appropriations amounting to \$836,000 of the total.

The following story comes from A South Dakota Guide first published in 1938 by the SD Guide Commission compiled by the Federal Writers' Project of the Work's Progress Administration, State of SD. Happy reading as autumn begins on Sunday. May it be kind to us and linger on for awhile.



Library News

Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

As we see the seasons changing, we are all reminded of cool days, the changing colors of the leaves and so many other wonderful things about Fall. Be sure to stop by the Library for a cozy book to read by the fire or learn how to winterize your home and garden. We offer Storytime every Wednesday morning, a movie matinee on Wednesday afternoons and LEGO Club on Thursdays. Stop by the Library to view our rotating historical displays. New books arrive daily so stop by and "check it out"!

ADULT FICTION

The Seaside Strategy by Elana Johnson. After Lauren Keller loses her job as one of the top executives at her firm, she needs a new strategy, and she decides she can map everything out from the beaches of Hilton Head.

The 100-year-old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson. Though he is living in a nursing home and about to celebrate his 100th birthday, he is in good health and wants more control over his vodka consumption. So, Allan Karlsson decides to escape. This turns into a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey.

My Son's Secret by Roberta Kagan. There were so many terrifying stories about the Jews. People called them useless, filthy, dangerous. Before I met Abram, I was afraid of them too. But I am about to tell you a hugely different story. My love for Abram defied all reason, and German law.

Spirit Crossing by William Kent Krueger (LP). The disappearance of a Minnesota politician's daughter causes a massive search. When Cork O'Connor's son finds the body of a young Ojibwe woman while hunting, nobody cares. But soon Cork finds the two cases are related and his son may be the killer's next victim.

Hard to Kill by James Patterson (LP). Attorney Jane Smith is mounting an impossible criminal defense for her client, the unluckiest of the unlucky. He is accused of murdering 3 people

A Choice Considered by Tracie Peterson (LP). Melody Doyle and Charles Decker met in Cheyenne, Wyoming, each looking to make a fresh start. Can he overcome his timidity and make known his feelings for her before it is too late?

Whispers on the Tide by Naomi Rawlings. Caught between her mission to save her family's land and the escalating tension in Alaska, Maggie McDougal soon finds herself fighting for something that's bigger than just property or family ties.

The Songbird of Hope Hill by Kim Vogel Sawyer (LP). A young woman longs to know true love after escaping from a hopeless situation at a house of ill repute.

The Backup Plan by Jill Shalvis (LP). Three people are brought together when they jointly inherit an old Wild West inn that has the potential to pull their lives apart. But instead, can they turn it into the gift of a lifetime?



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Canton United Methodist to Host Fall Community Blood Drive

Canton, SD – Canton United Methodist Church will host a community blood drive Monday, September 23 between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.. Donors can schedule their donation by logging into www.cbblifeblood.org, selecting "events", September 23, and safely Canton United Methodist or call our office at 605-331-3222, appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. All who donate receives a \$10 Subway gift card as a thank you.

"As we continue to see population growth in Lincoln and Minnehaha County, there is a significant increase in the call for blood donations," states, Kenneth Versteeg, Executive Director, Community Blood Bank. "We encourage new residents, as well as those that have donated multiple times to consider giving blood with us. With your support we can meet the needs of local patients and maintain steady inventory levels for our community hospitals. With just one donation, a person will save up to three lives and it only takes 30 minutes. The current demand calls for 500 – 550 donations per week to meet the need of local hospitals. Join in and save lives today by scheduling your donation for Monday, September 23.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with a signed parent consent form found at www.cbblifeblood.org), weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health the day of the donation. Please bring an I.D. It is recommended that a person eat and drink plenty of fluid prior to donating. For more information log onto www.cbblifeblood.org or call Community Blood Bank at (605) 331-3222. Community Blood Banks is a nonprofit, cooperative of Sanford Medical Center and Avera McKennan Hospital. Community Blood Bank is not associated with any other blood bank organization and is the sole blood provider to Sanford Canton Inwood Medical Center. A person can safely donate blood every 56 days.

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Supporting Arts Education With One Voice

South Dakota is fortunate that arts instructors have always joined together to enhance their skills and advocate for increased support for their disciplines.

Arts South Dakota has recently collaborated with several of these arts educator associations to establish the South Dakota Arts Education Advocacy Cohort, providing a channel through which all of our state's arts education resources can speak with one voice. The cohort will promote a stronger, more effective message that will resonate with statewide constituent populations and the South Dakota legislature.

Focused on arts education advocacy at the state and local levels, this new cohort will ensure that arts education remains a priority for the students of South Dakota. Representatives of seven statewide arts educator groups are meeting under the coordination of retired Brookings music instructor Mary Cogswell to formulate a legislative agenda and establish priorities for the future. This unification gives arts educators the opportunity to study the big picture and create issues-

oriented communications to inform the public and help shape the arts education policy for South Dakota.

This is an important step, and Arts South Dakota is excited about its potential for enhancing the impact of arts education and communicating the importance of maintaining a strong arts education component in every school in our state. Forming alliances and working with organizations like the arts educator cohort is what Arts South Dakota was created to do. Strengthening advocacy efforts and focusing the energy of dedicated arts supporters is the most effective strategy for ensuring that creative learning and cultural understanding are part of the South Dakota curriculum for decades to come. We congratulate the volunteer members of the Arts Education Advocacy Cohort and commend them for their willingness to serve our state.

To learn more about the cohort and the advocacy efforts of Arts South Dakota, and add your voice to our advocacy efforts, go to artsouthdakota.org!

Governor Noem Opens Submissions for Student Art Competition

PIERRE – In celebration of National Arts in Education Week, Sept. 9-13, 2024, Governor Noem and the South Dakota Arts Council announce the opening of the Governor's Student Art Competition.

All South Dakota students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in this competition. Selected student work from each age division will be exhibited in the State Capitol in Pierre from January through September 2025.

The submission deadline is Nov. 4. The divisions are organized as grades K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

All artwork must be submitted electronically as a high-resolution jpeg image, along with the Student Submission Form. Students whose artwork is selected for exhibition will also need to return the Authorization Release Form with a signature from a legal guardian. Guidelines, submission instructions, and necessary forms are available at [https://arts council.sd.gov/events/student_art_Main.aspx](http://arts council.sd.gov/events/student_art_Main.aspx) beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10. Accommodations will be made for any student who encounters barriers to this submission process. Please reach out

to Rebecca.Cruse@state.sd.us or call 605-773-5084 for assistance.

We encourage teachers and parents to help students work on their submissions early so they have plenty of time to prepare their artwork and artist statements.

This exciting opportunity for student artists is a collaboration between Gov. Noem and the South Dakota Arts Council, a state agency organized under the South Dakota Department of Tourism.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Travel South Dakota and the South Dakota Arts Council. The department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

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Secretary of State Provides Information Regarding Absentee Voting

Pierre, S.D. – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson would like to provide important information regarding absentee voting in the November 5, 2024 General Election.

The absentee voting period for South Dakota's 2024 General Election will begin September 20, 2024. To request an absentee ballot, voters must submit an absentee ballot application form to their county auditor. Absentee ballot application forms may be requested from the county auditor or found on the Secretary of State's website: [https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/absentee-voting.aspx](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/). To account for mail processing and delivery times, voters are encouraged to request an absentee ballot as soon as possible and return the ballot to the county auditor allowing sufficient time for delivery.

Voters may verify whether they have already requested an absentee ballot and check the status of their absentee ballot by contacting their county auditor or searching the Voter Information Portal (VIP) on the Secretary of State's website: <https://vip.sdsos.gov/VIPLogin.aspx>.

Voters submitting an absentee ballot application form must include a photocopy of an acceptable photo identification card or have the form notarized, as per SDCL 12-18-6.1. Acceptable photo identification cards include a South Dakota driver's license or non-driver ID card, tribal ID, passport, student ID issued by a South Dakota high school or college, or any other photo ID issued by the United States government. Please contact your county auditor if you have any questions: <https://vip.sdsos.gov/CountyAuditors.aspx>.

Voters also have the option to absentee vote in-person up to the day before the election or vote in-person on Election Day. For those looking to absentee vote in-person, please contact your county auditor for office hours. On Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm local time. Information on polling locations and sample ballots may be found on the Voter Information Portal (VIP) on the Secretary of State's website.

Letters to the Editor

Greetings from a rural resident!

I am writing today as a reminder for all on gravel road driving safety. As we face another couple of months of Highway 18 road construction, I have fears that a severe accident is imminent.

Each day this project has been lingering on there are hundreds of cars, trucks, semis, etc. that are new to traveling on our township gravel road, who are avoiding the construction project. I am sure many of you have taken a detour yourself. I personally have witnessed many near misses, stop sign violations, and excessive speeds as I travel the 2 miles to work back and forth every day. At any time during the day, I am guessing there are 14-22 school age children that are either living at or spending time at the residences along these two miles. Two school districts bus drivers

pick up and drop off children each day, along with the same at a day care along the route.

I would like you to think about them when you are choosing to speed by on your way to/from work or in/out of Canton.

Also, fall harvesting will soon be in full swing. This week on my way to work, I witnessed a silage truck followed by a semi-tanker, barrel around the corner without slowing down or stopping. A corn field blocks clear vision to the west at this T intersection. Just moments before, the school bus had passed by.

If you are on a gravel road, which is your right, please think about others. Slow down. Move over. Stop at intersections. We all have loved ones to get home to.

Kristi Carpenter

Dear Editor,

At the beginning of this debacle and several times since, we have been accused of being "a few noisy people" who are trying to push the prison onto someone else.

We simply see no benefit for Lincoln County in this proposal. We already have the worst property tax problem in the state. The last thing we need is a couple thousand more residents who don't pay local taxes, not to mention property and facility owners who do not pay property taxes either but will need and demand massive services.

More importantly, for taxpayers all over the state, the proposed site

will require hundreds of millions of dollars in extraneous and unnecessary expense just to bring the basic infrastructure needed and for the operational expense at this location, dollars that could be better spent on other areas of corrections or designing a better and more up-to-date plan for corrections than the disaster we see on the news every few days.

So, Mayor TenHaken and

Secretary Wasko, since the prison and the homeless issue were there long before you came, deal with it rather than push it off onto someone else.

Tom Eiesland

Editor,

Lincoln County residents, particularly those living in Canton, should know about a proposal that is currently being very seriously considered by the Lincoln County Commissioners. This proposal consists of setting up and staffing a "satellite office" of the Lincoln County Treasurers office in Harrisburg in the near future. The purpose of this office is to better serve Lincoln County residents who live in Sioux Falls area so they don't have to drive twenty long miles to the county seat of Canton.

The cost of this proposal was part of one of the two budgeted proposals considered for next year. Does it concern you that the citizens in the northern part of the county have to drive "all the way" to Canton to purchase license plates and pay

taxes? Is that such a hardship to come to the county seat of the county one lives in? The people who live in the Lincoln County portion of Beresford probably drive farther to do business than those Sioux Falls area people. How often do Canton residents drive to Sioux Falls in a year, or even a week?

Lincoln County is currently in the process of building a "Justice Center" facility on the west edge of Canton at considerable expense, which is a necessity; but it does put our court house services in two separate buildings. Do we need to set up another county office in another town? If this proposal concerns you, you should let your County Commissioners know. Think about it!

Gary Schultz, Canton

Editor,

Lincoln County residents,

widen the playing field for growth possibilities.

While international investing does offer some clear benefits, it also carries some risks, including the following:

- Currency risk** – The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies will change constantly. When you invest internationally, this shifting rate can sometimes work in your favor, but it might also reduce your investment returns.

- Political risk** – Foreign countries may experience political turmoil that could negatively affect their financial markets and the industries and companies in which you're investing.

- Liquidity risk** – Some foreign markets have lower trading volumes than U.S. exchanges and may be open fewer hours. This can lead to lower liquidity, possibly making it somewhat more difficult for you to move in and out of international investments.

You'll want to weigh the benefits and risks of investing internationally before taking action. You'll also want to think carefully about the percentage of your portfolio that you might want to devote to international investments. There's no one "rule" regarding an appropriate amount because everyone's situation is different. And since it's more challenging to understand the global investment picture, you might want to consult with a financial professional. Still, it's a big world out there—and as an investor, you may want to explore it.

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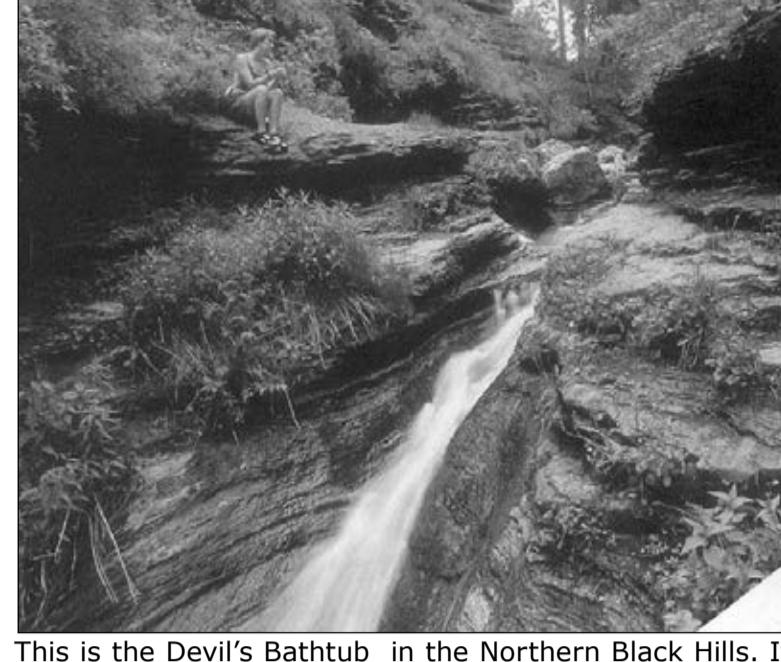
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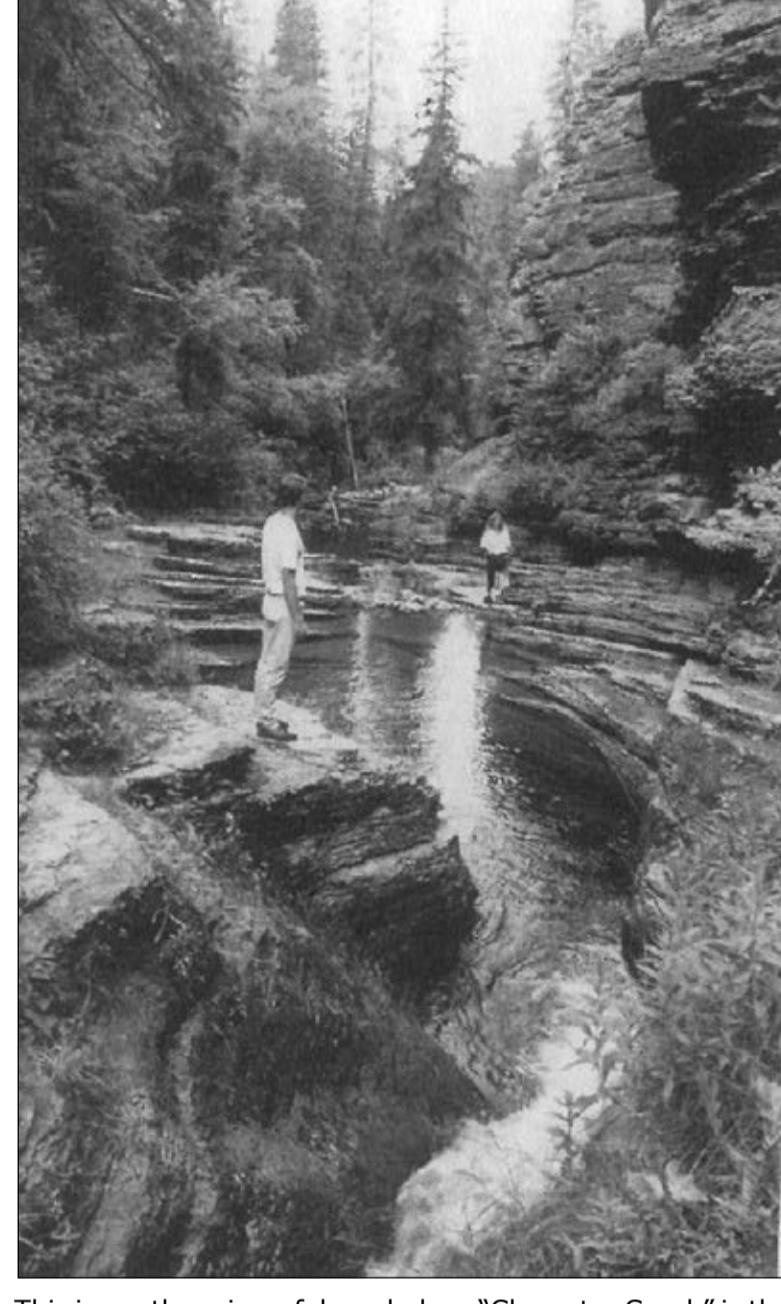


OFF The Road With Jerry

FAVORITE SWIMMING PLACES



This is the Devil's Bathtub in the Northern Black Hills. It has its own small waterfall and the mountain water was crystal clear and refreshing.



This is another view of down below. "Cleopatra Creek" is the beautiful stream creating the falls. It's said that's not always deep enough for doing high dives from the big boulders all around it. A lot of younger people were talking about this in the 1970's and 1980's and many found it. It is in Spearfish Canyon, but not visible from the highway. It takes some hiking up in the interior to find it.



This is another popular small special clear water lake, but south of the Black Hills almost 20 miles south of Hot Springs, South Dakota in Fall River County. The water is the overflow out of the same heated water in Hot Springs where the large indoor spa Evans Plunges. This is warm heated water and very clean and safe.



This water is unique and the only one of its kinds except for Evans Plunge, which changes customers bath into healing water. This creek water stays warm all the way to the Cheyenne River where this creek dumps in. One Winter we were traveling around on our way to Edgemont, South Dakota and we saw lots of steam rising all along every foot of the river. It is a very strange scene and hard to get a picture of, but up at these falls steam can be seen some winters on cold days.

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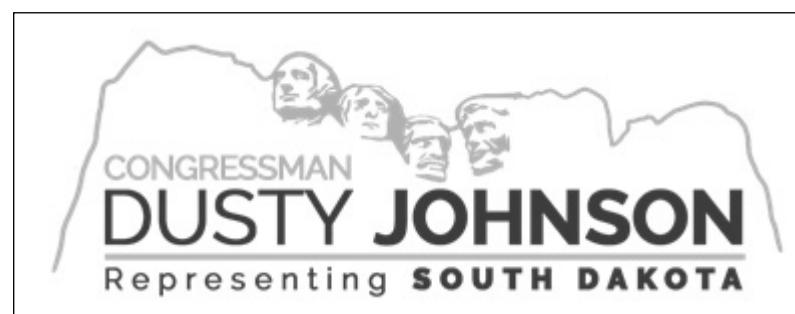
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Fighting Foes, Fostering Families

BIG News

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is gobbling up land outside of China, and we've seen their attempts to purchase farmland in America. I've been vocal in opposition to the CCP's purchases of our ag land – it's a major threat to the security of our food supply. This week, I voted on dozens of bills that get tough on China. One of the bills, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act, passed the House and would strengthen the U.S.'s review process for foreign purchases of American ag land.

I also voted to pass legislation to protect the U.S. from Chinese fentanyl, limit China's leverage in the electric vehicle market, prevent U.S. dollars from going to Chinese biotech companies, and more. China is our biggest adversary – we should not fund their economy and military companies. I'm glad the bills this week take the threat of the CCP seriously and move the needle in the right direction.

BIG Update

Adoption is an incredibly meaningful way to complete a family. Each year, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) hosts the Angels in Adoption program for members of Congress to

honor families who have chosen adoption. I wasn't able to meet with this year's honoree, but in my meeting with CCAI, I met with Deb and her son Matthew from Aberdeen. Deb has fostered more than 117 children. The Gathering Well was also part of our meeting. They provide support for the adoption and foster care communities in the Sioux Falls area. I appreciate them for sharing their stories with me and for their advocacy work to improve the lives of children.

BIG Idea

Light detection and ranging, or LiDAR, is a remote sensing technology that captures detailed three-dimensional maps of surrounding environments with millimeter-level accuracy. It's used in the transportation sector in autonomous vehicles, drones, traffic control systems, railroad crossings, airports, and more. Allowing China to have such detailed access of our critical infrastructure is a major threat to our national security.

I introduced the Securing Infrastructure from Adversaries Act to prohibit the Department of Transportation from using LiDAR technology and keep our sensitive data out of the hands of those who seek to undermine our nation.

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

By Sen. John Thune

In recent weeks, Vice President Harris has attempted to reinvent herself and run away from her record in the U.S. Senate and as President Biden's vice president. Those who know that record, however, will find it difficult to believe her sudden about-face.

As a senator, Kamala Harris ranked among the institution's most liberal members. She was an early backer of the Green New Deal and Medicare for All. She supported a bill that would mandate all new vehicles be zero-emission by 2040. She even authored a universal basic income proposal that one analyst said "could be the most expensive bill ever introduced." Then, as a presidential candidate five years ago, she ran on an agenda that would please members of the far-left. She endorsed a fracking ban, decriminalizing drug possession, decriminalizing illegal border crossings, and mandatory buybacks of certain guns.

But in just a few weeks' time, Vice President Harris has changed – or at least she would like the American people to think so. As a senator, she called a border wall "un-American" and "a waste of money." Now she supports one. She wanted to ban fracking, now she doesn't. She was for a federal jobs guarantee, but not anymore. She even changed her position on banning plastic straws!

In the last few years, Vice President Harris has also played a key role in implementing

President Biden's agenda. She cast the deciding vote to pass a massive spending spree that sparked a historic inflation crisis from which families continue to suffer. A crisis at the southern border raged for years after the vice president was put in charge of the administration's response to it. And we've seen uncertainty on the world stage dating back to this administration's disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan in which the vice president played a role.

Despite these sudden changes, it seems that progressives should have no cause for alarm. The vice president's former colleague, Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.), was recently asked whether Harris was abandoning her progressive ideals. "No," he answered, "I don't think she's abandoning her ideals. I think she's trying to be pragmatic and doing what she thinks is right in order to win the election." I think he's right. I suspect that one of the Senate's most liberal members would be one of the nation's most liberal presidents.

Try as she might to remake herself, the vice president's record reveals a lot about her. She has been aligned with the left wing of the Democrat Party, and she's been involved in some of this administration's biggest blunders. No one has to wonder what the next four years would look like – it would be a lot more of the same.

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The Basics of Education

By: Gov. Kristi Noem

September 13, 2024

As I watch my grandchildren grow and learn, I'm reminded of something that I learned as a young parent: our kids are capable of learning far more (and more quickly) than we realize before we see it for ourselves. They watch everything that we do, and their little developing brains absorb it shockingly fast.

A two-year-old is capable of looking at two entirely different cups yet identifying both as "cup" because they understand what a cup is at its most basic level. It's a very simple jump from saying "cup" to spelling "c-u-p" – and from there to actually reading.

American education has focused on teaching our kids to read by the time they complete 3rd grade, and far too many students don't even meet that expectation. But reading is actually pretty basic once you break it down to the phonics level. Many of us remember our own phonics instruction, but unfortunately "modern education" has all but gotten rid of it. South Dakota launched a strong investment into the Science of Reading this year, specifically by training teachers how to apply phonics education in their own classrooms. Once this method of teaching takes root, we will be shocked at how quickly our kids learn to read!

Education isn't rocket science (it literally isn't – until at least college, anyway). I know teachers work hard – they do God's work making sure that our students are as prepared as possible for their future. But education doesn't have to be complicated. It can be pretty basic, especially at the elementary level.

Our kids need to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic. From there, they can apply those skills to obtain knowledge. Those basic skills teach them how to learn. And reading – more so than the others – can instill a love of learning that turns our kids into lifelong learners.

In South Dakota, we've revamped how our kids acquire knowledge in social studies. Their education in civics and history starts at a basic level then spirals into more in-depth knowledge – and these standards are raising the bar for what is possible in public education. But again, it isn't rocket science – we focus on learning basic skills and then applying those to obtain real knowledge of America's true and honest history.

Once our kids learn to read – and learn to love reading – they can go read some really great literature that teaches them more about our world. And we should empower both teachers and parents to inspire our kids to seek out that knowledge. Our parents should be the ones who

hold ultimate power in their kids' education – and then their teachers should be the next at the table to take this trust and ensure those children get exactly what they need. And they need very little guidance from the outside.

The state has a role to make sure that all of our communities achieve basic standards for our kids. But honestly, I agree with people like Ronald Reagan who often expressed legitimate concerns about the federal government getting involved in the education of our kids. They send us money, sure – but South Dakota schools spend more money complying with federal regulations than they actually receive in federal funding. The power should be held first and foremost by parents, and with their permission, the teachers, then local school districts, then the state – and it should go no further.

We are going to be doing some powerful things in South Dakota education with these basic principles in mind. We've already accomplished a lot to restore parents' role in their kids' education and to support teachers as they educate our kids. And we're just getting started.

I can't wait to see my grandkids continue to amaze me with what they learn – and kids across South Dakota will do the same in every community every day.

Multiple Businesses Across The State Receive Funding Approval

PIERRE, S.D. – The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) approved three SD Works loans, two Revolving Economic Development and Initiative (REDI) fund loans, and one Local Infrastructure Improvement Program (LIIP) grant at this month's meeting.

Hebron Brick Supply Co. is building a new location in Rapid City, allowing them to own their property and expand services. The clay manufacturing business was approved for an SD Works Loan of \$1,242,400. This project has an estimated capital expenditure of \$6 million and is expected to create seven full-time positions.

CLLA, LLC has been approved for a \$400,000 SD Works Loan to build a new 3,327- square-foot facility for Platte Dental Clinic, LLC. The building will include six treatment offices, with plans to

hire a new dentist. The project has an expected capital expenditure of \$1.7 million and will create six full-time jobs.

Ft. Pierre-based Morris, Inc. has been approved for an SD Works Loan of \$600,000 to replace a nearly 50-year-old ready-mix plant with new technology. This upgrade will increase production by 150% and reduce production time by 50%. This project has a projected \$2.4 million in capital expenditure and will bring on seven full-time employees.

The City of North Sioux City has been approved for a \$300,000 LIIP grant for the reconstruction of North Shore Drive, a main access road to Dakota Valley School and multiple businesses. The project will rebuild water mains, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and the roadway itself, with an estimated cost of \$1.6 million.

SFC Global Supply Chain Inc., a subsidiary of Schwans Company, has been approved for a total of \$25 million in REDI fund loan dollars. The new manufacturing facility will have state-of-the-art automated production lines designed to produce Asian-style foods and will be the company's first facility in South Dakota, providing an estimated 650 full-time positions and a total of \$750 million in capital expenditure.

"South Dakota's diverse business landscape continues to thrive," said GOED Commissioner Joe Fiala. "From brick manufacturing to dental care, these projects showcase the entrepreneurial spirit driving our state's economy. We're excited to support these businesses as they expand and create new job opportunities across South Dakota."

Weekly Crossword

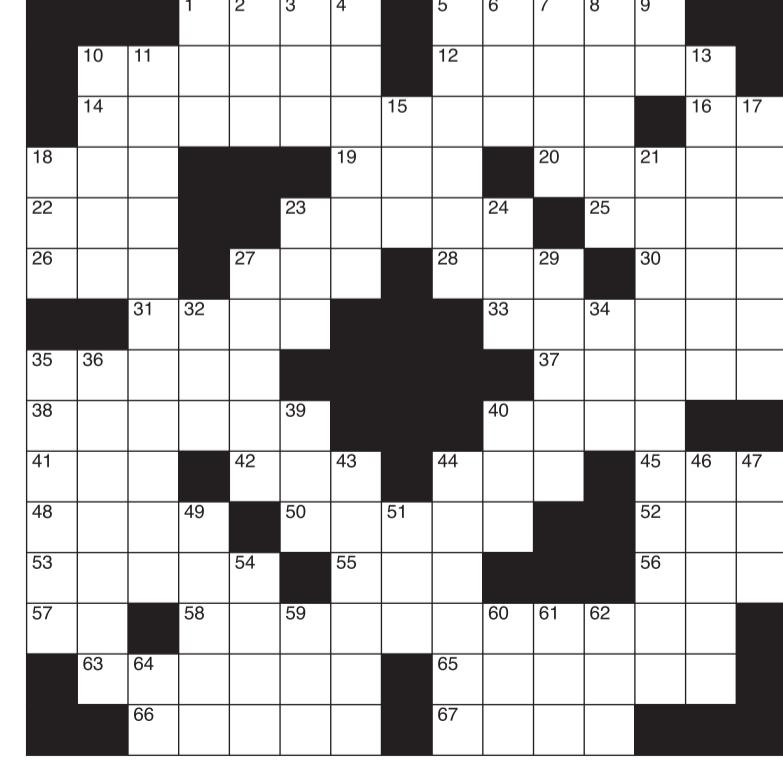
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- Wrest
- Russian river
- Grupo Montparnasse founder
- One who quits prematurely
- Related to the nature of being
- Early multimedia
- Indigenous Tibetan religion
- Tease
- J.M. ___, Irish dramatist
- Pounds per square inch
- Surrendered
- Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- Dash
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- British Air Aces
- Data executive
- Spiritual leader
- Flower cluster
- Of the cheek
- Tears down
- Uncoordinated
- Touches lightly
- Soak
- Founder of Babism
- Not good
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Type of casino game
- Skills assessments for adults
- Check
- Gives a job
- Fifth note of a major scale
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- Tributary of the Alabama River
- One who eliminates
- Ballroom music
- Officer in the Book of Mormon
- Denies
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Make vital
- Former NFLer Newton

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- Indigenous S. American person
- Capacitance unit
- MLB great Scherzer
- Taxi
- Boggy
- Artist's workroom
- Feline
- Prosecutors
- Freshwater perch
- Young ladies
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- Language
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SDFB President Scott VanderWal joined Governor Kristi Noem, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden and Sec. of Agriculture and Natural Resources Hunter Roberts to recognize farms and ranches that have been in the same family for 100, 125 and 150 years.

To view photos of those honorees attending, visit sdfbf.org and click "Get Involved" and "Century Farms".

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Kathryn Burkard - *Moody*
William Gerber - *Marshall*
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Daryl Kuhle - *Miner*
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David Mousel - *Moody*
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Lincoln County Commission

By Jennifer Harms
With all members present, the Lincoln County Commissioners met in the Lincoln County Boardroom Tuesday, September 10 to hear agenda items including liquor license applications, lien repayment, and 2025 provisional budget.

Commissioner Recorder, Alicia Cafaro, read to the commission a public hearing to consider an application for a temporary on-sale liquor license to operate outside the municipality for David Derschan, 57015 Bar LLC (Chancellor Bar) for an event to occur on September 14th, 2024, located at located at Prosper Country Warehouse & Event Hall, 46620 278th St., Lennox, SD 57039. The applicant was not present at the time of the public hearing. With no proponents or opponents, motion approved unanimously.

At the previous meeting, Commissioners were working out a plan with Evan Roelfsema to release lien amounts for Roelfsema and his wife to be able to purchase a home. Commissioner Schmidt was first to speak on the matter. "I don't know how we're going to actually proceed, but I just want to give a little background. As you know,

Evan and Nadene Roelfsema owed the county some \$10,700 for various fees that the county had paid for them. In order to satisfy that lien, we talked a lot about forgiveness, and we went around the horse a long time. In order to more or less satisfy everybody and allow them to purchase their first house, which is a big deal in your life, we worked out the following situation. There will be a promissory note that they will sign, and they will pay \$50 a month, interest free, to the county. The remaining amount of money will be placed on a second lien on the home that they are buying," Commissioner Schmidt said. Motion approved.

Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot joined the meeting for board action to rescind Resolution 2024-21, the resolution of necessity for the purposes of Lincoln County Justice Center access. "With the board's commitment to moving down the main access point down West Avenue Northwest back on February 6," he said. On February 6, 2024, the Board passed a Resolution of necessity to acquire real property necessary for opening and constructing Highway. Since that time, the Commission has

voted alternative roadway and sanitary access. The Commission has committed to making the primary access points for both services off of N. West Ave. The need to pursue condemnation of the designated H lots fronting the future Justice Center is no longer necessary. With no public input, the motion was approved unanimously.

Auditor, Sheri Lund joined the meeting for board discussion with action to approve and adopt the 2025 Provisional Budget as the annual budget of appropriations and expenditures for Lincoln County, its institutions, and agencies for 2025. "We are asking to adopt the provisional budget, but before we do that, I do have some additional changes. With these changes, Terry with the Highway Department has two employees that are 50 per cent in weeds and 50 per cent in the highway. He wants to leave one in the weeds and take the other and move them back to the highway department. The airport has \$36,000 budgeted for management fees, but we no longer have the management out there, so we need to take that out of the budget," she said. The motion was approved.

Vote South Dakota Forum Aims To Shed Light On 'Complicated' Election

By STU WHITNEY
South Dakota News Watch
Trina Lapp, an 18-year-old Milbank native who attends Dakota Wesleyan University, doesn't view politics or the upcoming election as an afterthought. She's digging in.

"I think it's important for young people to be involved and learn about the candidates and issues," said Lapp. "We're the upcoming generation that will be the main voters eventually."

She is one of several Dakota Wesleyan students who will take part in a Vote South Dakota forum Sept. 19 at the Sherman Center on the DWU campus in Mitchell.

Students will team up with South Dakota journalists to ask questions at the forum, which is presented by South Dakota Public Broadcasting, South Dakota News Watch, the McGovern Center for Leadership and Public Service and Dakota Wesleyan University.

The two-hour event, to be televised live on SDPB and several commercial TV stations across the state, will feature candidates for the Public Utilities Commission and representatives of both sides of constitutional amendments and initiated/referred measures that will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Republican U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson and his Democratic opponent, Sheryl Johnson, will meet in a separate debate on Oct. 15 that also will be broadcast live on SDPB.

There are seven ballot measures in South Dakota's 2024 election, including abortion rights, open

primaries, grocery tax repeal and recreational marijuana.

Joel Allen, director of the McGovern Center on the DWU campus, noted that several of the measures have complex language that voters should hear more about before deciding.

"This is going to be a complicated election," said Allen, a professor of religion and philosophy. "There's a lot to unpack, so when I heard about this event, it was a no-brainer. I knew we needed to be a part of it."

The forum comes at a time of declining trust in democratic institutions in South Dakota and nationally, according to recent polling. A survey co-sponsored by South Dakota News Watch in May found that more than 6 in 10 South Dakotans said they were dissatisfied with how democracy is working in the United States, including 32% who said they were "very dissatisfied."

That was followed by historically low turnout in primary elections in June, with just 17% of voters casting ballots, below the state's primary turnout in presidential cycles of 2020 (28%), 2016 (22%) and 2012 (21%).

Cara Hetland, director of journalism at SDPB, sees an important role for the media in engaging and informing prospective voters ahead of the general election. She came up with the idea for Vote South Dakota, a partnership among SDPB, News Watch, the South Dakota Broadcasters Association (SDBA) and the South Dakota NewsMedia Association (SDNA).

"I feel very strongly about the role that journalists play in asking tough questions and getting clarifications and calling out false statements when appropriate," said Hetland. "It's our duty to hold accountable those who are running for office and standing for these (ballot measures)."

Besides organizing the forum, the effort includes the

VoteSouthDakota.com website that has a legislative map with information about candidates as well as stories about the election from several news organizations.

Teams of regional journalists and DWU students will ask questions of candidates and those representing each issue at the forum, which will be hosted by SDPB's Jackie Hendry.

Hendry, a nursing major, will be asking questions about the open primaries amendment and takes her role seriously. She noted that social media outlets such as TikTok are not always reliable sources of information and that "it's important for my generation to be more involved and hear directly from the candidates."

Those are encouraging words to Allen of the McGovern Center, founded in 2006 in honor of former South Dakota statesman and presidential candidate George McGovern and his wife, Eleanor. The center's mission, in part, is to "cultivate leaders of integrity who are committed to civic responsibility in their communities."

McGovern, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and was the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee, died in 2012.

"I envision telling George that we're doing this (forum), and I can just see a big grin on his face," Allen said. "This is something that he would love."

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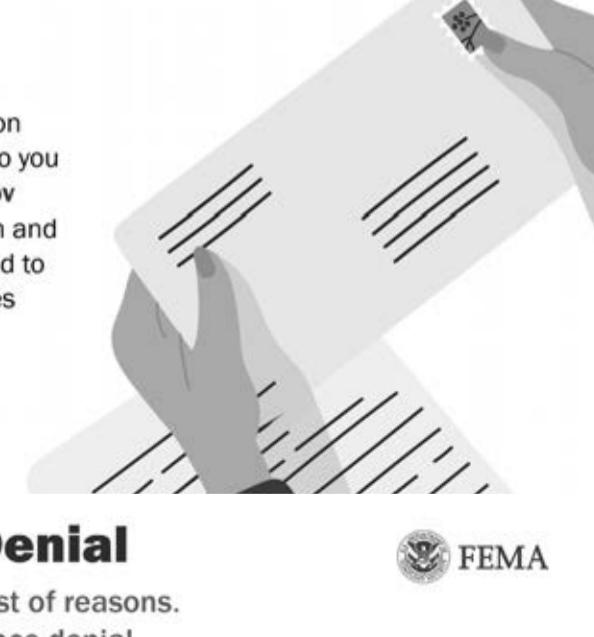
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Canton City Discussed City Administrator Position

The Canton City Commission met in special session on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Commons for the City Administrator Town Hall Meeting. All Commissioners were present at the time of roll call.

Present for the panel to answer questions submitted by the Citizens was Tea City Administrator Justin Weiland, Lennox City Administrator Nathan Vander Plaats and Madison City Administrator Jameson Berreth.

Tea City Administrator Justin Weiland has a Masters of Public Administration from University of South Dakota. He served as City Administrator for Lennox and Dell Rapids before taking his role as Tea City Administrator in September 2023. Lennox City Administrator Nathan Vander Plaats holds a Masters of Public Administration from Iowa State University and served as Director for Goodwills of the Great Plains before taking his current role as Lennox City Administrator in December 2018. Madison City Administrator Jameson Berreth holds a Masters of Public Administration from Syracuse University and served at the Volga City Administrator before becoming the Madison City Administrator in May 2021.

Mayor Sandra Lundstrom opened the Town Hall by thanking them for traveling to be here for the Citizens and the City of Canton.

I have heard there is a South Dakota legal definition for the city administrator versus city manager. If this is true, I would like to know the difference and/or similarities and why the city administrator form of government was selected. Under South Dakota Codified Law, the City of Canton is under the Commissioner form of Government. This form of Government allows the City discretion to hire a City Administrator to help with the operations of the City and does not require a vote by the Citizens to employ a City Administrator. The Commissioners still remain the department heads and the Mayor acts as the person in charge. This differs from the City Manager form of Government in which an elected Commission hires a City Manager to act as the administration/executive for the City. To change to a City Manager form of Government, the Citizens would have to petition and bring to public vote. The other major difference is that a City Manager can hire and fire City Employees. A City Administrator does not have those capabilities.

How can we afford an administrator, and how will the position be paid for/ how is the City Administrator's salary funded? Mayor Lundstrom noted that the City has already budgeted for this position for 2025.

What will the commissioners do if we have an administrator? Berreth explained the City Commissioners have full time jobs in addition to their role on

the commission. He noted that this makes communication to the public inconsistent and untimely. Weiland echoed Berreth and mentioned that it is the job of the City Administrator to coordinate these things to the Citizens. Vander Plaats added that today's culture wants access to the information immediately and a City Administrator can help coordinate that effort. He also noted that they can help see a different perspective

What will the return on investment be for the administrator? Will the position be eliminated if it doesn't pay for itself? Weiland said he believes that he can justify his salary for the City of Tea and they should try to view the City Administrator position as an investment in the community. He noted that the public is much more informed in a timely fashion as well. Berreth agreed and said it is very easy to get stuck in a complaint cycle when it comes to City Government.

How can we hire an administrator when there is not a job description? Mayor Lundstrom noted that the job description is on the agenda for the City Commission meeting on Monday, September 16. (Reporters Note: Below is the main portion of the proposed job description that will be discussed at the meeting)

What would you do if one of your commissioners came to you with an unethical or borderline unethical proposition and strongly encouraged you to go with this proposition. What would you tell him or her? Vander Plaats mentioned that no City Administrator wants to be put in that position and it is very difficult. He noted that they have to follow rules, laws and ethics. Weiland mentioned that they have to follow the strict Code of Ethics from the International City Management Association (ICMA) and this Code of Ethics is available online.

Is a City Administrator required to live within city limits? Weiland said they should but it is ultimately up to the City Commission to make that decision.

What qualifications are required to become a City Administrator? Is there specialized schooling that for this position. Weiland recommended someone with experience in local government and noted that ICMA does offer certification. Vander Plaats recommended that the candidate have a Masters of Public Administration. Vander Plaats said that he has a Masters of Public Administration and the education covers a wide range of City topics.

What does a typical workday look like for a City Administrator? What duties do you do on a day-to-day basis? How would that be beneficial to a community that doesn't have a City Administrator? Weiland said that every day is different and some days are extremely busy, especially

with communication to the public. He mentioned that some of the most important tasks include preparing for Commission meetings so that informed decisions can be made at the meeting with information present and being a one stop shop for the public. Vander Plaats agreed and also added that he does a lot to help the City Departments with the day to day operations, as well as follow up from City Meetings and providing a focal point for the community.

For the City Administrators present, what are the best and worst days you've experienced in your role? Vander Plaats said his examples involved the same days and mentioned two: the Tornado in Lennox in 2021 and the Flood in Lennox in 2024. He said it is hard to see the devastation and damage but it also brings the community together to do amazing things despite difficult times. Berreth said he loves to watch his employees grow.

Who is responsible for monitoring the City Administrator's job performance? Weiland said it is ultimately the Citizens because they elect your Commissioners/Mayor and then the City Administrator reports to the Mayor and City Commission.

For the City Administrators present, how do you know when you've been successful in your role? Weiland jokingly said that he is successful when people are not showing up to the meetings upset. He said that success can be measured on how the City/Community feels as whole. Vander Plaats said it ultimately comes down to meeting the needs and expectations of your City, City Commission and Citizens. He also mentioned that ICMA helps City Administrators develop performance management measures/metrics to use for each department in your municipalities.

What role, if any, does the City Administrator have regarding enforcement of city codes/ordinances? Berreth said it is the responsibility of all City Employees, but the City Administrator should be the person taking the lead. Vander Plaats said it depends on how the job description is written and it can be different for each municipality

What is the difference between a "city manager" and a "city administrator"? Does one work better over the other for a city the size of Canton? Weiland said that this question has been discussed and is determined by the needs of your community.

Funding and revenue management are selling points for the administrator position. Since much of the grant funding is a simple pass-through of funds that the city would receive regardless of who is heading city hall. Can you identify other efficiencies that can help to justify the cost of an administrator? Weiland mentioned that they addressed this topic, but reiterated that a City Administrator should be proactive instead of reactive and be looking into the future. He also said that citizens should try to view this position as an investment to the community and the future and not an expense.

How has the day-to-day administration of municipalities evolved over the last few decades? Is it the same or more complex? Weiland said that ever since Covid, the jobs are different and so is the continuing education. He also noted that the changes such as a potential food tax elimination could decrease sales tax revenue. Berreth said that community engagement has become more complicated as there are many more avenues of communications and the public has much higher expectations

The prevailing argument against a city administrator is that "we can't afford it", yet most citizens agree that Canton's spending has gotten out of control. What role would a city administrator play in crafting a budget and ensuring that it's adhered to? Can a competent administrator "pay for themselves" by improving fiscal responsibility and efficiency? Vander Plaats said the budget process is a team sport and he works closely with his Finance Officer. Berreth said that this position can also help the City make sure the money is going to priorities set by your City.

Do you consider yourself on call 24/7? Berreth said the simple answer is yes.

In your opinion do you think it would be beneficial to combine the finance officer position with the city Administrator position? Would it be more cost effective and allow both positions to be done adequately? Weiland said the Finance Officer is part of the City Administrator office and some municipalities consider them the same position, however, he believes they are two different positions. Weiland said that by having a Finance Officer, he is able to focus on the strategic planning, communication, etc., instead of the financial regulations. Vender Plaats agreed and said his Finance Officer is basically an accountant. He also noted that they have a very close partnership.

At 7:55 p.m. Mayor Lundstrom thanked everyone for coming and for submitting questions. She especially thanked Vander Plaats, Berreth and Weiland for their time. Applause occurred from all those in attendance

City of Canton

Position Description

POSITION: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Reports to: City Commission
Supervises: Department Heads; Administrative Staff
FLSA Status: Full-time, Exempt
Pay Grade: 19

SUMMARY: This position is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the City of Canton to the extent authorized by SDCL Chapter 9-9.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Administrative

- Attend Commission meetings.
- Consult with the City Attorney as necessary or needed.
- Assists and provides guidance on all union contract negotiations.
- In conjunction with Human Resources, approving and implementing employee disciplinary action and/or terminations.
- Makes recommendations for the hiring of all city staff.
- Prepares and submits an annual strategic plan to the Commission.
- Negotiates agreements, contracts, leases, and amendments for city services under the direction of the Mayor and individual Commissioners as provided in SDCL Chapter 9-9.
- Leads efforts to develop, plan, and promote the city's investment in infrastructure, and future planning, zoning, and land use.
- Implements City Commission policies, procedures, directives, and decisions consistent with SDCL Chapter 9-9.
- Consults with outside organizations, and citizens.
- Provides the Mayor and City Commissioners with accurate and up to date information, advice, direction, and data.
- Assist the Mayor and Commissioners under SDCL Chapter 9-9 in directing staff to maximize coordination between city departments so that city services are provided in a safe, effective, cost effective, and friendly manner.
- Provide recommendations to City Commission.

2. Financial

- In conjunction with the City Finance Officer prepare and submit a balanced annual budget for all city departments to the City Commission.

3. Public Relations

- Represents the City Commission with assigned external community organizations such as schools, civic organizations, citizens, the media in conjunction with the Mayor, economic development agencies, and tourism agencies.
- Represents the city with local, state, regional, and national organizations to promote the city, coordinate services, and respond to emergencies.

4. Staff Supervision

- In conjunction with the Mayor and individual Commissioners assist in the management of the following city departments: Water, Wastewater, Storm Sewer, Solid Waste, Human Resources, Library, Street, Recycling, Parks and Recreation, Engineering, Airport, Police, and Fire.
- Provides leadership and management training, advice, and mentorship to the board, departments, and department heads.
- This position will assist the Commission members in supervision of city employees not in conflict with the laws of the State.
- The City Commission assigns work in terms of city goals and objectives consistent with the City Commission form of government in compliance with SDCL Chapter 9-9. Work is reviewed through conferences, reports, and observation of city activities.
- The work consists of varied management duties. The variety and scope of city operations contributes to the complexity of the work. Frequent interruptions contribute to the complexity of the work.

OTHER FUNCTIONS:

- The purpose of this position is to assist in the direction of city operations. Successful performance ensures the effective and efficient operation of the city government and affects the quality of life for city residents and visitors.

CONTACTS:

- Contacts are typically with co-workers, other city employees, vendors, developers, attorneys, elected and appointed officials, representatives of other government agencies, business leaders, contractors, consultants, and representatives from other local governments, representatives of community groups, and members of the general public.
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C-Hawks 3-0 After Victory at Vermillion

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Vermillion to play the Tanagers in the Dakota Dome and they won 45-31 for their 3rd win on the season and now prepares to travel to Sioux Falls to play SF Christian who are also 3-0 with both teams tied in the rankings at #1 with a 7:00pm kickoff.

Canton started the game with the ball and drove downfield on the ground with Teague Granum making a 14 yard run to move the ball across midfield to the 43 and a short pass from Alex Rhead to Tyler Rozeboom for a couple yards was followed up with the same pair hitting on a 30 yard pass as Rozeboom was wide open and made it down to the 12 yard line. Three short runs brought up Salvador Lopez with a field goal attempt of 24 yards and the kick was good giving the Hawks a 3-0 lead at 6:44. Vermillion brought in their air attack offense in and passed their way into Canton territory on their first attempt to the 40 and then with a then on a 4th and 3 at the 22 yard line an incomplete pass turned the ball over to the Hawks with 4:16 left in the opening quarter. Granum ran the ball out to the 40 then Cain Wallner got a 25 yard gain to put the ball down to the Tanagers 35 but a holding call on their Hawks 2nd play put them aback to the 48 and then on a 3rd and 23 Rhead dropped back and found Granum wide open and hit him for a 48 yard touchdown with Granum out running everyone to the end zone for their first touchdown. The extra point kick was no good making the score 9-0 with 1:15 left in the 2nd. The quarter ended as the Tanagers crossed midfield with Canton leading 9-0.

Vermillion passed down to the 28 but on the next play they passed out wide and Jace Charrin took the ball away for the interception for the freshmen's first varsity interception giving the ball back to the Hawks at the 4 yard line. Canton was forced to punt the ball back and Vermillion started at the Hawks 40 but after a good stop by Rylan Larson set up a 4th and 3 at the 34 but Mason Bentz and Rozeboom got the tackle of the quarterback short of the 1st down turned the ball over to the Hawks at the 38. Canton got 48 yards from Wallner on their first play but 3 plays later after a holding call they handed off to Granum and

he found a huge hole behind Tyler Lease, Jacob Rupe and Hunter Richmond and outran everyone for the 51 yard touchdown run and the extra point pass was no good and at 5:59 the Hawks had a 15-0 lead. Vermillion kept their passing game up and moved into Canton territory after they were called for a pass interference then pass plays moved them down to the 5 and then they threw a quick pass out to the right and they caught the pass on the goal line for the touchdown and the extra point was no good making the score 15-6 with 3:18 left till halftime. On the first play for Canton from the 42 yard line Granum took the handoff and asked Lease, Rupe and Richmond for the same hole and he got it and raced 58 yards for his 2nd touchdown of the game then Wallner ran the extra point play around the end to make the score 23-6 at 3:04. Vermillion was forced to punt on their next series after good pass defense from Aiden Schrempf and a qb sack from Larson gave the

Hawks the ball at the 37. Granum ran a couple plays then Rhead hit Rozeboom for 12 yards with a good block on the run from Lease then Rhead hit Granum for 10 yards to the 35. Rhead kept it going and hit Wallner for a 34 yard putting the ball at the one with Granum ran it in untouched on the left side of the line for the touchdown and with the extra point run from Wallner over the right side made the score 31-6 as the game went into halftime.

The Tanagers got the ball to start the 3rd quarter at the 28 after good coverage from Schrempf then Vermillion moved the ball thru the air downfield to the Canton 25 when they passed in the corner of the end zone for the 25 yard touchdown pass and the extra point kick was good making it 31-13 at 7:07. Canton would start their first series of the half from the 47 yard line and runs from Granum and Wallner moved it to the Tanagers 28 then Granum went out with an injury then on the next play Rhead threw to Wallner and he outjumped



Vermillion started at midfield and 2 pass plays later they were at the 10 yard line and then on the 2nd play they scored with the 10 yard pass play but the extra point from 1 and half yards out was stopped after being tackled at the line of scrimmage making the score 45-25 with 6:29 left. Canton went to the ground game to burn up some time and Wallner ran followed by Keyvin Strand for 4 carries moving the ball into Tanagers territory then Rhead rolled out and found Schrempf for 7 yards but four plays later they turned the ball over on downs with 1:46 left in the game. Vermillion got the ball at the 35 and worked their way down to the 19 yard line and with :02 left in the game they got the 19 yard touchdown pass and Canton stopped their extra point run at the line of scrimmage ending the game with the 45-31 victory.

Individual Stats:

Rushing- Granum 17/167, Wallner 16/121, Strand 5/17, Schrempf 1/2

Passing- Rhead 8/15 for 166

Receiving- Granum 2/58, Wallner 2/57, Rozeboom 3/49, Schrempf

1/7

Scoring- Granum 24, Wallner 16, Lopez 5

Kickoffs- Lopez 8/45.1 avg

Kick returns- Tasya Ockenga 2/16, Andrew Ortman 1/7, Schrempf 1/13

Wallner 1/11, Daniel Langerock 1/0

Punts- Strand 1/36 yds

Tackles- Wallner 6, Schrempf 6, Strand 5, Kieshon Smith 5, Granum 4, Charrlin 4, Landon Dominis 4, Bentz 3, Richmond 2, Larson 2, Rozeboom 2

Tackles for loss- Wallner 2, Strand 1, Larson 1, Rozeboom 1, Richmond 1

Passes defensed- Schrempf 4, Charrlin 2, Dominis 2, Granum 1

Interceptions- Charrlin 1/0 return yds

Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

Went down to Vermillion on Friday night and I can honestly say I have never seen a team throw that much in a football game in high school and that is 44 passes to just 12 rushing attempts. Their passing was pretty good as the quarterback hit 25 passes for 363 yards but only 16 yards rushing but they ended up with 31 points which is the most this season but we also scored 45 for the win in the Dakota Dome. We used a powerful running game with Teague Granum running for 167 yards with two touchdown runs of 51 and 58 yards and both were just about the same run so with the great rushing attack from Teague we also got 121 yards from Cain so that's how you rush for 313 yards plus we also had 166 yards passing that is 479 yards of total offense and 100 yards more than Vermillion. I thought our defensive backs did a good job against their good receivers most of the time and I could see they were working hard to stop them not to mention they are a young group so there is a good future ahead of them. Ok we go to Sioux Falls Christian on Friday night and its their homecoming so they will be ready to go against us so we have to bring our A team and be ready to fight it out. Lots of loud C-Hawk fans would sure help but I expect the football team to give it all they have and we will see what happens.

The girls volleyball team came up against a buzz saw on Thursday when they traveled to Elk Point Jefferson and they lost a close first

couple games but lost the 3rd pretty soundly after sweeping Parker 2 days earlier. EPJ had a girl that could spike the ball with some serious power and found the open spot on the floor but I couldn't believe was when Jenna or Macy would spike the ball they had an answer for most of them. Parker didn't have the same answers so that was a 3-0 win. EPJ blocked a lot of our spikes and seem to always find space for the soft dump shots but we didn't have our best game and we will see them again. The girls head down to Dakota Valley for a tough game against the Panthers and then we will have a tough schedule the rest of the season as we head to heart of the year. The girls have a 9-2 record so lets add more wins to that total.

Got invited to a wedding on Sunday for Jacob and Joelle Toso and it was a great wedding over by Harrisburg and it was fun to see some of people I haven't seen for awhile and some I see quite often but after suffering thru the 49ers game before we left it was good to watch a great event like a wedding for two people really love each other not to mention I didn't catch a lot of the business from to many people. I do want to say congratulations to Jacob and Joelle and good luck as you start off your life as a married couple. And if you could figure out why the Niners can't beat the Vikings in Minneapolis but I guess at least they can beat them when it counts like in the playoffs but I am tired of seeing them coming home from MN with a loss.



the defense for the 23 yard gain putting the ball on the 5. Two plays later Wallner took the handoff and followed Richmond and Cam Winter into the endzone then Lopez kicked the extra point and the Hawks held a 38-13 lead as the 3rd quarter ended.

Vermillion started the 4th at the 47 yard line and like most of the game passed their way downfield and at the 25 yard line they hit a pass down to the one and then Vermillion tried to pass but the qb had to scramble and ran in the ball for a 1 yard touchdown and after an incomplete pass attempt on the extra point Canton was still holding a 38-19 lead with 8:50 left in the game. Canton got the ball at the 43 yard line and on the first play they handed off to Wallner and he headed around the left end and broke a tackle and ran down the sideline the made a cut around a tackler to the middle of the field and ran to the endzone for the 57 yard touchdown and with the Lopez extra point kick the Hawks took a 45-19 lead with 8:30 left.

FAST BREAK TO VOTE!

Early voting begins September 20.
Election Day is November 5.

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- Agriculture
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HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #41-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES	PARTS ONLY	Educational Insights Regular Stamps, Low	3.85	Wand
The September 9, 2024, regular school board meeting at the Heritage Elementary Band Room, was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Knudson. Board members present were Mike Knudson, Terra Vennard, Lisa Groon, Linda Kirchhevel, and Jay Hutton. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Graf, Director of Finance/HR Conway, Principals Rollinger, Ellwein, Munzke and Nelson, Director of Academic Services Amolins, Activities Director Altenburg, and community members.	KRIER & BLAIN INC 3,516.08 assorted 12 inch balloons - pkg of 300	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 22.80 electronic scoreboard	green felt sheets - pkg of 30	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 11.99
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Action 43-25 Motion by Hutton, seconded by Groon, to approve the agenda.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 20.99 assorted felt sheets - pkg of 30	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 89.98 Element Pins	kids headphones	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 12.33
Motion carried 5-0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 8.70 assorted pom poms - pkg of 500	DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 3.99 ELMER'S Disappearing Purple School Glue	Green Raffle Tickets	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 7.99
DISCUSSION ITEMS	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 9.99 ATHLETIC TRAINING SUPPLIES PERFORMANCE HEALTH SUPPLY, INC 351.97 Avery address labels - pkg of 3000	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 9.89 Element Pins	GROUND SUPPLIES ACE HARDWARE 368.49	Kids Sunglasses
Conflict of Interest- None; School Spotlight SMS Apple Distinguished Award; Building Projects Update	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 24.99 Avery Foil Start Stickers - 3 pack	DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 3.99 ELMER'S Disappearing Purple School Glue	DAKOTA HARDSCAPE 9,879.21	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 13.99
ACTION ITEMS	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 7.19 Avery Shipping Labels	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 12.91 GYMNASICS SUPPLIES	HIRSHFIELDS 412.51	Kiln Stilts (will pick out in store)
Action 44-25 Motion by Vennard, seconded by Hutton, to approve Consent Agenda: Claims, August Financial Report and August Minutes.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 25.43 Band-Aid Brand Flexible Fabric Adhesive	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 21.99 NORTH SHORE GYM SALES, LLC	OLSON'S PEST CONTROL 275.00	DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 20.00
Motion carried 5-0	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 17.95 BESTON 2-Pack EN-EL14 / EN-EL14a Battery	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 69.00 H.VERSAILTEX 2 PACK Magnetic Curtain Rod	SCHOENEMAN BROS LUMBER CO 123.92	Koala Ultra Premium Photo Paper 8.5 x 11
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Printer paper	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SCHOOL 1,315.00		
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Pro-Cutting Wires (11 inches)	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	QUOTE # Q-161418		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 31.50	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	NEWS 2 YOU, INC 19,323.54		
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105.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	BJOREM SPEECH 46.96		
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KRUEGER, MICHELLE 70.00 SANFORD OCCUPATIONAL MED 494.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		
STAEBELL, JAY 70.00 TIM STEICHEN CDL ELDI TRAINING, LLC 650.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	15.99	Self Adhesive Dots	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES B & H PHOTO VIDEO 1,080.31	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	8.98	
Pottery Plaster #1-100 lb.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SEVERE PROFESSIONAL SVCS		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 37.80	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	BHSSC 1,000.00		
Printer paper	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SOUTHEAST AREA		
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC 223.76	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	COOPERATIVE 1,623.80		
Pro-Cutting Wires (11 inches)	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SUNBELT 960.00		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 31.50	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SEVERE TRAVEL		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	GRIEBEL, JESSICA 946.08		
105.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	LUDOLPH BUS, INC. 265.75		
137.50 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ANDREASEN, PHILL 70.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	shipping		
KRUEGER, MICHELLE 70.00 SANFORD OCCUPATIONAL MED 494.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	RIVERSIDE INSIGHTS 40.60		
STAEBELL, JAY 70.00 TIM STEICHEN CDL ELDI TRAINING, LLC 650.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	Shipping		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES B & H PHOTO VIDEO 1,080.31	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SOUTH FLORIDA TECH		
Pottery Plaster #1-100 lb.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SOLUTIONS, INC. 190.00		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 37.80	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	15-Drawer Rolling Storage		
Printer paper	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	(Grey&Black)		
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC 223.76	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	11.99	SEVERE PROFESSIONAL SVCS	
Pro-Cutting Wires (11 inches)	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	AA NiMH RECHARGEABLE		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 31.50	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	BATTERY		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	LIGHTSPEED 84.00		
105.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	Amazon Basics 48-Pack AA Alkaline		
137.50 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ANDREASEN, PHILL 70.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	High-P		
KRUEGER, MICHELLE 70.00 SANFORD OCCUPATIONAL MED 494.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		
STAEBELL, JAY 70.00 TIM STEICHEN CDL ELDI TRAINING, LLC 650.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	15.19	TECHNOLOGIES 27.00	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES B & H PHOTO VIDEO 1,080.31	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	Shipping and Handling		
Pottery Plaster #1-100 lb.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	PEARSON		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 37.80	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	ASSESSMENT 191.40		
Printer paper	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SPED ADMIN PROFESSIONAL		
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC 223.76	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SVCS		
Pro-Cutting Wires (11 inches)	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	TAESE/USU 700.00		
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 31.50	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	SPEECH TRAVEL		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	ORTON, KAYLA 224.00		
105.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A TO Z WORLD LANGUAGES, INC.	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11.45	Starlink remote microphone +		
137.50 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ANDREASEN, PHILL 70					

Harrisburg School Meeting Minutes Continued

IS RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT SERVICES, LLC. 336.26
NORTH CENTRAL FOOD PROCESSING 293.69
SUPPLY
UNEARNED REVENUE
CASTELLO, MONICA 85.50
DIAZ, CLAUDIA 48.70
ODENEAL, FREDDIE 57.60
PEREZ, EDWIN 37.90
PHELPS, JAMI 83.25
Fund Total: 104,588.89
Financial Reports:

General Fund: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 9,945,992.29; Adj/transfer 0.00; local receipts of 193,667.53; co apportionment receipts of 16,228.70; state receipts of 2,019,053.00; federal receipts of 681.89; Payroll of 3,702,115.00 and claims of 558,373.79. Balance as of 8/31/24 of 7,950,617.73.

Capital Outlay Fund: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 8,312,244.66; Adj/transfer 0.00; local receipts of 47,105.03; state receipts of 0.00; federal receipts of 0.00; other receipts of 0.00; and claims of 2,105,040.10. Balance as of 8/31/24 of 6,254,309.59.

Special Education Fund: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 3,805,875.14; Adj/transfer 0.00; local receipts of 26,430.91; state receipts of 348,954.00; federal receipts of 238.58; other receipts of 0.00; payroll of 768,956.25; and claims of 72,056.69. Balance as of 8/31/24 of 3,366,804.61.

Bond Redemption Funds: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 12,207,136.02; Adj/transfer 0.00; receipts of 75,569.27; federal receipts 0.00; claims of 0.00; Balance as of 8/31/24 of 12,282,732.29.

Capital Projects Funds: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 4,923,909.46; Adj/transfer 0.00; receipts of 20,424.00; federal receipts 0.00; claims of 1,478,205.67; Balance as of 8/31/24 of 3,466,127.79.

Food Service Fund: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 1,284,597.45; Adj/transfer 0.00; contracts payable of (27,056.74); unearned revenue of 194,968.10; revenues of 130,110.48; disbursements of 188,398.55 and balance on family accounts 600,265.84. Balance as of 8/31/24 of 1,955,893.81.

Enterprise Fund: Balance as of 8/1/24 of 29,496.61; revenues of 20,027.98; disbursements of 23,140.45. Balance as of 8/31/24 of 26,384.14.

Action 45-25 Motion by Groon, seconded by Kirchhevel, to approve the following resignations: Kristine Svoboda (SPED EA) Motion carried 5-0

Action 46-25 Motion by Groon, seconded by Kirchhevel, to approve the following new wage agreements and contracts: Cassie Altwine- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Autumn

Barger- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Morgan Belisle SPED Asst.- \$19.40/hr.; Lucas Berg- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Kellie Bonser- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Jamie DeJong- Student Support Facilitator- \$46,226.75/yr.; Connor Engberg- SPED Asst. - \$19.40/yr.; Katelyn Engel- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Morgan Hansen- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Lily Hilt- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Bobbi Jo Horsted- SPED Asst. \$1940/hr.; Rickelle Jones- Custodian- \$1940/hr.; Raeanna Kadatz- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Breanna Klocke- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Hannah Larson- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Gina Nichols-.5 EL Teacher- \$30,055/yr.; Taryn Rauk- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Derek Rick- Custodian- \$19.40/hr.; Katelyn Rush- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Isaih Schott- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.; Elena Whalen- 4+1 Student Teacher- \$3,006/yr.

Motion carried 5-0

Action 47-25 Motion by Vennard, seconded by Hutton, to approve the 2nd reading of Policy JFB-A as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Action 48-25 Motion by Groon, seconded by Groon, to accept a donation of \$4,500 from the Horizon PTO for the purchase and installation of four bike racks. Motion carried 5-0

Action 49-25 Motion by Groon, seconded by Kirchhevel, to approve the addition of a .5 EL Teacher, funded through Title funds. Motion carried 5-0

COMMUNITY INPUT- Parent regarding students walking to school to Liberty Elementary.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS-

Administrator/Committee Reports- Elementary, MS, HS, Activities, Superintendent.

Action 50-25 Motion by Hutton, seconded by Kirchhevel to enter into executive session at 7:01 p.m. for 1-25 for the sole purposes of: (1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor.

Chairperson Knudson declared Executive Session over at 7:16 p.m.

Action 51-25 Motion by Kirchhevel, seconded by Vennard, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Mike Knudson
Chairperson

Jennifer Conway
Business Manager

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Notice of Hearing**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners will meet in the Courthouse at Canton, South Dakota, on October 8, 2024, and hold a public hearing between 8:30 a.m. and adjournment, pursuant to SDCL 7-21-22, for the purpose of adopting the following supplements to the 2024 Budget: A supplement adding to the Information Technology budget \$5,170.00 due to resolution 2312-44 passed on 12.26.2023 change in step increases and change in insurance coverage; increase in Treasurer budget in the amount of 7,837.00 due to resolution 2312-44 passed on 12.26.2023 change in step increases; increase in the Sheriff budget in the amount of 81,775.00, to due resolution 2407-45 approved on 07.23.2024 for a vehicle replacement; increase to the Airport budget in the amount of \$576,222.77 to revenue and \$236,374.07 for expenditures for un-budgeted Airport improvements. The public hearing is open to all interested parties. Anyone unable to attend the public hearing can submit written comments to the Lincoln County Auditor at 104 N. Main Street, Suite 110, Canton, SD 57013. Written comments will be reported to the County Commission on the date of the hearing. Individuals needing special accommodations are asked to contact the Lincoln County Auditor at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative.

Dated this 10th day of September 2024.

Sheri Lund
Lincoln County Auditor

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**Lincoln County Proceedings**

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS was brought to order by the Chair James C. Jibben, at 8:30 a.m. on September 3, 2024, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, and Micheal Poppens present. Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney Drew DeGroot was also present.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

MOTION by Arends and seconded by Poppens to approve the agenda. Arends: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye". Motion carried.

Payroll: 448,485.08

Commissioner's \$8,254.25; FICA 511.76, Medicare 119.69, SDRS 153.22

Auditor's \$15,337.51; FICA 950.93, Medicare 222.39, SDRS 920.25

Treasurer's \$18,451.27; FICA 1,143.98, Medicare 267.54, SDRS 1,107.09

States Attorney's \$68,856.08; FICA 4,269.08, Medicare 998.41, SDRS 4,078.04

Gen Gov Bldg \$17,000.97; FICA 1,054.06, Medicare 246.51, SDRS 1,018.09

DOE \$41,038.28; FICA 2,544.37, Medicare 595.06, SDRS 2,410.01

ROD \$9,938.60; FICA 616.19, Medicare 144.11, SDRS 744.15

VSC \$2,518.72; FICA 156.16, Medicare 36.52, SDRS 151.12

GIS \$6,680.32; FICA 414.18, Medicare 96.86, SDRS 400.82

IT \$10,679.94; FICA 662.16, Medicare 154.86, SDRS 640.80

HR \$5,386.38; FICA 333.96, Medicare 78.10, SDRS 323.18

Sheriff's \$113,464.58; FICA 7,038.66, Medicare 1,646.14, SDRS 7,906.28

Jail \$18,855.91; FICA 1,169.07, Medicare 273.41, SDRS 1,210.38

County 4-H \$4,306.41; FICA 267.00, Medicare 62.44, SDRS 258.38

Weeds \$6,610.09; FICA 409.83, Medicare 95.85, SDRS 396.61

P & Z \$15,584.54; FICA 966.24, Medicare 225.98, SDRS 894.57

Highway \$46,540.16; FICA 2,885.49, Medicare 674.83, SDRS 2,661.65

Communications \$29,523.31; FICA 1,830.45, Medicare 428.09, SDRS 1,758.60

EM MGMT \$4,010.80; FICA 248.67, Medicare 58.16, SDRS 238.85

Airport \$2,826.32; FICA 175.23, Medicare 40.98, SDRS 169.58

24/7 \$2,620.64; FICA 162.48, Medicare 38.00, SDRS 209.65

Reports:

Highway Dept. Monthly Mileage Reports – July 2024

Recognition of significant anniversaries: September 2024

Ron Straatmeyer, 911 Communications – 15 Years

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends to approve the consent agenda. Arends: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends to approve County Commission Minutes for 08.27.2024 and County Commission Joint Meeting with the City of Sioux Falls Minutes for 08.27.2024. Arends: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye". Motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MOTION by Landeen and seconded by Arends to remove from the Table the item titled: Board action regarding a request for Lien Compromise/ Settlement from Evan & Nadene Roelfsema. Arends: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye" Poppens: "Aye" Jibben: "Aye". Motion carried.

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Lincoln County Notice

Lincoln County Notice of Public Information Meeting for Lincoln County's Five-Year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan
Date: October 1, 2024
Time: 8:30 am
Location: Lincoln County Commission Meeting Room, 104 N. Main, Canton, SD 57013

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the development of the Lincoln County Five-Year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan: 2025-2029. The open house will be informal with one on one discussion available with Lincoln County Commissioners and staff.

Lincoln County Commissioners and staff will be available with displays and plan drafts to discuss highway and bridge improvement plans in Lincoln County. During this time, you will also have opportunity to present written or verbal comments about the draft plan. A short presentation will be given at

Notice of Hearing

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

41PRO24-000061

Notice to Creditors and Notice of Informal Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative In the Matter of the Estate of POLLY ANNE BOGGS, Deceased.

Notice is given that on July 19, 2024 David Allen Boggs, whose address is 115 Colorado Avenue Northwest, Orange City, IA 51041, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Polly Anne Boggs.

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

approximately 8:30 am.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house/public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the open house/public meeting should submit a request to Lincoln County Auditor's Office at 605-764-2581 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

For further information regarding the study, contact Terry Fluit at 605-764-5841 or by email at tfluit@lincolncountysd.org.

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

Dated this 6th day of September, 2024.

/s/ David A. Boggs
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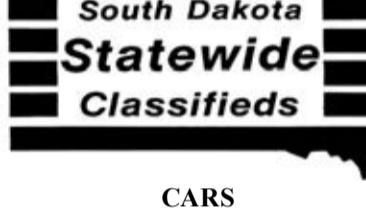
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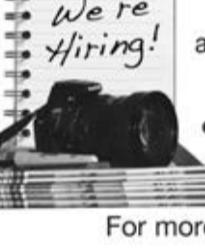
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Cross County Had Busy Week and Challenging Meets

Last Friday Night the Canton Cross Country team participated in the Augie Twilight. "For me to say that I'm proud is an understatement," said Coach Rhode. "These kids have big hearts and it showed. We had kids ready to puke after they finished but every single one of them did amazing. Canton had 19 runners with seven new personal records- Zach Bartels, Jeremy Bockelman, Rylan Richardson, Alex, Jasher Dixon, Riley Dixon and Finley Evjen. Seven had their season best time- Ava Sletten, Jewel Gannon, Jayla York, Abby Dose, Kara Dose, Cordelia Adams and Damian Gardner.

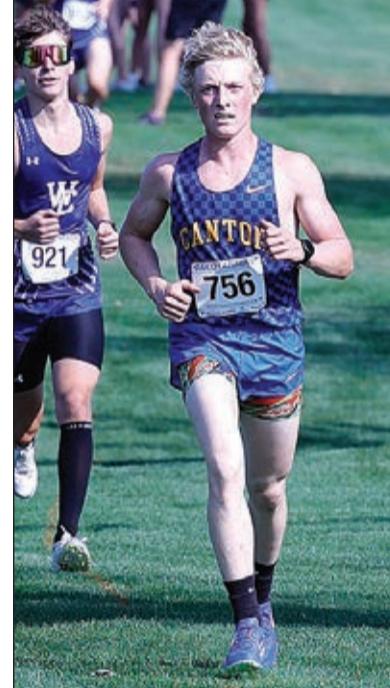


Varsity Girls

Finley Evjen 20:00.18 - PR
Ava Sletten 21:25.31
Jewel Gannon 22:06.76
Jayla York 22:10.48
Abby Dose 23:10.71
Kara Dose 23:43.17

Varsity Boys

Zach Bartels 18:41.73 - PR
Jeremy Bockelman 19:25.03 - PR
Rylan Richardson 20:16.17 - PR
Alex Opland 20:16.52 - PR
Jasher Dixon 21:11.67 - PR
JV Girls
Kiley Dose 20:03.47
Cordelia Adams 21:29.19
Emma Bockelman 22:22.87
JV Boys
Cedric Horst 16:23.46
Riley Dixon 17:56.44 - PR
Damian Gardner 18:22.37
Emmit Hruby 20:40.71
Wyatt Jacobs 20:45.71



Canton held a small cross country meet at the Hiawatha Golf Course last Tuesday. Place winners -Boys Varsity - Zach Bartels- 12th; Girls Varsity - Finley Evjen - 11th, Jewel Gannon - 17th; Ava Sletten - 18th; Boys JV - Cedric Horst - 4th. Personal Records - Wyatt Jacobs, Emmit Hruby, Riley Dixon, Clair Baumann, Anna Folkens.

Girls Varsity

Finley Evjen 21:56.58
Jewel Gannon 23:03.19
Ava Sletten 23:13.08
Kara Dose 24:37.90
Jayla York 24:43.16
Abby Dose 25:57.20

Varsity Boys

Zach Bartels 19:04.10
Jeremy Bockelman 21:07.40
Alex Opland 21:32.90

Hunter Fincher 22:16.30
Rylan Richardson 23:00.60

Jasher Dixon 24:11.60

JV Girls

Marin Rhode 27:04.18
Cordeia Adams 27:35.84
Kiley Dose 27:55.71
Emma Bockelman 30:33.39

Clair Baumann 30:54.85

Anna Folkens 31:48.54

JV Boys

Cedric Horse 21:37.92
Damian Gardner 24:11.58

Riley Dixon 25:32.39

Wyatt Jacobs 27:25.22

Emmit Hruby 30:57.33

Canton traveled to Brandon Valley on Saturday to attack the Mt. McHardy. "It was definitely an eye opener for the team by they persevered and are stronger mentally and physically," said coach Rhode. "I was very pleased with how each one attacked the hill, passing many kids on the way up." Zach Bartels finished 12th place and Jasher Dixon finished 11th in JV. Finley Evjen took 11th place in girls varsity.



Girls Varsity

Finley Evjen 21:43.38
Ava Sletten 22:31.37
Jewel Gannon 23:25.09
Jayla York 24:05.34
Marin Rhode 26:05.05

Boys Varsity

Zach Bartels 19:02.57
Jeremy Bockelman 21:10.78
Cedric Horst 21:50.60
Alex Opland 21:57.04
Rylan Richardson 21:58.99
Hunter Fincher 22:17.56

JV Girls

Lakynn Qualseth 22:17.60
Emma Bockelman 22:38.27
Anna Folkens 23:11.34
Clair Baumann 23:20.94

JV Boys

Jasher Dixon 17:23.78
Riley Dixon 19:01.54
Emmit Hruby 19:18.80
Wyatt Jacobs 21:24.92



Sioux Valley News On the Road



Jon and Gloria Bonjour took their Sioux Valley News on an Alaskan cruise. Their adventure was a one of a kind but a trip they will never forget. While they were taking off from Juneau and about to their next stop, the ship hit an iceberg. "It was like living the *Titanic* but we didn't sink," said Jon. Others saw the iceberg and chunks of ice flying. They flooded the back hatches to access the damage on the front. The damage was fixed and the adventure continued.

September is Suicide Prevention Month in South Dakota

PIERRE-- Governor Kristi Noem has proclaimed September as Suicide Prevention Month in South Dakota. Changing the narrative from one of suffering to one of hope can help reduce stigma, encourage people to seek help, and ultimately save lives. This month, let us commit to challenging outdated beliefs and stigmas surrounding mental health and suicide.

"Suicide stems from deeply personal and complex circumstances, and yet it indiscriminately affects all persons. No matter our age, our race, or our socioeconomic background, all of us can be impacted by suicide," said Department of Social Services (DSS) Cabinet Secretary Matt Althoff. "While suicide rates in South Dakota are declining, much work remains as we strive to make all individuals who are contemplating suicide aware of the resources that are available to them at that very moment when they view suicide as a solution to the challenges they face."

Reducing the stigma around suicide is important for creating a supportive environment where people feel safe to seek help. Althoff urged on behalf of the Department, "Let's challenge ourselves every day to think differently about suicide and mental health, to be part of the change that is so desperately needed so that persons who are struggling will feel more comfortable asking for help."

Here are some strategies to help South Dakota achieve the supportive environment Governor Noem's proclamation is aimed at creating:

Promote Open Conversations

Encourage open discussions about mental health and suicide without judgment. Normalize conversations around these topics to make them more common.

Use Non-Stigmatizing Language

Avoid phrases like "committed suicide," which carries connotations of crime or sin. Instead, use "died by suicide" to promote compassion and understanding.

Highlight Stories of Hope and Recovery

Sharing stories of people who have struggled with suicidal thoughts but found help and healing can reduce shame and offer hope to those who are struggling.

Challenge Stereotypes

Correct misconceptions about who is at risk of suicide. Suicide affects people of all demographics, and addressing these stereotypes can prevent marginalization and isolation.

"Traditional views of suicide often focus on shame, which prevents people from seeking support," said Chief of Behavioral Health Tiffany Wolfgang. "Changing those views and shifting those conversations will foster an environment where people feel safe to talk about their mental health without fear of being judged."

If you or someone you know needs help with thoughts of suicide, please call, text, or chat 988 for free and confidential support available anytime, day or night, seven days a week.

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