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## Early Deadlines

With the holidays coming up, the Sioux Valley News will have early deadlines. Deadlines will be Thursday at noon for the next couple weeks with the paper coming out on Mondays. December 19 will be the deadline for the December 26 dated edition. December 26 will be the deadline for the edition dated January 2.

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## Emmerson Battles Brain Tumor

By: Kala Hazelhoff

The Dylan and Jami Paulson family of four live on an acreage, where they enjoy spending time outdoors together. Dylan works at Eparts in Hudson, SD and Jami is a Registered Nurse at Sioux Falls Specialty Hospital. They have two children; Emmerson is a fifth grader and Oakley is a second grader. The family also attends Bethany Reformed Church here in Canton.

Their ten-year-old, Emmerson is very nurturing, a "mother hen," loves camping and playing games with her family, loves swimming and her favorite singer

Phil Wickham. In July of this year, Dylan and Jami noticed Emmerson's balance was off. They took her to their primary care doctor, as well as the eye doctor. The eye doctor noticed that the vessels in her eyes were enlarged, which indicated increased pressure in her skull. They were then referred to Pediatric Neurology but wouldn't be able to get in for an appointment for a month. After a few weeks, she started experiencing other symptoms such as confusion, a fall, and her memory getting worse. Emmerson's primary doctor ordered a CT scan of her brain, so



The Paulson family takes a walk outside the Minnesota Children's Hospital in Minneapolis after her surgery



Emmerson was at RiseFest in Sheldon, Iowa while her favorite singer, Phil Wickham was playing "Battle Belongs".

the neurologist would have those results at their fingertips once she was able to be seen.

On the afternoon of Friday, August 16, Emmerson had another CT scan of her brain. The technician told them to wait in the waiting room and the doctor would call with the results. Since Jami has worked in healthcare for seventeen years, she knew this was not how things would normally go. Emmerson's doctor then called and said there were concerns about her CT scan, and instructed them to take her into an Emergency Room where he had informed staff they

would be bringing her in. There, they learned that Emmerson had a large mass in her brain and that they needed to emergently place an external ventricular drain to relieve the pressure in her skull. The next morning Emmerson was flown to Minnesota Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, where she would stay for the next thirty-nine days. Within that time, she had three additional surgeries, two in which they removed the brain tumor and a third to place a ventroperitoneal shunt.

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## "Every Day is a Gift"

By: Kala Hazelhoff

Christmas Eve is a special day, especially for Barb Anderson, as she will turn 94 years old this year. Having a birthday on this day is a story and one she loves to tell.

Anderson is originally from Rock Valley, Iowa or "Dutch country" as she calls it, where her family was some of the only Norwegians. She was born at home with the assistance of Dr. Lock on December 24th, 1930. The doctor ended up calling for the neighbor girl who lived across the street, to come over and help deliver her. After she was born, they placed her in a basket under the Christmas tree for her older sister, Mary Alice, to find under the tree. Her younger sister by four years, Helen (Rowe), would later come along to complete their family.



She claims she was never short of birthday or Christmas gifts, but what she did not always have was a birthday cake at home on her birthday. Her father was the postmaster in Rock Valley, and her mother would be busy helping her father sort packages at the post office for Christmas on many Christmas Eves. She would have the cake after her birthday, thanks to her mother's aptitude for cooking and baking.

As a young woman, she met Warren "Speck" Anderson, who was ten years her senior. Speck



was in the 19th General Hospital unit out of Rochester, NY. He spent time in France during World War II, where his Army friends called him "Red" because of his hair color. She only knew him as Speck, due to his freckles. He was known for his remarkably high IQ, later in life realizing he should have gone into medicine but had already started his career in banking. This was a wonderful career for him over the years. When Speck needed new boots in France, the Army took the straps off and sewed new ones on, and later in life after they were married, Barb had them bronzed to display in their home. The boots are more "worn" by people looking at them, than from Speck using them. Anderson hopes to pass these boots onto the next generation of her family.

After they were married on July 12, 1951, they moved to Doon, Iowa as Speck was to work at a bank there. Later, they moved back to Rock Valley and eventually Barb moved to Canton after Speck died in 2012. The couple had six children together: Dan, Mark, Tom, Paul, Mary Kay, and Barbie. They are all about four years apart, with a twenty-year age gap from the oldest to youngest. They have all gone on to have wonderful careers, after Speck told them "I can't give you all banks, but I can get you a good education."

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**Dottie Hitzemann**

December 20, 2024

**Dottie Hitzemann, age 69, died Friday, December 20, 2024 surrounded by her family at Sanford Foundation Centennial in Sioux Falls, SD. Funeral arrangements are pending.**

**Notable Events That Occurred On December 25**

December 25 is Christmas Day, when billions of Christians across the globe celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Though Christmas is likely the first thing people think of when December 25 comes around, over the years many additional memorable and even infamous events unrelated to the holiday have taken place on this unique day on the calendar.

- 333: The Roman Emperor Constantine elevates his youngest son, Constans, to the rank of Caesar. This designation establishes Constans as Constantine's heir apparent.

- 1000: Hungary is established as a Christian kingdom by Stephen I of Hungary.

- 1046: Pope Clement crowns Henry III of Germany as Holy Roman Emperor. This decision on the part of Pope Clement frees the Vatican from dependence on the Roman nobility and lays the foundation for its authority across the empire.

- 1261: Eleven-year-old John IV Doukas Laskaris, who would be the last emperor from the prominent Laskarid dynasty that ruled the Empire of Nicaea, is intentionally blinded on the orders of Michael VIII, making John IV ineligible for the throne.

- 1492: The merchant ship Santa Maria, commanded by Christopher Columbus, runs onto a reef off the coast of Haiti.

- 1758: German astronomer Johann Georg Palitsch sights Halley's Comet, which confirms Edmund Halley's prediction of the comet's passage. The sighting marks the first passage of a comet that was predicted ahead of time.

- 1776: George Washington and the Continental Army cross the Delaware River at night. The crossing enables the army's attack on Hessian forces serving Great Britain in Trenton, New Jersey, the following day.

- 1809: American physician and pioneering surgeon Ephraim McDowell performs the first surgical removal of an ovary or ovaries. McDowell performed the surgery at his home in Danville, Kentucky, removing a 22.5-pound tumor without the use of anesthesia.

McDowell's patient, Jane Todd Crawford, made an uncomplicated recovery and lived another 32 years.

- 1826: A drunken riot at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, concludes a day after it began. Known as the "eggnog riot," the conflict began a day earlier and 70 cadets were implicated, with 20 of them being court-martialed. Jefferson Davis, future Confederate States President, was among the implicated cadets.

- 1831: One-fifth of Jamaica's slaves mobilize in an ultimately unsuccessful fight for freedom. The Great Jamaican Slave Revolt lasts for 11 days and involves up to 60,000 enslaved individuals.

- 1868: United States President Andrew Johnson grants unconditional pardons to all Confederate veterans in the aftermath of the American Civil War.

- 1932: Nearly 300 people are killed when a magnitude 7.6 earthquake strikes Gansu, China.

- 1950: Scottish nationalist students take the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey. The coronation stone of British monarchs is eventually found in Scotland in April 1951.

- 1951: Harry T. Moore is killed instantly and his wife, Harriette, is fatally wounded when a bomb explodes at the home of the Civil Rights Movement leaders in Mims, Florida. No one was ever prosecuted for the bombing and murders.

- 1986: Sixty-three people are killed when the hijacked Iraqi Airways Flight 163 crashes in Arar, Saudi Arabia. Forty passengers aboard the plane survive the ordeal, and pro-Iranian group Islamic Jihad Organization claims responsibility for the hijacking.

- 1991: Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as President of the Soviet Union. The union itself is dissolved the following day.

- 1996: The body of six-year-old American child beauty queen JonBenét Ramsey is found in her family home in Boulder, Colorado. Her death is ruled a homicide and the case remains unsolved.

**Writers and Writing**

By Michael Tidemann

**Memoir Blends Science And Nature**

At first glance, Jeff Wilkerson's memoir of science and nature, 23 Woodcock in 22 Years, seems a bit of an anomaly. The subtitle Reflections on Hunting, the Night Sky, and Our Place in the Universe seems even more incongruous.

However, Wilkerson, professor of physics at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, masterfully blends the seemingly disparate concepts of hunting woodcock and exploring the mysteries of the universe.

Wilkerson says of the first woodcock he ever shot:

"I will bind you to the earth here and remind you of the sky above, understanding this is your home, a home stretching beyond the physical place, to a community that understands what it means to make some sort of living from the wilderness around, and a home with those who study the world, using data to build models of the universe."

It's that centeredness, then, that taking a shotgun into the field and taking game, that anchors Wilkerson to terra firma so he is free to explore the universe.

Wilkerson evokes echoes of Native American philosophy when he says that when he makes a meal of a woodcock his own body is nourished, a body that eventually becomes a part of nature, feeding the woodcock of future generations.

He also makes sense of the very concept of time, of the rotation of the Earth and its journey around the sun, when he says:

"What a gift it is to be able to measure out the flow of life by year-

**23 WOODCOCK  
IN 22 YEARS***Reflections on Hunting, the Night Sky,  
and Our Place in the Universe***JEFF WILKERSON**

to-year changes in encounters with wild birds—and maybe even more, to make a living talking to people about the nature of the universe."

As he faces his own mortality toward the end of his memoir, we see that Wilkerson has indeed lived a full life—a life of hunting woodcock and exploring the universe and finding meaning in interactions with his students.

"I have measured out my life in the return to the sky of Sagittarius each spring and in the flights of wood ducks each spring and fall. I have measured out my life in digging potatoes each fall and in the arrival of each new class of students ready to begin their journeys in earnest."

Wilkerson's is a heavily philosophical book, and he offers lessons for all of us.

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



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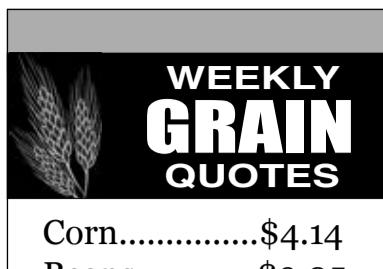
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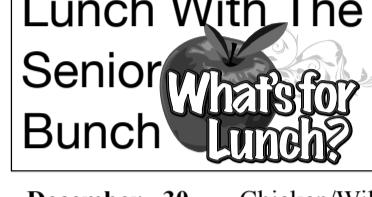
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# MEMORY LANE

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The Canton wrestling team traveled to Beresford on Tuesday for a triangular against EPJ and Dakota Valley, they won both duals to improve their season record to 8-1. On Saturday they participated in the Elk Point Jefferson Huskie Invitational, finishing 3rd in the team competition behind Pierre and Parkston by 3 as John Lemer was the 138 champion and Chase Beitzel the Hwt Champion. Canton sent 6 to the finals in the 14 team tourney and placed 9 in the top 5.

The City of Canton met in regular session Monday, Dec. 15, with a public hearing in regard to the installation of two new wells which would replace wells seven and 11. In addition to the wells, they would be replacing and upgrading of the existing high service pumps and controls that have some components that date back prior to 1966.

South Dakota State Parks invites you kick off 2015 on the right foot! Come discover the beauty of winter with a crisp hike or frosty riddle adventure. January 1st at 2 pm in Newton Hills State Park, come discover the exciting world of Geocaching in winter with a Naturalist to guide your hike. There may be limited GPS units so please bring your own if you have one. At 3 pm join the Naturalist at Good

Earth State Park for the First Hike of the year, where you will endeavor on a journey of discovery on how life survives during winter's big chill.

**1999**

B. Michael Broderick has announced his retirement as President of First American Bank and Trust in Canton, effective December 31, 1999. Mr. Broderick will continue to serve on the Bank's Board of Directors and will remain active in his role as State Representative and community leader. Claire Gard, an 18-year First American veteran, will assume the bank's leadership role. His pledge on behalf of the officers and staff to continue providing unrivaled service while meeting individual needs will ensure a smooth transition.

A map pinpointing areas of need in Canton's storm sewer system has been drawn up but the big question now is how the project will be funded. The city is studying various means of establishing a permanent funding source specifically designated for storm sewer projects. A study of the size and type of property, frontal footage, and square footage is hoped to be completed by March to help determine the amount of funding that could be raised.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russ Hammond presented a memorial plaque to Canton High School in memory of their deceased son Terry. The plaque has been placed in the Armory Lobby and the leading Canton High School football yard gainer's name will be placed on the plaque annually, along with the total yardage gained for the year. The first name on the plaque will be Terry's who was Canton's leading yard gainer in 1972, followed by D. Irons and T. Bjornberg.

**1999**

J. B. Wolgemuth was down from Mitchell this week and in connection with several business men of Mitchell and this city, will organize the Phoenix mutual Fire Association with headquarters in this city. The company will be the strongest of its kind in this state.

Mr. Sigrud, our photo artist, went to Sioux City Monday to purchase stock for his gallery. Mr. Sigrud informs the News that he will shortly put in a new camera, the best manufactured so that he can meet the growing demand for high class work in his line.

S.O. Skartvedt is rebuilding his ice house and will put up about 15000 tons of ice this season which is nearly double the amount he put up last year.



**Happy Holidays**  
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business completed by noon  
Tuesday, December 31.



# HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

Looking for another Christmas song to use for this week's column I remembered an old traditional Irish carol that has been one of my favorites for quite sometime. It's called the Wexford Carol and it relates the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

It seems the older I get the more I enjoy these old Christmas songs, some written centuries ago. Reading a piece called The Soul of Christmas, written by Thomas Moore in 1997, I had to agree with what he said about these old songs that really capture the soul-searching spirit of the season:

"Christmas has inspired carols that in many cases join extraordinary images and sentiments with good, simple tunes. With an almost inexhaustible supply of good carols from around the world, there is no reason to rely on the commercial variety, lacking in both musical substance and textual interest, which accost us everywhere during the holiday."

Happy reading and glad tidings of comfort and joy to all. And may the words of this old song help drive the cold winter away.

## The Wexford Carol

Good people all, this Christmas-time,  
Consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done  
In sending his beloved Son.

With Mary holy we should pray  
To God with love this Christmas day;  
In Bethlehem upon the morn  
There was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide,  
the noble Virgin and her guide  
Were long time seeking up and down  
To find a lodging in the town.  
But mark how all things came to pass;  
From every door repelled alas!  
As long foretold, their refuge all  
Was but an humble ox's stall

There were three wise men from afar  
Directed by a glorious star,  
And on they wandered night and day  
Until they came where Jesus lay.  
And when they came unto that place  
Where our beloved Messiah was,  
They humbly cast them at his feet,  
With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep  
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;  
To whom God's angels did appear.  
Which put the shepherds in great fear.  
"Prepare and go", the angels said,  
"To Bethlehem, be not afraid;  
For there you'll find, this happy morn,  
A princely babe, sweet Jesus born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind,  
The shepherds went the babe to find,  
And as God's angel had foretold,  
They did our Savior Christ behold.  
Within a manger he was laid,  
And by his side the virgin maid,  
Attending on the Lord of life,  
Who came on earth to end all strife.



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# Canton



Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

As you know the governor has proposed serious budget cuts to the South Dakota State Library, and subsequently all public libraries in South Dakota. The staff and the board of the Canton Public library want to make certain you are aware of what that could mean to our library, in particular. The cuts would affect the administration of LIBBY (our digital library), the Summer Reading Program, our interlibrary loan programming, and the training required to remain accredited and to be able to offer the programming our patrons deserve. The State Library provides multiple databases and digital resources which a public library like ours would not be able to afford. Please contact your local legislators, Kevin Jensen, Karla Lems and Richard Vasgaard, and let them know what these budget cuts mean to all of us. If you need any further information, please feel free to call the Library.

### ADULT FICTION

All That Remains by Sue Black (NF). Sue Black confronts death every day as a professor of Anatomy and Forensic Anthropology. Here she reveals the many faces of death she has come to know, using key cases to explore how forensic science has developed.

Christmas with the Queen by Hazel Gaynor (LP). December 1952. While the young Queen Elizabeth II finds her feet as the new monarch, she must also find the right words to continue the tradition of her late father's Christmas Day radio broadcast. But even traditions must evolve with the times, and the queen faces a post war Britain hungry for changes.

Boxed In: Annie's Attic Mysteries by Karen Kelly. While looking for a basket in the attic of Grey Gables,

Annie discovers a birchbark box. It is exquisitely carved and contains a beaded ceremonial regalia collar and an obscure verse.

Hard to Kill by James Patterson (LP). Attorney Jane Smith's career has spanned from NYPD beat cop to Hamptons courtroom. She is tough to beat and she's even tougher to kill.

The Shifting Current by Dani Petrey (LP). Special Agent Logan Perry's beloved grandfather has been murdered, so Logan and his friend Emmy Thornton head for New Mexico. It appears a robbery that has gone wrong, but as they delve into the case each threat is more deadly than the last. Can they solve the mystery before they are the next victims?

How To Kiss Your Enemy by Jenny Proctor (LP). They were rivals in culinary school, and now they have reconnected at his family event center, and the rivalry continues. But there is also serious chemistry, can they make this work, or will they both end up with a broken heart?

A Breath of Fresh Air by Jessica Redland. Rosie loves her job and the home she shares with her mother, but she can't help wondering how her life might look if things had been different.

The Entire Sky by Joe Wilkins. Justin is a young man who was abandoned by his mother and abused by his uncle. He is adrift when he meets the Bouchard's in Montana. Rene is grieving the loss of his wife and his fractured relationship with his daughter and meeting Justin might be the healing they all need. But Justin's past catches up with him and endangers everyone.

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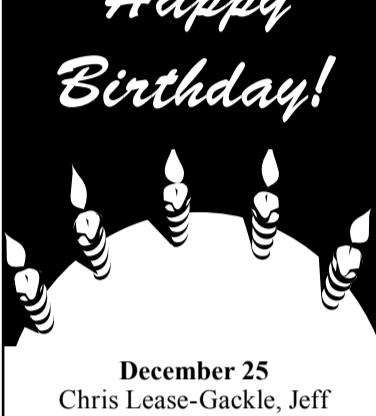
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### December 25

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### December 26

Donna Edwards, Keelan Peterson, Marcy Beer, McKenzie Beard

### December 27

Chanda Severson, Amy Roseland

### December 28

Jan Powell, Whitney Schnose, Bob Lier

### December 29

Gaynor Johnson, Kathy Lottman

### December 30

Conrad Dahl, Bubba Bierschbach, Holly Molstad, Deb Broderick Franek, John Lems, Jr., Jay Englert

### December 31

Karen Peterson, Kelly Nelson, Derrick Hoogendorn, Joseph Sharon

### January 1

Darla Greeson, Stephanie Elcock, Janelle Podzinik

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## Notable Christmas Celebrations Around The World

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all over the world. Christmas celebrations include various time-honored traditions that celebrants hold near and dear to their hearts. Depending on where someone lives, their Christmas traditions may look quite different from those in other parts of the globe.

It can be enjoyable to learn how Christmas is celebrated elsewhere and perhaps even incorporate a few new traditions into your celebrations. Take a peek at these customs near and far.

- Seafood and beachside celebrations: Australia is located in the southern hemisphere, which means Aussies are enjoying the peak of their summer come December 25. A white Christmas is unlikely, unless the "white" refers to white, sandy beaches. Santa is probably swapping his thick coat for a pair of board shorts, and heavy, roast-laden meals are unlikely to make it

on to the menu. Instead, Australians dine on seafood feasts and spend Christmas outdoors camping or at the beach.

- Krampus parade: Some Christmas elves are not so jolly. Just ask residents of the Austrian, German and Hungarian Alps. Each year in this region, a true "Bad Santa" is the talk of town. Villagers believed that Krampus, a half-man, half-goat creature with a legion of ill-tempered elves, roamed the mountains wreaking havoc. Krampus was said to abduct miscreants and set unruly youth or even intoxicated adults straight. Today, Krampus is more the "bad cop" to Santa's "good cop" persona. Krampus is celebrated as an antihero at parades and other events.

- Las Posadas: According to scripture, Joseph and Mary had to make an arduous journey from their hometown to Bethlehem for census purposes while Mary was pregnant.

When the couple arrived, they found lodgings were nonexistent, and Mary ended up giving birth to Jesus in a manger surrounded by animals. In celebration of that journey, people in Mexico and Guatemala celebrate Las Posadas, a procession representing Mary and Joseph's journey and their struggle to find lodging.

- La Befana: In Italian folklore, La Befana is a witch-like old woman who, like Santa, delivers gifts to children throughout Italy. Instead of this gift-giving taking place on Christmas, La Befana hands out gifts on the Epiphany Eve in a similar way to how the Three Magi brought presents to Baby Jesus. Le Befana also is believed to fly through the night sky to sweep away all the troubles of the old year and clear the way for a fresh start.

- Move over reindeer: Although reindeer often garner fanfare this time of year, the Yule goat is a Christmas symbol and tradition in Scandinavia and northern Europe. Each year in towns throughout Sweden and other areas, large statues of Yule goats are built on the first day of Advent and stand throughout the holiday season. This tradition dates back to ancient Pagan festivals, and some believe the goat is connected to the Norse god Thor, who rode in the sky in a chariot pulled by two goats.

Holiday traditions differ considerably in various regions of the world. Celebrants may want to consider incorporating foreign traditions into their own Christmas celebrations this year.



## Financial Focus

### Time to consider a business retirement plan?

If you're a business owner, you're always thinking about the days ahead. What can I do to boost sales in the next year? What trends should I be watching? What's the forecast for my industry? But there's one element of the future you might be overlooking: your retirement plan.

**Consider these advantages of establishing a retirement plan for your business:**

- You'll build resources for your retirement. You might sell your business one day, but can you count on that to fund your retirement? By investing in a retirement plan for many years, you can help accumulate the resources you will need to enjoy life as a retiree.
- You can help your business attract and retain employees. In a tight labor market, you'll want to employ all the advantages you can to attract and keep good employees — and a retirement plan can help.
- You can gain tax benefits. Your contributions to a retirement plan — on behalf of yourself and your employees — can be tax deductible. Plus, you can get tax credits for starting a new plan.

**Here are some retirement plans to consider:**

- Owner-only 401(k) — This plan is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than

themselves or a spouse. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax free. In 2024, the combined employee and employer contribution limit was \$69,000, or \$76,500 for those 50 or older. These limits are likely to rise in 2025.

- Personal defined benefit plan — You can establish a pension plan, also known as a defined benefit plan, for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. For 2024, the annual defined pension benefit for a business owner cannot exceed the lesser of \$275,000 or 100% of their average compensation for the previous three highest consecutive calendar years.
- SEP IRA — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider an SEP IRA. In 2024, your contribution limit was 25% of your salary or \$69,000, whichever was less. The percentage of your salary you contribute to your SEP IRA is the same percentage of your eligible employees' salaries you must contribute to their SEP IRAs.
- SIMPLE IRA — A SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and maintain, but while it may be advantageous for your

employees, it's less generous to you, in terms of allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k) or a SEP-IRA. In 2024, you could contribute up to \$16,000 to a SIMPLE IRA, or \$19,500 if you are 50 or older. You must put in 2% of your employees' salaries, regardless of whether they contribute, or match their contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3% of their salaries.

And keep this in mind: The SECURE 2.0 legislation has made it possible for you to offer a Roth version of a SEP or SIMPLE IRA. Although contributions to either Roth account are not deductible, earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you (and your employees) are at least 59½ and have had your account at least five years.

To learn more about these and other business retirement plans, you might want to contact a financial professional. But don't wait too long — the sooner you start preparing for your retirement — and helping your employees plan for theirs — the better.

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## OFF The Road With Jerry



This is a 2009 picture of the Christmas parade downtown. This was the City of Canton and the float was called a sweet delight, probably because of all the candy and sweets.



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This 2009 picture of Canton's graders showing all the tags and gifts they bought in for the toys of tots give away at Christmas. The names are front row, left to right, Megan Ekle, Marissa Carpenter, McKenzie Beard, Brandy Campos and Kevin Frick, back row was Breanna Bierschbach, Kathy Beer who is the sponsor, Nathan Barr, Mical Johnson and Morgan Smith.



This is a "Canton Community Education Float. The winner of Best Floats of 2009 are Best Religious - Lutheran Youth Group, Most Humorous - Booster Club, Best Over-all - Lincoln County Cruisers, Mayors Choice - First Bank and Trust, Chambers Choice - Community Education and Most Beautiful - Sunshine Foods.

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## Mental Health Memo



### Stay Happy and Healthy in Winter

*About the authors: This month's column is a collaborative effort from the South Dakota Human Services Center Social Workers covering the Geriatric Program. Sierra Olson, BSW and Cloe Droege, BSW both obtained their bachelor's degree in social work from the University of South Dakota and have been employed at the South Dakota Human Services Center as HS Social Workers since the summer of 2022.*

Winter weather can be discouraging to anyone, young or old, as it could limit their ability to be connected, travel, and spend time in the outdoors. Social isolation and a decrease in physical activity may lead to symptoms of depression. These symptoms may include lack of energy, lack of motivation, or feelings of sadness. Promoting strong social and physical wellness is important during these potentially isolating and hard to navigate months. When the temperature drops and the wind is blowing and the snow is drifting there are still ways to promote strong social and physical wellness. Let's discuss a few ways to do this.

Since social wellness activities promote better mental health, being part of a community and having positive interactions with other people makes a person feel good! As we age, it's especially important to find opportunities to be part of a community and be socially active. Being active in a community can be as simple as joining a book club or connecting with friends and family through phone calls and letters. On those extremely cold winter days when you would rather stay tucked into bed challenging yourself to get up and write a letter to a friend or family member, or to call and check-in on those you care about can make a big difference in your personal wellness.

Physical wellness activities promote a healthy wellbeing. There are many benefits of maintaining an active lifestyle including improved mental health, longer lifespan, and possibly improving thinking abilities. Challenge yourself to be

more active. If you are not able to do more strenuous exercises you can try chair yoga, utilize an indoor pool in your community, do some simple stretching, or when the weather permits go for a walk in the neighborhood.

It is important to find a hobby that speaks to you, even if that means a few failed attempts at finding something you enjoy. A few common hobbies are indoor gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, puzzles, games, or exercise. Other things to do in the community could include visiting the library or having a meal at your favorite restaurant with your favorite people.

At the South Dakota Human Services Center, we offer an array of activities to promote physical and mental wellness. Some of those activities include open swim in our indoor pool, a weight room to workout in, card and board games, and outside entertainment coming to our facility to perform. In the Geriatric Program we offer aquatic therapy, coffee socials, a walking program, Movie Monday, and music therapy. Incorporating these types of social activities into your routine can promote better mental and physical wellness through not only the winter months, but the entire year.

For a virtual tour of the Human Services Center, visit: [https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/hsc/virtual\\_tour.aspx](https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/hsc/virtual_tour.aspx)

**#30**  
*The mission of the Human Services Center is to provide individuals with a mental health or substance use disorder or both with effective, individualized professional treatment, enabling them to achieve their highest level of personal independence in the most therapeutic environment.*

**The mission of the Division of Behavioral Health is to support quality clinical treatment, recovery supports, prevention and crisis services with integrity to obtain positive outcomes for individuals with behavioral health needs.**

To read previous editions of the Mental Health Memo visit <https://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/news.aspx#mhmemo>

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### Notice

#### NOTICE TO RECEIVE BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County until 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 2nd, 2025, for purchase of the following equipment.

#### Material Placement Attachment

At 11:15 A.M., at the Lincoln County Highway Shop, 28202 478th Ave in Canton South Dakota such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and referred to the County Highway Superintendent for review.

Bids will be passed upon by the Lincoln County Commissioners at their next regular meeting.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a

Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bank Draft in the amount of 5% of the total bid and drawn on a solvent State or National Bank. In Lieu thereof, a 10% Bid Bond issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to Lincoln County.

Specifications are on file at the office of the Highway Superintendent and may be obtained on request.

Bids, if mailed shall be addressed to the Lincoln County Highway Dept., 28202 478th Ave Canton, South Dakota 57013 and clearly marked "Material Placement Attachment" on the outside of envelope. Bids can also be dropped off at the Lincoln County

Auditors Office located at 104 N. Main St, Canton SD.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive defects or informality if deemed in the best interest of Lincoln County.

Dated on this 10th day of December 2024.

Lincoln County Assistant Highway Superintendent  
Canton, South Dakota 57013

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Bidding starts | January 7, 2025 at 8:00 PM

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# Lincoln County Commission

The Lincoln County Commission met Tuesday, December 10 in the Lincoln County Boardroom. Commissioners heard agenda items including a public hearing on budget supplements, agreement with the Sioux Falls Humane Society, agreements with the Juvenile Detention Center and more.

By Jennifer Harms

Auditor, Sheri Lund was present to read to the commission a public hearing pursuant to SDCL 7-21-22, for the purpose of adopting the following supplements to the 2024 Budget: A supplement adding to the Director of Equalization budget \$19,530.00 due to resolution 2312-44 passed on 12.26.2023 change in step increases, and account for overtime; increase in Information Technology budget in the amount of 3,629.00 due to resolution 2312-44 passed on 12.26.2023 change in step increases and 17,000.00 resolution 2405-40 passed on 05.28.2024 agreement with Microsoft; increase in the Sheriff budget in the amount of 155,448.00 due to resolution 2311-17 passed on 11.07.2023 approval of agreement with Fraternal Order of Police; increase to the Juvenile Detention budget in the amount of \$180,559.00 due to resolution 2402-65 passed on 02.27.2024 approve agreement for detention services; increase to the Highway Budget in the amount of \$350,022.00 due to resolution 2410-09 passed on 10.01.2024

approve replacement purchase of wheel loader. "I have listed the different departments that need the budget supplement and one correction that I do have on here is with the IT Director, he said that he does not need the supplement in his budget, so I will be removing that part out of it," she said. The items listed in the supplements were for board approved items that have happened throughout the year and Lund provided a reason and resolution to refresh the commission's memories. Chairman Jibben asked for and proponents and opponents for the public hearing, with no public comment, Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to approve, seconded by Landeen. Motion approved.

Sheriff Steve Swenson was not present, so Lund requested board action to approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Sioux Falls Area Humane Society for animal control services and impound facility operations agreement from January 1 to December 31, 2025. "The contract includes a \$3,000 per month flat

service fee, this is an approximate increase of 260 per cent and is going to require a budget supplement next year," Lund said. Currently, Lincoln County accounts for 12 per cent of all animal control calls the Sioux Falls Humane Society covers. Motion to approve made by Landeen, seconded by Schmidt. Motion approved.

Lund next requested board action to sign the Juvenile Justice Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding. "This year there is an increase of 8.58 per cent on the daily rate while shelter care, community supervision, and evening reporting center is 2.4 per cent," Lund said. The increase is due to construction costs and the costs of staff. In 2023, Lincoln County used 489 beds at the Juvenile Detention Center and 508 beds at the Youth Rise. With an increase in Lincoln County kids being seen at the centers, the increase is needed for services provided to the children and for every eight kids in the programs, a staff member must be present. Motion approved.

Lund requested board action to approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement for decedent removal and transport services agreement effective December 1. "This is an agreement between Lincoln County and Dakota Embalming and Transport Service Inc for the transportation of decedent people in the City of Sioux Falls Lincoln County. The agreement will automatically be extended for 1 year on the same terms," she said. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Landeen. Motion approved.

Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, Paul Anderson requested board action to approve payment totaling \$60,000.00 from other economic

assistance account 101-4410-419000.

"This is an item that we had taken up a couple weeks ago, with distributing the national opioid settlement funds and contingent on a return nation opioid settlement fund use agreement," he said. Commissioner Poppens stated he has had a chance to speak with many of the entities over the past few days and questioned Anderson on his choices as he feels each organization is deserving of a monetary donation. "I was privileged to run a nonprofit for over two decades and have written I don't know how many different grants, and I think there was discussion on having RFP's sent out to various organizations on how they would spend it and is it money for new projects or money for their overall operation, but Commissioner Poppens asked, and I think we should have a couple of commissioners sit down and evaluate all of those organizations that we do give this money to to evaluate their overall effectiveness," Commissioner Poppens said. Motion by Landeen to distribute \$7,500 to each of the entities that requested funds, seconded by Poppens. Motion approved.

Highway Superintendent, Terry Fluit requested board action to approve and authorize the chair to execute Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) applications through the South Dakota Department of Transportation for replacement of the following bridge structures: 42-200-226, 42-200-249, 42-120-283. "Applications are due January 2, and I think they'll be selected by March of 2025," Fluit said. With no public comment, a motion was made by Poppens, seconded by Schmidt, motion approved.

Commission Recorder, Alicia

Cafaro read the commission

four first readings including the first reading for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, amending the Code of Ordinances of the County by amending Chapter 154: Zoning, Section 154.021, Definitions; Section 154.056, Permissive Uses (A-1 Agricultural District); Section 154.058, Conditional Uses (A-1 Agricultural District); Section 154.176, Permissive Uses (RC Recreation/Conservation District); Section 154.178, Conditional Uses (RC Recreation/Conservation District); and Section 154.379(A) (1), Notification, a first reading for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, amending the Code of Ordinances of the County by amending Chapter 154: Zoning, Section 154.021, Definitions; Section 154.057, Permitted Special Uses (A-1 Agricultural District); Section 154.058, Conditional Uses (A-1 Agricultural District); Section 154.177, Permitted Special Uses (RC Recreation/Conservation District); Section 154.178, Conditional Uses (RC Recreation/Conservation District); and Section 154.379(A)(1), Notification, a first reading for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, amending the Code of Ordinances of the County by amending Chapter 154: Zoning, Section 154.021, Definitions; and Section 154.136, Permissive Uses (I-1 Light Industrial District).

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## LAND AUCTION

+/- 395.02 Surveyed Acres of Productive Prairie & Big Springs Township Union County, SD Land – Situated in a Prominent Agricultural Area Near and  
Situated Between Beresford, SD & Alcester, SD and Hawarden, Iowa

In order to settle this estate, the beneficiaries of this trust have decided to offer this property at public auction, with the auction to be held “On Site” at FARM #1 – Located from the Alcester-Wakonda, SD Exit #42 on I-29 – 4½ miles east on Co. Hwy. #13 (302nd St.) to the SW Corner of the Land; or from Alcester, SD – Jct. of Hwy. #11 & Co. Hwy. #13/302nd St. (Former Alcester Steakhouse Corner) – 3½ miles west on Co. Hwy. #13 (302nd St.); or from Beresford, SD Exit #47 on I-29 - 4½ miles east on Hwy. #46, then 4 miles south on Co. Hwy. #25 (475th Ave.) and ¼ mile east on 301st St to the NW Corner of the Land – The Proposed SALE SITE.

**SALE DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2025 Sale Time: 11:00 AM**

**AUCTIONEER’S NOTE:** The Heirs of David Eckrich have awarded Sutton Auctioneers and Land Brokers the privilege to offer these parcels of Union County land at public auction. This land has been in the Eckrich Family for many decades; thus, this auction provides a “Once in a Lifetime Opportunity” to purchase these Union County SD farms. If you are in the market for land as an addition to a row crop or crop-livestock farming operation or as an investment, you will want to inspect these properties and make plans to be in attendance at this auction!

**FARM #1: +/-308.68 Surveyed Acres in Prairie Twp., Union County, SD** - This farm will be offered in multiple tracts or as a combined unit with Farm #1 to be offered as TR. 1A - +/-229.20 Acres of Predominately Cropland Situated Primarily in the NE½ and the E½ NW¼; TR. 1B - +/-79.48 Acres Presently being utilized as Pasture situated Primarily in the E½ SW¼ and a Small Corner in the SW Corner of the E½ NW¼; or as TR. 1A & 1B Combined – The +/- 308.68 Acre Unit.

Tr.1A (+/-229.20 Surveyed Acres) has a high percentage tillable and Tr 1B (+/-79.48 Surveyed Acres) consists of a parcel of land which presently is predominately all pasture and as Tracts #1A & #1B consisting of a combined total of +/-308.68 Acres as a unit - with a mix of cropland and pasture. According to FSA this farm as a whole is identified as Tr. 1507 of Farm 847 and is indicated to contain approx. 308.33 Acres of Farmland with 305.22 acres considered as cropland - which appears to be overstated; as it appears that at the present time approx. 234.44 acres are under cultivation and approx. 79.74 acres is being utilized as pasture; with a total of 231.50 base acres with an FSA corn base of 124 acres with a 128 bu. PLC yield and a 107.50 acre soybean base with a 41 bu. PLC yield. It should be noted that there is a RR Track which angles across the NE corner of Tr. 1A, that appears to have approx. 16.24 acres of cropland lying north of the RR and south of 301st St. The acres presently under cultivation on this farm has a high percentage tillable and some productive soils. Information from the Union Co. Assessor indicates that this land has a soil rating on the NE½ of .718, and on the E½ NW¼ is a .475 and on the E½ SW¼ is a .548; comparatively Surety Agri-Data Inc. (2020 Soils Version) indicates that this land in its entirety has a weighted average productivity index of 52.6, although it appears that individually Tr. 1A has a soil index of 55.6 and Tr. 1B has a soil index of 43.4. The 2023 RE taxes payable in 2024 on this property were on Co. Parcel 1000 – The NE½ (151.80 Taxable Acres) were \$3,723.00; and on Co. Parcel 2020 – The E½ NW¼ (80 Taxable Acres) were \$959.88 and on Co. Parcel 3010 – the E½ SW¼ (77.49 Taxable Acres) were \$1,180.20. This is a well located parcel of bordered on the south by Co. Hwy. #13 (302nd St. on the north by 301st St. and on the east by a minimum maintenance road 476th Ave.

**LEGAL DESC.: Actual Legal Descriptions and acres in the respective parcels to be determined by a survey. The general legal description of the property as a whole is: The E½ NW¼, the NE½ and the E½ SW¼ of Sec. 25, T. 95N., R. 50W., (Prairie Twp.), Union Co., SD; Exc. Co. Aud. Lot H-1 and Exc. RR ROW Thereof.**

**FARM #2: +/-86.34 Surveyed Acres in Big Springs Twp., Union County, SD** - This farm will be offered as an individual Tract of land. - Located from FARM #1 – ½ mile east on Hwy. #13 (302nd St.) and 3 miles south on 476th Ave.; from Alcester, SD – 3 miles west on Co. Hwy. #13 (302nd St.) and 3 miles south on 476th Ave.; from the Alcester-Wakonda, SD Exit #42 on I-29 - 5½ miles east on Co. Hwy. #13 (302nd St.) and 3 miles south on 476th Ave.

Farm #2 – (+/- 86.34 Surveyed Acres) – Farm #2 has a high percentage tillable and has been well farmed with soil conservation practices implemented, including the utilization of existing terraces. According to FSA this farm as a whole is identified as Tr. 318 of Farm 4791 and is indicated to contain approx. 82.59 Acres of Farmland with 82.59 acres considered as cropland, with a total of 77.80 base acres with an FSA corn base of 52.5 acres with a 161 bu. PLC yield and a 25.30 acre soybean base with a 55 bu. PLC yield. The general topography of this land is gently rolling to hilly, with existing terraces and other soil conservation measures being implemented. This farm has a very high percentage of cropland and some productive soils, as information obtained from the Union Co. Assessor which indicates that this parcel of land has a soil rating of .643; comparatively information from Surety Agri-Data Inc. (2020 Version), indicates that this land has a weighted average productivity index of a 61.8. The 2023 RE taxes payable in 2024 on this property were \$1,873.48. This farm would be an excellent addition to an area row crop farming operation or investment.

**LEGAL DESC.: N½ of NW¼ , Sec. 18, T. 94N., R. 49W., (Big Springs Twp.), Union Co., SD.**

**TERMS:** Cash - A 10% nonrefundable downpayment sale day with the balance on or before Feb. 28, 2025. The RE licensees in this transaction are acting as agents for the seller. Sold subject to confirmation of the Trustee.

This is multifaceted offering of land that is inclusive of productive cropland and pasture situated in an excellent agricultural area of Union County, SD and in an area where land is tightly held and rarely comes up for sale, as evidenced by the long tenure of ownership of this land by the Eckrich family. This is a parcel of land very well suited to serve as an addition to an area row crop farming operation, crop/livestock operation, or as an investment property. To view the full terms, surveys, aerial maps, soils data and other information see [www.suttonauction.com](http://www.suttonauction.com). To make arrangements for absentee bidding contact the auctioneers.

### HEIRS OF DAVID ECKRICH – Owners

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**TOM & TED SOUVIGNIER – Auctioneers & RE Broker Associates – Canton, SD – ph. 605-987-2404**

# C-Hawk Wrestlers sweep EPJ and DV to improve to 7-0

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Elk Point on Tuesday night to face Elk Point Jefferson and Dakota Valley and defeated both teams to improve to 7-0 and next after the Christmas break, they will travel to Salem for the McCook Central Invitational on Saturday, January 4th with a 9am starting time.

Canton opened up the wrestling against the Elk Point Jefferson Huskies and won 71-11 as they lost only 2 matches out of 14 then they faced off against Dakota Valley Panthers in the 2nd round and won 69-11 with again only 2 losses to win their 7th dual match of the season.

#### EPJ Dual Results:

175 Chase Adams- forfeit  
190 Jase Kroger- LBF :56  
215 Gunnar Swenson- WBF 1:16  
Hwt Hunter Richmond- WBF 1:08

106 Bode Walker- forfeit  
113 Blaise Bentz- Won a 20-4 tech fall in 3:21  
120 Landon Walker- forfeit  
126 Carter Kendrick- WBF 1:34 and was leading 13-0 at the time  
132 Zach Bartels- WBF :40  
138 Shane Sehr- lost a 18-2 tech fall in 3:33  
144 Camdyn Ockenga- forfeit  
150 Wyatt Tunland- LBF 1:50  
157 Tasyn Ockenga- Won a 18-7 Major Decision  
165 Aiden Kranz- Won a 20-0 tech fall in 1:41  
170 Chase Adam- forfeit

#### Dakota Valley Dual Results

190 Jase Kroger- forfeit  
215 Gunnar Swenson- LBF 3:30  
Hwt Hunter Richmond- WBF 1:22  
106 Bode Walker- forfeit  
113 Blaise Bentz- WBF :55  
120 Landon Walker- Won a 18-1 tech fall in 3:14  
126 Carter Kendrick- WBF 1:36  
132 Zach Bartels- WBF :32  
138 Shane Sehr- forfeit

## Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

To start this week's sportstalk I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and with the cold weather and a little snow blowing around it feels like it should be Christmas. We are trying to get ready with gifts and things to get to wrap but it is always fun to watch everyone open presents and now with the granddaughters it should be even more fun. One we will have to watch on facetime but that's still pretty good too. I hope everyone can remember why we celebrate the holiday and give thanks to God for his gifts along with the gifts of family. Call a relative or talk to them in person that you haven't seen for awhile or even a friend from the Navy or wherever you know them from.

I saw that Cain Wallner received the top linebacker award also called the SDFBCA 2024 Chad Greenway LB of the Year Award. What a great award for Cain who has put in so much work to get better every year to finish his career with this award as he leaves CHS and heads to USD to play linebacker down in the Dome. Good luck to Cain and Vermillion is not too far away and I hope to come watch you play in the next level since I started watching you when you were in 5th and 6th grade and I could see you have some great talent for football (maybe not so much in 6 inches of snow) but not only football he is a great kid and seems to be good to everyone young and old. Good luck Cain.

Bowl season is on us as they have started games and even my favorite team Nebraska is in a bowl game on the 28th at noon in Yankee Stadium against Boston College so looking forward to watching them play again so enjoy your team play again and then the playoffs so should be a big month ahead for college football.

The wrestling team traveled down to Elk Point and won a couple of big duals to improve to 7-0. The matches were quick and as the bus driver you have to like those as we were back in Canton by about 8 pm and the basketball games were still going when I dropped them off. We defeated both the games with



# Emmerson's Battle

*continued from front*

Based on where the tumor was located and the complexity of removing it, she has had struggles with her balance, vision, and aphasia with word finding and reading. Emmerson's oncologist said the tumor was a low-grade cancer with a less than 10% chance of returning.

In Minneapolis, Emmerson did countless hours of therapy, along with ten days of inpatient rehabilitation at Lifescape in Sioux Falls. After forty-nine days of being in the hospital, Emmerson was able to come home on October 3rd. She has had an additional surgery to place a subdural shunt to help drain fluid off of the top of her brain.



two months for her next MRI and follow up appointments. Emmerson has been doing outpatient PT/OT/ST since she came home in October and continues to do that three times a week at Sanford Canton-Inwood Hospital. Emmerson loves being back at school full-time.

"Canton Community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the love and support you have given us during this challenging time. The

BIG impact of a small town was on full display while we were in Minneapolis, MN. The doctors and nurses would make frequent positive comments on the large number of visitors we had, and the large volume of cards and gifts delivered to Emmerson's room! Thank you

everyone who has delivered meals to our home. Thank you everyone who participated in the cooler and meat raffle at the C-Hawk home sporting events this fall. Thank you to the local businesses and churches that have supported us in various ways." -Dylan & Jami Paulson

## Special Christmas Gift

*continued from front*

When asked about her favorite part of Christmas, she answered that she loves to decorate for Christmas and when everyone comes home for the holiday. She believes that this generation of people has gotten too busy with everything from jobs to technology, to driving, and the list goes on. She wishes they would "stop to smell the roses" and cherish each day. She was raised with the Dutch way of life around her, where say, if her husband were to mow the lawn on a Sunday, he would lose customers at the bank. "It's just a different way of life," Anderson commented.

She spent most of her younger years working for the city of Rock Valley and raising their children. She loved every aspect of being a mother, even when it was hard.

Although she will be 94 years old this Christmas Eve, her mind is very sharp, "I talk fast, I walk fast, my mind spins constantly!" she remarked. She wishes that she would have started writing a diary of her life, as she can remember all the way back to when she was just three years old. The only thing she complains of, is occasional foot numbness. "I've always been cold!" she commented with a warm smile.

Anderson was asked a couple of years ago what her secret to her long lifespan is. She replied with, "#1 loving the Lord, and #2, I never



smoked," which was a big thing in her time as a youth. She feels truly fortunate about her life, saying "everything kind of works itself out."

Her family are all coming to Canton for Christmas, where

all twenty-nine of them will be gathering in her home. She jokes it is only because of her age they are all coming for the holiday.

"Every day is a gift. I have loved my long, wonderful life." -Barb Anderson

## LAND AUCTION

+/- 93.48 Surveyed Acres of Productive High Percentage Tillable Prairie Township Union County, SD Land - Situated in a Highly Regarded Agricultural Area Between Beresford, SD & Alcester, SD and Hawarden, Iowa

The Heirs of Harold E. Hofman (Hofman Family Trust) have authorized Sutton Auctioneers and Land Brokers the privilege to offer this productive parcel of land at public auction, with the auction to be held "On Site" at the land located from the Beresford, SD Exit #47 on I-29 – 1½ miles east through Beresford to 472nd Ave. (NE 13th St.), then 1 mile south on 472nd Ave. to the Lewis & Clark Water Tower, then 1 mile east on 298th St. (Co. Hwy. 11) and ½ mile south on 473rd Ave. (the SE Corner of the land is located at the Jet. of 473rd Ave. & 299th St.

**TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2025 SALE TIME: 11:00 AM**

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This auction presents an opportunity to purchase a parcel of land with a high percentage tillable and some potential hunting opportunities. This property has been in the Hofman family and has not been available for purchase for several decades, thus this auction presents what might be the opportunity of a lifetime to purchase this desirable parcel of Union County, SD land.

This land is under lease for the 2025 and 2026 crop year, thus The buyer will assume the existing cash rental farm lease - calculated as 90 @ \$250.00 per acre for a total annual cash rent of \$22,500.00 per year, payable as \$11,250.00 on 3/01/2025, \$11,250.00 on 10/01/2025, \$11,250.00 on 3/01/2026 and \$11,250.00 on 10/01/2026; AS AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT TO THE BUYER – The Sellers have agreed to pay a rental enhancement of \$75.00 per acre over and above the \$250.00 cash rental rate, thus the total rental rate to the buyer will actually be a total of \$325.00 per acre – this enhanced rental rate of \$75.00 per acre on 90 acres or \$6,750.00 per year multiplied by 2 years for a total rental enhancement of \$13,750.00 will be paid IN FULL to the Buyer at closing. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be in attendance at this auction. Chuck Sutton

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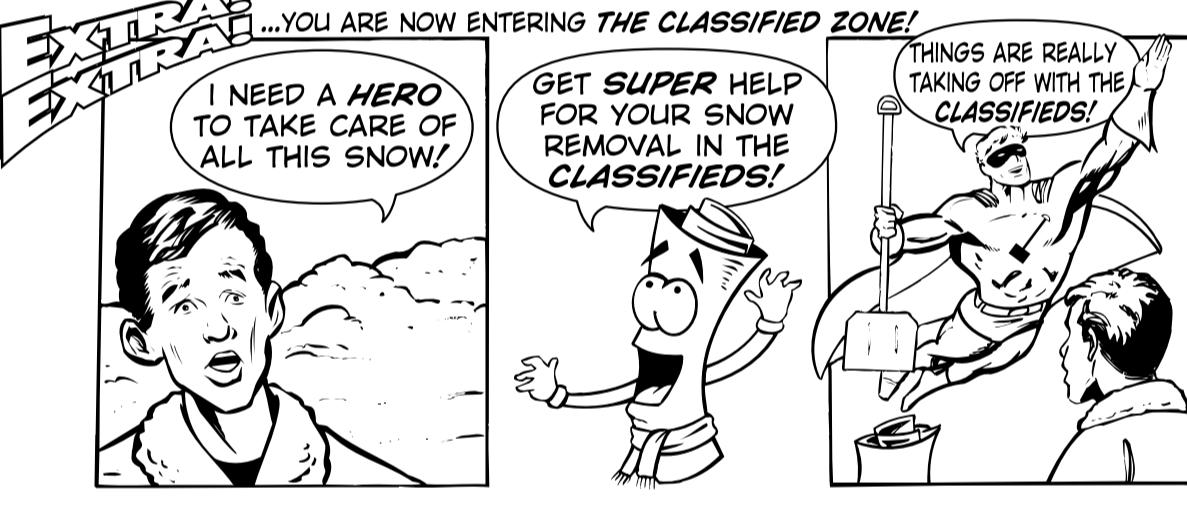
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## Girls Basketball Win Against Garretson

The C-Hawks took on Garretson last Tuesday night and came out victorious. After losing two close games this year, they have one in the win column. The final score was 54-14.

Jenna VandeWeerd: 24 pts on 11 of 15 shooting

Camryn Skiles: 14 pts, 4 steals  
Brynn Oakland: 6 pts, 9 assists, and 6 rebounds

Team shot 54% from the field. Held Garretson to 17% shooting causing 22 turnovers.



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## Boys Basketball Still Finding Their Groove

The Boys basketball team is trying to rebuild their roster as they lost a lot of key players from last year. The team is 0-2 so far after a loss to Elk Point Jefferson and Garretson this past Tuesday night.

Alex Rhead scored 11 points for the team and 2 rebounds.

Corbin Winquist scored 10 points and 6 rebounds.

Noah Beatty scored 6 points and 3 rebounds.

Theo Meister scored 5 points, 1 rebound and one steal.

Bil Yuek scored 4 points and 3 rebounds.

Andrew Ortman scored 4 points and 2 rebounds.

Ryder Thompson scored 3 points and had 5 rebounds.

Jarius Battese scored 3 points and had 1 steal.

Espn Anderson scored two points and had 1 rebound.



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