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Parents of children in the Canton School District who will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2025, are asked to call Lawrence Elementary School at 605-764-2579 to add their child to the Kindergarten roster for the 2025-2026 school year.

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm. at Lawrence Elementary School. Parents who are interested in KinderPrep should also attend Roundup.

Kindergarten screening will be on Tuesday, March 4th and Thursday, March 6th from 4:00-8:00 pm. All screening times will be scheduled. Please call 605-764-2579 for an appointment.

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Sergeant Carlson to Travel to Greece & Italy with Special Olympics

By: Kala Hazelhoff

Joe Carlson is currently a Sergeant with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LSCO) where he has worked for over fourteen years. For five years prior to that, Carlson worked for the Canton Police Department. He graduated from Canton High School in 1999 and is married to Sarah Carlson. Together, they have two children, Max, and Mason.

Carlson has been involved with the "Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics" (LETR) for approximately 15 years. LETR is made up of Law Enforcement Officers who share the common goal of supporting athletes of Special Olympics, whether that be fundraising or raising awareness.

Carlson started small, only helping with escorting the "Torch Run" through Canton when he was with the Canton PD. Then one year when they came through, he ran with them while in uniform. After that, he was invited to be one of the Core Runners for the South Dakota LETR.

LETR is made up of current and retired law enforcement officers from around the world.

"Law enforcement is a great career to get into. It can be fun and exciting...but the truth of the matter is, sometimes there are really bad days. I have never had a bad day volunteering for the Special Olympics. It has been the most positive aspect of my twenty-year career so far. Being an officer that is involved with the

Law Enforcement Torch Run is the positive side that some officers need to help forget about the negatives. It is their therapy, and I think it works pretty well!" -Carlson

Carlson's role with Special Olympics began initially as being a supporter, by raising funds and spreading awareness through volunteer events such as "Tip a Cop," "Chase the Ace" and "Polar Plunges." He has helped officiate basketball games, bocce ball matches, and has handed out medals and awards to the athletes who participated. Carlson's role has now shifted; including being the father of a child who participates in the Special Olympics.

"My son, Max, is 14 years old and competes in the Special Olympics with the Sioux Falls Lancers Team. Max does track and field events, plays bocce and basketball. When he is old enough, I think he might dominate in Power Lifting...the kid is a brute!" Carlson commented.

Although the way he interacts with the Special Olympics has changed a bit, he still finds a way to help with many volunteer events and fundraising events, and now he is also helping coach and mentor athletes. He also takes part in the "Torch Run" through South Dakota every year, immediately switching over to "Athlete Dad" following the run and opening ceremony at the State Games.

His favorite part of the Special Olympics started off by seeing how excited the athletes were to be presented with their awards. Carlson



Joe Carlson and his son Max after last years Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in Sioux Falls.

often tries to recruit new officers into the events, to encourage them to come and present awards at the games.

"If you are a presenter, you better be ready to be hugged. A lot. That might be right after they got out of the pool, and it will not matter. The longer I have been involved, the more I have seen how incredibly important these athletic events are to the athletes. These events are the only time that many of them get a chance to compete in sporting events. They take it very seriously, as they should. We get to see that with the proper support or modifications, the athletes are capable of a lot more than some people realize," Carlson stated.

What is important to Carlson about the Special Olympics is the fact that it gives people of all abilities the opportunity to compete in athletic events, at whatever level they are capable of competing. The LETR supports those activities in whatever ways they can dream up.

Carlson was selected by fellow members of the "South Dakota Law Enforcement Torch Run" to represent South Dakota in this

event. They typically consider the officer's overall involvement and dedication to the program during the process of selection. He will be the only officer from South Dakota. South Dakota is sending one athlete to Turin to compete in Alpine Skiing at the Winter Games. Nick Mills, from Sioux Falls, SD.

Carlson will be attending the Lighting Ceremony of the "Flame of Hope" on February 25th in Athens, Greece. From there, his team will travel to Rome where a ceremony will take place to include a "Papal Blessing of the Flame." They will then travel to Turin, Italy on February 27th where they will hold team meetings and begin their travels to surrounding communities in Northern Italy. Once in Northern Italy they will carry the "Flame of Hope" through twelve different communities, during the "Final Leg of the Torch Run" there will be eight athletes from around the world teamed up with ninety-two different officers from around the

world to carry the torch through the communities and into the Opening Ceremony of the World Winter Games on March 8th, 2025.



Pictured above is Joe with his wife Sarah, sons Max and Mason.

Open Meeting Law Act Passed

An amendment was added to the open meeting laws by the State of South Dakota.

Any agency or political subdivision is required to review the laws annually to ensure they are following all laws.

An Act to require the publication and review of an explanation of the open meeting laws of this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. That § 1-11-1 be AMENDED:

1-11-1. It is the duty of the attorney general:

(1) To appear for the state and prosecute and defend all actions and proceedings, civil or criminal, in the Supreme Court, in which the state shall be interested as a party;

(2) When requested by the Governor or either branch of the Legislature, or whenever, in the judgment of the attorney general, the welfare of the state demands, to appear for the state and prosecute or defend, in any court or before any officer, any cause or matter, civil or criminal, in which the state may be a party or interested;

(3) To attend to all civil cases remanded by the Supreme Court to the circuit court, in which the state shall be a party or interested;

(4) To prosecute, at the request of the Governor, state auditor, or state treasurer, any official bond



or contract in which the state is interested, upon a breach thereof, and to prosecute or defend for the state all actions, civil or criminal, relating to any matter connected with either of their departments;

(5) To consult with, advise, and exercise supervision over the several state's attorneys of the state in matters pertaining to the duties of their office, and the attorney general shall be authorized and it is made the duty of the office, whenever in the attorney general's judgment any opinion written by the attorney general will be of general interest and value, to mail either written or printed copies of such opinion to the auditor-general and to every state's attorney and county auditor in the state;

(6) When requested, to give an opinion in writing, without fee, upon all questions of law submitted to the attorney general by the

Legislature or either branch thereof, or by the Governor, auditor, or treasurer;

(7) When requested by the state auditor, treasurer, or commissioner of school and public lands, to prepare proper drafts for contracts, forms, and other writings, which may be wanted for use of the state;

(8) To report to the Legislature, or either branch thereof, whenever requested, upon any business relating to the duties of the office;

(9) To prosecute state officers who neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of statutes of this state prohibiting officers of the state from accepting any money, fee, or perquisite other than salary for performance of duties connected with the office or paid because of holding such office and the statute requiring issue and delivery and filing of prenumbered duplicate receipts and accounting for money

received for the state;

(10) To pay into the state treasury all moneys received by the attorney general, belonging to the state, immediately upon the receipt thereof;

(11) To prosecute any criminal action that was committed by an inmate under confinement in a facility operated by the Department of Corrections;

(12) To attend to and perform any other duties which may from time to time be required by law; and

(13) To publish an explanation of the open meeting laws of this state, as found in chapter 1-25, on the attorney general's website each year before January first.

Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-25:

Any agency, as defined in § 1-26-1, or political subdivision of this state, that is required to provide public notice of its meetings pursuant to § 1-25-1 or 1-25-1.3 must annually review the following, during an official meeting of the agency or subdivision:

(1) The explanation of the open meeting laws of this state published by the attorney general, pursuant to § 1-11-1; and

(2) Any other material pertaining to the open meeting laws of this state provided by the attorney general.

The agency or subdivision must include in the minutes of the official meeting an acknowledgment that the review was completed.

Windmill Of My Mind

by Margaret Schultz

AN ODE TO DRY AIR

The dry air in the Winter has dried out my old nose;
Where does this dry nose lead? It causes it to bleed.
I may be washing dishes or folding up our clothes,
When suddenly I realize there's blood coming from my nose.
I grab the nearest tissues and stuff them up my nose,
I do this very quickly so I don't bleed upon my clothes.
My nosebleeds make me sneeze,
Which doesn't put me at ease.
The forces of that action
Could make my tissue lose its traction,
Dislodge it from its "pocket"
And shoot off like a rocket.
Can you imagine all the despair
of blood clots bursting in thin air?

Some landing on the sofa and some getting in my hair!

Then Bob, who's always the helpful fella,
Says "Margaret, can I get you your umbrella?"
Before the blood gets in my eyes, I hope someone will cauterize.

As gruesome as that all may be, that is what I put up with for several weeks. We did finally get a room humidifier and that seems to be the answer. I'm very thankful.

Our blood is wonderful when it is in the right place doing what it is supposed to do; however, when it gets out of control, it's a problem. As we approach the Lenten season, I am so deeply thankful that Jesus made the final sacrifice for us by the shedding of His Blood. My bloody nose was a huge nuisance, but there is Power in the Blood of Jesus. Thank you Lord!

Lincoln County Commission

The Lincoln County Commission met Tuesday, February 11 in the Lincoln County Boardroom. Commissioners heard agenda items including a legislative audit, awarding bridge projects, and department head presentations.

Auditor Lund was present for a closing conference with board action to follow for the legislative audit ending in 2023. Lund introduced David Weilder to give the presentation. "Generally accepting auditing standards require us to communicate with those charged with governance certain items. We communicate eight items, this letter discusses it, and the appropriateness of Lincoln County's accounting policies, we think it's an appropriate accounting policy here that you have chosen," Weilder said. With no public input or questions from the Commission, a motion to approve was made by Otten, seconded by Arens, the motion carried.

Highway Assistant Superintendent, Jared Narum requested board action to award the bridge preservation project. "We had three bidders with the lowest bid coming in from Cramer and Associates in the amount of \$3,213,167.62. The awarding bid did come in underneath the engineers estimate of \$3.6 million," he said. Motion to approve the bid to Cramer and Associates made by Otten, seconded by Arens, the motion carried.

Human Resources Director, Traci Humphrey requested board action to approve a two-step increase for a Sheriff's Office employee. "I'm

bringing before you a request from Sheriff Swenson for an addition step increase for Jordan Wilcox, a Correctional Officer I, in recognition of his excellent performance and to address wage disparity among his peers. As you can see in the briefing form, Jordan is currently at a 106/6 and it will have a step increase that will bring it to his anniversary to 106/7, however, Sheriff Swenson is asking for you to approve him to a 106/8 that would result in a rate of \$29.08 or 60 cents more per hour. The reason for his request is that it would put Jordan in alignment with compensation of that of other correctional officers," she said. A motion to approve the increase made by Arens, seconded by Otten, the motion carried with Schmidt abstaining as he wasn't present for the beginning of the request.

4-H Advisor, Wendy Sweeter was present to give a 4-H department head presentation. "The 4-H program is open to any and all youth age five to 18 years old as of January 1. We work with other 4-H professionals from around the state on different programs and projects. Our funding comes from the county through the support of the community as well as grants and then we collaborate with more than 30 registered volunteers," she said. Sweeter plans to expand the program to include more skills for the participants. "We want to expand school offerings to include a life skills curriculum called Launch Skills, as well as some workforce programming," she continued. The Commission thanked Sweeter for

her update.

Lincoln County Coroner, Kenneth Snell, gave a presentation from the coroner's office. "We've served as the coroner here since 2017, and I want to go over the law that gives us the ability or requires us to do what we do. Looking at state codified law, we're told to investigate all human deaths that occur that are in the public interest, any non-natural death that occurs outside of a medical care facility, there's always the question about an individual that shows in the ER and dies in the ER, is it a coroner's case or not, and we try to work closely with the emergency room to answer that question," he said. For the past two years, Snell's office has dealt with 116 calls, and they accepted 89 of the cases. "Of the 89, 19 had to be autopsied, 15 we looked at the bodies and documented what was there, an example would be a straightforward gunshot suicide. We look at that, we work with law enforcement, and if they're agreeing with us and everything, nobody's concerned that's as far as we'll go with that, and 55 we did not look at," he continued. Snell reported five homicides, five drug deaths, and two that were traffic related fatalities. The Commission thanked Snell for his update.

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Letter to the Editor

There is no argument that the Department of Corrections is important in South Dakota and deserves our attention. Anyone listening or watching the news in the last year understands that.

However, I'm a very modestly successful businessman, and I don't need even a dull pencil to tell you that a state of 900,000 people who are already struggling to pay their taxes has no business building a billion-dollar prison. The operation of it alone in a remote location with no infrastructure present will be a giant albatross around our necks for decades to come.

That's a thousand dollars per person. Not a thousand per adult; not a thousand per household; a thousand per resident on bricks and mortar, with no mention of a plan to reduce our climbing incarceration rate, no plan to reduce our shameful recidivism rate, no plans for job training, education, or rehabilitation. Where are we going?

Some new or added facilities may be warranted. But experts and employers in the field of corrections will tell you buildings do not ensure safety for prisoners or employees or their families. Leadership, policy, and morale do.

Thank you,
Tom Eiesland
Canton, SD



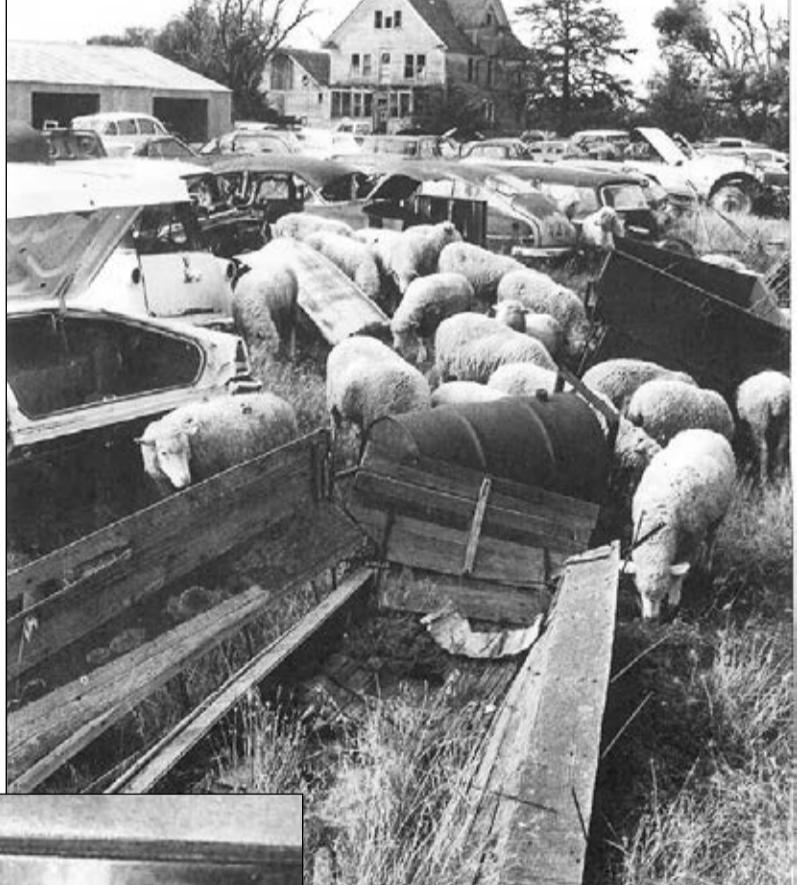
OFF The Road With Jerry



This is a yard of old classics junkyard out in the country west of Scotland, SD a few miles. This salvage yard is owned by Alfred Ziegler, who goes by the name "King", he has been operating this on his farm for many years, starting somewhere in 1960's.

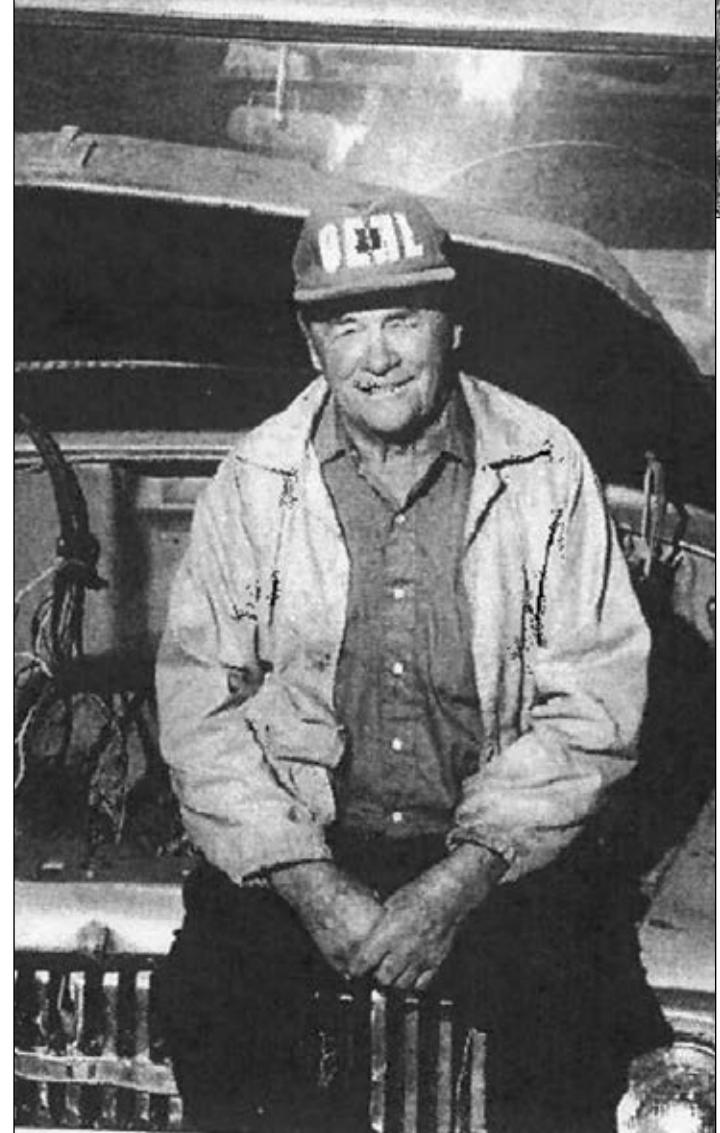


Here is the salvage yard owner walking with a customer to find an old now classic car for body parts. Mr. Ziegler usually never paid for old cars. Because way back in the 60's and 70's, the big craze to rebuild old car had not started. If a car owner wanted to sell an old junker, he had to haul it to a junk dealer and get paid very little to nothing. So King let people bring in old vehicles free of charge and he never had to pay for them.



Above is another view of the big salvage yard showing the owners house and building. He ran his sheep herd in here to keep mowing down. He got started in this business when he was young and running a car repair and oil business in Kaylon, S.D. but he started letting customers get rid of their old cars around his garage and it got out of control. So he moved the cars to his new salvage yard on his farm.

On the left is King posing on an International pick up. He said he even had some customers come from far away, such as Asia and all parts of Europe, and every state in our country for old classic parts. For a while he paid 25 to 100 dollars for some vehicles, but when he had over 150 vehicles in his yard he stopped paying. He did not take any parts off, so customers had to bring their own tools and go out and unbolt their own parts. Some professional car restorers visited on a regular basis, he sold parts cheaper than most places. He never sold to scrap dealers.





Mental Health Memo

Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

About the authors: This column was written in collaboration with the Human Services Center and the Division of Behavioral Health.

Have you ever felt especially tired, sad, or unmotivated during the winter months? If so, you're not alone. Many people experience changes in their mood when the seasons change, especially in fall and winter.

These changes in mood are often referred to as the "winter blues." When these changes become more significant and symptoms begin to interfere with your daily life, Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, could be the cause.

SAD is a type of depression that happens at the same time each year, usually when there is less sunlight. Scientific research suggests that shorter days and longer nights affect the brain's production of serotonin, a chemical that helps regulate mood. Less sunlight can also mess with our body's internal clock, making us feel tired or out of sync.

Common symptoms of SAD include:

Feeling sad, irritable, or hopeless;

Losing interest in activities you usually enjoy;

Sleeping too much or having trouble waking up;

Feeling low on energy; Craving unhealthy foods, especially carbs like bread and pasta;

Difficulty concentrating; and Withdrawal socially from friends and family.

The good news is that there are ways to manage SAD. Spending time outside during daylight hours, even when it's cold, can help. Go for a short walk or challenge yourself to engage in some winter fun such as ice skating or learning to ski. Better yet, invite a friend to keep that social connection during the winter months. Light therapy, which uses special lamps to mimic natural sunlight, is another option. Exercise, eating a healthy balance of foods, and talking to a

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BRYNN OAKLAND

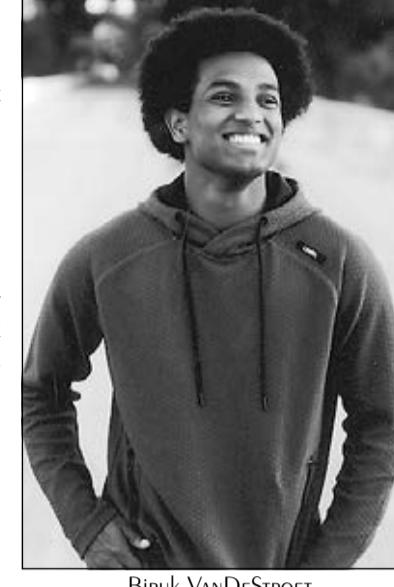
Senior Brynn Oakland is the daughter of Darin and Sara and has two siblings Brayden and Bennett. She is involved in basketball, track, HOSA, Tri-M, band, Jazz band and National Honor Society in school and youth group outside of school. Brynn has received the following awards: 2 years All Conference Honorable Mention - basketball, NEC/ACC Conference Clash Player of the game - basketball.

Blue is her favorite color, her favorite season is summer, pasta is her favorite food, her favorite sport is basketball, Marley and Me is her favorite movie and "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me is her favorite song. Her most memorable moment in high school was going to Florida for the band/choir trip and having fun and making memories with my classmates and friends.

Her mom is the most influential in her life "She has shown me what hard work is. She is my biggest supporter and loves me no matter what." The person who has made a difference for her is Steffensen "He has always believed in me both in school as my teacher and in basketball as my coach.

After graduation Brynn plans to go to Mount Marty to play basketball and major in nursing. Her advice for underclassmen "Enjoy these moments because they truly go by so fast and always be kind to everyone."

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BIRUK VANDESTROET

Senior Biruk VanDeStroet is the son of Jerome and Tami and has four siblings Elijah, Tadesse, Kaylee and Caleb. He is involved in student council, FCA, track and National Honor Society in school and Biruk's Egg Project outside of school. He has received an award in Scholastic Banquet.

Biruk's favorite movie is 7 years in Tibet, yellow is his favorite color and "Burn, Burn, Burn" by Zack Bryan is his favorite song. His most memorable most of high school was "hiding in hell's car and scaring the crap out of her."

The most influential people in his life are his parents "They always teach me valuable lessons and help me grow in my faith." The teachers who have made a difference for him are Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Anderson "Mrs. Nelson gives me good advice and snacks; Mrs. Anderson encourages me to grow in my faith."

After graduation Biruk plans to attend Iowa State and major in Finance. His advice for underclassmen "Enjoy high school, but have fun and don't take it too seriously."

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doctor or therapist can also make a big difference.

If you or someone you know is struggling, remember that it may not be just the winter blues. SAD is a real condition, and help is available. Understanding SAD can make it easier to recognize and manage, so you can feel better all year round.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, reach out for help. Call, text or chat 988 to talk with locally trained professional at the Helpline Center. It's free, confidential and available 24/7, 365. You're never alone in this journey.

Are more elderly South Dakotans working?

By Megan Luther
South Dakota News Watch
Yes.

A growing number of South Dakotans continue to work past retirement age.

In 2018, a quarter of South

Dakotans 65 and older were in the labor force. Five years later, that number climbed to 29%, above the national rate of 19%.

As of July 2024, 18% of South Dakotans were 65 and older. That's up from 14% in 2010.

From 2000-2020 the nationwide share of workers 60 and older doubled, due in part to the aging

population and falling birth rates.

Other contributing factors include employers shifting away from pension type retirement plans, which encourage workers to retire at a specific age, and the Social Security system raising the age for when workers can receive full benefits from 65 to 67.

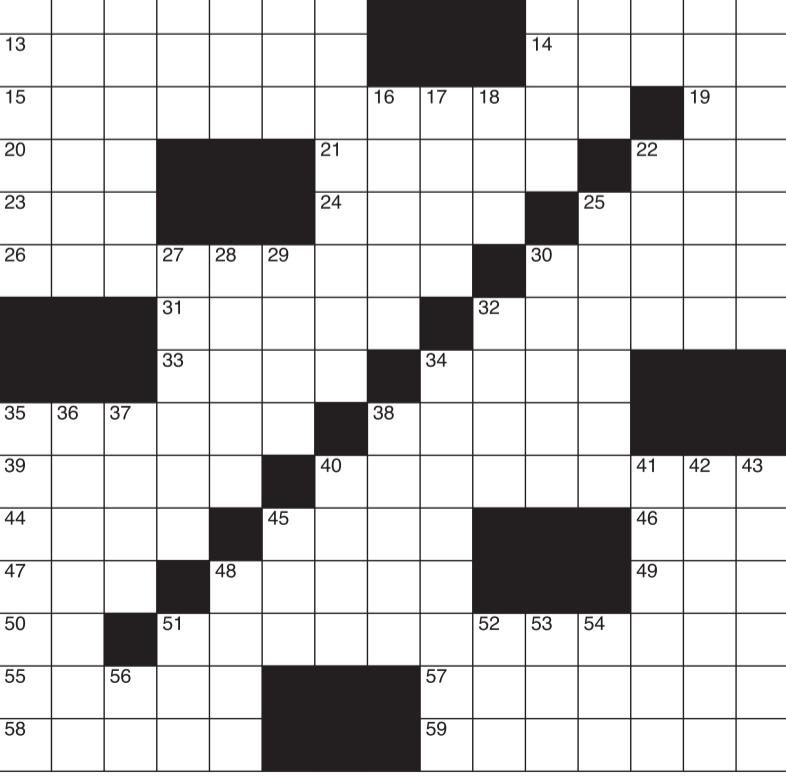
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Half-conscious states
- 2. Unnatural
- 13. Deep regret
- 14. Rogue
- 15. Took without permission
- 19. An alternative
- 20. After B
- 21. Partner to "flowed"
- 22. The best day of the week (abbr.)
- 23. Helps you hear
- 24. Egyptian river
- 25. Lake ___, one of the Great
- 26. Make free from bacteria
- 30. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 31. Sanctuaries in Greek temples
- 32. Most unclothed
- 33. NJ senator Booker
- 34. Tibetan lake
- 35. Desecrate something sacred
- 38. John ___, English educator 1467-1519
- 39. Obtains in return for labor
- 40. Views
- 44. Rugged cliff
- 45. Not quiet
- 46. Body part
- 47. Newt
- 48. German city
- 49. A way to save money
- 50. NBC's Roker
- 51. Dire Straits frontman
- 55. Actress Lathan
- 57. Most meager
- 58. Poems
- 59. Companions



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draws over
- 2. Recur
- 3. Current unit
- 4. Neither

By Jim Speirs
Executive Director

Governor's Awards Spotlight Outstanding Service To The Arts

This month the South Dakota Arts Council and Arts South Dakota announced the biennial Governor's Awards in the Arts. Each recipient is an inspiring example for all of us, often demonstrating a lifetime of commitment to creativity, cultural enhancement and sharing the arts with students, audiences and other citizens throughout South Dakota.

Receiving this year's awards are: **Roger Broer**, Hill City, for *Distinction in Creative Achievement*; **Paul Schiller**, Sioux Falls, for *Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Individual*; **Mary Wipf**, Deadwood, for *Outstanding Service in Arts Education*; **Sanford Health**, Sioux Falls, for *Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Organization or Business*, and **Dream Catchers Artists Guild**, for *Outstanding Support of the Arts to Native Nations with Lands in South Dakota*.

This year's presentation of the Governor's Awards in the Arts is the 27th showcase of those who have shown outstanding support for our state's creative environment. The South Dakota Arts Council, who along with Arts South Dakota

sponsors the awards, made honoring arts community leaders one of its first tasks shortly after its creation nearly 60 years ago. The biennial award presentations have given our governors the opportunity to acknowledge the value and vitality of the arts in South Dakota.

Most importantly, the Governor's Awards in the Arts shine an inspirational spotlight on the actions of our fellow South Dakotans. From honoring individual artists to arts organizations, the vital efforts that build, enhance and share our state's vibrant arts community are recognized. The people and organizations chosen for these honors are our neighbors, friends, teachers and fellow artists. The recipients show us what we can achieve through our own contributions to the arts in South Dakota.

Please visit www.ArtsSouthDakota.org to read the stories of this year's Governor's Awards in the Arts recipients—and congratulate them if you have the opportunity. Each of them has truly made a difference for our state.

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Boys Basketball Fall to Deinema Foundation Awarded to Tri-M Baltic and Madison

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team fell to a 2-15 record when they were defeated by Baltic and Madison over the weekend and now they host Hanson on Thursday then travel to Vermillion on Monday the 24th to end the regular season.

Canton faced Baltic on Thursday and they were defeated 64-40 as the Hawks led 38-26 at halftime. Canton only mustered up 3 points in the 3rd quarter and 11 in the 4th to lose 64-40. The Hawks were led in scoring by Alex Rhead with 18 points on 7 of 16 FG followed by Theo Meister 6, Noah Beatty 5, Ryder Thompson 4, Landon Dominisse 3, Wyette Greenwood 2 and Espn Anderson 2. Canton was 16 of 54 FG, 6 of 27 3pt and 2 of 2 FT while Baltic was 27 of 56, 6 of 16 3PT and 4 of 10 FT. Corbin Winquist handed out 3 assists and 2 from Rhead. Defensively the Hawks were led by Bil Yuek with 6 rebounds followed by Winquist 4, Anderson 3, Beatty 2, Andrew Ortman 2, Thompson 2, Jase Charrlin 2. Rhead had 2 steals with Ortman 2, Charrlin 2 and one each from Yuek, Thompson, Daniel Langerock, Greenwood and Anderson. Baltic outrebounded the Hawks 45-25.



Canton then traveled to Madison on Saturday and lost 70-24 as the Hawks could only score single digits in each quarter as they trailed 19-9 after the first and 39-9 at halftime. In the 3rd they were outscored 13-8 and 18-7 to fall 70-24. Canton was 11 of 39 FG, 1 of 18 3PT and 1 of 2 FT while Madison was 29-54 FG, 10-22 3PT and 2 of 2 FT. The Hawks were led by Rhead with 8 points followed by Beatty 3, Charrlin 2, Winquist 2, Yuek 2, Langerock 2, Meister 2, Anderson 2, Thompson 1. Rhead and Beatty each handed out 2 assists and one each from Charrlin, Jarius Battese and Langerock. Beatty led the Hawks in rebounds with 4 along with Charrlin 3, Yuek 2, Anderson 2 Dominisse 2 and one each from Battese, Winquist, Rhead, Ortman, Langerock, Meister and Braxton Kurtz. Madison outrebounded the Hawks 31-20 and Rhead had 2 steals and one each from Ortman, Beatty and Meister.



The Deinema Foundation awarded a \$600 grant to the Tri-M Music Honor Society. This grant will assist with the operational expenses associated with the Young Band Bootcamp, a day of learning and inspiration for beginning instrumental music students from Canton and surrounding communities.

Photo: Andrea Harstad (front left), Elementary & Middle School Instrumental Music, accepts the grant award check from Brenda Van Zee (front right), Jim & Caroline Deinema Canton Community Foundation Board Member. Student pictured (front row): Naomi Albers, Kiley Dose, Kara Dose, Ciera Ancell, Hannah Fong, Maydsen Burmeister. Middle row: Samantha Gubbel, Maliah Laleman, Izzy Baldwin, Allegra Machmiller, Jersey Folkens, Lily Smith, Aaron Sorum. Back row: Erin Legg, Jeremy Eich, Jenna Van De Weerd, Brynn Oakland, Marin Rhode, Stevie Falk.

SDDOT Reminders about Upcoming 2025 Spring Load Restrictions

PIERRE, S.D. - Under the authority of SDCL 32-22-24, Highway Maintaining Authorities may restrict loads anytime between February 15 to April 30 to protect their highways from break-up during the spring thaw.

"To prevent roadway damage and preserve our critical infrastructure, it can become necessary to temporarily restrict loads this time of the year," said Craig Smith, Director of Operations.

To avoid imposing Spring Load Restrictions earlier or longer than necessary, the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) monitors daily high and low temperatures at locations

throughout the state and calculates accumulated freeze and thaw indexes. SDDOT also relies heavily on observed highway conditions and the experience of its field personnel to decide when to impose and remove load restrictions.

Each spring, a map of state-proposed spring load restrictions and a list of county roads are posted on the South Dakota Truck Info website at <https://sdtruckinfo.sd.gov/rules-regulations/size-weight-regulations/spring-load-restrictions/> and on the SDDOT's 511 website at <https://www.sd511.org>. On the SD511 site, click on Traffic Notices then CVO Restrictions to see restrictions

placed into effect. When restrictions go into effect, a notice will be sent out via press release and posted on the spring load restriction page of the South Dakota Truck Info website.

SDDOT personnel remind motorists that County road posted load limits are not determined or enforced by the State. Please use the county information provided on the South Dakota Truck Info website to contact the county superintendent for questions or concerns.

For more information, contact Dan Varilek, Winter Maintenance Specialist, at 605-773-3571 or by email at daniel.varilek@state.sd.us.

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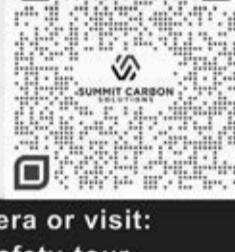
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Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

I want to first tell our Canton C-Hawk wrestling team congratulations on winning their 3rd consecutive State Dual Championship and 5th overall in 6 years. I drove them out to Pierre Thursday night and they wrestled 3 dual matches on Friday and came away with a 3-0 dual record and finished the year 19-0. We wrestled Parkston first round and won 50-27 moving us into the semifinals against Bon Homme/Avon and we won that one 52-18 sending us to the championship match against Winner. We beat Winner in Canton earlier this season 35-34 with a criteria point but we didn't leave any doubt who the better team was that day as we beat them 50-16 to win our 3rd consecutive state dual title and now we have one more state tournament coming in a couple weeks to end on top again as we look for our 8th straight title. In the finals match with Winner we won 10 out of the 14 matches and 2 stood out to me when Wyatt Tuntland came from behind in the 144 pound match and got the takedown in the 3rd period and put his opponent in a country boy hold and rolled him to his back for the pin in 5:36 for 6 team points. Chase Adam at 165 got the pin at the start of the 3rd period for another 6 points for us and those were great since they didn't fare all that good in the other dual so this really got us going good. All the matches were battles and even the ones we didn't win we fought hard

and of all the matches I watched this season this is the one I think we looked the best. Now we head to Salem on Saturday to qualify all 14 of us for state so get a chance come out to Salem and cheer on the wrestlers.

The basketball teams are ending their seasons soon as the girls will be to Regions next Monday the 25th but first a last home game will be against Hanson with the boys and girls then the boys head to Vermillion on the 24th to finish their season before they head to regions. The girls have been on a roll and improved their record to 12-5 after losing their first 3 games of the season then only dropping a game to SF Christian in the 12 games they won. Keep playing hard girls and lets fill the gym on the 20th for their last home game.

For me football is over for the year and now I get 8000 updates everyday on my phone on who my team is looking at and hoping to draft or trade for and that's both college and pro so I don't have a clue who we are getting or who we have unless they are the stars on the team now. With all the trouble trying to keep up with all I can say is I am glad the spring baseball is started and now I can figure out who the Braves really have and not hope to have. With Baseball season starting up that means winter is almost over and I am ok with that but that also means golf is not far off!

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The need to secure the border has never been clearer than in the last four years. The Biden administration's open-border policies allowed criminals and gang members into the United States. South Dakota law enforcement traced drugs on our streets back to the southern border. And we all heard the tragic stories of Americans killed by illegal immigrants who should have never been in our country in the first place.

Like many Americans, I'm glad that President Trump wasted no time fulfilling his promise to crack down on illegal immigration and secure the border. It's difficult to believe that some of the individuals who have been arrested were still in this country: members of violent international gangs and individuals arrested for murder, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, sexual crimes involving children, and human smuggling. Our communities are safer with these individuals in custody.

The chaos of the last four years was dangerous. More than 10 million individuals came across the

southern border. Law enforcement officials were overwhelmed. Officers were pulled from guarding the border to process the flood of migrants. Border cities and other cities across the country struggled to deal with the influx. This chaos was an invitation to terrorists, smugglers, drug cartels, and other dangerous individuals to enter our country.

President Trump, Secretary Kristi Noem, and Border Czar Tom Homan have spent their first days in office making it clear that illegal immigration will no longer be tolerated. Congress also got right to work. The first bill that we sent to President Trump's desk, the Laken Riley Act, ensures that illegal immigrants who steal, assault a law enforcement officer, or kill or seriously injure another person are detained instead of being allowed back out on the street. We're making progress turning things around, but there's still much more to do.

Tom Homan recently briefed Republican senators on the administration's progress. He also made clear that Border Patrol

and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will need additional resources to continue the important work of securing the border and getting criminals off of our streets.

Republicans are prepared to deliver those resources. The U.S. Senate has begun the process of producing legislation that will lay the foundation for a transformational investment in border security and immigration enforcement, as well as national defense. Congress will provide resources to increase the number of ICE officers and Border Patrol agents, expand detention space, facilitate deportations of dangerous individuals, and obtain the barriers and technology that we need to secure the border.

No longer will Americans be asked to tolerate rampant illegal immigration. We will get the border under control, finish the wall, and get dangerous illegal immigrants off the streets. The American people made it clear that border security is one of their top priorities, and Republicans are working to swiftly deliver it.



Legislative Report

**Representative Karla Lems
Speaker Pro-Tempore
District 16**

Dear District 16 constituents,
We are over halfway through the SD Legislative Session. As we round the bend, the three topics that continue to dominate the discussion in Pierre are property taxes, the prison and property rights.

Property Taxes

The Governor has proposed a property tax bill. It is not the sweeping reform that is needed, but it is something. It would limit the increase in owner-occupied assessments to 3% countywide for 5 years. The bill also directs taxing districts and school outlay budgets to be capped if related to new construction on a home equal to 40% of value. For example, if you add onto your home and the value is 40% or less of your existing property value, you pay no additional tax. Finally, the proposal would increase income limits for the assessment freeze program to \$55,000 for single member homes and \$65,000 for multi-member homes. A cap to any eligible home value would be set at \$500,000.

There are other property tax bill proposals that continue to make their way through the process. I want to make sure that we look out for all property tax payers, and not just shift the burden from Person A to Person B. However, that will mean a cut somewhere else, because we have to balance the budget.

Prison

HB 1025 was in the State Affairs committee and passed with "No Recommendation" to House Appropriations. This bill incorporates the site for the prison AND the spending. Remember, this prison is slated to cost \$825 million, not including roads. In comparison, our neighboring state of Nebraska is building a \$366 million prison that will also house 1500 prisoners and replace their current penitentiary. I asked about this last year on the House floor, and we are continually told that one reason is because our prison is maximum security.

There are too many unanswered questions for me to vote for this prison. In addition to the initial cost, part of which is coming from unclaimed property that is an ongoing liability to the state,

we are on the hook FOREVER for the \$20 some MILLION that will be ADDITIONAL cost for SD taxpayers ANNUALLY! The proponents keep emphasizing 'fiscal responsibility,' but I would argue that is the VERY THING WE NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT! We need to put the brakes on this project and look at the other options that are out there, and there are several.

The plan in the legislature was to have this bill go through the committee, then to House Appropriations, and then to a vote on the House floor. It needs a 2/3 vote to move it over to the Senate. On Friday, the House Chair of Appropriations, as a courtesy to the Governor, took it off the agenda for Tuesday. The testifiers who were planning to travel to Pierre were confused to why this happened. I believe some want this moved to the Joint Appropriations Committee instead of the House Appropriations Committee. This would require a vote of the present committee or the House to move it.

This prison continues to face opposition, mostly because of the astronomical cost of not only the initial build, but for the ongoing annual impact. I would offer this short analogy: A man plans to build a house. He purchases land, pays for architectural plans, and even does some site prep. When he goes to the banker to finalize the deal, he is reminded that times are tough and the ongoing cost to himself and his family will be more than he thought. He will have very little left for other things that he also needs. The advice he gets is mixed. Some say, "You should build! It's your dream house! You are too far down the road to back up now!" Other wise friends say, "It's best to put the brakes on, go back to the drawing board, and be a long-term fiscally responsible person. Remember, this bigger house will cost much more in insurance, maintenance, and utility costs than your old house. Wait until the time is right, you have the correct plan, and you can confidently know this is where you want to be for MANY years to come."

Property Rights

There are several bills that have to do with property rights, but the main bill of HB 1052 has made it out of the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate. This bill would not allow a CO2 pipeline company to use eminent domain in South Dakota. There is a mandate from the people of SD to ACT on this issue.

One interesting note of how the pipeline and the prison intersect is that the present route goes 1/4 of a mile from the prison site. If there would be a rupture of the CO2 pipeline, we would have approximately 1500 prisoners trapped inside a locked facility with no possible way of escape.

Action item

Watch SB 177, a bill that would MANDATE a FULL AND AUTOMATIC sales tax refund for data centers up to \$500 million for equipment. I am against this as these are billionaire companies that can pay their fair share when they come into our state. This vote failed by one in the Senate, but they will reconsider this on Tuesday. If it comes to the House I will be fighting against passage.

A continuing pattern: Spend first—ask forgiveness later

Please look at HB 1205 which failed in the House. It was brought in response the Sioux Falls One-Stop lease. This is a state lease for the building on the east side of Sioux Falls that would house government offices. It is a 30 year lease for approximately \$300 million. The lease was signed by a government official. This bill would have brought legislative oversight to this particular lease. Even though this bill failed, the good thing is that we are starting to see some light on these issues. I would also remind South Dakotans that the prison still needs legislative approval in HB 1025 for the site in Lincoln County and the appropriation of the funds. It seems like a pattern is emerging. We need legislative approval FIRST before we are "too far down the road" to turn back.

I so appreciate the folks in District 16. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Representative.

Speaker Pro-Tem Karla Lems
District 16



GOVERNOR LARRY RHODEN

Open for Opportunity

Just a few days ago, I was

formally inaugurated as Governor at the South Dakota State Capitol. Hundreds of South Dakotans came to celebrate with me and my family, and I could not be more grateful for their support. That day, I delivered an inaugural address – I shared that I will be available to discuss the challenges that South Dakotans face and how we can turn them into opportunities.

I believe that the distinction between challenges and opportunities is largely one of perspective. A challenge is many times an opportunity not yet recognized or realized. Whenever I have a task in front of me, I try not to look at it as an obstacle to be overcome. Rather, if I look at it as an opportunity to achieve something, the task at hand becomes a lot easier.

I want that same mindset to be the foundation of everything that we do during my administration.

Five years ago, Governor Kristi Noem declared South Dakota "Open for Business." That bold stand was put to the ultimate test during COVID. We overcame that challenge and turned it into South Dakota's greatest opportunity. Now, I want to apply that same approach to all of our work.

I want to keep South Dakota "Open for Business." But more than that, I want our state to be "Open

for Opportunity."

That means opportunity for families to do what is best for their kids; opportunity for our communities to respond to whatever unique situations they're facing; opportunity for kids graduating high school to go into whatever college or career field is right for them; opportunity for farmers and ranchers to be able to keep earning a strong living so that they can pass that farm or ranch down to their kids; opportunity for every hard working South Dakotan to seek out better and higher paying jobs; opportunity for our businesses to keep growing at a tremendous rate.

When we protect opportunity in South Dakota, we pave the way for better jobs for my children and grandchildren—and yours. We create new educational opportunities that don't pit this group against that group, but instead allow every child to succeed. We don't build new prisons just to lock more people up; instead, we use those facilities as an opportunity to get people back on their feet and contributing to our society.

Opportunity is not limited by my vision, or even the vision of any individual in our state. It is as broad as the South Dakota prairie and as high as Black Elk Peak. If we all link arms and pledge to chase down opportunities together, our state will be in pretty good shape.

Legislative Report

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By Richard Vasgaard
District 16 Representative



It has been a couple of busy weeks at the Capital. I had the opportunity to attend the inauguration of Governor Larry Rhoden and Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen on February 8th. This past week had some long days keeping the bills moving through the House floor. There were several bills regarding voter registration and defining who is a resident of South Dakota. I supported HB 1208 and HB 1073. Both of which passed the House and now go to the Senate. However, there was some discussion going around that these two bills will be challenged in court. Will need to continue to watch for the outcome. There has also been a lot of discussion on spending bills. With the income projections for the State remaining rather flat, the budget is looking very tight. The week of February 17th the House will probably take a vote regarding the new prison. I do not support this project. This vote could have a major impact on our State's budget. The bill regarding the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools created a lot of emotional debate. My faith is something that

is very deep and personal to me as it should be with everyone. There is already a law, passed back in 2000, allowing the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools. My decision to not vote for this bill was based on this and the fact that a ballot issue we all voted on in the last general election in November spoke very clearly that the voters of South Dakota support local control. Therefore, I choose to honor local control and let each local school boards and administrations make these decisions for themselves. In some schools you will find the Ten Commandments posted. I applaud their initiative. I found it very interesting that a Legislator brought a bill removing the mandatory seat belt law in South Dakota because he did not feel the Government should be telling us what to do. But yet, that same Legislator supported our State Government mandating what our local schools should be doing. We have been shown that a large portion of our voters want local control to be a top priority. I will be using that as a guide in future decision making.

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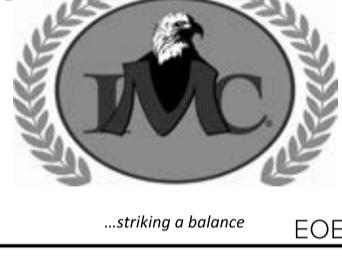


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C-Hawks are Dual State Champions for 5th Time

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Pierre on Friday for the 2025 Class B State Dual Tournament for the top 8 dual class B teams in the state and Canton came in as the #1 team with a 16-0 record followed by Phillip/Kadoka Area/Wall, Kingsbury County, Bon Homme/Avon, Stanley County, Winner, Clark/ Willow Lake and Parkston. In the last 5 dual championships the Hawks have won 4 with 2 in 2020-2021 then finished 3rd in 2022 with Winner winning that year and Canton won in 2023 and 2024 heading into this year's tourney. They started the tourney in 2001 thru 2004 with Howard, Bon Homme and Parkston for 2 years in row then Canton won 2 followed by Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes beating the Hawks for the 2nd time that year followed by the last 3 titles. Canton will be heading to Regional 2B Tournament next Saturday the 22nd in Salem at the McCook Central/Montrose gym with a 10am start time. Team participating in the 2B region will be Baltic, Canistota, Canton, Chester, Elk Point Jefferson, Flandreau, Garretson, Hanson, Howard, Marion/Freeman, MCM, Parker, Tri Valley and Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda. Canton will be shooting for their 13th consecutive Region title and the 20th region overall since 2006.

State B Dual Tournament

Results:

Canton opened up the tourney as the top team and faced Parkston in the opening round and jumped out to a 23-0 after the first four matches then lost their first match at the 138 match and would only lose 6 matches with 5 by pin and one decision. Canton won 9 matches with 7 by fall as they cruised to the opening match victory 50-27.



132 Aiden Schrempp- WBF :53

138 Shane Sehr- LBF :22

144 Camdyn Ockenga- Won 7-5 after not giving up an escape in the final period

150 Tasyn Ockenga- Won 4-3

157 Conner Giedd- WBF :46

165 Aiden Kranz- WBF :28

175 Chase Adam- WBF 3:46

190 Teague Granum- Won a 15-0 tech fall in 1:39

215 Jase Kroger- LBF 1:19

Hwt Hunter Richmond- WBF :57

106 Bode Walker- LBF 5:25

113 Landon Walker- Won 6-2

215 Gunner Swenson- Lost a 13-4 major decision

Hwt Hunter Richmond- WBF 4:39 for his 3 win by fall

106 Bode Walker- Lost 7-4

113 Landon Walker- Won 7-3

120 Carter Kendrick- Won 16-10

Our first couple of duals against Parkston and Bon Homme we did more than enough to get the job done, but we were not performing up to our best standard. We knew that we needed to get more fired up and ready for Winner to come compete with us, and we were very happy with how our entire team performed in that dual. Earlier this year I felt that we kind of snuck away with a win when Winner came to dual us so I knew they were going to be hungry for some revenge. Zach and Aiden got us started off with a bang right away but I really feel like the tide turned after Wyatt Tuntland's match. He was behind most of the match but never gave up, kept fighting all the way into the third period and ended up securing a pin. That kid always wrestles with a lot of grit and heart and it was a huge shift in momentum for our team. From that point on our team fed off of that positive energy and continued to lay the hammer down with Geidd and Kranz. I thought Tasyn did a fantastic job in his match, even in a loss, fighting to the end and putting himself in a position to keep the match close. Chase Adam's match was another huge moment I felt when he secured a win by fall. Both him and Wyatt were pinned by their Winner opponents earlier this year in our dual so this was a huge swing in the final outcome. There wasn't much Winner could do after that, as we still had a bunch of firepower left in our lineup. We ended the dual with some dominating performances from

Teague, Hunter and Landon and then the final match was a replay of Carter Kendrick's state finals match from last year. I thought Carter looked great in this match and our overall performance has our coaching staff and team feeling extremely confident and excited for the next couple of weeks. Let me know if this worked

The coaching staff felt the wrestlers responded amazingly in the finals against Winner. After facing them at home this season and winning 35-34, we knew they were coming to battle. Our kids showed up and we did not give up bonus points which was a huge improvement from our first meeting this season and we finished with a 50-16 dual win. We had some big wins as well with Wyatt Tuntland firing up the crowd after going down 6-1 and not slowing one bit and finishing with a pin. That was a great moment for Wyatt. I loved how Chase Adam came out and dominated his opponent. He lost by pin to him in our first meeting, but today he was not going to be stopped as he built a 11-0 lead and finished him off with a pin.

Canton wrestlers records heading into the Region action next Saturday are: Bode Walker 27-11, Landon Walker 38-2, Blaise Bentz 15-12, Carter Kendrick 27-4, Zach Bartels 40-2, Shane Sehr 14-17,

Aiden Schrempp 23-3, Camdyn Ockenga 15-12, Wyatt Tuntland 17-24, Slayton Swenson 4-6, Tasyn Ockenga 26-10, Conner Giedd 18-1, Chase Adam 23-12, Aidan Kranz 31-7, Teague Granum 22-0, Jase Kroger 12-21 and Hunter Richmond 39-3.

Head coach Jeremy Swenson had these comments, "The first thing is I want to say is congratulations to this senior class and the wrestlers on this team that have been in the room all season from 6th grade thru 12th grade. It takes a total team effort day in and day out to accomplish these kinds of achievements. We accomplished our first of three goals and that was defending our state dual title for the third year in a row and finishing the season undefeated and 19-0."

As this was a total team effort and each dual brought huge wins, I just want to tell each and every wrestler how I hope they cherish these moments because they are not easy to achieve. We have been blessed and the legacy you have built is beyond impressive. Keep working hard as we prepare for regions next Saturday in Salem and I look forward to watching our 14 varsity wrestlers battle for a spot on that podium next Saturday and a trip to the state tournament in two weeks in Rapid City! Hawk Pride! Regions and State here we come!"



Parkston match results were:

113 Landon Walker- WBF 1:23
120 Carter Kendrick- Won a 18-2 tech fall in 1:43

126 Zach Bartels- WBF :53

132 Aiden Schrempp- WBF :51

138 Shane Sehr- LBF 1:06

144 Camdyn Ockenga- WBF :33

150 Tasyn Ockenga- LBF 1:36

157 Conner Giedd- WBF 1:34

165 Chase Adam- LBF 1:03

175 Aiden Kranz- Lost 4-2 as he just missed on a takedown at the end of the match

190 Teague Granum- WBF 1:54

215 Gunner Swenson- LBF 1:00

Hwt Hunter Richmond- WBF 1:54

106 Bode Walker- Won a 9-6 decision

Canton moved into the semifinals as they faced Bon Homme/Avon and won 52-18 as they won the first 3 matches then dropped a match by fall but won the next 6 matches to lead 43-6 before winning 2 of the last 4 matches for the win to move onto the title match.

Bon Homme/Avon results:

120 Carter Kendrick- Won a 15-4 major decision

126 Zach Bartels- Won a 13-4 major decision

with a takedown in the 3rd period Canton would meet up with Winner in the Championship match and the Hawks would take lead after 2 matches at 11-0 then increased the lead to 38-9 before securing the lead by winning 3 of the last 4 matches to win 50-16 to end their dual season 19-0 and Dual State Champions as they now prepare for Regions Saturday followed by the State Tournament in 2 weeks. Winner dual results were:

126 Zach Bartels- Won a 20-4 tech fall in 6:00

132 Aiden Schrempp- WBF :32 for his 3rd pin victory in the dual tourney

138 Camdyn Ockenga- LBF 3:03

144 Wyatt Tuntland- WBF 5:36 after trailing in the 3rd before he got TD then with the country boy hold pinned his opponent in his first match

150 Tasyn Ockenga- Lost 5-2

157 Conner Giedd- WBF 2:39 for his 3rd pin win

165 Chase Adam- WBF 4:15

175 Aiden Kranz- Won a 22-6 tech fall in 5:00

190 Teague Granum- Won a 17-3 major decision



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