



Sioux Valley NEWS

2023

YEAR IN REVIEW



A Year In Review ~ Highlights of 2023



Coach Hout Shows Improvement Following Medical Emergency

In early November 2022, the *Sioux Valley News* ran a story about Canton High School teacher and basketball coach, Jordan Hout, after a sudden stroke landed him in the hospital mid-October. While out for a jog on October 15, Hout suddenly collapsed in the street. Canton citizen Joey Kapperman happened to be driving by at the time of the incident, and promptly dialed 911. EMS services arrived within just four minutes, and Hout was transported to Sioux Falls, where it was determined he had suffered a stroke.

According to Hout's father, the prompt actions by both Kapperman and the Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center staffed saved his son's life.

Following the incident, Hout remained at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls for a number of weeks, but was recently transferred down to QLI - a world-class rehabilitation center in Omaha that specializes in stroke, brain, spine and limb loss injuries - in December.

Jordan's father, Carmen Hout, says that his son "is doing well." Following the Christmas holiday, Carmen shared with the *Sioux Valley News* that Jordan is currently walking with a cane on his own, with no assistance from staff. His speech has also improved greatly, and he is now able to string a whole sentence together when speaking. However, he still has no movement in his right hand or fingers, but receives therapy for his condition 6-7 hours every day.

"He is a little homesick," Carmen added. "He is very humbled by the prayers, donations, cards, texts and calls he has received."

New Year Kicks Off With Winter Storm

A major winter storm moved through the region on January 2-4, 2023, dumping as much as 27 inches of snow in portions of southeastern South Dakota. While the Canton area saw snowfall totals of around 12-15 inches during those few days, higher amounts fell to the north and west in towns such as Lake Andes and Fulton (27), Armour and Dell Rapids (26.5), Parkston (26), Humboldt (25.5), Baltic (25), Salem (23), Montrose (20), Brandon (17) and Tea (16.5). Source: National Weather Service.

Add those snowfall totals to the several inches of snow that was still on the ground from the various winter storms that took place throughout the month of December, and you have many locations already seeing snowfall totals near the top of the historical records.



CHS Grad Covers FCS Championship as SDSU Reporter

From the time he was just a young boy, Marshall Minihan - a Canton High School graduate of 2021 - knew he wanted to someday become a sports reporter. In fact, that dream was documented in an elementary school project when he was in 4th grade, where he said that he wanted to be an ESPN reporter when he grew up.

When the SDSU Jackrabbits football team made it to Texas for the FCS National

Championship in early January, Minihan also found himself on the way down to Frisco to be one of two *Collegian* staffers to cover the event.

Having the opportunity to cover an event of this magnitude also gave Minihan a glimpse of what he hopes his future career could be like.



Kreber Places First in Powerlifting

Jackie Kreber competed at the Salem Slammer Powerlifting meet on Saturday January 14, 2023. Jackie took First place in the 165 lb division. The 165 lb weight division had 15 total lifters. The qualifying lift to secure her 1st place finish were: Squat 265 lb, Benchpress 135 lb and Deadlift 315 lb for a total of 715 lb.

One Act Play - One Stoplight Town

This year's One Act Play was directed by Alyssa Lothrop. Cast included: Seth Gustad, Kiley Grebner, Natylie Myers, Jack Page, Carlee Laubach, Oliver Kappenman, Madison Gross, Jaym Warejcka, Samantha Gubbels, Kiauna Hart, Morgan Carlon, Benjamin Buitenbos. Crew included: Traun, Cook, Layne Grebner, Colin Gustad, Colton Ventura. Competition was Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Lincoln County Commission Approves \$50M in Funding for a New Justice Center
The next big question: Where to build it?

The Lincoln County Courthouse in Canton is facing growing pains. There are not enough courtrooms to handle all the cases. It's why the Lincoln County Commission moved to fund a new justice center.

With 4 of 5 commissioners voting in favor, Lincoln County approved a bond December 9 to finance up to \$54.8 million for a new courthouse facility.

It also means a rise in property taxes roughly \$35 to \$50 a year for every \$100,000 a property is worth.

Though raising taxes is a sore subject, Lincoln County Commissioner Joel Arends says the need for a new courthouse and court space needed to be addressed.

CHS to Build a New Grain Shuttle Facility in Southeast South Dakota

CHS Inc. will begin construction this spring on a new grain shuttle facility in southeast South Dakota, a strategic location in its Pacific Northwest corridor. "We continue to reinvest in projects that bring even more value to our owners while expanding customer-focused retail solutions for area farmers," says Rick Dusek, executive vice president of CHS ag retail operations. The new facility will include industry-leading technology and the latest safety features in the new 1.1-million-bushel grain facility. It will be built near the intersection of Interstate 29 and State Highway 44 in southeast South Dakota and tie into an existing rail loop currently used for CHS agronomy operations. The facility will feature fast and efficient receiving and loadout capabilities to bring area farmers even more market access in the Pacific Northwest grain corridor and other important markets.

Middle School All-State Band Huron, SD

The South Dakota Music Education Association presented the 24th Annual SD Middle School All-State Band on March 4, 2023 in the Huron High School Auditorium. This concert featured over 200 - 6th-8th graders from across the state performing in two bands under the direction of Dr. Alan LaFave and Mr. Jeff Patzlaff.

Canton was proud to have Wyatt Tuntland, Wyatt Jacobs, and Calex Jarman participating this year.

In Memoriam 2023

The following are names of loved ones published in the *Sioux Valley News* obituary listing during 2023

Arlis Eiesland
Francis D. Beuckens
Michael "Mike" Robert McMahon
Maurine Esther Ruesink
Rebecca Anne Earll
Duane Woods
Debra Lynn Burgers
Keith Miles
Mary Dean
Dr. Leslie "Les" Hemmingson
Keith N. Trowbridge
Janice "Katy" Hitzemann
Judy Karen Naglestad
Beverly "Bev" Sievers
Nellie Rozeboom
Norris D. Wika
Ardell Mavis Johnson
Richard Lynn Burgess
Doris Jean (Leivestad) Gist
H. Richard Toso
Lucia (Lucy) Elizabeth Schneider
Beverly Sendelbach Sogn
Mary Ann Rager
Clarence Zomer
Darlene Mae Breukelman Van Zee
Donald Nelson
Joyce Jonnes
Dianne Grayson

Charles "Chuck" Oberle
Kristi M. Vande Vegte
Donald Nelson
Beverly Jean Frislie
Gerrit VanDenTop, Jr.
Harriet Behring
Joseph Truman Haas
Bonnie Bell Olson
Donald Gene Sweeter
Ronald Eugene Gordy
Wilbur Zeilstra
Carolyn (Sue) Naglestad
Dennis Dean Kessel
Verle G. O'Connell
John P. Twedt
Corrine Gifford Kuehl
Elvera "Elli" J. Samlaska
Brian Alden
Paul Dale Kelly
Mildred "Millie" Hyronemus
Galyn Oakland
Tommy Stensland
Thomas "Tom" Raymon
Reid Benjamin Mathison
Joyce Kaffar
Carol Lotus Simon Jones Olmstead
Marvin Reynolds
Douglas P. Chaulk

Dennis S. Hanson
Judy Hemmingson
Jean I. Monen
Judy Sperling
Heather Zinns
George W. Caswell
Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Kaltenbach
Bruce Kevin Eneboe
John Vanderwerf
Odell Plucker
Beverly Murray Amundson
Keith A. Teel
Shirley Vanderwerf Nelson
Barb Dupuy
Timothy Fox
Rosella "Rosie" Ida Stensland
Dale Renner
Paulette Kay Vetos
Linda Van Bockern
Leroy Feekes
Gerald "Jerry" Johnson Sr.
George Kamenar
Betty Courtney
Pauline Groen
Darlene Rae (Miller) Jervik
Lynda Standley
Marie "Teenie" Heeren
John A. Standley

Grace Aileen Ulrikson
Deloris Stengel
Phillip Stratmeyer
Tanner Larson
Alvin "Sonny" Hagseth
Clarence John Van't Hul
Charles "Chuck" Mullinix
Leonard Frank Block Sr.
Margaret Baldwin
Dorothy A. Brynjulson
Winnie Fredrickson
Darlene E. Kuehl
Clifford France Scott, Jr
Sandra Thorsby
Larry Heyden
Gordon Wilford Powell
Anne Marie Young
Sandra "Sandy" Thorsby
Donald "Don" Pottratz
Beverly "Bev" Coleman
Rochelle Elaine Wilcox Willert
"Rocky" Oakland
Chester Bowling
Ward Franklin Twedt
Charolyn "Chari" Hoogendoorn

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**The Girls Are Back In Town
Canton Girl Scout Troop 41802 Sets Big Goal for Cookie Season**

While the very first Girl Scouts in 1912 could have never imagined some of badges available to Girl Scouts today, such as Digital Photography, Cybersecurity, or Robotics, they all share plenty of timeless similarities: they connect with their communities, enjoy time spent outdoors, challenge themselves to new heights, and find ways to make the world a better place for everyone.

For the first time in several years, a Girl Scout troop is back in the Canton community. While a troop had existed at one time for many years, it had disbanded in 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis. So when Byron Ostrom and his family moved to Canton from Sioux Falls a couple years ago, his daughter, Harper, was disappointed there was not an active Girl Scout troop to join. Therefore, the family decided to take matters into their own hands.



Canton Area Cinderella Project

The idea first occurred to Laurel Laubach, of Canton, when she saw someone make a post on social media about wanting to give some gently-used prom dresses away. Knowing that Canton United Methodist Church has always been so gracious about allowing its members to utilize the church space for other community projects, such as Toys for Canton Area Tots, Laubach thought perhaps the church could become a central location for prom dress donations.

After being given the green light, the Canton Area Cinderella Project was born. Soon after, Laubach also recruited the help of Sarah Woods and Daneen Gannon to assist with the project.

So far, the Canton Area Cinderella Project has already received donations of 16 dresses.

Kreber Takes First Two Personal Records

Jackie Kreber and Coach Crystal Jaeger competed at the USAPL Powerlifting Dakota High School and Collegiate Championships on Saturday February 18, 2023.

Jackie took First place in the 75kg Teen II Raw division. Jackie had 9 qualifying lifts and two Personal Records.

Squat : 102.5 kg, 117.5kg, and 127.5 kg.
Bench : 55kg, 62.5 kg, and Personal Record of 65kg.

Deadlift 125kg, 142.5 kg, and Personal Record of 152.5 kg.

Jackie lifted a total of 345 kg which gave her a coefficient of 4.75

Jackie will be back in action at the SD high school state meet on March 18, 2023 in Salem, SD.



Rare Ski Hill Memorabilia Donated to Canton Depot Museum

A unique donation has been made to the Canton Depot Museum by Bryce Dreeszen from Wisconsin, whose parents had ties to the Canton Ski Hill back in 1936.

The Canton Ski Hill, which was located just east of Canton directly south of Highway 18 on the Iowa side of the Big Sioux River, was constructed back in 1912 after a group of Norwegian students visiting Augustana College (located in Canton at that time) had noticed the impressive bluffs across the river and expressed the potential they thought it had to become a ski hill. After a student-led effort to clear the trees, the Augustana College Club transformed into the Sioux Valley Ski Club, and the site soon became a popular location for skiing fanatics across the nation.

A 1936 photo donated by Dreeszen shows a view of the ski hill from the top of the chute (facing north), looking down towards where event spectators would stand. Also visible in the photo is a man smoothing out the snow on the slope, several people scattered near the bottom of the hill, the frozen Big Sioux River, and a few vehicles parked further north along the road. Because of the visibly undisturbed snow, it is assumed this photo was taken right before the tournament would have taken place.



CHS Students Get 'Reality Check'

Over 70 students in grades 10-12 at Canton High School were treated to a dose of reality last Tuesday morning when they were given the opportunity get a taste of what life as an adult may be like by participating in a unique event as a part of their Personal Finance and Government classes. This event was sponsored by Love INC of Greater Canton and held in conjunction with the Canton School District and several local businesses.

The event was called Reality Check, and it provided an opportunity for adolescents to gain some insight into the many responsibilities of adulthood while offering the students an opportunity to think about their future career choices. To start the morning off, students were able to choose a career, whereupon they

received a checkbook that reflected an entry level salary for that career. Students were also assigned a marital status and a random number of children. From there, the students were released into the high school commons area where a mock community awaited them.

Sons of Norway to Present "Tales From the Grave"

On Saturday, March 18, the Sons of Norway hosted a local history program at the Canton Depot Museum, called "Tales From the Grave." The event was free and open to the public, and told the stories of two historical figures from Canton's past.

The two stories which were portrayed on March 18 were those of Magnus O. Bergstrom and Aage Goodmunsen Skartvedt, both of whom were Norwegian immigrants and are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery. Portrayals of the men were be done by brothers John Peterson (Bergstrom) and Bill



Peterson (Skartvedt).

Canton Bowling Takes Second

The Canton Varsity Boys fell short of a championship at state bowling last Friday. They lost to Sioux Falls Lincoln taking second place. Bowlers were Tayten Aasheim, Landon McMartin, Darin Swier, Jacob VandeWeerd, Deandre Woodson, Colin



Wiersma and Nick Vaksdal.

Canton Native Spearheads South Dakota JDRF Chapter

For Jessi Buer, advocating for those diagnosed with juvenile diabetes is a passion she has always held close to her heart.

Buer, a Canton native who graduated from Canton High School in 2005, was first exposed to the struggles with Type 1 Diabetes (or T1D) may face when her oldest brother, Jarrod Feucht, was diagnosed with the disease 35 years ago at just six years old. Her niece, Sierra, was also diagnosed at age 12.

When a person has T1D, their body stops producing insulin, a hormone that is essential in turning food into energy. People living with the disease are required to constantly monitor their blood-sugar levels, administer insulin, and carefully balance insulin doses with their eating habits and daily activity. Even with a strict regimen, people with T1D may still experience dangerously high or low blood-glucose levels that can be life threatening in extreme cases.

Officer Hunter Ray Graduated from the 185th Law Enforcement Academy

In addition to Officer Ray graduating, he is also the recipient of the Coler-Williams Memorial Award.

In 1975, two FBI Agents were murdered on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. It is in the memory of these men and their sacrifice that the South Dakota Peace Officers' Association awards one recruit from each South Dakota Law Enforcement Academy session with the Coler-Williams Memorial Award. Recipients of this award have demonstrated all-around outstanding performance while attending the academy.

Officer Ray originally comes from Tennessee and has been with the Canton Police Department since February 10, 2022.

Aurora Borealis Lights Up Night Sky

The Northern Lights, or the Aurora Borealis, are beautiful dancing waves of light seen in the night sky that have captivated people for centuries. While the lights are most commonly seen between the latitudes of 60 and 75 degrees and in locations of the world such as Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Russia, Canada and Alaska, there are rare occasions when the lights can be seen even further south.

Last Thursday night was one of those rare events. On March 23, people across the United States were treated to a spectacular light show in the northern sky, including those living right here in southeastern South Dakota and northwest Iowa. The lights, which are commonly seen in shades of green, blue, purple and red, are caused by solar activity on the surface of the sun.



Blast From the Past - The Rudolph Hotel

For those who are familiar with the downtown Canton area, the grandiose Rudolph Hotel exists today only as a foggy memory for those who were around to experience it as a hotel, and as a grainy, black and white photo for those who were born after its time.

Once located at 220 East 5th Street, the Rudolph Hotel was built in 1902 by a stock company headed by Canton businessman O. A. Rudolph. The hotel was by far Canton's largest and grandest hotel in its history. The three-story brick structure had forty-four guest rooms, each with its own telephone which could call the front desk for room service.

Snowfall Total for Canton Area Currently 40 Inches Above Normal

While the calendar may technically say we have reached the spring season, snowfall in southeastern South Dakota is usually not over with for at least the next month. Traditionally, the month of April has been known for producing significant snowfall, however long-term forecasts for the area only show a few chances of light snow in the next few weeks. With the higher temperatures, along with significant rainfall in the forecast as well, it is unlikely that any new snowfall will accumulate to very much.

**Thank you to all those who worked tirelessly
in 2023 to move Canton forward!
We look forward to working with you in 2024!**



As of mid-March, the Canton area has had 73.4 inches of snow for the year (since July 2022), which is 41.3 inches above average. Comparatively, Canton received only 16.9 inches of snowfall last year.

Canton Middle Schooler to Perform at Orpheum Theatre

A Canton middle schooler who made her debut performance in last fall's middle school production of Footloose is set to hit the stage again, but this time she can be seen on stage at the iconic Orpheum Theatre in Sioux Falls.

Eliana Kilmer, who played the lead female role of Ariel in Footloose, will perform as one of the child soloists in this year's production of The Passion and the Cross. Her mother, Rosalinda Kilmer, will also star in the show as a member of the adult ensemble. Eliana was a member of the inaugural cast of The Passion and the Cross in 2021, and Rosalinda joined the cast just last year. The mother-daughter duo was also a part of the inaugural cast of Prince of Peace, a Christmas musical at the Orpheum Theatre in December 2022.

in this group are excelling music students, who want to help spread music.

A group of students introduced the contest at the beginning of March and the winners got to enjoy an ice cream party to celebrate their musical talent. These students had a lot of fun getting out of class to enjoy ice cream and meet some Tri-M members.

Deinema Foundation Grants Awarded

The Children's Theatre provides children of all abilities the chance to experience theatre from acting, directing, costumes, lights, sound, and tech crew, regardless of their family's financial status. For many children in Canton this is their only experience with the theater arts.

A check for \$3,000 was presented to the Canton Good Samaritan to assist in updating the resident activity/recreation room through the purchase of a large screen TV and other upgrades.

A check for \$830 was presented to the Canton Area Historical Society to assist in some of the costs associated with maintaining



Lawrence Elementary School with a check for \$240. The donation will fund 100 school lunches for students whose families may struggle to afford them.

Canton High School Band Celebrates 100 Years

On Thursday, May 4, 2023, the Canton High School Band celebrated its 100-year anniversary at their spring concert at the Performing Arts Center, and was under the direction of Mrs. Kristen Dunlap.

Not only did the Concert Band perform musical selections with a "space" theme in honor of the concert falling on "Intergalactic Star Wars Day" - "May the 4th be with you" - the audience was treated to the world premiere of *For Old Time's Sake*, a special commissioned musical piece written specifically for the band's 100th anniversary. The piece was written and composed by musical composer Haley Woodrow and was funded in partnership with the Canton Performing Arts Council.

last Saturday.

Staff of the Canton office that helped pick up the donations were: Beth Delfs, Dwaine Tiedemann, Dean Rothenberger, Beth Oltmans, OJ Sorlie, Jason Naglestd, Mark Esche, Verlyn Williams, Ryan Buckneberg, Jared Hill and Stephanie Fossum.

Summer Latchkey Program Continues to Draw Large Enrollment Numbers

The Summer Latchkey Program has been a staple in the Canton community for a number of years, providing fun and engaging entertainment for elementary school-aged kids throughout the summer months. While the program has existed for decades, enrollment is up to an all-time high.

Nicole Sehr, who signed on as the Latchkey Director six years ago, says there are 96 kids enrolled in the program this summer.

Canton Chamber of Commerce Awards

Stitches ~ Business of the Year • Shirley Temple ~ Citizen of the Year

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announced the Canton community's Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year on May 17 at the Annual Chamber Meeting at The Canton Barn. This year's recipients were Shirley Temple (Citizen of the Year) and Stitches (Business of the Year).



Mamma Mia! Coming to Stage April 14-16

The Canton Theatre Department were back on stage at the Canton Performing Arts Center on April 14-16 with their annual spring musical. This year's production will be Mamma Mia!, a stage adaptation of the 2008 romantic musical comedy film starring Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgård.

The story is one Donna (Streep), an independent hotel owner in the Greek islands, who is preparing for her daughter's upcoming wedding with the help of her two best friends. Meanwhile, her daughter Sophie (Seyfried), the spirited bride-to-be, secretly invites three men from her mother's past (Brosnan, Firth and Skarsgård) in hopes of meeting her real father and having him escort her down the aisle on her wedding day.

Music in Our Schools Contest Held

Tri-M music honor society recently held a coloring and poster contest for the elementary students this past March. Tri-M is a musical honor society which promotes music throughout their community. Students



the Society's historical house property such as tree maintenance.

The \$2,000 grant award to the Boy Scout Troop 60 will be utilized in their scholarship fund to assist scouts with the costs associated with attending summer camping experiences.

Canton Wrestling Club to Host Fundraiser for Youth Coach Swanson

On Saturday, April 29, the Canton Wrestling Club hosted a fundraiser at Gate City Events Center to benefit one of Canton's very own youth wrestling coaches, Dillon Swanson, following his recent cancer diagnosis earlier this spring.

Swanson, a 2008 Canton High School graduate and a former C-Hawk wrestler himself, has been a coach for the Canton youth wrestling program for the past several years. His recent diagnosis was made when cancerous cells were discovered during some follow-up testing on an injury that occurred last fall. Swanson is currently undergoing a total of nine weeks of chemotherapy treatment in Sioux Falls.

Following the discovery, it didn't take long for members of the Canton and C-Hawk wrestling communities to come together to assist the Swanson family.

Troop 41802 Gives Back to Local School

Canton's new Girl Scout Troop 41802 is less than a year old, but is already making waves throughout its community. After a successful cookie season this spring - over 6,800 boxes sold as a troop - the girls decided to use some of the money that was raised and donate it to a worthy cause.

Members of Troop 41802 presented



Mayor Lundstrom Sworn in for Second Term

The Canton City Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Depot. All Commissioners were present at the time of roll call.

Under Visitors to be Heard, Pool Committee Chairman Todd Gannon gave an update on the pool progress and mentioned that hindsight is 20/20. He said the committee never expected construction costs to rise so fast even with Covid. The committee has downsized the size of the project and is working on many options for extra funding for the new Canton Pool. Follow Dive into the Canton Pool for more updates.

With no further discussion, the only item under Special Business was Swearing in Mayor Lundstrom. City Attorney Larry Nelson was present to swear in Mayor Lundstrom for a new five year term. Applause occurred from all in attendance.

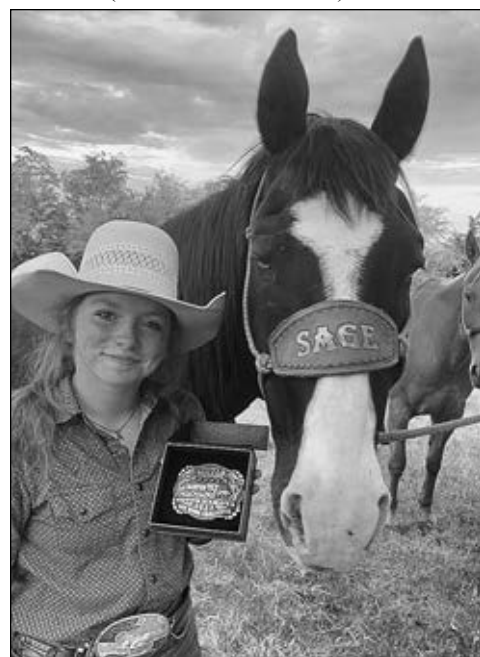
Sixty-Five CHS Graduates Receive Their Diplomas

The Canton Class of 2023 walked the stage to receive their diplomas on Saturday, May 13 at the Canton Performing Arts Center. The presentation of diplomas were done by Mrs. Tanya Iverson and Mrs. Robin Kappenman, members of the Canton School Board of Education.

Following the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," performed by the CHS Band under the direction of Mrs. Kristen Dunlap, the CHS Choir performed "And Wherever You Go" and "Go Now in Peace." The choir was under the direction of Mr. Jacob Versteeg.

USPS Food Drive Helps Local Families

The Canton United States Postal Service held their annual Letter Carriers' Food drive



Hill Named Youth Champion

Sage Hill, Canton, was named the youth Champion in the SD Top Hand Challenge. She was 1st in Sorting, 4th in Trail, 3rd in Western Riding, 1st in Barrels, and 1st in Ranch Roping. All of that combined earned her the youth All Around buckle. The challenge was held near Hartford, on June 3, 2023.

50 Years and 50,000 Lives Saved Keystone Treatment Center to Celebrate Milestone Anniversary

It has been 50 years since the doors of Keystone Treatment Center in Canton first opened, and in honor of that milestone, a series of celebrations were held through the months of July and August in honor of what has been referred to by many as "The Spirit of Keystone" and the 50,000 lives that have been saved through the center's various treatment programs.

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End of 2022-2023 Boys Basketball Season

C-Hawk boys finish the season with a 9-11 record.

C-Hawk Boys Basketball Team Go 1-1 over Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team traveled to Dell Rapids on Thursday, January 5 and were defeated by the Quarriers then on Friday, January 6 they traveled to Elkton and got the victory.

In the Dell Rapids game the Hawks were cold in the shooting as they couldn't find the basket as they only had 7 first quarter points and 6 in the 4th quarter. The Hawks were outscored 24-8 in the 2nd to fall behind 35-15 at halftime. The Hawks scored 15 quarter points in the 3rd but were outscored 15-6 for the 67-36 loss.

Then on Friday the Hawks turned up their shooting with four players with double digits scoring led by Langerock with 14 on 6 of 8 from the field and 2 of 4 from three point land followed by Tieszen with 14 on 4 of 9 from the field and 5 of 8 from the free throw line. Canton won the game 59-49 and after a 27-27 halftime score the Hawks scored 21 points to just 10 from Elkton/Lake Benton enroute to the victory.

C-Hawk Boys Basketball Go 1-2 During the Week

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team played 3 games during the week and won one and lost 2 as they defeated Garretson and suffered losses to Tea Area and Canisota putting their season record to 3-4.

Canton faced Tea Area and they started out good outscoring the Titans 17-11 then in the 2nd quarter they were outscored 25-17 making it a halftime score of 36-34 with Tea taking the lead. In the 3rd the Titans scored the first 15 points as they scored 21 quarter points with the Hawks getting only 7 putting the score at 57-41 after 3 quarters. Tea increased their lead by outscoring the Hawks 18-4 as they cruised to the 75-45.

Canton next hosted Garretson on Friday, January the 13th and they scored 21 in the 1st and 32 in the 2nd quarters to grab a 53-17 halftime lead. Garretson outscored the hawks 17-10 in the 3rd but Canton held them to 4 final quarter points as they scored 14 for the 77-38 victory.

Then on Saturday afternoon Canton faced off against Canisota and the hawks started out cold in the first half as they fell behind 17-5 after the 1st quarter and 27-18 at halftime. Both teams scored 14 points in the 3rd quarter making it 41-32 with 8 minutes left in the game. Canton fought their way back in the game as they outscored the other Hawks 14-7 but they tied the score at 42-42 with one minute left in the game. With time running out and Canisota with a 2 point lead the Hawks got the ball and but missed their last two shots under the basket and came up 2 points short in their comeback to fall 48-46 putting their season record at 3-4.

C-Hawk Boys Go 1-1 Over the Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball traveled to Beresford on Friday night and lost to the Watchdogs 80-45 then went to Madison on Saturday for a game in the DSU Field house against Lakota Tech and won 69-61 to put their



record at 4-5 for the season.

Friday night the Hawks played the Watchdogs and Beresford was ready to play from the start as they jumped out to a huge lead and outscored the Hawks 19-7 and then in the 2nd quarter Canton scored 15 points but the Dogs found the 3 point range and scored 27 to take a 46-22 halftime lead. Turnovers and Beresford's hot shooting is killing the Hawks. In the 3rd quarter Canton outscored the Dogs 19-15 but the Hawks still trailed by 20 points at 61-41 heading into the final quarter. With substitutes in the game the Hawks couldn't buy a basket as they were outscored 19-4 and Beresford didn't help the Hawks as they were 14 of 17 from the free throw line and 12 of 20 from the 3 point line. Beresford went on to defeat the Hawks 80-45.

Then on Saturday the Hawks traveled to DSU Fieldhouse to face Lakota Tech and the Hawks played a lot better and better team basketball as they won 69-61 in a close, tight game. Canton was led by 2 players that went double-double as Matt Anderson scored 20 points along with 15 rebounds along with Jacob VandeWeerd 20 points with 10 rebounds. Anderson was awarded the player of the game for his efforts. Canton started out by scoring 20 points in the 1st to Lakota Tech's 18 and then at halftime it was a one point game 35-34. Canton scored 16 third quarter points to 12 for LT then in the final quarter Canton outscored LT 18-15 to win 69-61.

C-Hawk Boys Basketball Team Wins 3 Games

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team won 3 games during the week to improve their record to 7-5 as they defeated Tri Valley, Sioux Falls Lutheran and Parker but got snowed out of a match in Madison against Milbank.

Canton started out the week in Tri Valley as they defeated the Mustangs 70-42 after taking a big lead in the 2nd quarter as they out scored them 22-7 to take the halftime lead 32-15. In the 3rd the Hawks scored 26 quarter points to 13 for the Mustangs as the Hawks increased their lead to 30 points 58-28 then got everyone into the game and cruised to the 70-42 victory.

Canton next hosted Sioux Falls Lutheran on Thursday and the Hawks won 87-35 and took control of the game in the 2nd quarter when they outscored SFL 30-7 to take the big lead at halftime 51-20. Canton held them to 5 third quarter points as they scored 21 to lead 73-25 and cruised to the 87-35 victory for their 2nd win of the week.

Canton traveled to Parker on Friday night and they came home with a 67-47 victory for their 3rd win for the week making them 7-5 for the season. Canton had a close game with Parker as the Hawks led 11-10 after the 1st then 26-23 at halftime but even after the 3rd quarter the Hawks held a small lead at 41-33 then in the final quarter they outscored the Pheasents 26-14 to win 67-47 for to give them a clean sweep for the week.

C-Hawk Boys Basketball Fall to SF Christian

The Canton boys basketball team hosted the Sioux Falls Christian team and they were defeated 69-53.

In the first quarter against the Chargers the Hawks had a hard time finding the basket and only scored 3 points in the quarter with SF scoring only 10 but in the 2nd the Chargers hit for 28 points with Canton getting 11 to make the score 38-14 at halftime. After the half the Hawks scored 29 points to 18 from SF to close the gap to 56-43 heading into the final quarter. In the 4th Canton couldn't catch up as they scored 10 quarter points with the Chargers hitting on 13 giving Canton the 69-53 defeat putting their record to 7-6.

Canton Boys' Basketball have a Busy Week Ahead

The Canton Boys basketball team hosted Elk Point Jefferson on Tuesday and lost a hard fought battle 78-66 then they traveled to Madison and were defeated 71-63 to drop their season record to 7-8.

The C-Hawks kept the game tight at the end of the 1st quarter as they trailed only 20-17 then they were outscored 21-16 in the 2nd to trail 41-33 at halftime. Canton came out strong in the 3rd quarter holding EPJ to just 8 points with good defense and rebounding to narrow the lead to 47-46 heading into the final 8 minutes of the game. In the

4th quarter Canton grabbed the lead halfway thru the quarter 54-53 and both teams exchanged the lead a few times then a questionable foul call on Jacob VandeWeerd took him out of the game and the Huskies pulled away as the Hawks had to send them to the foul line and they went on to win 78-66.

In the Madison game on Saturday afternoon the Hawks played a close, physical first quarter and trailed 12-11 after the 1st quarter then took the lead in the 2nd as they outscored the Bulldogs 21-18 for a halftime lead of 32-30. More battling in the 3rd quarter as they the lead changed hands a few times but the Canton had a 46-43 lead heading into the final 8 minutes. Canton went cold on their shooting and Madison was able to hit some 3 point shots but they pulled ahead with Canton fighting back with Braxton Mulder hitting some 3 points and 5 of 7 for the game but it wouldn't be enough as they went on to lose 71-63 as they Bulldogs out score the Hawks 28-17 for the win.

Boys Basketball Close Out Season, Prepare for Playoffs

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team traveled to West Central and then hosted the #1 ranked Dakota Valley Panthers and found out why they are ranked #1 as they were defeated at both games to fall to 7-10 with 2 games left before heading into the playoffs next week.

The Hawks traveled to West Central Tuesday and had a hard fought battle on the court with the Trojans and lost 46-35.

Then the Hawks welcomed the top rated Dakota Valley Panthers and they defeated the Hawks 85-49 putting the Hawks record at 7-10 and the Panthers moved to 18-0 and improved on their 46 game win streak.

Boys Season Ends, Tieszen Breaks Assist Record

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team traveled to Elk Point Jefferson on Tuesday night for the 1st round of the Region Tournament and were defeated 83-74 to end their 2022-23 season with a 9-11 record. Senior Derek Tieszen with his last assist set a new career record for assists with 259 breaking Jared Twedt's record of 258 set in his career in 2007-11. Tieszen broke the record with his last assist in the 4th quarter of his final game.

Canton kept the score close in the 1st quarter trailing 24-18 the 41-30 at halftime as EPJ started draining 3 point shots to extend their lead halfway thru the game. The Huskies stayed hot from long range and outscored the Hawks 19-14 to lead 60-44 heading into the final quarter. Canton started moving the ball around and hit their shots with Matt Anderson and Jacob VandeWeerd hitting shots under the basket and they got the score down to a 6 point difference with around 1 minute left in the game but could not get any closer and lost the game 83-74. The Hawks outscored the Huskies 30-24 in the final quarter but ended the game and season with a 9-11 record.

Canton says goodbye to 3 Seniors as they end their career at CHS and they are Derek Tieszen, Jacob VandeWeerd and Matthew Langerock.

End of 2022-2023 Girls Basketball Season

C-Hawk girls finish the season with a 14-7 record.

Lady Hawks Go 3-0 In BB Action

The Canton Lady Hawks basketball team had a successful week coming away with 3 wins to extend their record to 6-3 on the season. Monday night saw the C-Hawks take down a then 4-1 Tea Area Titans team 62-46. "The girls had a great team effort tonight with 4 girls seeing double digit scoring. That is hard to guard for opponents."

Brynn Oakland: 11 points, 5 rebounds

Bria Cady: 11 points

Amanda Lease: 11 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists

Shelbie Olseth: 10 pts

Danica Rozeboom: 6 points, 7 rebounds, 4 blocks

Jenna VandeWeerd: 8 points and 10 rebounds

The girls hit the hardcourt again Thursday night against the visiting Dakota Valley Panthers. The game got close down the stretch but the C-Hawks showed poise going 18 for 20 from the FT line to seal the deal 60-57.

Amanda Lease: 25 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assist, 4 steals

Bria Cady: 9 points

Danica Rozeboom: 6 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals

The week was capped off with another victory. This time the Lady Hawks defeated Canisota 62-49. "What a week the girls had.

Two games with 90% from the free throw line and 60+ points in the games. Many games see 9 different scorers and 10-12 girls seeing minutes which means they are playing as a team and accepting their different roles to bring the team success."

Amanda Lease: 21 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists

Brynn Oakland: 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals

Jenna VandeWeerd: 13 points, 7 rebounds

Landree Meister: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals

Girls Basketball Winning Streak

The Canton Girls Basketball team is on a 5 game winning streak over the past week with wins over Groton, Parker, #3 ranked Centerville, Garretson, and Madison.

Parker:

Jenna VandeWeerd: 14 points - 8 rebounds

Amanda Lease: 12 points - 7 rebounds

Bria Cady: 10 points - 4 steals

Centerville:

We took advantage of our height with Danica & Jenna against their smaller roster.

The girls did a wonderful job feeding the ball inside.

Danica Rozeboom: 17 points - 5 rebounds - 4 assists

Jenna VandeWeerd: 12 points - 9 rebounds - 4 blocks



Garretson:

Amanda Lease scored her 1,000 point to become only the second girl in program history to reach this milestone.

Danica Rozeboom: 13 points - 6 rebounds - 5 blocks

Amanda Lease: 10 points - 7 assists - 4 steals

Brynn Oakland: 8 points - 5 assists

Madison:

The girls caught fire shooting 9/14 from the 3 point line to get out to an early lead.

Amanda Lease: 20 points - 5 steals

Brynn Oakland: 11 points - 4 assist

Shelbie Olseth: 11 points

Girls Basketball Win First Round Regions/Lose Second

The Canton Basketball faced Beresford last Tuesday night for the first round of Regions. They came out ahead 60-43 to move on to the next round.

Canton faced Lennox on their home court. C-Hawks just couldn't get in the rhythm and lost 22-53 to end their season.

End of 2022-2023 Girls Wrestling Season

C-Hawks Girl Wrestling Places Second at State with three Champions

Girls Place Second In Tournament

Canton traveled to Harrisburg last Friday to participate in a large tournament. Team scores were Pierre 218; Canton 157; Viborg-Hurley/ Irene-Wakonda 132; Shawnee Mission Northwest 107; Bon Homme/ Scotland/ Avon 69 and Harrisburg 69 to round out the top 6.

Girls Wrestlers Win DAK-12

C-Hawks wrestled in Dakota Valley on January 21 for the DAK-12 Tournament. The girls took the team title along with six first place winners, four second place, three third place and one fourth place.

Canton Girls Wrestling Have Successful Weekend

Last Friday Night Canton hosted a triangular with Harrisburg and Pierre.

Pierre Results

Team Score: Canton 17- Pierre 27

Harrisburg Results

Team Score: Canton 36- Harrisburg 24

Canton traveled to Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda last Saturday for a triangular.

Huron Results:

Team Score: Canton 60- Huron 0

Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda Results:

Team Score: Canton 36- Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda 24

Two Champions at Harrisburg Tournament

Canton girls wrestling took part in the tournament held at Harrisburg and came



home with Carlee Laubach and Zoe Adam as champions of their weight class.

Girls Wrestlers Headed To State

The Canton Girls Wrestling Team is sending nine girls to state this year in Rapid City.

113 Sara Schroder; 120 Jayrn Warejcka; 126 Kieonna Smith; 132 Jersey Folkens-Kohr; 142 Brynn Mulder; 154 Natalia Long; 170 Carlee Laubach; 190 Zoë Adam; 285 Kiara King

Girls Wrestlers Take Second

C-Hawk girls wrestlers fell to Pierre 134 to 134.5 in team scores. Sara Schroder, Carlee Laubach and Zoe Adam took home first place in their weight class.

113 Sara Schroder (34-1) placed 1st; Champ. Round 1 - WBF 4:29 over Webster Area;

Quarterfinal Won 7-1 over Belle Fourche; Semifinal Won 5-3 over Rapid City Stevens; 1st Place Match - WBF 3:30

120 Jayrn Warejcka (22-18); Champ. Round 1 - Won 9-5 over Sturgis Brown; Quarterfinal - LBF 1:37 to Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon; Cons. Round 2 - LBF 2:01 to Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda

126 Kieonna Smith (21-15) placed 6th and scored 8.5 team points.; Champ. Round 1 - Won by Tech Fall 5:36 over Flandreau; Quarterfinal Won 3-2 over Pierre T.F.Riggs; Semifinal - Forfeit loss; Cons. Semi - LBF 3:28 to Huron; 5th Place Match - Lost by Forfeit to Sturgis Brown

132 Jersey Folkens (19-14); Champ. Round 1

- LBF 1:48 to Pierre T.F.Riggs; Cons. Round 1 - LFW 4:01 to Watertown

142 Brynn Mulder (12-17); Champ. Round 1 - LBF 1:34 to Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Cons. Round 1 - LBF 4:47 to Brookings

154 Natalia Long (23-10) placed 3rd and scored 18.0 team points; Champ. Round 1 - WBF 3:19 over Watertown; Quarterfinal - Won 6-2 over Lakota Tech; Semifinal - LBF 4:55 to Aberdeen Central; Cons. Semi - Won 4-0 over Harrisburg; 3rd Place Match - WBF 4:04 over Lakota Tech

170 Carlee Laubach (25-1) placed 1st and scored 30.0 team points; Champ. Round 1 - WBF 0:58 over Hot Springs; Quarterfinal - WBF 0:52 over Sioux Falls Roosevelt; Semifinal - WBF 5:10 over Pierre T.F.Riggs; 1st Place Match - WBF 0:58 over Brookings

190 Zoë Adam (22-1) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points; Champ. Round 1 - Zoë Adam (Canton) 22-1 received a bye; Quarterfinal - WBF 1:50 over Rapid City Stevens; Semifinal - WBF 2:47 over Watertown; 1st Place Match - won in tie breaker - 1 over Pierre T.F.Riggs

285 Kiara King (14-6) placed 3rd and scored 24.0 team points; Champ. Round 1 - WBF 2:09 over West Central; Quarterfinal -LBF 3:05 to Watertown; Cons. Round 2 - WBF 3:35 over Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda; Cons. Round 3 -WBF 1:36 over Douglas/Rapid City Christian/ New Underwood; Cons. Semi - WBF1:21 over Sioux Falls Jefferson; 3rd Place Match - WBF 3:26 over Sioux Falls Lincoln

End of 2022-2023 Boys Wrestling Season

6th Year State Champions; Three Individual Champions

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Salem for the McCook/Montrose Invitational and came home with the team title and 3 individual champions on Saturday the 31st of December then they headed out to Lyman for the Mid Dakota Monster for the 30 team tourney and they won the team title with 6 champions on 1-6 and 7 2023 with teams from both sides of our state.

Canton won the MCM Invite with a team point total of 203.5 finishing ahead of Winner 171 and MCM 160.

C-Hawk Wrestler Go 9-0 on Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Lennox Tuesday then to Freeman on Thursday and ended the week on Friday for 3 more duals to finish the week with 9 straight victories to improve their season record to 13-0.

Canton opened up their week with a couple duals in Lennox and they beat Lennox first 72-12 as Lennox won the 3rd and 4th match by fall but that was the Hawks only loss. The Hawks wrestled Tea Area in the 2nd match and defeated the Titans 51-25.

In the Tea dual the Hawks fell behind 15-0 but came back and won the next 3 to tie up the score at 15-15 then they lost the next match but won the next 6 till they were open on the final match for the 51-25 win.

Canton next traveled to Freeman on Thursday and won 4 dual matches over Garretson, Chester, Viborg/Hurley and Freeman/Marion. Canton started out with Garretson and won 67-9 then defeated Chester 77-6 followed by a 84-0 win over Viborg/Hurley/Irene-Wakonda and then ended the night with a 63-12 win over home team Freeman/Marion.

Then on Friday night the Hawks traveled to West Lyon for 3 duals and they defeated Rock Valley/ Boyden Hull 57-20 then defeated Akron-Westfield 64-18 and then in the final match they defeated West Lyon 57-18 to move their season record to 13-0 after the busy weeks duals.

Cantons 2nd dual was against Akron-Westfield and the Hawks won 64-18 as they won first 9 matches for a 54-0 lead.

In the final dual of the week the Hawks faced the host West Lyon and they won 57-18 to move to 13-0 for the season and 9-0 for the week.

C-Hawk Win 6th Consecutive Dak 12 Title

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team hosted a double dual on Tuesday the 17th for Senior night as they faced Tri Valley and West Central then on Saturday they traveled to Dakota Valley for the Dak 12 Conference Tournament and they won their 6th straight conference title as they used a strong finals round to outdistance West Central and Tea Area.

On Thursday at home for Senior Night the Hawks opened up the night against West Central and they won 43-28 and after 9 head to head matches the score was tied up at 22-22 then the Hawks won 4 consecutive matches to win the dual. In the 2nd match the Hawks faced Tri Valley and the Hawks trailed 18-12 after 5 matches then went on to win the next 8 matches and cruised to a 57-24 victory.

The C-Hawks traveled to Dakota Valley on Saturday for the Dak 12 Conference Tourney and



it was a 3 team battle with Canton, Tea and West Central and the lead changed often till the finals round with Tea held a small lead until Canton took the lead around the 138 match. After the Hawks took the lead they would keep it by the help of winning the final 4 title matches of the day for the 25 point difference and the team title. Canton won 7 individual championship matches out of the 9 they were in and with the 7 titles they had 2 runner ups along with one 3rd and one 4th and they had one wrestler that did not place. Canton took the team title with 242 points followed West Central who got past Tea with one weight class remaining with 217 points and Tea Area 214.5, Madison 113, Tri Valley 101.5, Elk Point Jefferson 94.5, Dell Rapids 54, Lennox 36, Dakota Valley 31 and Vermillion 19.

C-Hawk Boys Wrestlers Improve to 17-0

The Canton boys wrestling team traveled to Dell Rapids for 2 duals against the Quarriers and the Madison Bulldogs and they came home with 2 victories to improve to 17-0 on the season.

Canton started out the night in Dells against the Quarriers and they defeated them 75-6 then in the 2nd match the Hawks wrestled Madison and defeated the Bulldogs 53-18 to move their season record to 17-0.

Wrestlers take 4 Duals in Miller to Improve to 21-0

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Miller on Thursday the 2nd for 4 duals and they won all 4 to improve to 21-0 on the season.

In Miller the Hawks opened up against Kimball/ White Lake/Platte-Geddes and the Hawks won 52-16 then they next faced Redfield and won 49-21 followed by Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/ Welsey Wessington and the Hawks came out with a 52-15 victory and then in the final dual of the night they wrestled Miller/Highmore-Harold and won a tight fight 40-36 to finish the night 4-0 and 21-0 for the season.

Canton Wrestlers Finish Dual Season with 27-0 Record

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team traveled to Wagner on Tuesday the 7th for 2 duals and defeated Wagner and Parkston then on Friday the 10th the Hawks went to Salem for the MCM duals and won 4 dual matches to finish their dual season with a 27-0 record.

The Hawks faced Wagner and Parkston and in the Wagner match the Hawks won 66-15 then they defeated Parkston 53-29.

Then on Friday the Hawks wrestled 4 duals and they defeated Clark/Willow Lake 68-12, Faulkton 78-0, McCook Central/Montrose 43-34 and Warner/Northwestern 75-6 to end their dual season 27-0.

C-Hawk Wrestlers Win 11th Straight Region 2B Title

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team traveled to Salem for the Region 2B Wrestling Tournament on Saturday and came home the Region Champion as they scored 265 team points to outdistance MCM by 68 points for their 11th straight Region Title with the help of eight individual champions and qualifying 12 wrestlers for next weeks State B Wrestling Tourney in Rapid City on Thursday, Friday for individual championships and Saturday for the team dual state meet in the new Monument Center.

Canton won the team championship for their 16th time and 11th consecutive title with 265 points followed by McCook Central/Montrose 197, Elk Point Jefferson 154.5, Tri Valley 154, Parker 151.5, Howard 96.5, Marion/Freeman 65, Garretson 52, Chester Area 16, Canistota 3, Viborg/Hurley/Irene-Wakonda 0. Canton led the team race all day long with MCM staying close till the final round when the Hawks won 8 of the 9 championship matches along with one of the three 3rd place matches. Canton will send 12 wrestlers to state as the first place finishers Zach Bartels, Teague Granum, Ashton Keller, Kale Ask, Ayson Rice, Josh Merkle, Tanner Meyeres and Traun Cook. Runner up finisher was Aiden Schrempp with 3rd place going to John Halverson and 4th to Aidan Kranz and Hunter Richmond. Cole Sehr and Gavin Neu came up one match short of qualifying and ended their season but will be part of the dual tournament.

Canton State Champions Wrestlers for a Sixth Time in a Row

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team made the trip out to Rapid City for the State B Wrestling Tournament on Thursday and Friday the 23rd and 24th and came home with their 6th consecutive State Championship and their 8th overall with both being a record in Class B. This Championship title moves them ahead of Webster who along with the Hawks had 7 before this years title.

The team competition saw the Hawks win with a team total of 163.5 as they pulled away in the final rounds as it was close heading into the

semifinals. Canton sent 7 into the semifinals and won 4 of those matches as they sent Ayson Rice, Josh Merkle, Tanner Meyers and Traun Cook to the finals and in the finals Ayson, Tanner and Traun each won to seal the deal for the Hawks and gave Ayson his 3rd title along with Tanner his 2nd and Traun his first. The Hawks also got a 3rd, 4th, two 6th and a 8th to give them enough points for the team title. Top ten team finishers were Canton 163.5, Winner Area 126.5, Phillip Area 126, Custer 119, McCook Central/Montrose 112.5, KWLP 97, Redfield 75, Miller/Highmore/Herold 73, Wagner 58.5 and Parker 54. Three teams in the top 10 were in our region tourney a week earlier. Other Region finishers were 13th Elk Point Jefferson 41.5, 14th Tri Valley 41, 16th Howard 39.5 and 29th Garretson 18.

Canton sent 12 to the state tourney and after the opening round only one lost and was sent into the wrestlebacks then in the Quarterfinals out of the 11 wrestling in it 7 moved on to the semifinals on Friday morning. Canton had 7 in the semis and the first 3 were defeated then Canton won the next 4 sending them into the finals later that day and all the rest would be left to fight it out in the wrestlebacks for a spot in the placing rounds. In the finals the Hawks won 3 out of 4 enroute to their 8 over all team title and 6th consecutive. The Hawks would then come back Saturday for the Class B State Duals and win their 3rd after defeating Winner, Custer and Bon Homme/Avon.

Taking their weight classes title for the Hawks were 145 Ayson Rice for his 3rd and a 48-3 record along with 195 Tanner Meyers for his 2nd in a row and a undefeated season at 44-0 and the 3rd one was Hwt Traun Cook after only his 3rd season of wrestling as he finished the season 43-1. Ayson and Traun are both Juniors and Tanner is a Senior and will be wrestling next season for Northern State in Aberdeen. Also placing for the Hawks were Junior Ashton Keller at 132 as he finished in 3rd followed by 8th grader Aiden Schrempp 4th, Senior Kale Ask at 138 for 6th as injuries slowed him down with Sophomore 126 Teague Granum for 6th place and Junior 160 John Halverson finishing 8th. Canton had 3 come up short of the award stand as Sophomore Zach Bartels at 106, Freshman Aidan Kranz and Sophomore Hunter Richmond will be back to move up to the 2nd days action next year so look for them on the stand next year in Sioux Falls.

C-Hawks Win Dual Championship

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team completed the state wrestling tournament weekend with the State Dual Wrestling Tournament title as they won 3 duals and finished in first place among the top 8 dual teams in Class B on Saturday the 25th when they defeated Winner in the opening round followed by Custer in the semifinals. Then in the championship match the Hawks faced Bon Homme/Avon and won to take the State Title for their 2nd of the weekend.

This was the C-Hawks 3rd State B Dual Championship as they won the title in 2020 and 2021 to go along with the 2023 title. They defeated Winner in both the first times in the championship match.

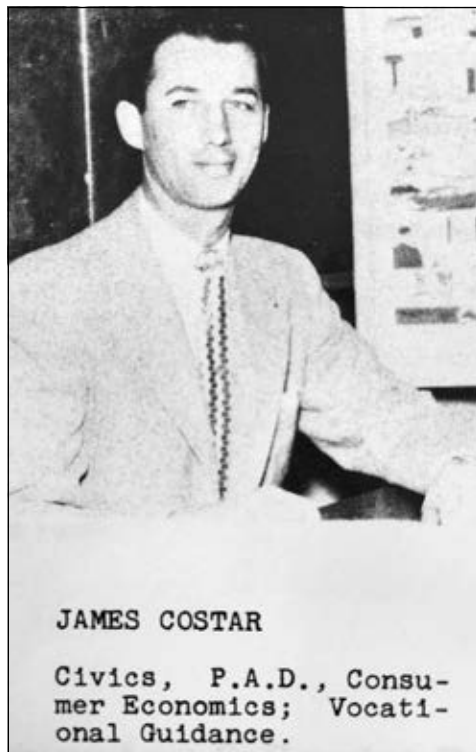
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Souvignier Sworn in as SDAA President

Ted Souvignier, a third generation auctioneer in Canton, was sworn in as the new President of the South Dakota Auctioneers Association (SDAA) at their annual convention last week at the Holiday Inn Express in Brandon. Souvignier completed his auctioneer training at the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Ia., in November 2007 and currently holds a Real Estate Auctioneer's license and a Broker Associate Real Estate license within the state of South Dakota. He is employed with Souvignier Real Estate and Auctions in Canton, as well as Sioux Falls Regional Livestock and Sheldon Livestock. Souvignier has been serving on the SDAA Board of Directors for the past several years, serving the 2022-2023 year as the President Elect. He was also the State Bid Calling Champion at the South Dakota State Fair in 2019.

Not only is Souvignier a third generation auctioneer, he is now a third generation SDAA President - only the second person in the association's history to hold that title. Ryan Wieman of Wieman Auctions in Marion was the association's first back in 2011, and was preceded by his father, Richard



Wieman, and grandfather, Earl Wieman. **The History of the Canton High School Student Loan Program, Program Soon Approaching its 70th Year**

It was 1954 when one of Canton's very own teachers pushed for what would become the creation of the Canton High School Student Loan Fund, a program that is available to all graduates of Canton High School attending any form of post-secondary education. While many graduates have taken part in the program over the years, most may not realize that history was made when it was created.

The credit for the creation of the program goes to Mr. James W. Costar, who was assistant principal and vocational guidance counselor at Canton High School in 1954 when the fund was established. According to a June 19, 1958 article in the *Sioux Valley News*, Costar regularly informed CHS students of available scholarships, grants, loans and other part-time jobs available to those interested in going to college.

Annual Golf Event Benefits Canton Organizations

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton-Inwood Area Health Foundation teamed up once again to host their annual Golf Outing on June 23rd. The event is a joint effort, with funds raised being split between the two organizations.

The team from Sunshine Foods was the first flight winner. Second flight winner was the team from Farmers State Bank, and the Hoogendoorn Construction team was the third flight winner.

Jill Ulmer won the \$5,000 Ball Drop at the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton-Inwood Area Health Foundation event.

Tickets were sold for the ball drop and balls were dropped from a crane on Friday night during the annual golfing event. Ulmer's ball was the lucky one to land in the circle to claim the prize.

Celebrate Canton Fun for All Ages

Celebrate Canton activities may have looked a bit different this year spread out from one weekend to a month long celebration.

Depot days were held on July 13 and 14 with trains on display from the Dakota Southeastern Model Railroad Club.

Friday, July 21 Bike Rodeo and movie was rained out but will be made up at a later date.

Saturday started out with a parade, music in the park, vendors, firefighter water fights, poker run, BBQ ribs, touch a truck and the fun car cruise. Many residents and others enjoyed the day of non-stop activities and goodies to eat.

New Teachers Ready for Canton Students

Beth Rhead, Camron Groenke, Emily Foote, Sarah Pearson, Chelsea Fossum, Emily Souvignier, Jackson Anderson, Nicole Bohnsak, Lindsey Olseth, Lucas Evjen, Scott Johnson, Mike Rhode, Sandy Hoefakker, Lindsey Thom, Jen Dibbert, Jordan Flinn and Rachel Flynn

Kari's Kreations

Some of you may have noticed a new sign along the main drag here in Canton. Although Kari's Kreations had been a part of the previous business that was in the building for a few years, now she has expanded and taken over that storefront following the exit of Style Plus. This week she had her ribbon cutting.

Kari Elrod started Kari's Kreations just out of college. She had been designing jewelry for friends and family for a while and was asked to participate in a few fundraisers. Elrod just had to think of a business name and then it took off. She started making jewelry at an early age while on vacation in northern Minnesota. Elrod was visiting her grandmother at her lake home, and it rained the whole week. While going a little stir crazy her mom took her into town to find something to pass the time. They wandered into a bead store and the rest is history. They went back to the bead store every day of vacation. She can remember the next summer that she was still into beading, and she stopped at the bead store. One of the workers there was impressed with the piece she was wearing. They then talked in depth about being an artist, and she remembers telling her that she thought it would be cool if someday she could sell her own designs. It is hard for Kari to believe that the dream has come true!

Canton Performing Arts Council Ready for New Events

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

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

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

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

Wednesday December 20th, Christmas with Lorie Line



Remembrance of Hiawatha Indian Asylum

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

The Hiawatha Indian Asylum was opened in 1903. Whilst open, more than 350 individuals came through the doors as patients. Of these, 121 are buried in unmarked graves in the cemetery. The Native American individuals who came through these doors were kept there for such grievances as alcoholism, opposing the government, misbehaving in boarding schools, or for not being culturally accepted. Years later it was proven that most of these patients were not even mentally ill. Patients were often kept in horrendous conditions, such as chained to beds and left to lay in their own filth. One speaker shared how his family didn't know where their grandfather was for years. The family later found out he had been taken to Hiawatha. During this period, children were pulled from their schools and homes and sent off to live at boarding schools thousands of miles away. Following the removal of children from homes, the Government sent many of the Native American elders and teachers to the asylum, in order to reduce influence on younger generations. The asylum closed its doors in 1933 after investigations were conducted regarding treatment of Native American patients who resided there.

Rothenberger Retires from Post Office

After 33 winters of snow storms, ice storms, extreme heat, "100 year flood" and thunder storms, Dean Rothenberger a City Carrier in Canton, South Dakota decided to hang up his mail satchel. "But there were plenty of nice days to carry mail too," Dean says. When Dean was hired by the United States Postal Service in the Fall of 1990, he joined City Carriers Dick Naatjes, Frank Hofer and Dennis Lundstrom. Rural Route Carriers were Reavis Heiskell Sr., Jim Madland and Roger Crawford. Clerks were Levy Sehr, Wilma Romereim and Linda Ekle. Greg Green was the Postmaster that hired Dean.

In 33 years, Dean had eight Postmasters. Greg Green, Lori Papka, Ray Cheney, Ralph Delany, Mike Hudson, Terry Schnider, Kevin Riley and current Postmaster OJ Sorlie. Several other clerks and part time carriers came into the office but either transferred out for more hours or moved on to other careers or retired.



4th Annual Tales from the Grave:

2023 Historical Figures from Canton's Past The 4th annual Tales From the Grave: Historical Figures from Canton's Past, a fundraiser conducted by the Forest Hill Cemetery Association to raise funds for cemetery preservation and maintenance, was held on Sunday, September 10. The event featured local Canton citizens telling the life stories of some of Canton's most interesting historical figures along with a Canton High School alumni band directed by Paul Konietzko .

Rosanna Bacon - Portrayed by Shawn Sandnes

Dwight Slade - Portrayed by Mike Block

Everett Crawford - Portrayed by his son Scott Crawford

Glenn & Mary Ann Siverson - Glenn portrayed by Russ Townsend and Mary Ann portrayed by Kristin Townsend

Claude Little - Introduction of event and the story of Claude Little as told by Bill Peterson

Crawford Retires From Raising Flag Duty

Kip Crawford has been raising the flag at Canton football games for about 25 years. The Canton VFW and Canton American Legion take turns raising the flag. At 93 years old, Crawford has decided to retire from this duty.

Crawford graduated from Canton High school in 1948. He spent some years after high school working and helping to take care of his father, who had MS. In 1953, a month after his father passed away, he left for the Army. Crawford spent his time working on corporal missiles at the missile range in White Sands, New Mexico. After his years with the Army were up, he was active with the Army Guard.

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Thank you for your support last year. We look forward to seeing you this year.

Marcy, Andrew, Jon, Ashley, Ryan, Karly, Dave, Elijah and Jamie.

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Canton Depot Days



Depot Days moved to a 2-day event this year with model train displays from the Dakota Southeastern Division Model Railroad Association otherwise known as DSED. The trains were interaction with the individuals that attend. Some folks even came back the second day to spend more time checking the trains out and talking with the group from DSED. There were 7 vendors this last year. Last year we were not able to give the train rides to the kids as we had done in the past, that problem has been resolved and the train rides for kids will be back in 2024. There was a food truck both days at the event.



Employee Appreciation Luncheon

This is an annual event that the Chamber does for businesses to send their employees to a luncheon put on by the Chamber. The theme was Hawaiian, those that attended were asked to dress in Hawaiian attire. The food served was Lula themed.



Chamber/Canton-Inwood Area Health Foundation Annual Golf Tournament

There were 17 teams that took part in the 2023 tournament. Prizes for the teams were donated from area golf courses and business. After the day of golfing there was the ball drop that Jill Ulmer won \$5000.00 for having the ball closest to the hole after being dropped from the crane donated by Tull Erecting. The evening events included a band and silent auction.

The Canton Car Show for Generations

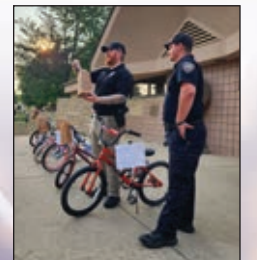
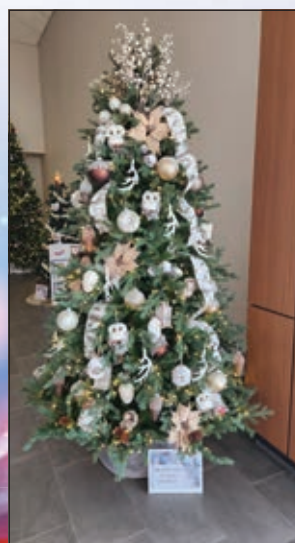
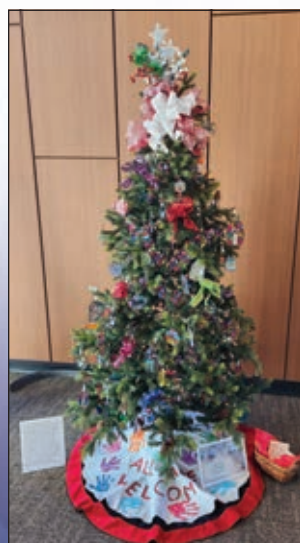


A committee was formed at the beginning of 2023 to bring back the Canton Car Show. The committee has been working hard on raising funds to bring back the event with doing Poker/Cruise Runs and Chase the Ace. The committee this year brought in a Touch A Truck event to the cruise night. The kids seemed to enjoy being able to crawl up into the vehicles and see hands on how they are operated.

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 - Canton Car Show
 - Christmas Parade
 - Winter Wonderland Festival of Trees and Vendor Fair



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2023 Football Season - C-Hawks end their season with a 7-3 record

C-Hawk Football Faces Sioux Falls Christian First this Season

The Canton C-Hawk Football team opens up their 2023 season on Friday night as they host the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers with a 7:00pm kickoff time. Canton enters the season with 13 Seniors led by Matt Anderson, Canaan McCracken, Braxton Mulder, Pierce Mastalir, John Halverson, Casey Sheridan and Brayden Qualseth who all saw plenty of action last year and will be expected to lead this years team. Joining the Seniors group are Arthur Benoit, Carter Kreger, Dallas King, Landen Hartman, Elijah Anderson and Traun Cook. Cook and King will see plenty of playing time on the line this year.

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

C-Hawks Defeat Sioux Falls Christian in Season Opener

The Canton C-Hawk 2023 Football team hosted the Sioux Falls Christian Chargers in their season opener and came away with a 30-16 victory to put their season record at 1-0.

C-Hawk Football Improve to 3-0; Win Black and Blue Bowl

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Beresford on Friday, September 1st and came away with a 42-14 victory as they did all their scoring in the 1st half to win 42-14 then on the 8th the Hawks hosted Lennox for the Black and Blue Bowl and defeated the Orioles 28-20 to improve to 3-0.



C-Hawks Fall to Dells, Now Prepare for Homecoming

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Dell Rapids to face the #1 ranked Quarriers and were defeated 48-30 to fall to 3-1 as DR moves to 4-0.

C-Hawks Fall to West Central at Homecoming

The Canton C-Hawk football team hosted the West Central Trojans for Homecoming and the close game ended up with WC winning 32-28 as the game went to the very end as the Hawks fell to 3-2 and the Trojans improved to 5-0.

C-Hawks Defeat Bulldogs 30-14 to Improve to 4-2

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Madison on Friday night and after halftime made some adjustments and rolled to a 30-14 victory to improve to 4-2.

C-Hawks Football Improves to 5-2

The Canton C-Hawk football team hosted Vermillion and rolled to a 42-13 victory. Cain Wallner finished the game with 300 yards rushing and that is the 4th highest total behind Logan Dolan 348, Cody Majeres 322, Kayden Verley 309 (championship game in 2019).

C-Hawks Head Out West and Come Home with 55-23 Victory

The Canton C-Hawks football team headed out west to Custer and came home with a 55-23 win to improve their season record to 6-2.

The Canton rushing effort broke two school records as they ran for 542 yards breaking a record set in 1998 and another record broke was for total offense as we broke a 1999 record with 642 yards of total offense.

C-Hawk Football End Regular Season 7-2 Next Host Playoff Game

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Chamberlain on Thursday night and came home with a 40-7 victory to end their regular season with a 7-2 record. Thursday the 11A playoffs begin and here is the schedule:

Dell Rapids the top seed vs Madison, 4th seed SF Christian vs Dakota Valley 2nd seed West Central vs Chamberlain 3rd seed Canton vs Lennox

C-Hawks End Season with Loss and Finish with a 7-3 Record

The Canton C-Hawk football team hosted the Lennox Orioles for the 1st round of the 11A playoffs and the Orioles scored a late touchdown to win 28-22 ending the Hawks season and sending the Orioles to West Central Friday night for the semifinals.

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2023 Girls and Boys Track Season



C-Hawk Girls Track Team Open Season

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team opened up their season with an indoor track meet in Yankton at the Mount Marty indoor facility and 30 teams participated in the meet with Canton getting one 1st place finisher in the long jump when Jayrn Warejcka won the event with the winning jump of 16' setting a new indoor record for the C-hawks.

The C-Hawks will be led by Girls head coach Rich Lundstrom and Boys head coach Matt David with assistants Betsy Lukenon, Curtis Mendeering, Middle School and assistant coaches Randy Kipling and Melissa Kipling and Becca Nelson along with volunteer coaches Terri Kroger, Atlanta DeJong, Mike Rhode and Josie Johnson. Team Captains for the girls team this season are Seniors Fallan Lundstrom and Natylie Myers, Juniors Jayrn Warejcka and Grace Gannon and Sophomore Avayla Jaacks.

C-Hawk Girls Participate at Dan Lennon in the Dome

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team traveled to Vermillion for the Dan Lennon track meet in the Dakota Dome and Junior Jayrn Warejcka set a new indoor record for the 2nd straight meet as she jumped 16'2.5 in the long jump breaking last weeks record of 16'0.

C- Hawks track team participates at SDSU

The Canton C-hawk boys and girls track teams traveled to Brookings on Monday the 3rd for the Scott Underwood Invite as over 40 teams participated in the indoor meet with the Canton girls finishing 6th with 26 team points.

Canton was led by Jayrn Warejcka as she won the 100M hurdles with a time of 16.0 and she also placed 5th in the long jump with a leap of 15'7.75. Calli Halverson placed 4th in the triple jump with a distance of 30'6.25 and other top 10 finishers were Carlee Laubach in the shot put with a toss of 35'5.75, Camryn Skiles in the 300 meter hurdles in a time of 51.3 and Camryn in the 100 meter hurdles in 17.0. Avayla Jaacks finished 10th in the triple jump with a leap of 28'10.25 and the 4x100 relay in a time of 54.3 for 9th place with the team of Ashlyn Herting, Warejcka, Skiles and Fallan Lundstrom.

C-Hawk Girls Track Wins Oriole Invitational

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team traveled to Tea on Monday and finished in 4th place with 67 points then traveled to Lennox on Thursday and came home with the team title with 130 points and 5 first place finishes.

In the Titan Relays the C-Hawks got 3 first place finishes as Carlee Laubach won the discus with a throw of 122'4 along with Jayrn Warejcka in the long jump with a leap of 16'7.5. Camryn Skiles won the 100 hurdles in a time of 16.4.

Canton had 5 first place finishers in the Oriole Invitational with N. Myers winning the shot with a toss of 37'10 and Laubach winning the discus with a throw of 106'10 in the very strong winds. J. Warejcka won the 100 hurdles in a time of 16.4 with Skiles winning the 300 hurdles in a time of 53.8. Lundstrom won the javelin with a throw of 95'10.

Boys Track Get in Two Meets During the Week

The Canton C-Hawk boys track team traveled to Tea on Monday and then to Lennox on Thursday.

In the Tea Meet Canton got a 1st place finish from Josh Merkle in the javelin with the winning throw of 133'8. Then at the Lennox

Meet the Hawks got a 1st place finish from Derek Tieszen in the high jump when he got over the bar for a 6'0 winning height.

Canton Track Get in Canton Relays for the Week

The Canton girls and boys track teams hosted the Canton Relays on Tuesday. In the Canton Relays the Hawks boys team got a first place from Senior Derek Tieszen in the high jump with a jump of 5'11 then Cain Wallner won the javelin with a new school record toss of 148'8. On the girls team Jayrn Warejcka won the 100 meter dash with the winning time of 16.4 along and the Long jump with a leap of 16'5.5, with Jenna VandeWeerd in the discus with the winning toss of 117'4. Fallan Lundstrom won the javelin with the 1st place throw of 102'4 and Canton won the 4x200 relay team of Ashlyn Herting, Fallan Lundstrom, Camryn Skiles and Avayla Jaacks in the winning time of 1:54.7.

Busy Week for Girls Track

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team traveled to Dakota Valley on Tuesday then hosted the Bong Show on Thursday followed by the teams throwers traveling to Alcester on Friday for the Alcester Throwers Meet.

In the Bong Show the Hawks were led by 1st place finishers Natalie Myers in the shot put with a toss of 38'0.5 along with Carlee Laubach in the discus with the winning throw of 118'6. Jayrn Warejcka was a double winner as she won the long jump with a leap of 17'4 which broke the school record of 16'10 set by Kate Wickre in 2003 and Tyanna Wiley in 2016 and she also won the 100 hurdles in a time of 15.9.

The Hawks scored 77 points out of a possible 93 points during the Alcester Meet.

Boys Track Participate in 2 Duals Over the Week

The Canton C-Hawk boys track team traveled to Dakota Valley on Tuesday and then hosted the Bong Show on Thursday on the home track.

The C-Hawks got a 1st place finish at Dakota Valley in the javelin when Cain Wallner had a throw of 157'8 for a new school record. Canton also got a 2nd place finisher in the javelin when Josh Merkle had a throw of 144'2. Then in the Bong Show on Thursday Wallner and Merkle went 1 and 2 in the javelin with Wallner throwing 153'6 to Merkle's 144'4. Canton also got 2nd place finishes from Derek Tieszen in the high jump with a jump of 5'10 along with Jacob VandeWeerd in the discus with a toss of 140'4. Cantons other 2nd place went to the 4x100 relay in a time of 45.44 with the team of Brayden Oakland, Tate Aasheim, Carson Metzger and Julius Moore.

Girls Track Participate in Beresford and Howard Wood

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team traveled to Beresford on Tuesday for the Lions Meet and finished in 2nd place as a team with 171 points then traveled to Howard Wood on Friday and Saturday in Sioux Falls and placed in 4 events.

C-Hawk Boys Track Team Participate at Beresford

The Canton Boys track team traveled to Beresford on Tuesday for the Beresford Lions Meet and they had one 1st place finisher when Carter Kreger won the triple jump with the winning jump of 40'0.

Boys Track competes in Conference Meet

The Canton C-Hawk boys track team participated in the Dell Rapids Invite on Monday and then traveled to Vermillion on Thursday for the Dak 12 Conference Meet

and one conference champ. Canton got a 1st place finish in both meets from Cain Wallner in the Javelin when he threw for 146'5 at Dell Rapids and 149'1 at the conference meet.

C-Hawk Girls Track Finish 3rd in Dak 12 Meet

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team traveled to Dell Rapids on Monday for the Quarrier Invite then traveled to Vermillion for the Dak 12 Conference Meet on Thursday and finished in 3rd in the conference meet after winning the Quarrier Invite.

Canton was led by Jayrn Warejcka at both meets as she won both the long jump and the 100 hurdles. She jumped 16'9 at Dells then 17'1 at Dak 12 along with running the 100H at Dells in 16.1 and 16'4 at Conference. Jenna VandeWeerd swept the discus competition for the week with a throw of 120'11 at Dells and 116'5 at the Dak 12 for her 1st place finishes. Grace Gannon also won the 3200M run at Dells with the winning time of 12:41.3. All Conference was Jenna and Jayrn as they won their events and 2nd team all conference finishers were Natalie Myers, Fallan Lundstrom, Carlee Laubach and Kit Peltier.

Girls Track Finishes 3rd at Regions Now Head to State

The Canton C-Hawk Girls track team participated in the Regional Track Meet on Thursday the 18th and finished in 3rd in the team competition.

Canton earned 1st place medals at Regions when Jayrn Warejcka was a double winner when she won the 100 meter hurdles in a time of 16.0 and also in the long jump with the winning jump of 17'1.5. Jenna VandeWeerd won the discus with the winning throw of 120'0.

C-Hawk Boys Track Team Head to State This Weekend

The Canton C-Hawk boys track team traveled to Tea for the Region Meet on Thursday and will next be sending 3 individuals and 2 relays to the State A Track Meet.

The Region Meet was held in Tea on Thursday and finishing first for the C-Hawks were Carter Kreger in the triple jump with the winning leap of 42'0 and with that distance Carter qualified for state. Cain Wallner was the other 1st place finisher at Regions in the javelin with the throw of 157'1.

C-Hawk Track Team at State A Meet

The Canton C-Hawk boys and girls track teams participated in the State Track Meet on Thursday-Saturday, May 25-27 and the girls

finished in 18th place with 13 points and the boys finished in 31st place with 5 team points to end their 2023 season.

Canton was led by junior Jayrn Warejcka as she was a double place winner when she placed 5th in the 100 meter hurdles in a time of 15.74 after a 15.91 in the prelims to advance her to the finals. Jayrn then participated in the long jump and was seeded 3rd coming into the event and she advanced to the finals in 3rd place and finished in 3rd with her jump of 16'8.5 just 2 inches behind the West Central first place finisher. Jayrn also finished 1/4 of an inch ahead of Brenna Beyke from SFC who finished 4th. Jayrn is a junior and will be back for her senior season next year.

Canton's other place winner for the Hawks was Sophomore Jenna VandeWeerd in the discus where she placed 6th with a throw of 122'11. She headed to the finals in 6th and didn't advance to finish in 6th. Carlee Laubach finished in 9th and made the finals but she couldn't crack the top 8 and finished with a best throw of 120'03 to finish her C-Hawk career. Natalie Myers finished the discus just outside the finals as she ended in 10 place and did not make the finals with a throw of 115'8.

Natalie made the finals in the shot put with a toss of 37'05 which was the 9th place finish to make the finals but couldn't move up to place in the top 8 ending her career at CHS and the weight program.

Other State A Results:

Shot Put- Danica Rozeboom 36'02.25 13th; Carlee Laubach 35'07 14th;

100H- Camryn Skiles 16.68 14th; Fallan Lundstrom 17.14 19th;

Triple Jump- Kit Peltier 32'10.25 11th missing finals by under a foot

4x100- 52.47 with the team of Jayrn, Camryn, Fallan and Avayla Jaacks and they finished in 15th

The boys team had 2 place winners for the State A Meet and they were led by Carter Kreger in the triple jump as he finished in 5th place with the jump of 41'11 which was only a foot away from 2nd place. This is Carter's 2nd year of placing in the triple jump with one year left in a C-Hawk uniform.

Canton's other placemaker was Senior Jacob VandeWeerd as he finished the discus with a 8th place with the throw of 142'10 giving the VandeWeerd family 2 state discus medals.

Boys State Meet Results:

High Jump- Derek Tieszen NH as he didn't make the opening height

4x100- prelims- 45.96 to finish 17th and didn't make finals with the team of Landon Dominisse, Braydon Oakland, Tate Aasheim, Carson Metzger.

4x200- prelims- 1:35.94 for 17th place and did not make the finals with the team of Landon Dominisse, Braydon Oakland, Carson Metzger and Tate Aasheim.

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2023 Girls Golf Season

C-Hawk Golfers Place 5th at State "A" Tournament



2023 Girls Golf Team

The girls golf team had a rough start with the weather this year. They golfed at Two Rivers Golf Course for the Dakota Valley Invitational.

The C-Hawk golfers went to Vermillion and took home second place as a team. Olivia Sorlie placed first with a score of 88; Ellery Jansen placed 6th with a score of 86. Landree Meister placed 22th with a score of 88; Alyvia Trumm placed 24th with a score of 95; Brooklyn Wiebe placed 29th with score of 98 and Emery Lems placed 54th with a score of 111. There were a total of 67 golfers and 12 teams.

Girls Golf Place 3rd at Regions

C-Hawk girls golf team placed 3rd at the Region 2A golf tournament and for qualifying for the State "A" Tournament.

Individually, Olivia Sorlie placed 4th, Alyvia Trumm was 12th, Brooklyn Wiebe was 17th, and Ellery Jansen and Landree Meister tied for 25th.

The State "A" Tournament is June 5-6 in Rapid City.

Olivia Sorlie for winning the individual title at the Dakota XII Conference Tournament Monday in Vermillion! Her 1-under par score of 71 broke the school record for an 18-hole round by three strokes. Also for the C-Hawks, in her final DakXII Conference Meet, Senior Alyvia Trumm finished in medal contention in 14th. In the team race, Canton finished 3rd with a season-low score of 347.

Girls State Golf Results C-Hawks Golfers Finish 5th at State "A" Tournament Sorlie Finishes Second

The Canton Girls Golf Team completed another successful season by finishing 5th at the State "A" Golf Tournament, held on June 5-6 at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City. It was the second-straight Top-6 finish for the team, and the 11th Top-6 finish for the program since 2002.

Day one of the state tournament saw the C-Hawks struggle, shooting a team score of 374, leaving the C-Hawks in 5th place. "I think we really battled our nerves on Monday," said Canton Coach Jeff Keyman. "I thought we prepared well in our practice rounds and had a good game plan, we just did not execute the shots we needed to execute."

Day two of the tournament saw a different C-Hawks team as the C-Hawks shot a 352, the 3rd-best score of the day, improving 22 strokes from day one to secure their 5th place finish, with a two-day total of 726. "The girls showed a lot of grit and mental toughness on Tuesday," said Coach Keyman. "We moved up and down the standings throughout the day, actually climbing to 3rd at one point." Sioux Falls Christian won its 3rd straight team title with a two-day total of 687. They were followed by Vermillion (695), St. Thomas More (709), Dakota Valley (719), and Canton (726). West Central and Winner (764) tied for 6th. "Five of the top seven teams at the state tournament were from our region," commented Coach Keyman.

Individually, the C-Hawks were led by senior Olivia Sorlie, who wrapped up her storied career with a 2nd place finish, a fantastic defense of her 2022 individual title.

"I was so happy for and proud of Olivia," said Coach Keyman. "It is really difficult to defend a state title, and she handled the pressure of that defense very well. She will certainly go down as one of the best golfers to ever play at Canton High School. We are truly going to miss her leadership, both on and off the course." Sorlie's rounds of 85-77 (162) left her six strokes behind St. Thomas More's Rylan Horning, who won her first state title with a two-day total of 156.

Earning her first state tournament medal was sophomore Ellery Jansen, who shot rounds of 97-78 (175) to finish 12th. "Ellery struggled on Monday, but I was really proud of how she came out on Tuesday, focused only on the next shot, and shot a career-low round to earn her medal," said Coach Keyman. "Her 78 on Tuesday was one of only 3 rounds in the entire tournament in the 70s. This round showed us what Ellery is capable of becoming and we look for big things from her in the next two years."

Playing in her third state tournament was junior Landree Meister, who shot rounds of 90-101 to finish 36th. "Landree played 3 good 9-hole rounds," said Coach Keyman. "I think her nerves got to her a bit on the opening 9 on Tuesday, but I was proud of the mental toughness she showed on the back nine on Tuesday. I am sure she will use this as a learning experience next year as she moves in to the role of one of our team leaders."

Competing in her second state tournament was freshman Brooklyn Wiebe, who shot rounds of 102-96 to finish 47th. "Brooklyn really fought her driver throughout the tournament, which is her greatest weapon," Coach Keyman said. "What impressed me about Brooklyn is she found other ways to get the ball around the course and posted a couple of really important scores for us. We look for Brooklyn to continue maturing as a player and I am confident she will be in medal contention for the next 3 years."

Playing in her fourth and final state tournament was senior Alyvia Trumm, who shot rounds of 107-104 to finish 66th. "Alyvia's state tournament was an example of how hard and fickle golf can be," Coach Keyman said. "She came in to the tournament playing very well, but just could not get anything going. "I was proud of how she never quit, though. She battled up to the last shot of her career, finishing with a par on the tough 9th hole. Alyvia's spirit, her leadership, her work ethic, and her incredible kindness are going to be missed next year, concluded Coach Keyman.

Coach Keyman had these final comments on the state tournament. "I want to thank the girls for representing themselves, their families, our program, and our community in such a positive manner. I also want to thank them for their sportsmanship and their support of not only each other, but also of players and coaches from other schools."

"I also want to thank the parents of the girls (O.J. and Jana Sorlie, Todd and Laura Trumm, Thad and Meghan Meister, Galen and Deb Jansen, Diana Wiebe, and Dan Wiebe) for all of their help at the state tournament and throughout the season. I also want to thank the other family members and friends who came to Rapid City to support the girls. It was very much appreciated by me and by the girls."

2023 Softball Season

Spring Softball Here to Stay SDHSAA's Newest Sanctioned Sport Underway but Striking-out with the Weather

Softball's highly anticipated season is finally happening!

Never mind the heavy snow cover and finding a gym for practice, interest has been high across the state as softball season got underway in March. This spring, 51 South Dakota High schools suited up. It was considerably more teams than expected. Last year when South Dakota set spring of 2023 as softball's inaugural season, SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Jo Auch estimated that 35 - 40 teams would participate.

Admittedly, it has been a long and challenging road to get to this point.

Getting the sport sanctioned was the first big hurdle with three years of back and forth between the SDHSAA and members of the South Dakota softball community. And then came the even more contentious argument of choosing which season to play. (The same scenario happened when deciding seasons for soccer years before that sport was sanctioned in 2011). And it has also been a long offseason for athletes who last played high school softball in the fall of 2021 made even longer as the season transitioned into the spring. Also mandated, players had to choose between playing club softball or playing for their school.

The 51 teams will be split into three classifications: AA, A and B. They will come together with a chance to make history at the first ever State Softball Tournament at Northern State's Kohler Hall of Fame Field and South Players complex in Aberdeen June 1 - 3.

South Dakota now becomes the final state in the nation to offer softball as a sanctioned sport. Softball now joins 19 other boys' and girls' sports currently sanctioned by the SDHSAA.

Let's play (snow) ball!

Canton softball team off to a wintry start Coach Kelly Tuntland is excited to be on the ground floor of Canton's softball program. Seventeen girls are on the team with many of them new to the sport.

"Unlike like some of the teams we are playing against, the C-Hawks only have a couple of girls that have played club prior to the season. I have some girls who have never played before and will be going up against teams that are stacked with club players. Still, I am impressed with what I have seen."

Though there is a regular practice schedule, getting it in is another matter.

"We have yet to practice on an actual field. Instead, our team has been practicing in the Lawrence gym. Without a doubt, it has been a challenge. Luckily, several schools who we will be competing against are struggling to get fields that are playable after the winter we have had."

Managing the snow took some creative thinking for the Canton team. It became a team-building experience said Tuntland. "Three weeks ago, some players and dads came with shovels and snowblowers to help clear the snow from the field."

Even with the snow, the season got underway. Unfortunately, Canton lost its first game in March against Dakota Valley. April 14 the C-Hawks will play Vermillion and on April 15 they will play SF Christian at the Pentagon.

Tuntland and the team are looking forward to what the C-Hawk's first season will bring.

"We need ten games to qualify for the state tournament that will be held in Aberdeen in June. For now, our hope is that the weather will get better soon. We can't wait to get into our season and play some softball."

Girls Softball Team Enjoying First Year

The C-Hawks softball team is learning how to work as a team and scoring some runs. The young team had a game in Canton last Friday in the cold weather. The team hasn't won a game this season but they still have smiles on their faces and determination to improve.

The C-Hawks played against Tri-Valley Mustangs and lost 5-20.

The team played Tuesday, May 23 in Sioux Falls for the So-Dak 16 against West Central.



2023 C-Hawk Boys Golf

Steffensen Goes to State

Canton Boys Golf Season Opener

Canton golf team opened up season play Monday, August 14th at the West Central Invite. Varsity members competing were Carson Steffensen, Ryan Kuper, Tucker Rhead, Ethan Vaksdahl, Theo Meister, and Hunter Hamre.

Placing 3rd overall with a score of 79 was Carson followed by Ryan with a top half of field finish.

Steffensen Ties Two School Records

Canton Boys golf traveled to the Spring Creek Golf Course last Tuesday to compete in a tournament. Carson Steffensen tied 2 school records: Low 9 with a 33. Low 18 with a 71. Ryan Kuper finished with 86.

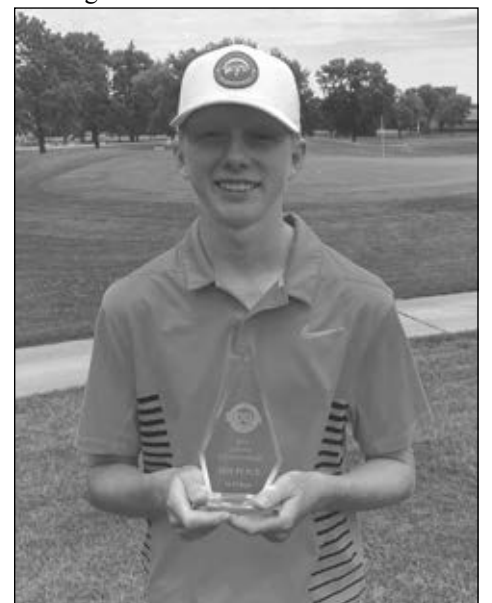
Steffensen Headed to State

The Canton Boys Golf team played in the Region 2A golf tournament on Monday, September 25th down at The Pointe Golf Club in Elk Point, SD. Qualifying for the State Tournament was Carson Steffensen firing a round of 76. That placed him in a tie for 2nd. The State Tournament will be held on Monday & Tuesday, Oct 2 & 3 out at Hart Ranch Golf Club in Rapid City.

Steffensen Places Sixth

Carson Steffensen shot 2 rounds of 78 on both Monday and Tuesday at the State A Golf Tournament out in Rapid City.

Those scores placed him 6th in the tournament and also awarded him honors of making the All-State team.



2023 Girls Volleyball Season

Lady C-Hawks finish with 19-8 season record

C-Hawk Volleyball on Winning Roll

Canton Started their season out against Beresford. They won against Beresford 25-9; 25-10; 25-10 to take home the win.

They hosted Canistota. The C-Hawks once again came out battling to win 25-18; 25-9; 25-12.

They went 3-1 in the Canton Tournament. They started with wins against West Monona and West Sioux, then fell to Baltic in three sets. Ended the day with a win against West Lyon to get place 3rd in the tournament.

C-Hawks Fight Hard Against Bulldogs

Canton C-Hawks took on the Madison Bulldogs at a home game. Canton played hard but came up short with scores of 19-25; 16-25 and 20-25.

C-Hawk Volleyball Battles to Last Point

The Canton Volleyball took on Elk Point Jefferson last Thursday night in a night that every point mattered. Canton won the first match 25-18 then lost the next two 21-25 and 24-26. The C-Hawks ramped up their kills and blocks to win the last two 27-25 and 15-8.

Canton faced Parker on Tuesday, Sept. 5 to win 25-8, 25-15 and 25-14.

C-Hawk Volleyball Has Tough Loss Against Dakota Valley

The C-Hawks took on Dakota Valley for a five match battle. Canton lost the first two matches 15-25 and 24-26. C-Hawks came back in games three and four with scores of 25-21 and 25-21. The last game we fell short with score of 12-15.

C-Hawks Win Two More Matches

The C-Hawks volleyball team has been on a roll and winning more matches. The first was against Garretson with scores of 25-15, 28-26 and 26-24. Jenna VanDeWeed lead the team in kills with 15 followed by Macy Plucker 11 and Danica Rozeboom with seven. Landree Meister racked up 42 assists. Macy Plucker had 9 digs and 3 ace serves. Jenna VanDeWeed had three blocks. Landree Meister had two blocks and 9 digs. Carmyn Peterson had 20 digs.

The next match was in Wagner. Canton won in three games with scores of 25-16, 25-12 and 25-18. Plucker lead the team with 18 kills, three ace serves and 10 digs. Kiara King had six kills, three ace serves and three blocks. Jenna VanDeWeerd had five kills, three ace serves and five blocks. Landree Meister had 30 assists and three ace serves. Carmyn Peterson lead the team with 13 digs and Autumn Ask 8.



2023 Varsity Volleyball: Autumn Ask, Samantha Gubbels, Callianna Halverson, Avayla Jaacks, Lexie Kapperman, Kiara King, MaKenna Laleman, Landree Meister, Carmyn Peterson, Macy Plucker, Danica Rozeboom, Tessa Tiemann, Jenna VandeWeerd and Jayrn Warejcka. Coaches are Head Coach-Atlanta DeJong, Assistant Coaches Trina Kuper and Miranda Skiles

C-Hawks Cross County Season



2023 CHS Cross Country Team - Cordelia Adams, Zach Bartels, Clair Baumann, Emma Bockelman, Jeremy Bockelman, Ben Buitenbos, Micah Decker, Jasher Dixon, Abby Dose, Kara Dose, Kiley Dose, Finley Evjen, Hunter Fincher, Grace Gannon, Jewel Gannon, Damian Gardner, Mykl Hastings, Cedric Horst, Emmit Hruby, Wyatt Jacobs, Aidan Kranz, Alex Opland, Hubert Pullins, Marin Rhode, Sara Schroder, Ava Sletten, Camden Surdez, Ethan Vink and Jayla York. Coaches are Head Coach Mike Rhode and Coach Lucas Evjen

C-Hawk Cross Country Begin Season at Beresford

The Canton Cross Country team traveled to Beresford last Friday for the first meet of the season. This meet brings over 600 runners to compete. The Varsity girls were led by Finley Evjen finishing 23rd in a time of 21:28.22.

Cross Country Compete in Dakota Valley
Cross country traveled to Dakota Valley last Tuesday.

Girls Varsity:

Jayla York- 23:58.08- 5th Place
Ava Sletten- 24:14.30- 7th Place
Finley Evjen- 24:35.74- 9th Place

Girls JV:

Kara Dose- 18:23.42- 3rd Place
Marin Rhode- 18:23.77- 4th Place
Kiley Dose- 18:54.63- 6th Place
Abby Dose- 19:26.11- 7th Place

Cross Country Sets New Personal Records

C-Hawks hosted the last meet at the Hiawatha Golf Course. This is said to be one of the toughest courses of the year.

Varsity Girls

Jayla York 21:28.48- 17th place
Finley Evjen 21:35.31- 18th Place
JV Girls
Grace Gannon 17:41.89- 6th Place
Marin Rhode 18:26.71- 13th Place
Kara Dose 18:40.22- 14th Place
Kiley Dose 18:53.94- 17th Place

The Canton Cross Country tried a new event the Augie Twilight event on Sept. 1st. Seven runners recorded a new personal record time. Zach Bartels, Jeremy Bockelman, Micah Decker, Cordelia Adams, Kiley Dose, Aidan Kranz and Jasher Dixon.

Nike Heartland Preview was held at Yankton Trails Park in Sioux Falls.

Coach Rhode said "It was a huge success for our fellow Canton XC kids. We had 20 of the 23 runners set Personal Records for themselves. I love how each one of them continue to get stronger and grow every week. We can't ask for anything more."

Cross Country Run at Sioux Falls Christian Invite

The Canton Cross Country Teams traveled to Sioux Falls for the Charger Invitational last Tuesday.

Cross Country Sets Four More Personal Records

The C-Hawk Cross Country team traveled to Alcester to compete in the Alcester-Hudson Invite. Four more personal records were set at the meet.(Zach Bartels, Hunter Fincher, Emmit Hruby and Mykl Hastings) The girls JV team took home first place out of 7 teams.

Girls Varsity

Finley Evjen 22:37.12- 8th Place
Jayla York 23:02.44- 10th
Grace Gannon 23:09.03- 11th
Ava Sletten 23:19.66- 12th
Sara Schroder 23:24.18- 14th
Jewel Gannon 23:44.99- 15th

JV Girls

Kara Dose 20:39.96- 3rd
Kiley Dose 20:51.53- 4th

Abby Dose 20:59.12- 5th

JV Boys

Zach Bartels 16:56.83- 4th Place

Three Runners Headed to State

Ava Sletten, Jewel Gannon and Finley Evjen finished in the top 20 at the Regional 3A Cross Country Meet to qualify them for state. State Cross Country will be at Yankton Trail Park in Sioux Falls on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Girls Varsity Results:

Ava Sletten 21:19.75 - 11th Place
Finley Evjen 21:45.99 - 16th Place
Jewel Gannon 21:48.97 - 17th Place

Cross Country Girls Run at State

Finley Evjen, Ava Sletten and Jewel Gannon went to State Cross Country held at Yankton Trails Park in Sioux Falls last Saturday. Evjen finished in 64th place in a time of 21:02.33. Sletten finished 68th in time of 21:08.99. Gannon finished 111th in a time of 22:32.79.



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Bench Donated to Remember Becky Earll

Lawrence elementary acquired a new addition recently. A memorial bench to remember teacher Becky Earll, that may be viewed at the front entrance. Taken too soon, Earll was an innocent victim of an automobile crash on December the 31st of last year. She was a dedicated educator, and it was her lifelong dream to be a teacher. Earll received her degree from Northwestern in Orange City, Iowa. She then moved to Vermillion to pursue her master's degree at USD for teaching. When living in Vermillion, she earned her master's while simultaneously teaching at the Gayville-Volin school. After that, Earll was able to accept a position for her dream job in the Canton School District. So, Earll came home to Canton. At Lawrence Elementary, she was a math specialist for many years. Her sister Courtney, said Earll was so thrilled to work where she grew up, for the Canton School District.

2023 C-Hawk Homecoming

Canton C-Hawks started off another great homecoming week with Coronation Ceremony on Monday night. Royalty included Queen Tessa Tiemann, Master of Ceremony Matt Anderson, Sara Schroder, Reese Larson, Landree Meister, Danica Rozeboom, Ryan Kuper, Braxton Mulder, Arthur Benoit, Elijah Anderson and Flower girl Eleanor Olinger and Crown Bearer Hayes Souvignier-Block. Emcees for the night were Jayrn Warejcka, Marin Foster and Kaylee Dean.

Homecoming week in Canton was a busy one with cross country at Alcester Hudson on Monday. The boys golf team competed at the DAK 12 conference meet in Tea. Tuesday night was a home volleyball game against Tri-Valley.



First C-Hawk Community Hall of Fame

The C-hawk Community Hall of Fame seeks to recognize the accomplishments and outstanding character of individuals in the four areas of Academics/Achievement, Fine Arts, Athletics, and Distinguished Service.

- E.O. Lawrence (Academics)
- Burdell Coplan (Athletics and 1963 Football Team)
- Helen and Murray Rowe (Distinguished Service)

1963 Football Team (Athletics)
The 1963 Football team was Canton's first State Championship football team. The undefeated squad was honored by the sport's writers who selected champions at the time.

- Glenn Siverson (Fine Arts)
- Arlen Hofer (Fine Arts)

Kindness Rock Project Spreads Joy and Patriotism in Canton

The Canton VFW Auxiliary has chosen to be a participant in the KINDNESS ROCK PROJECT, a simple way to spread joy, kindness and patriotism with messages painted or written on rocks. The project is nationwide having been initiated in 2015 by a life coach from Massachusetts and rocks can now be found in thousands of communities across the country. The Canton Auxiliary chose to use a patriotic theme. Rocks are gathered, decorated with patriotic scene or message of thanks to our veterans and are presented to individuals to be shared with others or hide it in plain site in a public place (park, playground, hiking trail, near a sidewalk, etc.). Pam Gillespie of the Auxiliary painted 100 rocks that will be distributed by Auxiliary members throughout the community with the intent to spread "the good word."

C-Hawks Trade in Their Blue and Gold for PINK

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and on the 6th the Canton C-Hawk football team took the field in their "Crucial Catch" jersey's. Instead of their traditional blue and gold, these one-of-a-kind jerseys are highlighted in PINK. The night was about building awareness around cancer and early detection, it's also a chance to honor those who've battled the disease and to raise money to help local families currently battling cancer. C-Hawk Moms for Football raise the money for this every other year event. Donations from Canton area businesses help purchased the football jerseys which the players wore Friday night against Vermillion. During the game, each jersey was for sale and went to the highest bidder as part of a silent auction that ran through half time.

Gannon Begins Battle with Breast Cancer

Daneen Gannon and her husband Jason have lived in Canton for 40 years. Together they have 4 children, Dayton, Grace, Jewel, and Cain. They live, farm, and raise cattle and hogs right outside of Canton. They are proud supporters of the C-Hawks and are also involved in their church at the Redeemer Free Lutheran.

Recently, Gannon went in for a routine mammogram. The mammogram results showed that she would need further evaluation. At the time of her ultrasound, the doctor told her that she suspected she was looking at cancer. She went back a week later for a biopsy, which confirmed the doctor's diagnosis. Gannon was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer on September 27th, 2023. Since then, she has had appointments with surgeons, oncology, and plastics. Her treatment plan will entail a rigorous chemotherapy plan starting in mid-October for 16 weeks, during which she will be monitored with ultrasound. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. There will be a benefit at the Canton Barn on Friday, October 27th at 6 pm for Daneen. Todd & Shari Gannon and Kalli & Tim Blackstone will be hosting this event.

Knowledge of a Proposed Prison Site in Lincoln County kept "Close to the Vest"

Area Newspapers Break the Surprising Story and Help "Fill in the Blanks"
The Dakota Scout and The Mitchell Daily Republic first to report the about prison location and who had inside information of a new men's prison.
The State Legislature and the rest of South Dakota believed it was time! Afterall, a new men's prison would replace the aging and overcrowded SD Penitentiary that was built in 1881.


In March during the 2023 legislative session, Lawmakers approved HV 1017 which allowed \$323M for the purchase of land and for the design a new men's state penitentiary. The future prison also would have to be within a 20-mile radius of Sioux Falls. It would open in either late 2027 or early 2028 after which the old Sioux Falls prison would be decommissioned.

Surprise, Surprise!

The documents revealed that the proposed correctional facility would not be in Sioux Falls or Minnehaha County after all. Instead, Lincoln County was now seen as the optional location. A rural area, the 320 acres is roughly two miles southwest of the intersection of South Dakota Highway 11 and 276th Street on a gravel road. The site lies roughly six miles northwest of Canton and 3.5 miles southeast of Harrisburg. It also met all the Department of Corrections (DOC) requirements.

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First Annual Reaping AF 5K a Success

Anytime Fitness operated by Matt and Amber VanDam held its first annual Reaping AF 5k on October 21. Amber VanDam is part of the After Prom committee for the Canton High School and wanted to do something to help raise funds. Amber has always enjoyed running outdoors, especially as a group. She says when you run as a group “it definitely pushes you to go just a little bit faster and a little bit further.”

Anytime Fitness sponsored the run, but many local businesses donated time, money, and “gift bag swag”. Each runner received a bag full of goodies which included granola bars, protein drinks, a t-shirt, and other trinkets donated from our local downtown businesses. After the run the runners got to tour the Anytime Fitness facility while enjoying an after run snack.

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Canton Pool Breaks Ground After 2242 Days

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Canton Pool Construction Benefits From Warm Weather

The hole has been dug and concrete pillar footings under the pool. The warm weather has helped for digging and construction to get a good start on the project. The soil under the old pool wasn’t suitable to build a new pool on without these pillars.

If everything stays on schedule, the pool should be ready for swimmers in 2024. “We are hoping that the pool itself will be open early summer. The bath house may be the end of summer,” says Gannon.



Canton Lutheran Church Welcomes Pastor Jon Splichal Larson

On October 1st, 2023, Canton Lutheran Church (CLC) welcomed their new Pastor, Jon Splichal Larson. He grew up north



of Rochester in Red Wing, Minnesota. He attended Augustana University and upon graduating he attended Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. His first pastoral call was a 9-year placement in Bismarck, ND. Before coming to Canton, he served for two years at the Augustana University Campus Ministry. His wife, Renee, also serves as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA.) She serves with the ELCA region office, the SD Synod, located on the campus of Augustana University. Jon & Renee have two boys that keep them busy, Gabriel (8) and Elias (6.)

Inpatient Nursing Team Nominated for DAISY Award

Every Quarter, employees at Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center are treated to a staff luncheon to recognize employee milestones and accomplishments. They recently held the 4th Quarter Luncheon, where the Inpatient Nursing Team received a surprise. A patient family member nominated this team to the DAISY Foundation because of the wonderful care their loved one received while staying at SCIMC. Dave Rogers, Executive Director of Operations for Sanford Health Network, was here to present the award to the nursing team.

Band Boot Camp Fills PAC with Music

Andrea Harstad had a great idea a few years ago after 20-plus years of directing experience. What if we had many local young musicians come together to learn more about music, and instruments, and make friends? After pulling it off we decided to do it again, to bring everyone together to learn, make friends, and have fun. Saturday morning, musicians from



Design, Cost of New Lincoln County Justice Center Expected to be Approved

Plans for the Lincoln County justice center are progressing. The Lincoln County Commission is expected to approve the \$54.8M price tag in mid-December.

A design and construction team put the plan together.

Deinema Foundation

Steve Deinema of Cocoa Beach, Florida recently gave a \$10,000 gift to the “Jim and Caroline Deinema Canton Community Foundation.” Deinema provides this gift to honor the legacy of his father’s passion and commitment to the promotion, betterment, and economic growth of the community he loved. Caroline Deinema created the foundation in 1995 after Jim’s death. As stated on the foundation’s website, “Her hope was to honor his life and legacy of care for the Canton Community- for good, for ever.”

The Price is Right-ish

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The collaborative effort included Tegra, JLG Architects, DLR Group and Henry Carlson Construction along with an advisory group made up of county commission board members, district judges, the county sheriff and other county officials and county citizens. The proposed price is within the \$55M amount that the Commission authorized last year for the project. **Wallner Steps Back; Closer to Retirement**

Tom Wallner from Lite Electric is not retiring but taking steps to lessen his workload. He will only be doing service work and small jobs after the end of the year. Employees of Lite Electric Austin Fossum and Jesse Vosika were encouraged to start their own electric business “Highland Electric” to cover the larger projects. They will be offering all electric services for the Canton area.

Shop Local for Christmas

Local artists have a selection of their work displayed for sale in the new craft corner at Haisch Pharmacy. These pieces would be great options for Christmas gifts. Ten different booths are being rented by local and out of town artists displaying items for sale. These crafts include engraved woodworking, engraved drink cups, homemade mittens, chocolate bombs, clothing, gnomes, used and new repurposed items, wood ornaments, and wooden door hangers.

Batter Up Bakery

Thirteen years ago, Jen Skiles was a new nurse who enjoyed watching baking or cake shows as a stress reliever. Around the same time, her best friend was planning her wedding and requested Skiles make her wedding cake. She thought “how hard can it be?” Over the years she would make a cake here and there for friends and family. Sometimes she would see a new show with different techniques she wanted to try, and her love of baking grew from there. For now, Skiles offers cakes, cupcakes, and cookie cakes. She wanted to start with her strengths and with what she knows to start things off the right way.

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Canton Community Cantata

Canton Community Cantata was held last weekend at the Canton Lutheran Church in connection with the live nativity. A story was told of with singing, flute, piano and the organ along with a narrator guiding us through the journey. First was The Coming of the Lord followed by Waiting, Angels Are Making Their Rounds, Night of the Father's Love, The Shepherds' Song, Seeking the King, Fall on Your Knees, Christ is Born, Nowell! The live nativity was reenacted many times Saturday and Sunday night. Community members along with live animals brought you through the journey of Jesus being born. The Canton Lutheran Church Youth held their fundraiser of soup and raffle.

National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

This holiday season, too many American families will have an empty seat at their table after losing a loved one in a drunk, drug-impaired, or distracted driving accident. More than 10,000 Americans die every year in these preventable crashes. The month

of December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Weekends and holidays can be dangerous times on our roadways. Two of the most celebrated days of the year, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve, can also be the deadliest. That's why December has been recognized as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. Each of us must take personal responsibility for our actions, a safe ride saves lives. On Dec. 15th, Darcy Jensen and Officer Leegaard from Canton Police Department provided an educational activity for all high school students to assist them in learning more about impaired driving. Take time to talk with your kids about impaired driving and help spread the message across our community.

Welcome New Canton Barn Owners

Tyler and Courtney Tjeerdsma are the proud new owners of the Canton Barn. They live in Sioux Falls with their three children Zayden, Kinley, and Casen. Tyler is originally from Avon and Courtney from Brandon. Tyler works as a fire inspector for Sioux Falls Fire Rescue while Courtney is a part time data analyst for Animalytix.



Rugged Cross Stables in Sioux Falls is also owned and operated by the couple.

The Tjeerdsma's were married at the Canton barn, where they simply fell in love with the venue. Since both grew up rurally, they understand all that an old barn represents. They reached out to Tim and Kalli Blackstone when they announced they were closing. They asked if they would be interested in selling it to them, which has led them to owning the barn.

Toys for Canton Area Tots Blessed 38 Families

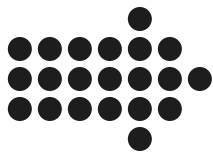
The Canton Area Toys for Tots helped 38 families this year getting Christmas Presents for the 137 kids who would have gone without. Each year tags are hung on the trees around Canton for each kid that needed help with presents. Community members volunteered last Monday night to help wrap all the gifts for each child.



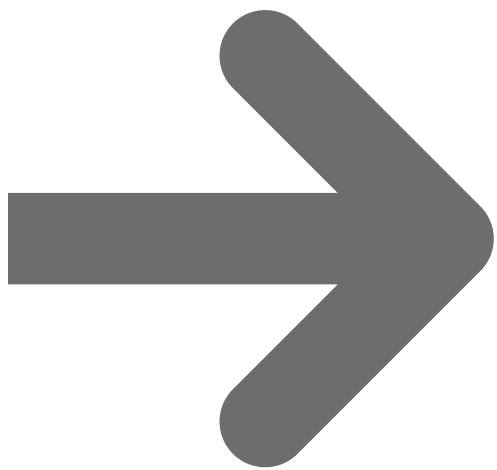
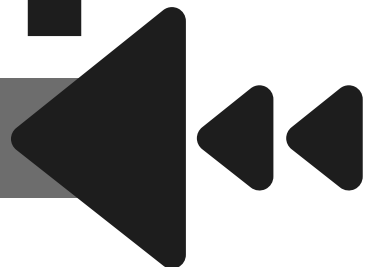
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2023-2024 Boys Basketball Season Begins



Canton Boys Basketball Opens with a Victory

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team opened up their season on Thursday night against the Elk Point Jefferson and they earned a 73-49 victory to set their record at 1-0.

Canton started out the game with 20 first quarter points taking a 8 point lead at 20-12 at the end of the 1st then they were outscored 18-17 with the Hawks taking a 37-30 halftime lead. In the 3rd quarter Canton used pressure to hold the Huskies to just 6 quarter points along with good rebounding as they outscored them 19-6 to lead 56-36 heading into the final quarter. Elk Point Jefferson closed the gap abit but but the Hawks came on strong to end the game winning 73-49.

C-Hawk Basketball Improve to 2-0 With Win Over Garretson

The Canton boys basketball team traveled to Garretson on Tuesday the 12th and came home with a 82-39 victory to improve their season record to 2-0.

Canton jumped right out for a lead and controlled the 1st quarter as they were shooting 3 pointers to grab a 23-10 lead after the 1st quarter. In the 2nd Canton scored another 23 points to lead 46-27 at halftime. Canton scored their biggest point total in the 3rd as they hit for 24 points but the defense turned it up and held Garretson to just 5 points making the score 70-32 heading into the final quarter. In the 4th quarter Canton scored 12 points and held the Blue Dragons to just 7 giving the Hawks their 2nd win 82-39 to move their record to 2-0.

Canton next traveled to Dakota Valley on Friday night to face the Panthers who were on a 56-game win streak and the Hawks fought hard but just couldn't catch the Panthers in the 4th quarter as they were

outscored 24-20 in the final 12 minutes of the game. The game was close after the 1st quarter with the Hawks trailing 16-14 then in the 2nd quarter Canton scored 17 points and DV had 23 to lead 39-31 at halftime. Dakota Valley outscored the Hawks 22-16 in the 3rd and led 61-47 but Canton closed the lead to just 8 but the Panthers put the game away with just under 2 minutes to go as they went on to win 85-67. Canton suffered their first loss of the year to move to 2-1 and the Panthers went to 2-0.

Canton Boys Basketball Splits Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team played Lennox on Monday the 18th and lost a hard fought battle with the Orioles 73-30 as it came down to the end of the game. On Tuesday went to play the Alcester-Hudson Cubs and won 63-50 in the close game for 3 ½ quarters before the hawks finished it off to put their season record at 3-2.

Canton fell down by 6 at the end of the 1st quarter 16-10 then outscored the Orioles 21-10 to trail 36-31 at halftime. The Hawks and Orioles both scored 19 quarter points in the 3rd making the score 55-50 heading into the final quarter. Canton kept it close in the final quarter and with about 2 minutes left in the game they held a 68-67 lead but Lennox would score a 3 pointer then some free throws with Canton hitting a basket to make the score 73-70 and the Hawks would get one more chance but a long 3 point attempt by Matt Anderson hit the front of the rim giving Lennox the 73-70 win.

Canton next traveled to Alcester-Hudson to face the Cubs and the game was close with the Cubs holding a small lead in the 3rd quarter but the Hawks took control in the final quarter and won 63-50 to improve to 3-2.

2023-2024 Girls Wrestling Season



Lady Wrestlers Place Second at Iowa Tournament

The C-Hawk ladies wrestled in the Okoboji Tournament last weekend. The team placed second with a score of 178 behind Spencer 201.

Girls Wrestlers Finished Great at Spencer Tournament

C-Hawk girls wrestling went to Spencer last Saturday for a tournament. Varsity results below:

- 100- Finley Even - 1st place
- 105- Jewel Gannon - 3rd place
- 110- Brook Warejcka - 2nd place
- 115- Marin Rhode - 3rd place
- 130- Jersey Folkens - 2nd Place
- 135- Lakynn Qualseth - 7th Place
- 140 - Kieonna Smith - 6th Place

- 190 -Mallory Baldwin - 5th Place
- 235- Izzy Baldwin - 6th Place

C-Hawks Ladies Win the First Big Sioux River Battle for the Paddle

The C-Hawks hosted the first Big Sioux River Battle for the Paddle Tournament last Saturday. Canton took home the team win along with four first place finishes.

C-Hawk Girls Wrestling Takes Home First Place

Canton traveled to McCook Tournament last Thursday. The team took home first place along with five wrestlers.

- 107 Brook Warejcka - 1st Place
- 114 Sara Schroder - 1st Place
- 120 Jaryrn Warejcka - 1st Place
- 185 Kori Wallner - 1st Place
- 250 Kiara King - 1st Place

Start of 2023-2024 Girls Basketball Season

Girls Basketball Pulls Out Victory Against Garretson

Canton hosted Vermillion on December 4 for the season opener. C-Hawks came up short only scoring 27 to Vermillions 56.

C-Hawks were on the road to Elk-Point Jefferson on December 7. They came home with a loss of 37 to 49.

On December 12 they traveled to Garretson and pulled out a victory with a score of 57-32.

Girls Basketball Outscores Alcester

C-Hawks went on the road to take on the Alcester Cubs last Tuesday. Shelbie Olseth scored 19 points and Jenna Vande Weerd scored 12. Danica Rozeboom had 13 rebounds. Canton pulled out the win 63-33.

Canton hosted Lennox last Monday night and came up short 46-68. Danica Rozeboom scored 13 points and had five rebounds. Brynn Oakland scored nine points. Jenna Vande Weerd had six rebounds.



2023-2024 Boys Wrestling Season



C-Hawk Wrestlers Start Season 4-0

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Parker on Tuesday the 28th and won 4 dual matches against Howard, Parker, Beresford/Alcester-Hudson and Sioux Valley then they traveled to Iowa City for the Dan Gable Donnybrook Invite and out of the 40 teams from all over the Midwest and the Hawks finished in 15 place with 9 wrestlers competing.

Tuesday the Hawks went to Parker and rolled thru 4 duals to improve to 4-0 as they opened up their 2023-24 season. Canton first faced off against Howard and won 72-11 as the Hawks received 9 forfeits enroute to the big victory.

Canton faced host Parker in the 2nd match and came away with a 60-9 victory as they jumped out to a 57-3 and lost 2 of the final 3 matches for the big win.

Beresford/A-H was next for the Hawks and they jumped out to a 60-0 lead and finished with a 70-6 victory for their 3rd win of the night.

Then in the final match of the night the Hawks wrestled Sioux Valley and only lost one match enroute to their 78-6 victory for their 4th win of the night.

The C-Hawks next traveled to Iowa City for the Dan Gable Donnybrook Invite on Friday and Saturday the 1st and 2nd in a 40 team individual tourney with teams from throughout the Midwest and out of the 40 teams the Hawks finished 15th in the team score with 191 points.

Coach Jeremy Swenson had this to say about the Hawks wrestling in the Gan Gable Donnybrook, "Going to the Dan Gable Tournament was an awesome experience. The wrestlers did amazing and stepped up to the challenge. The coaching staff was very proud of how our boys represented South Dakota and our community. Our wrestlers saw some nationally ranked wrestlers and the experience is only going to make them better as the season continues. Thanks to our families as well who took the trip to Iowa to watch our wrestlers complete."

C-Hawk Boys Wrestlers Continue to Win

The Canton C-Hawk wrestlers traveled to Vermillion on Tuesday the 12th and swept the dual action as they defeated Elk Point Jefferson, Dakota Valley and Vermillion to improve their season record to 7-0.

The Hawks headed down to Vermillion and faced the Elk Point Jefferson Huskies in the first match of the night and won the dual 69-6. Canton only lost 2 head to head matches out of the 14 they wrestled.

Canton next faced Dakota Valley and won 79-0 with Rice facing the toughest test as he won a 8-5 decision with takedowns in the 3rd period after leading 3-1 with 1:45 left in the match against the 4th ranked Class A wrestler. Rice is the top 150 in Class B.

Canton faced Vermillion in the final match of the night and Rice once again had the main matchup as he faced the 2nd ranked wrestler in Class A and won a 15-7 major decision as he once again beat his opponent from their feet as he made great shots on takedowns to control the match from the 2nd period on till the 15-7 win. Along with the takedowns Rice also scored with 3 back points for the win. Also the Hawks Gunner Swenson won all 3 matches on the night with a pin fall under 1 minute for the sweep with pins in :33, :43 and :39. Canton won the dual with a 69-12 score to go 7-0 for the seasons duals.

The Wrestlers traveled to Elk Point for the Huskie Invite and they won the team title by with 215 points finishing just ahead of Hinton Iowa with 197.5 followed by Parker 154, Bon Homme/Avon 149, Millard North NE 139, Tri Valley 131, Wagner 99, Parkston 97.5, Beresford/Alcester-Hudson 68.5, Boyden Hull/ Rock Valley 64, West Monona-Whiting 61, Elk Point Jefferson 56 and Dakota Valley 38.

The Hawks won the Invite with the help of 6 individual champions with one 3rd and two 5th place finishers out of the 12 wrestlers that participated. Winning championships for the Hawks were 113 Landon Walker, 120 Zach Bartels, 126 Aiden Schrempp, 132 Ashton Keller, 150 Ayson Rice and Hwt Traun Cook.

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