



Eat. Shop. Explore.

LOCAL

\$1.00 issue
Includes 6¢ Sales Tax

Sioux Valley

NEWS

Volume 154,

Week 09

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Official newspaper for Lincoln County, Canton, Fairview, Harrisburg and the Canton and Harrisburg School Districts since 1872

USPS SECD 497460

Got a Great Local News Story?

Tell us about it today!

SVN Hours

The Sioux Valley News will be closed Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28 for State Wrestling.

Remember, you can email, phone, drop off or mail any news items to the Sioux Valley News. Reach the News at 605-764-2000, svn@midconetwork.com, PO Box 255, Canton, SD 57013 or 213 E. 5th in Canton. A drop box is available for use when the office is closed.

Weather



Thursday
High 33
Low 17
Sunny



Friday
High 30
Low 11
Partly Sunny



Saturday
High 37
Low 18
Sunny



Sunday
High 40
Low 15
Sunny

Canton Wrestling Girls and Boys Region Champions



Augie Students Visit Rome/Italy with Professor Jennifer Gubbels

Jennifer Gubbels is originally from Randolph, Nebraska. She attended Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and then graduate school to receive her PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She studied Endocrinology and Reproductive Physiology, with her research focused on ovarian cancer. She is married to Michael Gubbels, and they have three daughters: Samantha (senior), Amelia (eighth grade) and Cora (fifth grade). The Gubbels have lived in Canton for twelve years.

Gubbels has been teaching at Augie for fifteen years. She teaches courses in the biology department, such as physiology and immunology, as well as some courses in the medical humanities minor. The class, "The Art and Science of Healing: A Pilgrimage into Medieval Medicine" recently led her to being able to visit Italy and Rome. This class was a course that counted for a scientific intersections credit for gen ed, and as an elective for the medical humanities minor at Augustana, which is popular for students going into pre-health occupations. She co-taught the class with an English professor, Dr. Sarah Rude, who is a medievalist.

The course focused on how people in the

past understood the body and what kind of treatments they used, studying specifically in Germany, St. Hildegard of Bingen, who lived from 1098 to 1179 in the Rhine valley of Germany. She was an abbess, mystic, writer, composer, and physician. In her long lifetime, she wrote over three hundred letters and nine books, two of which were medical books. People came to visit her from all over Europe for her advice on both theological and medical topics. Her abbeey could be thought of as the "Mayo Clinic" of today's time!

The class had the opportunity to hike along the "Hildegard Way," which is a pilgrimage trail that was established in 2013. The class was also lucky enough to have the founder of the pilgrimage trail and Hildegard scholar, Dr. Annette Esser, as their guide during the trip. They were able to see the ruins of the abbey where Hildegard lived from age eight to thirty-eight and went to the Hildegard Museum in Bingen which is close to where she established her own abbey at the age of fifty-four.



The second week they went to Italy and stayed in Rome, which is where Galen (130-210 A.D.), another important medical figure, practiced. Galen lived about eight hundred years before Hildegard, and his writings on the four humors were the basis upon which Hildegard based her medicine. Here they visited the Roman Forum and the Colosseum, where Galen aided the gladiators who were injured in the Colosseum events, as well as other notable patients, including the emperor, Marcus Aurelius. They also visited the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, and volunteered for a half day at a place that provides lunch every day for the homeless in Rome.

The class took a day trip to Assisi, to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. Here, they learned the importance of spiritual healing and about the transformation of St. Francis before and after his conversion, specifically his behavior towards people with leprosy. Before his conversion to God, he was completely disgusted by lepers, but afterwards, he embraced them and built a shelter for them to be cared for by his followers.

Gubbels' favorite part of teaching is being able to have conversations with students when their mind is opened to a new concept that they have never thought of before, or when they make connections to old and new ideas. It was wonderful for her to see students making connections between Hildegard's medicine and today's medicine, as well as seeing all the incredible places they were able to visit. "Their excitement is contagious. Working with college students always makes me feel like our future is bright!" Gubbels said.

Gubbels notes that the students were a great and cohesive group. Since it was the first time Dr. Rude and Gubbels had led the class, they did not always know what to expect, but the students went with the flow and didn't complain, even when one day when a hike they thought would only be two miles ended up being eight miles. The students were thoughtful and took away some good life lessons such as slowing down in life, listening to your body, taking the time to take care of it to prevent disease, and to remember the dignity of all people, sick or healthy, rich, or poor.



Janet Laubach
December 27, 1947 -
February 21, 2025

Funeral Services for Janet Laubach, 77, of Canton, were held at Canton United Methodist Church on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 6:00pm in Canton. A private family interment will take place at a later date. Donations in Janet's memory may be made to the Canton Volunteer Fire Department or the Canton United Methodist Church.

Janet was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 27, 1947, and was adopted by Joe and Mary (Manarolla) Coykendall. She grew up on the Joe Miller Ranch just outside of Laramie, Wyoming, going to an oil camp school through the 6th grade, then having to live part-time in Laramie for school years 7-12, graduating in 1965 from Laramie High School.

On October 3, 1970, Janet married Tom Laubach of Cheyenne, Wyoming. They have two children, Nate Laubach and Sara Hill. They raised the children in Hanna, Wyoming, where she was a secretary for a mining company. Finding it difficult to find babysitters, she became a school bus driver, where she could take the children with her on routes and school activities. She retired in Gillette, Wyo., with 30+ years of driving experience.

Tom and Janet moved to Canton, just a few years ago to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Janet loved watching her kids and grandkids in sporting events and horse events, playing bingo, putting together puzzles, shooting competitive handguns, raising boer goats, riding and driving horses, making personalized cards, and loved her Chihuahuas.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Laubach, and Children, Nate (Laurel) Laubach and Sara Hill. Grandchildren, Colton (Karisa) Laubach, Kyle (Kalyn) Laubach, Kaden Laubach, Carlee Laubach, Sage Hill, and Hawk Hill. Two great-grandchildren, Creek and Hazer Laubach.

She was preceded in death by both her parents and her brother, Steve.



David Lems
July 28, 1967 -
February 12, 2025

David Lems, age 57, died Wednesday, February 12, 2025 under hospice care at Sanford Sheldon Medical Center. A Celebration of David's Life will be held at a later date.

David was born on July 28, 1967 in Sioux Falls to George and Sharon (Patterson) Lems. He grew up in Beloit, Iowa and attended West Lyon School. He married Erin Seeman on February 11, 1992 in Sioux Falls. The couple lived in the Black Hills before moving to Beloit.

In addition to he and Erin owning several businesses, David worked as a safety manager for Mears and most recently, Henry Carlson Construction. When he was not working, David enjoyed racing, working on cars, fishing, hunting, fixing things, and helping others.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife of 33 years, Erin; mother, Sharon Lems; sister, Angie (David) Jennings; brother, Jeff (Mindy) Lems; step-son, Chad Groen; step-daughter, Jennifer (Aric) Oslund; grandchildren, Kyra, Asher, Cylus, and Peerson; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his dad, George and infant brother, Guy Richard Lems.

A Celebration of David's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the River of Life Church in Canton, SD.

www.andersonandsonsfh.com



Karla Katherine Esser
January 26, 1951 -
February 18, 2025

Karla Katherine Esser, 74, of Sioux Falls, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at Daugherty Hospice House, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on January 26, 1951, in Canton, Karla was the daughter of Leo and Claretta Konietzko. She grew up alongside her beloved siblings, Steph (Curt) Stensland and Paul Konietzko, cherishing the bonds of family that remained strong throughout her life.

Karla dedicated much of her life to caring for others, working as a Radiologic Technologist at Sanford Hospital for most of her career. Later, she transitioned to a Patient Care Tech in the Avera Emergency Room, where her compassion and steady presence made a difference in countless lives.

In addition to her medical career, Karla had a thriving "second job" doing pedicures, which she affectionately referred to as her social life. Known for saying she "gave the best foot in town," she built lasting friendships with her clients, who cherished her warmth, companionship, and kindhearted nature.

Karla was a devoted mother to Lisa (Steve) Esser and the late Leslie Esser, and a proud grandmother to

Arien, Alivia, Addison, Aiden, Lily, and Lucy. She also held a special place in her heart for her nieces and nephew—Courtney Stensland, Cassidy (Bubba) Hawf, and the late Cade (Christina) Stensland.

In 2016, Karla was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a battle she faced with unwavering strength and grace. In 2021, she received a life-saving kidney transplant, demonstrating her resilience and determination to embrace every moment with her family. Through it all, she remained a source of love, wisdom, and quiet strength.

Karla's kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family defined her life. She had a gift for making people feel special, whether through her gentle care at work, her contagious smile and gentle spirit, or the simple joy of a perfectly polished pedicure. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Karla's life will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2025 at Heritage Funeral Home in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be Friday, February 28, 2025 from 4-6 p.m., family present at 5 p.m., at Heritage Funeral Home. Memorials will be used for funeral & burial expenses. www.andersonandsonsfh.com

WEEKLY GRAIN QUOTES

Corn.....\$4.51
Beans.....\$9.62

Brought to you by

Farmers State Bank **FDIC**
Canton, SD **LOAN OFFICER**
Canton, South Dakota

Lunch With The Senior Bunch

What's for Lunch?

- March 3** - Beef & Noodles, Carrots, Tropical Fruit
- March 4** - Hamburger Casserole, Lettuce Salad W/Tomatoes, Fruit
- March 5** - Lemon Pepper Cod, Company Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Fruit
- March 6** - Pork Loin /Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit
- March 7** - Egg Salad Sandwiches, Pea Salad, V8 Juice, Fruit

Southtown Commentary

By Pastor Jerry Miller

The Payment Was Made

Imagine that you borrowed money from your friend to buy a car with the intention to pay the loan off after a year. You had already been given a huge gift of money that would be available to pay the loan. The money from that gift was already in an account with your name on it. It simply had a stipulation that you could not withdraw it for a year.

You knew your friend was concerned about whether or not you could make the payment, so you sent him a copy of your savings account balance statement. Each month you sent him an updated copy to show him that the money was still available to pay the loan. Finally the day came to make your payment. Instead of sending him your account statement, you sent him a check and the check easily cleared. You paid the loan off in full thanks to the wonderful gift you had received, but you could not have paid it if you had not accepted that gift.

Since the loan was completely paid in full, you then stopped sending your friend the savings account balance statement because he no longer needed proof of your ability to pay. Imagine if someone told you that you should still keep sending the statements to him because that is what you had done before? Imagine if they even suggested that you owed it to him to keep sending the account statement even though the loan had been paid?

The book of Hebrews in the Bible explains to us why we are no longer under the Old Testament Levitical law. First, it explains that Christ is under a different priesthood than the Old Testament priests were. Since we have a new priesthood we also have a new law. "For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also." (Hebrews 7:12)

Then in chapter 8, we are told that this change in the law had been foretold in the Old Testament by the prophet Jeremiah. "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah," (Jeremiah 31:31)

By the time we get to chapter 10, this argument about a new covenant replacing the old law has been well laid out. But then it is explained that the old law was there to foreshadow what was to come. "For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near." (Hebrews 10:1)

The Old Testament law was like a shadow. It didn't do anything itself-it only showed what someone else

was able to do. Jesus is that someone else. By dying on the cross, he made the payment that we could not make ourselves. The Old Testament sacrifices were like showing the proof of the payment that was to come. Now that Jesus has made that payment there is no need to keep showing the proof that it will happen. It has already happened.

When the Old Testament Hebrew brought his sacrifices and offerings, he was not giving a down payment on his sin debt. He was showing the proof that his sin debt would one day be paid. Jesus paid it, so we no longer need to keep sending in the proof that he will one day pay it. "By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Hebrews 10:10)

Imagine if the gift for the payment of the car loan had not been accepted and thus you could not pay the loan. When we refuse to trust Christ we are rejecting his payment for our sins. Any offering, sacrifices, or other works would not actually pay for those sins. They would simply be a proof that Jesus could pay for them. If we do not trust Jesus, the payment will never be put on our account even though it is available. That is why Jesus is the only way for salvation and why we are no longer expected to keep the Old Testament Law. www.southtownchurch.com



Laura Woods, Owner -Monument Consultant
Rachel Scott, Monument Consultant
Grace Woods, Monument Consultant

When the need arises, or when you're planning ahead, think **Paulson Monuments** for your local memorial needs.

We make pre-planning a pleasant experience for you and your family. Call **Paulson Monuments** today and visit with Laura, Rachel or Grace about your headstone and monument needs.



Monuments Since 1968
Hours are Mon - Fri. 8-4:30
Appointments available
605-987-5911
47888 US HWY 18
Canton, SD
laura@paulsonmonuments.com



Your NEWS is local NEWS
Share your stories or story ideas with us
Contact us at
Svn@midconetwork.com
605-764-2000
We would love to hear from you.

Canton Food Pantry Food Give Away
First Tuesday of each month
2 - 4 pm
Questions???
Contact LOVE INC
764-0453



Caregiver Support Group
Who: Anyone providing care for Alzheimer's victims or memory loss victims
When: 2nd Monday 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Where: Canton United Methodist Library, 621 East 4th Street, Canton, SD
Free to all!
Respite care provided with advanced notice: 605-764-2859
Co-Facilitators:
Howard Paul
Terry Majeres

MEMORY LANE

2015

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Salem on Saturday for the 2015 Region 2B Wrestling Tournament and came home with the Region Championship and qualified 8 for the State Tournament. Canton came home with 8 out of 14 placing in the top 4 to advance with 3 individual champions, 3 second place finishers, one 3rd place finisher, and one 4th place finisher. Canton will be sending 19 state tournaments of experience and 8 state place winners with the 3 Seniors, 3 Juniors and 2 Sophomores and only one of the 8 that has never wrestled in a state tournament.

The winds stopped short of blowing through five conditional use permits (CUP) Tuesday, Feb. 17, for Dakota Power Community Wind after concerned Lincoln County residents spoke in opposition to the wind farm proposal and the erection of five meteorological (MET) towers. There was 4-0 decision by the P & Z commission to deny CUPs for all 5 MET tower applications. WE CARE believes county officials are taking this matter seriously and have begun to research this complex situation. WE CARE will continue to advocate that they take action that will protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in our county until their research is complete.

2000

When Cassandra Swanson and Laura Lofland realized something was missing in the lives of stay-at-home moms, they decided to do something about it. The two women are establishing a group called "Monday Morning Mommies" to encourage full-time moms as they raise their children, tend their homes and love their husbands.

Sophomore John Suter participated in the 2000 South Dakota State "B" Wrestling Tournament. Suter came home with a 6th place medal for his two days of wrestling.

1975
Canton's newest industry, K-Products opened their doors for business Monday. The firm is located in the former Otis plant which is completely refurbished.

The annual Winter Concert of the High School Concert Band will be staged in the high school auditorium on Saturday evening, March 1. Guest soloist will be Dr. H. D. Harmon.

Showing in the Canton Theatre - "For Pete Sake" starring Barbara Streisand.

"Daddy Date Night" for Girl Scouts and their fathers was held at E.O. Lawrence on Monday evening, February 17.

Three wrestlers from Canton participated in the State "A" wrestling tournament in Huron. Those attending were Mike Block, John Hahn and Harvey Menholt. As

a team, Canton totaled five points. Grocery Specials - 12 oz. pkg all beef Wieners 59¢; large head lettuce 23¢; navel Sunkist oranges 89¢ a dozen.

1925
Hon. G.G. Dokken and Judge Rudolph returned from their trip to Pierre where they went to watch the legislature in action. They report that the Legislators are doing splendid work, and in a way worthy of commendation.

Carl Rise of Rapid City was in Canton last week. He returned Monday. Mr. Rise is well known here having been graduated from the Canton High School in 1906. He is one of the successful photographers in the Black Hills, owing partly to his unique and extensive advertising.

1885
"Doc" Noid during the absence of Jim Keller presides the counter of the drug store with his usual civility. His wonted politeness not being in the least disturbed by double duty.

The masquerade held under the auspices of the Gate City Band on Friday evening last was very largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A large crowd of spectators assembled to view the fantastic customs and grotesque actions of the maskers. About ten o'clock masks were removed and all who desired enjoyed in pleasant dancing.

Dental Implant Group
20 years in Canton, SD

10,000+ implants placed. From a single tooth to full mouth reconstruction to implants to stabilize dentures.

Dental Implants - it's what we do.
Call **605-764-3179** to schedule your free, as always, dental implant consultation.
Dr. Chad Lewison
Diplomate of ABOI/ID and Fellow of AAID

1110 W 5th St
Canton, SD 57013

HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

Located 12 miles south of Rapid City off of Highway 16 is one of the Black Hills best-kept secrets. Once referred to as the Stratosphere Bowl, it is now simply called the Stratobowl. It's steep 400-foot high sandstone walls attract those unafraid of heights, including balloonists and hikers but it was gold that first brought people to this very unique canyon.

John Jacobson had become an investor in the Bonanza Bar Gold Mine that operated here. He was there on July 28, 1934 when this meadow became part of space history. The Army Air Corps and the National Geographic Society had teamed up to launch a manned flight, hoping to set records for altitude and distance. Army aviators saw this canyon as a perfect launch site because it's steep walls are a natural shield from the wind. Their hydrogen-fueled balloon, piloted by Army Air Corps. Capt. Albert Stevens and two crew members, lifted off from the meadow as 30,000 people watched. Explorer I climbed to 60,613 feet before its canvas tore sending the balloon plummeting to the ground. The crew survived by parachuting at the last minute. Their granola crashed to Earth and was destroyed.

This all happened before television but it still became a media sensation. Radio, newspapers and National Geographic covered it intensely while laborers nearby were jackhammering Thomas Jefferson's likeness on Mount Rushmore.

Fifteen months after this failed attempt, Stevens and Capt. Orvil Anderson lifted off from the now famous Stratobowl on November 11, 1935. The new Explorer II was designed with safety in mind, and it used helium, which is not flammable, rather than hydrogen. Despite the cold weather 20,000 people came to watch more than 100 soldiers who were recruited to hold cables that anchored the gondola to the canyon floor. The flight was a rousing success and reached a record altitude of 72,395 feet taking the first photographs and motion pictures showing the earth's curvature. The pilots conducted several scientific experiments and collected data on cosmic rays and microorganisms. They also communicated via early-day radios providing live reports that were broadcast across the US and Europe.

Anderson and Stevens drifted 200 miles eastward for eight hours crossing the Missouri River before landing in a farm field near White Lake which is located in Aurora County just west of Plankinton. These two became America's first hero astronauts and visited Franklin Roosevelt in the White House. Their gondola is on exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

The above are excerpts from a story in the Sept./Oct. 2023 issue of South Dakota Magazine written by Bernie Hunhoff. The following is another version concerning Explorer II taken from A South Dakota Guide, published in 1938 by the Federal Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration and the State of South Dakota. Happy reading as February comes to a close and we creep even closer to the first day of spring.

The Armistice Day Flight of Explorer II in 1935

The Stratosphere Bowl was used for the National Geographic Society-U.S. Army Air Corps record-breaking flights into the stratosphere. On Armistice Day, 1935, the balloon, "Explorer II" rose to a height of 13m from the rock-walled basin. The bowl was chosen because it is sheltered from surface winds in an area where cloudless days are frequent, and to the East, the direction in which the balloon was expected to travel, are hundreds of miles of level plains, assuring a good landing. Here for weeks scientists, balloonists, and Army troops toiled day and night in preparation for the flight. Finally, on November 10, the long-awaited high pressure area drifted in from the West, indicating the weather would be ideal for a flight the next day. All guests were barred from the bowl; truck loads of soldiers arrived from Fort Meade to hold the balloon in leash while the helium gas flowed into it. At night a huge battery of floodlights, placed in a circle around the floor of the basin, were turned on, lighting the bowl so brightly that it was possible to read a newspaper at any time during the night. Mooring ropes were attached to each of the points in the scalloped edge of a girdle encircling the balloon near the top, and these ropes were payed out by the soldiers as the balloon filled with gas. Soon after inflation began, some gas formed a pocket in the fabric underneath and caused a 17ft tear resulting in more than an hour's delay while it was being mended. As the first streak of dawn was seen above the cliffs, the important task of fastening the gondola to the balloon was completed. The gondola, rolled out on a rubber-tired "dolly," was suspended below the bag with bridles of parachute webbing. The 40 bags of lead dust, the emergency parachute and heavy scientific equipment, which was later released and floated to earth by parachute as the balloon came down, could be seen hanging from the gondola's sides, as the craft was maneuvered to take advantage of favorable air currents. Inside were Capt. Albert W. Stevens, scientists, and Capt. Orvil A. Anderson pilot, making last preparations.

At 7:01 a.m. word was given to cast off, and the giant balloon clearing the rim of the bowl by only 50 ft., floated upward. Because of northwest winds blowing at the time, it was necessary to take off over the very highest cliffs. To lighten the load for a quick ascent, 700 pounds of ballast were removed before the start. When the balloon was 100 feet above the trees, a downward trend of air forced it earthward, but Capt. Anderson, who was standing on top of the gondola, quickly dumped 750 pounds of ballast. Immediately the immense bag rose rapidly, ascending to the height of 13.71 m above sea level- exceeding all previous attempts to rise into the stratosphere.

After the balloon reached an altitude of 15,000 ft., Capt. Anderson slowed the rate of ascent so that Capt. Stevens could have an opportunity to rig the instruments which trailed underneath the gondola. The ports were then sealed and the pilot continued the ascent, maintaining as nearly as possible a speed of 400 feet a minute. As they neared the ceiling and the balloon became fully expanded, the rate of climb was reduced to 200 feet a minute. The balloonists maintained their position at the ceiling for 1.5 hours, making observation and collecting scientific data. In mid-afternoon, during the descent, a radio hook-up was arranged whereby the two men in the metal gondola talked to the commander of the China Clipper flying over the Pacific Ocean and also to a newspaper editor in London.

After remaining aloft for more than eight hours, and reaching an altitude of 72,395 ft., the two sky explorers managed a perfect landing in an open field near White Lake, S.Dak, 240m East of the natural amphitheater from which the craft took off.

Explorer II, the world's largest balloon, was made of 2 2/3 acres of cloth, had a capacity of 3,700 cu.ft. of gas, and weighed 15,000 pounds including the gondola, instruments and crew. Its height at the take-off was 316 feet.



Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

We want to applaud all the readers who took part in our New Year's Reading Challenge. We continue to encourage you to try a new genre and a new author, and it is fun to be rewarded for your adventuresome spirit. Be sure to check in with us to see if you are among the winners of the challenge.

We have heard there is a bill introduced in the SD Legislature that could land a librarian in jail for allowing students access to all library materials. While we encourage readers to choose appropriate titles and age-appropriate subjects, we do not censor materials. Please contact your legislators and advise them you would like to see them support librarians and educators rather than inhibiting their ability to serve their communities.

Our historical displays are a way to learn the history of our community, as we strive to make certain the past is not forgotten. Stop by the library and "check it out!"

ADULT FICTION

The Night We Lost Him by Laura Dave (LP). The patriarch of a famed hotel empire has died under suspicious circumstances, and his daughter and her estranged brother join forces to unravel the mystery of their father. As the story unfolds, they uncover a family secret that changes everything.

Love Overboard by Shannon Sue Dunlap (LP). A group of quirky friends retire on a cruise ship and these relationship experts play unrelenting matchmakers to host

Lacey and cruise director Jonathan.

Put Out To Pasture by Amanda Flower (LP). Shiloh Bellany has her family's farm back on solid financial ground, for now. Then Kristy, her friend, is accused of murdering a prominent townswoman and Shiloh must drop everything to find the killer and clear her friend's name.

Everyone Is Watching by Heather Gudenkauf. Five contestants are competing for ten million dollars at a secluded estate in California. As the game show wears on, secrets rise to the surface, and they soon realize someone is in the game for blood...who will win and who will lose this contest.

Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff. A Parisian department store, a mysterious necklace and a woman's quest to unlock a decade-old mystery are at the center of this novel of love and survival.

Hot Lead and Cold Never by Bradford Scott (LP). The Bar L cowhands were primed to gun down Charge Grundy's men on sight, and Grundy's men were ready to shoot first. Texas Ranger Slade made peace between the rival ranchers, but somebody still wanted Slade dead.

Heartless by Elsie Silver. Willa is the nanny for the world's grumpiest single dad for the summer. But she cannot keep her eyes off him, and he cannot keep his hands off her. As she sees his softer side, with her and with his son, she cannot deny the chemistry between them. What will happen when the summer ends?



Writers and Writing

By Michael Tidemann

Child of Earth and Starry Heaven

I visited my mother several times not long before she died from colon cancer in 2008. She had struggled long before that with dementia. About 16 months before she passed, I stopped to give her some seashells I had collected along the Oregon Coast. She looked at me, eyes vacant, recognizing neither the shells nor me.

When I stopped to visit her later that winter, all I could get from her was a vacant stare. I went to a nearby park and watched geese dipping into thawed portions of a river before returning to her later that day. Ever since, I have related winter geese with my mother's final days.

When she passed, I found myself grasping for closure. The last time I saw her eyes open, I offered a prayer for her.

My own experience in dealing with my mother's dementia would have been far easier had I first read L. Annette Binder's moving memoir, Child of Earth and Starry Heaven, Binder's account of what it was like dealing with her mother's affliction with Alzheimer's Disease.

Binder lives in New Hampshire with her family. Her book is scheduled for release April 11.

Binder masterfully blends classical references to the disease with modern medical attempts to find a cure. Far more moving, though, is Binder's own emotions as she struggles to define her own role as her mother slips into Alzheimer's oblivion.

"Every day she is receding I try so hard to keep her with me for just

a little longer, and yet I fear she wouldn't want to be here like this. She needs help with every aspect of her daily life. She valued privacy and decorum more than anyone I know and she has so little of either left."

As Binder visits her mother's memory care unit, she sees what the disease is doing to others, people once talented and admired, fading into the dusk of Alzheimer's cruel embrace.

Binder also observes her mother's returning lucidity shortly before her passing, a phenomenon validated by scientific research, something I observed in my own mother as well.

"Doctors and caregivers have long noticed that patients with dementia and other brain disorders can experience moments of extreme and unexpected lucidity shortly before they die."

Child of Earth and Starry Heaven should be mandatory reading for anyone working in a memory care unit. I would also highly recommend it for anyone with a family member afflicted with the disease.

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

Surf's Up!
Catch the wave of information at the Canton Library!
Books • Tapes • Videos and the Internet

Happy Birthday!

February 26
Melissa Fossum, Charles Heiskell, Kim Sogn, Lynn Jendersee, Ashley McKenney, Tony Neu, Zander Gilland, Lazetta VanDenTop

February 27
Mike Broderick, Val Harris, Brent Hepner, Marcella Hermsen, Mark Thorson

February 28
Rachel Hilt, Annette Krause Roe, Casey Roberts, Lance Roseland

March 1
Doug Hatch

March 2
Mary Brinkman, Vicki Anderson, Miranda Andersen, Daniel Anderson, Joe Greeson, Bill Thorson, Kaleb Peterson

March 3
Rikka Koele, Dawn Gardner

March 4
Bill Peltier, David Fossum, Stephanie Fossum, Elizabeth Richmond, Leon Anderson

March 5
Ginnie Caldwell, Al Teach

Middle School Students Can Explore Careers At Our Dakota Dreams Summer Camps

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota's rising 7th and 8th-grade students are invited to participate in the Our Dakota Dreams Career Exploration Camps. These free, five-day career exploration camps are in their fourth year, following the tremendous success of the previous three summers. The camps are a collaborative effort of the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota Department of Education, and South Dakota Technical Colleges.

"We're thrilled to keep the momentum going with our camps and our wonderful partnership with the Department of Education and South Dakota's technical colleges for a fourth year," said Nathan Lukkes, the Executive Director of the South Dakota Board of Regents. "Our goal is to highlight different career paths for middle school students in our state and show them all the amazing opportunities available right here in South Dakota."

Hosted on South Dakota college campuses, these camps feature various careers through fun, engaging, and hands-on learning. Throughout the week, campers will spend time on university and technical college campuses and visit area businesses to see careers in action. By the end of camp, students will better understand themselves, their career interests, and how their education prepares them for future professions.

"These camps represent grassroots workforce development," said South Dakota Secretary of Education Joe Graves. "Students learn about potential careers and programming available at South Dakota's public universities and technical colleges. Those institutions build relationships with potential students, and employers have a platform to share career opportunities."

The career exploration summer camps are provided at no expense to students in South Dakota. To learn more about what to expect or how to apply, visit ourdakotadreams.com.

CANTON RESIDENTS
You Have A Choice!
aoksanitary.com • (605) 331-1103

20% Discount on 1st Year's Service for new customers!



We can provide:
• Can for Garbage • Can for Recycling • Family & Locally Owned • Competitive rates in Canton! • Online, Auto & Credit Card Payment
• Residential, Commercial & Industrial



THIS IS CONNIE. SHE NEEDS HELP..... A LOTTA HELP! ON MARCH 2ND, SHE TURNS 66

Please stop into Farmers State Bank to wish the "Old Bat" a very happy birthday. She'll make treats for everyone!

WITH MUCH RESPECT, YOUR FAVORITE BROTHER-IN-LAW

Windmill Of My Mind

by Margaret Schultz



With a song in my heart...Does anyone remember that song? And that is about all I can recall, except to say that I usually do have a song in my heart or at least my head. I feel like I'm in one of those movies where music is playing all the time, except that my songs do not tell of impending disaster. Thank goodness for that.

So, after the gorgeous day on Sunday, the old hymn popped into my head – Heavenly Sunshine, and I went to sleep last night with that ringing in my head and heart. Sunshine and warm temps make such an amazing difference in everything.

Walking in sunlight all of my journey,
Over the mountains, through the deep vale;
Jesus has said, I'll never forsake thee
Promise divine that never can fall.
Heavenly sunlight! Heavenly sunlight!
Flooding my soul with glory divine!
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine!
Shadows around me, shadows above me
Never conceal my Savior and Guide;
He is the light, in Him is no darkness,
Ever I'm walking close to His side.
In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,
Pressing my way to mansions above;
Singing His praises, gladly I'm walking
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.
Heavenly sunlight! Heavenly sunlight!
Flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah! I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine!

That song was written in 1899, so obviously was not penned by me. I think I will sing it again today, but hopefully, I will sing it on the cloudy days, as well, because – well, because there is sunshine in my soul.

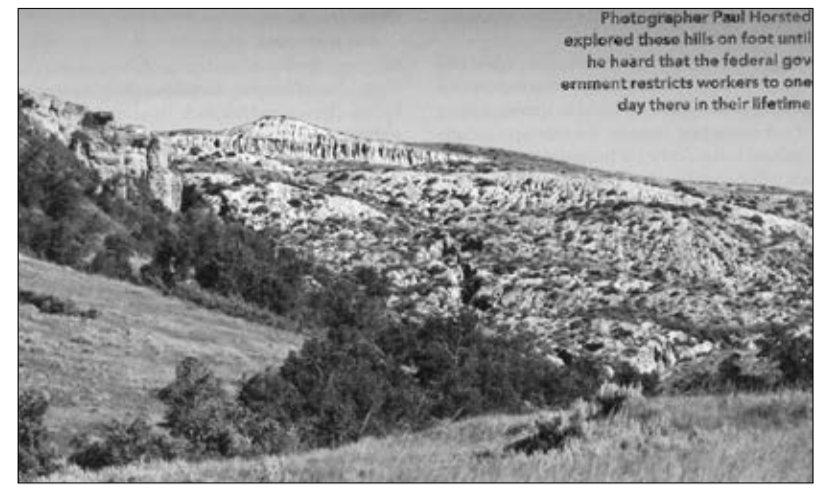
Go Ahead, Order that new stamper and save time sending cards!



Quick Turnaround!
Custom Stamps!
Buy one for your home & business!
Sioux Valley NEWS
213 E. 5th • Canton
(605) 764-2000

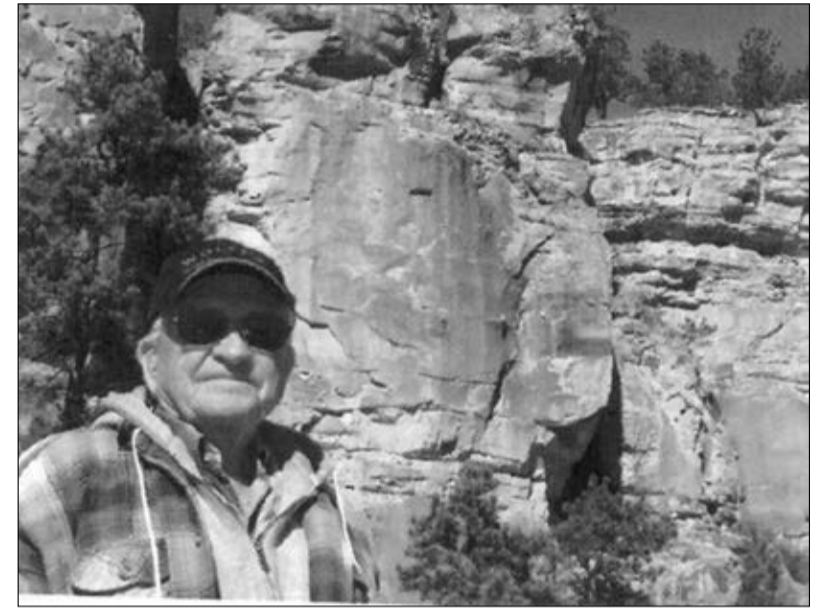


OFF The Road With Jerry



Photographer Paul Horsted explored these hills on foot until he heard that the federal government restricts workers to one day there in their lifetime

These rock hills are near Edgemont S.D. and was the source of Uranium mining, mostly pitted surface, like coal mining. However, a Geiger Counter will set off alarms all over this area. The public is not supposed to be allowed here. This area is on the thinly wooded southeast Black Hills area. It's roughly around 7 to 8 miles north of Edgemont and a little ways east.



This is a local rancher who with his neighbors are fighting to protect. This particular Canyon called Craven Canyon near the mining area, is miles from no where. There is not even a country store anywhere close. Part of searching for Uranium does involve deep well drilling, which has contaminated many of the ranchers wells and creeks.

Statement from Lee Dudek, Acting Commissioner, about Commitment to Agency Transparency and Protecting Benefits and Information

"I am honored and humbled to be appointed Social Security's Acting Commissioner pending Senate confirmation of Frank Bisignano to be SSA's next Commissioner. I accepted the position because I strongly believe in the agency's mission and the hardworking and dedicated employees who serve America.

Openness, transparency, and accountability are tenants of good government and demonstrating them begins with me. To that end, I want to share several points to reassure the public and our employees that I will continue SSA's history of transparency and protecting benefits and information.

I have experienced firsthand the impact that Social Security benefits have on family's lives. Since joining SSA in 2009, I have had the opportunity to work across multiple parts of SSA, and especially appreciated my experiences working alongside frontline employees in the Cambridge, MA field office.

Transparency begins with me: My first call as Acting Commissioner

was to our Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to provide them an opportunity to oversee and review any and all agency activities, including my actions past, present, and future. I trust in the People to be informed, and I am making available my agency personnel and performance files to the OIG.

The law matters and we will follow it: I have invited the Government Accountability Office, the non-partisan and independent agency that works for Congress, to observe how we conduct agency business.

Good government means finding ways to do better: The Department of Government Efficiency, known as DOGE, is a critical part of President Trump's commitment to identifying fraud, waste, and abuse, and better ways for the government to function to support its people. I want to be very clear about the DOGE personnel who are now working at Social Security.

Our continuing priority is paying beneficiaries the right amount at the right time, and providing other critical services people rely on

from us.

- DOGE personnel CANNOT make changes to agency systems, benefit payments, or other information. They only have READ access.
- DOGE personnel do not have access to data related to a court ordered temporary restraining order, current or future.
- DOGE personnel must follow the law and if they violate the law they will be referred to the Department of Justice for possible prosecution.

I also want to acknowledge recent reporting about the number of people older than age 100 who may be receiving benefits from Social Security. The reported data are people in our records with a Social Security number who do not have a date of death associated with their record. These individuals are not necessarily receiving benefits.

I am confident that with DOGE's help and the commitment of our executive team and workforce, that Social Security will continue to deliver for the American people."



This is now an abandoned ranch home in Craven Canyon. Experts say deep drilling wells so far come to 263 abandoned mine radio active material may spread through this whole wide area. There could be more deserted building sites, as people have been warned about the extreme health dangers.



Here is another dangerous area many miles east of the southern black hills. These are called the Burnt hills on both sides of the south portion of Missouri River along the Wagner and Fort Randall area. I have been on top and there is strong smell of sulfur every around here. Scientists say they are not part of a volcano, but they frighten a lot of fisherman and tourist. This one has no road or trail, except an old cattle trail from the east, or by boat up from dock 44 or off highway 44 on the north side and east of the river. Boats can be launched from there and I rented a boat to go up and film, the burning hills.

Financial Focus

Women Caregivers Face Financial Challenges

On March 8, we observe International Women's Day. Although this event celebrates women's achievements, it's still true that women, especially caregivers, face significant financial hurdles. How can these challenges be met?

To begin with, let's look at some concerning statistics connected to American women in the "sandwich generation" — those who care for children and parents or other relatives — from a study by Edward Jones and research firms NEXT360 and Morning Consult:

- Nearly half of women report feeling financially strained.
- Almost two-thirds of women say caregiving duties have harmed their ability to save for their own financial goals.
- More than half of women have had to reduce their professional responsibilities due to caregiving, resulting in the loss of potential income.

So, if you're a sandwich-generation woman, what can you do to improve your financial outlook?

Consider these suggestions:

Establish your own financial goals. Depending on the length and complexity of your caregiving duties, your own financial goals could be affected. For example, you may need to change your retirement date from what you had originally intended, or else adjust the retirement lifestyle you had envisioned. However, this doesn't mean you shouldn't try to establish

your own short- and long-term financial goals and then create a strategy for achieving them. In doing so, you may find it helpful to work with a financial professional.

- Contribute as much as you can to your retirement accounts. Your caregiving obligations may be preventing you from working as many hours as you like, or perhaps even from accepting a higher-paying position. In either case, your ability to contribute to your retirement accounts may well be diminished. Nonetheless, each month try to put in as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And if you do get salary increases, think about boosting your monthly contributions to your plan.
- Don't rush into taking Social Security. You can start collecting Social Security as early as age 62, and you might be tempted to do so if you're feeling some financial pressure because of your caregiving responsibilities. But your monthly benefits can be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. So, if you can find other ways to bridge this gap — possibly through a spouse's income or your own savings — it may well benefit

you to wait as long as you can before collecting.

- Maintain separate finances. If your parents are concerned about falling behind on their bills, they might suggest combining their bank accounts with yours. This may not be a good idea — if your finances get tangled with those of your parents, you could end up paying for some of their expenses, even if they can afford to do so themselves. Consequently, try to keep your finances separate.
- Create a financial power of attorney. You may want to see whether your parents will agree to give you a financial power of attorney, so you can make decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated. Such an arrangement can help protect them and you.

There's no sugar-coating it: Caregiving can be financially taxing on caregivers. But by taking the appropriate steps, you may be able to help reduce some of the stress involved.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC



SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

To subscribe or renew for 1 year send the following: \$40.00 if you live in South Dakota, Lyon County and Sioux County; \$45.00 in the continental US; Please call for oversea rates.



Sioux Valley NEWS

Published weekly on Thursday
Page 4

Teresa Zomer
Publisher

Phone 605-764-2000 • Fax: 605-764-NEWS
213 East Fifth Street • Canton, South Dakota
email: SVN@midconetwork.com

Kala Hazelhoff Canton Writer
Rollie Steck Reporter
Richard BeitzelSports Reporter
Molly Larsgaard..... Advertising
Tiffany BaldwinComposition
The SIOUX VALLEY NEWS (SECD 497460) is a weekly newspaper published at 213 East Fifth Street, Canton, South Dakota 57013 with a subscription rate of \$40.00 per year in South Dakota, Lyon and Sioux Counties, and \$45.00 elsewhere; single copy \$1.00. Entered in the Post Office in Canton, South Dakota as Periodicals Postage paid at Canton, SD 57013. Mailing address: PO Box 255, Canton, SD 57013.
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE SIOUX VALLEY NEWS, P.O. Box 255, Canton, SD 57013.

Fact brief: Do South Dakotans have the highest rate of medical debt in the nation?

By Megan Luther
South Dakota News Watch
Yes.
Nearly 18% of South Dakota adults have medical debt, the highest percentage in the nation, according to the health nonprofit organization KFF, which analyzed Census data between 2019 to 2021.
Contributing factors include South Dakota's high rates of poverty and health care expenses. South Dakota ranks second in the nation for medical costs.
The average medical debt on 15 million Americans' credit reports is more than \$3,100, an increase from \$2,000 in 2022. The average rose after the three credit agencies – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – voluntarily removed medical debt below \$500 from peoples' credit reports.
Two bills were introduced to the South Dakota Legislature in February by Rep. Brian Mulder, (R-Sioux Falls). One would prohibit medical debt from being reported to credit agencies. The other would require hospitals to follow certain policies, such as providing an itemized bill before sending to collections. Neither bill passed.
This fact brief responds to conversations such as this one.



Your NEWS is local NEWS
Share your stories or story ideas with us
Contact us at
Svn@midconetwork.com
605-764-2000
We would love to hear from you.



Senior Lexie Kapperman is the daughter of Emily and Joey and has one sibling Knox. She is involved in volleyball, cheer, dance, track, homecoming court, student council, National Honor Society, Tri-M, HOSA, food club, quiz bowl, band, choir, girls basketballs stats and wrestling stats in school and youth group outside of school.

Lexie has received the following awards; All Conference for volleyball, Academic All-State, 2x record holder and 3x scholar athlete. Her favorite movie is Footloose (2011), blue is her favorite color and her favorite food is wings.

Her most memorable moment of high school is coaching the winning iron-man volleyball champions during homecoming junior year. The most influential people in her life is both of her amazing grandpas "They taught me not only to be a good student and athlete but an even better human." Kaitlyn Sehr has made a difference for her by always reminding her to put a smile on her face.

After graduation Lexie plans to attend SDSU for Early Childhood Education. Her advice for underclassmen "If you see someone without a smile give them yours."



LEXIE KAPPERMEN



Senior Chance Riley is the son of Tom and Jean and has one sibling Cach. He is involved in football, track, trap team and National Honor Society in school and boy scouts, 4-H and FFA outside of school. He has received the following awards: Eagle Scout, Scholastic award x3, Football captain, All-State Academics Football, All Conference mention football, Eagle Palms, first place in shooting sports x2.

Blue or orange are his favorite colors, "Ocean Front Property" by George Strait is his favorite song, His favorite season is fall, pasta is his favorite food and John Wick is his favorite movie.

Chance's most memorable moment of high school was tearing his ACL playing football. Emily Plucker is the most influential person in his life "Sunday School teacher, taught me about God, his love and Jesus then taught me how to lift and better myself in the weight room. The teacher who has made a difference for him is Mrs. Anderson " She was the teacher who helped me through some tough times and was always there to help me in my worst category English."

Chance plans to go college after graduation. His advice for underclassmen "Try not to procrastinate until the last day, have fun."



CHANCE RILEY



Serving South Dakota

BIG Update
I had a great week visiting seniors young and old – high school seniors and senior citizens – across South Dakota this week. I can tell they're all paying attention to the news because they had great questions about the border,

TikTok, and Trump's first few weeks in office, especially about tariffs and government efficiency. I always love getting out in the state to talk to real people like you. It keeps me focused on the most important part of my job – serving South Dakota.

BIG Idea
River Cities Public Transit helps people get around across South Dakota, for things like a doctor's appointment or a visit to the local Veterans' Affairs (VA) facility. I stopped by River Cities

Transit to learn more about their operations. They shared that they are facing a workforce shortage, especially with the challenge of recruiting drivers with a CDL. Even though we have a shortage of 80,000 truck drivers, the Biden Administration implemented rules that made it harder to obtain a CDL. Veterans and senior citizens rely on businesses like River City Transit, and their CDL drivers, to make it to their appointments.

I'm a leader on legislation in the House that would make it easier for CDL applicants to get their license, and to expand coverage for rural veteran transportation. These men and women made sacrifices to keep America free and they deserve the highest quality of care we can provide. Ensuring veterans in rural America continue to have access to transportation is a critical first step.

BIG News
America has an abundance of energy resources, but we've seen

a stark contrast between how the Biden and Trump Administrations have stewarded them. Under the Biden Administration, many U.S. energy sources remained untapped as America relied on countries in the Middle East and Russia to meet our energy needs. Relying on these countries poses a risk to the security of our nation, economy, and supply chain. President Trump understands the need to increase energy security and during his first term, America became a net exporter of energy for the first time in nearly 70 years.

To unleash American energy again, President Trump recently established the National Energy Dominance Council, chaired by Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum. This council will cut red tape and spur innovation across the energy sector to lower prices for consumers and make America energy secure again.

OPENING

City of Canton Recreation Board

*Have you ever thought about serving your community?
Do you have a love of sports?*

The recreation board gives residents an opportunity to shape the future of the recreation program and give back to the sports programs in Canton The recreation board meets at least quarterly, with the possibility for monthly meetings during the sport season. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, contact City Hall at 987-2881.

Members of the recreation board are appointed to serve three-year terms.

DISTRICT 16

Cracker Barrel

Get a chance to talk with your elected officials!

Lennox Legion Hall
March 1st 9am

Weekly Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- Greek mythological figure
 - Small amount
 - Play a role
 - River in Georgia and Alabama
 - Water in the solid state
 - Ancient Greek sophist
 - Having a strong sharp smell or taste
 - Fleece
 - Writer/actress Dunham
 - Behave in a way that belittles
 - Comedienne Gasteyer
 - Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
 - Conceits
 - Slowed down
 - Nourishment
 - Midway between east and southeast
 - Fights
 - Comedienne Tyler
 - Standing operating procedure
 - Locks
 - Old
 - Song sung to one's lover
 - Whale ship captain
 - Moved quickly on foot
 - Volcanic craters
 - Large musical instrument
 - Liquefied natural gas
 - Ethiopian town
 - Not closed
 - A team's best pitcher
 - Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - Disfigure
 - Prefix denoting "in a"
 - Sleep

- CLUES DOWN**
- S. American plant
 - Soul and calypso song
 - Fruit of the service tree
 - Continent

5. Albania's capital
6. Poisonous plant
7. Argues
8. Assists
9. Town in Galilee
10. Russian leader
12. Promotional materials
14. Wings
19. Not odd
23. Expression of creativity
24. Conceptualize
25. A digital tape recording of sound
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
28. Difference in potential
29. Owner
34. I (German)
35. Chinese conception of poetry
36. The world of the dead
37. Sign language
39. Coincide
40. Religious observance
41. Confined condition (abbr.)
42. Polite interruption sound
44. Texas ballplayer
45. Type of sword
46. Abba ____, Israeli politician
47. Basic unit of a chemical element
48. Native American people in California
51. Swiss river
52. Hebrew calendar month
53. Easily swindled person
54. One point south of southwest
58. Small island (British)

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10		
11				12		13			14				
15						16			17				
	18				19	20			21				
					22	23			24				
25	26	27	28	29									
30							31						
32									33	34	35	36	37
					38	39	40		41	42			
					43			44					
47	48				49				50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57				58
59					60				61				
62					63					64			

C-Hawk Wrestlers Take Regions for 13th Straight Title

The Canton boys wrestling team traveled to Salem to wrestle in the Region 2B Wrestling Tournament and came back with our 13th consecutive title as they outdistanced Tri Valley for the title and the Hawks qualified 12 wrestlers for the State B Wrestling Tournament starting Thursday thru Saturday night when they crown a state champion. The C-Hawks will be shooting for their 8th consecutive state championship. Canton took to the MCM

home mats looking to keep their dominance in Region 2B and they took an early lead and with Tri Valley keeping up with the Hawks till the semifinals when they sent 10 to the finals and then 7 Champions and 3 runner ups to pull away in the team race. Canton finished with 295 team points followed by Tri Valley 207, Elk Point Jefferson 138.5, Parker 114.5, Flandreau 110, Howard 106.5, McCook Central/Montrose 105.5, Garretson 90, Marion/Freeman 89, Chester 36.5,

Hanson 23, Canistota 22, Baltic 6, Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda 4.

Region 2B Results:

106 Bode Walker- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- WBF 3:27, Semis- WBF 2:58, Championship match- Won 10-3 as he held a 6-1 lead after the first with 2 takedowns and another TD in the 3rd period to win 10-3 for the 106 Championship. Bode moved his record to 31-13 and will face Blake Benson from Garretson at 34-16 and is in 9th grade.

113 Landon Walker- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- Won a 15-0 TF in 2:32, Championship match- Won 15-0 TF in 1:41 over Tri Valley for the 113 Championship and he improved his record to 41-2 and will face Brysen Baloun from Parker at 13-20 and is an 8th.

120 Carter Kendrick- 1st Rd- WBF :49, Semis- Won a 11-10 decision with a TD at the final buzzer to win, 120 Championship match- Lost 2-0 as he gave up a reversal in the 2nd period then he couldn't get a TD in the final period to fall 2-0 for 2nd place and he moved his record to 32-5 and will face Remington Mayerink from KWLP with a 14-15 record and is a 9th grader.

126 Zach Bartels- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- WBF :40, Semis- WBF 1:33, 126 Championship match- Won 8-4 after leading 4-0 after 2nd period and with a TD with :02 he won 8-4 for the championship and moved his record to 46-2 and will face Benny Pommer from CWL at 37-13 and is in 8th.

132 Aiden Schrempp- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- WBF :56, Semis- WBF :45, 132 Championship match- Won 5-4 after trailing 4-1 after the 2nd period then in the 3rd Aiden got an escape and a TD to win 5-4 to win the 132 Championship and move his record to 29-3 and he will face Emmett Edwards from STM at 19-9 and is in 9th.

138 Camdyn Ockenga- 1st Rd- Won 6-2, Semis- Lost a 14-4 major decision, 3rd Rd- WBF 1:40 to qualify for state, 3rd Place match- WBF 2:49 for a 3rd place finish and moved his record to 20-14 and will face Jackson Kaul from BH/A at 39-9 and is in 12th.

144 Wyatt Tunland- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- Won 14-0 major decision, Semis- LBF :40, 4th Rd- Won 11-2 to qualify for state, 3rd Place Match- Lost a 14-5 major decision and put his record at 20-26 and will face Kellan Hurd from MHH at 42-4 and is in 8th grade.

150 Conner Giedd- 1st Rd- WBF



:13, 2nd Rd- WBF 1:03, Semis- WBF :19, 150 Championship match- WBF 2:26 for the 150 Championship and moved his record to 25-1 and will face Blake Jennings from KICO with a 31-11 record and is in 11th.

157 Taysn Ockenga- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- WBF :57, Semis- WBF 1:58, 157 Championship match- Lost 5-3 after leading 3-0 in the 2nd but a penalty and escape set up a late TD making the score 5-0 giving Ockenga a 2nd place finish and moved his record to 29-13 and will face Hayes Johnson from EPJ with a 31-10 record and is a 12th grader.

165 Aiden Kranz- 1st Rd- Bye, Semis- Won a 15-0 TF in 1:32, 165 Championship match- Lost 13-7 as he led 7-0 in the 2nd period then gave up reversal and near falls to make the score 8-7. Then in the 3rd he gave up a TD and NF to lose 13-7 for a 2nd place finish and moved his record to 34-9 and will face Thor Fish from HS at 26-16 and is in 9th grade.

175 Chase Adam- 1st Rd- LBF 1:39, 2nd Rd- LBF 2:06 to miss out of a State trip, 5th place match- Won a 19-3 TF in 3:34 to finish in 5th place moving his record to 27-15 to end his season.

190 Teague Granum- 1st Rd- Bye, 2nd Rd- WBF :54, Semis- WBF 1:10, 190 Championship



CANTON 3RD-8TH GRADE

Science Fair

SIGN UP HERE!!!

MARCH 9TH- 1:30PM-4PM

SPONSORED BY THE CANTON K12 FOUNDATION

South Dakota Public Broadcasting keeps South Dakotans informed, educated & safe.

Stand Up For



Contact your legislator NOW to restore SDPB's funding.



Learn more at www.SDPBFriends.org. Paid for by Friends of SDPB

Lady C-Hawks Send Full Wrestling Team To State

Canton C-Hawks took home the championship at Regions last Thursday in Salem. All of Canton's wrestlers qualified for the state meet this weekend in Rapid City.

Team Scores:
Canton 229.5, Harrisburg 168.5, Brandon Valley 105.0, Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda 97.0, Yankton 91.0, Sioux Falls Washington 48.0, Beresford/Alcester-Hudson 37.0, Sioux Falls Lincoln 37.0, McCook Central/Montrose 33.0, Baltic 18.0, Vermillion 18.0, Garretson 16.0, Hanson 16.0, Lennox 10.0, Flandreau 7.0, Canistota 3.0, Chester 0.0, Dakota Valley 0.0, Elk Point-Jefferson, 0.0, Howard 0.0, Marion/Freeman 0.0, Parker 0.0, Tri-Valley 0.0

100 Jewel Gannon - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal WBF 0:28 over Lillie Boden (Beresford/Alcester-

Hudson); Final WBF 1:01 over Gracie Peters (Brandon Valley) to win the championship.

107 Brooke Warejcka - Quarterfinal WBF 1:43 over Maddie Lachman (Marion/Freeman); Semifinal Won injury 4:00 over Tenley Quick (Flandreau); Final WBF 1:11 over Kendall Clayton (Brandon Valley) to win the championship.

114 Nayeli Ortega - Quarterfinal WBF 5:32 over Soobin Seo (Sioux Falls Lincoln); Semifinal LBF 3:06 to Alexis Bryant (McCook Central/Montrose); Cons. Semi Won 7-1 over Leah Nelson (Brandon Valley); Final won by medial forfeit over Aubrey Jensen (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda) to place 3rd.

120 Finley Evjen - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal WBF 1:20 over Wendi Silverthorn (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda); Final Won TF 19-3 2:57 over Alexis Brenden



(Yankton) to win the championship.

126 Marin Rhode - Quarterfinal WBF 1:57 over Renee Uberty (McCook Central/Montrose); Semifinal Lost TF 2:35 to Hadley Bryant (Harrisburg); Cons. Semi WBF 0:50 over Avery Bowers (Brandon Valley); Final WBF 3:54 over Madison Brown (Yankton) to place 3rd.

132 Brynn Mulder - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal WBF 4:32 over Grace Carson (Brandon Valley); Final LBF 1:51 to Regina Stoesser (Harrisburg) to place 2nd.

138 Alyssa McCracken - Quarterfinal WBF 3:51 over Kayla Schoolmeester (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda); Semifinal LBF 1:52 to Reese Olson (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson); Cons. Semi won 7-0 over Jaelyn Kyte (Yankton); Final Lost 2-1 to Brenna Reker (Brandon Valley) to place 4th.

145 Lakynn Qualseth - Quarterfinal WBF 0:16 over Allison Munger (Brandon Valley); Semifinal lost 6-15 to Sammie Reil (Harrisburg); Cons. Semi WBF 0:58 over Rosearia Rohrer (Lennox); Final lost 12-14 to Maddie Feiock (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda) to place 4th.

152 Kenzie King - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal WBF 0:51 over Amelia Hendrixson (Sioux Falls Lincoln); Final LBF 1:48 to Emerson Skuodas (Harrisburg) to place 2nd.

165 Izzy Baldwin - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal LBF 0:16 to Rhiannen Heimdal (Harrisburg); Cons. Semi Bye; Final WBF 4:19 over Faith Slavin (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda) to place 3rd.

185 Kori Wallner - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal WBF 0:21 over Jade Dubbelde (Harrisburg); Final WBF 0:21 over Blair Merkwan (Vermillion) to win the championship.

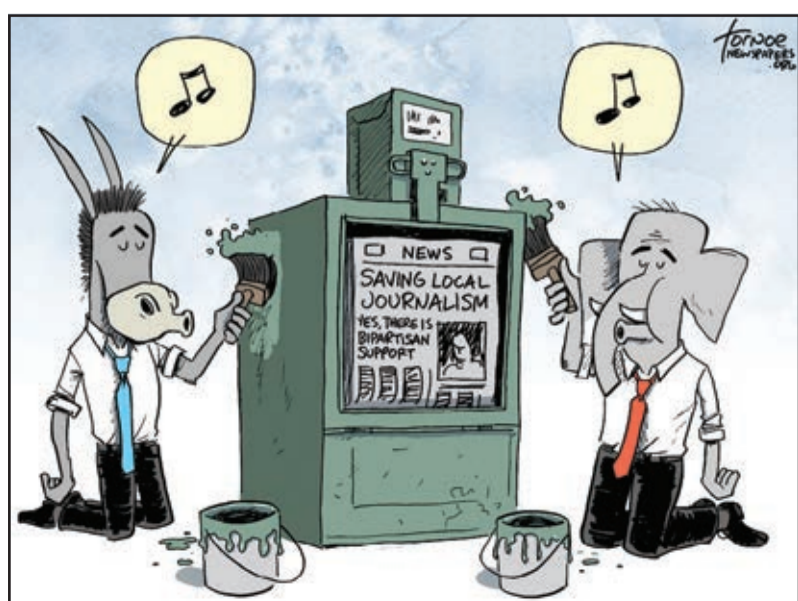
235 Natalia Long - Quarterfinal Bye; Semifinal WBF 0:21 over Amelia Larson (Sioux Falls Lincoln); Final Won medical forfeit over Claire Campbell (Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda) to win the championship.



NEWSPAPER
Friday www.sitename.news

THANKS to Our Readers!

Your subscription helps support the future of journalism.



HAD ENOUGH OF FACEBOOK?
So have more than 500 national brands that don't want their ads placed next to hateful, divisive or fake content.

ADVERTISE WITH THE TRUSTED SOURCE

YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

America's Newspapers

America's Newspapers is a national association supporting journalism and healthy newspapers in our local communities.



Crossing Over It's Time to End the Death Tax

Milestones are an important part of any process. They're a good opportunity to reflect on where we've come from, assess where we are, and look ahead to what comes next. Every legislative session, there comes a day called "Crossover" that is a major milestone in the legislative process.

Under our South Dakota system, every bill gets a hearing, and every bill that passes committee gets a vote on the floor of the legislature. Crossover Day is the day that bills must have passed the floor of their chamber of origin, or else they'll be considered "dead." So it's often a long, busy day – and it's a good opportunity to take stock of how the session has gone so far.

Crossover Day this year is on February 25. As I write this, it remains to be seen just how busy a day it'll be for our House Representatives and Senators. But I'll tell you this – it's been a busy few weeks for me since taking office as Governor.

Just four weeks ago, we had our own "crossover," so to speak, here in South Dakota. Former-Governor Kristi Noem took office as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and she's doing important work to keep our nation safe. And I took office as the 34th Governor of South Dakota. I got my team established, nominated Tony Venhuizen as my Lieutenant Governor, promoted Mackenzie Decker as my new Chief of Staff, and even hired a new Press Secretary to help deliver open and responsive communication with the press.

To have all that happen in the middle of a legislative session was unprecedented in the history of South Dakota, and it has certainly kept us busy. Serving as Lieutenant Governor for six years, I had a good sense of what the workload of the Governor was. I knew what I was getting into when I shortened

my title. But there's a difference between knowing something and experiencing it for yourself. We've certainly had a busy past few weeks of session.

We've already been able to deliver some accomplishments to keep South Dakota strong, safe, and free. The first bill I signed as Governor was to ban Sanctuary Cities in our state, which was a strong statement of support for the work that President Trump and Secretary Noem are doing to fix our nation's immigration system.

I worked with representatives from both the House and the Senate to hammer out an agreement to address the rising burden of property taxes for South Dakota homeowners, and that bill has started to work through the legislative process.

We announced a major force expansion of the South Dakota Highway Patrol in Sioux Falls. This new squad will support local law enforcement to fight crime and keep our communities safe.

We're continuing to advocate for the construction of a new men's prison near Sioux Falls – this facility will be crucial to rehabilitate offenders and ensure the public safety of South Dakotans.

And we are already working towards returning fireworks to Mount Rushmore for America's 250th birthday! I recently spoke with Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, and he committed to me that we will work together to make this happen.

So as we reach Crossover Day in the legislature, I am confident that our state is heading in the right direction. Our state's "crossover" is in good shape, as well. I appreciate all the prayers and kind words that my family and I have received, and I will continue focusing everyday on keeping South Dakota strong, safe, and free.

By Sen. John Thune

Death should not be a taxable event. Anything you leave to your heirs has already been taxed once, and there should be a limit to how many times the government can tax you. Unfortunately, the estate tax, often called the death tax, is a concern for many American farmers, ranchers, and small business owners whose operations could be devastated by this tax. Eliminating the death tax once and for all has long been a priority of mine, and I recently introduced a bill to permanently repeal this fundamentally flawed tax.

I was proud to help secure a doubling of the death tax exemption in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which has protected a lot of farms, ranches, and small businesses. But the larger exemption limit will expire at the end of this year, and it's my hope that we will not merely

extend the exemption, but that we will put an end to the death tax once and for all.

Death tax proponents talk as if it only affects the extremely wealthy, but that couldn't be further from the truth. The death tax can sweep up those who have very little money in the bank. Take for example a family farm or ranch, which are often cash-poor businesses. They might have substantial-looking assets on paper, but the vast majority of that is land and farming equipment, and a small fraction of it is money in the bank.

So what happens when a farmer or rancher dies and his estate is subject to the tax? There's a very good chance that his liquid assets – in other words, the cash that he has available in the bank – won't come close to covering the tax bill from the federal government. The only alternative for his heirs in that case may be to start selling off land or

farm equipment to pay the tax. They may be able to keep the farm – just a smaller version of it – or they may have to sell it off entirely. It's the same plight that many ranches and small businesses face as well.

But it's not just those who actually get hit by the death tax who suffer. Many family farms, ranches, and small businesses spend a lot of time and money on estate planning to avoid being hit by this tax. That's time and money that could have gone into building their business, hiring new workers, and investing in their operation. Others set aside capital to prepare for the death tax, which is money that, again, could go into the building up of their operation.

It's time we end the death tax once and for all. And I hope that 2025 will be the year that we permanently bid farewell to this flawed and unfair tax.

Legislative Report

Representative Karla Lems

Speaker Pro-Tempore District 16



This last week has been a roller coaster. It has been jam packed with meetings, committees, and votes. The bright spot of my week was when my daughter Kalyn and husband Jake Peterson visited me in Pierre with three of my four grandchildren. What a joy!

It seems I'm a broken record, but of course one of the biggest things to talk about is the prison. We were to vote on the prison bill Friday. Late on Thursday afternoon I found out the bill was amended to ONLY allow for the transfer of \$148 million to the incarceration construction fund. Previous to that the bill had the appropriation to spend money on the construction of the prison building and the approval of the site in Lincoln County. Spending money takes a 2/3 vote. Since they did not have the support of 2/3 of House members, the amendment went on to make

it only a majority that was needed. It was explained that this was just moving money from one account to the other. I argued that this bill was on life support. I dubbed it the "CPR" bill.

COMMON SENSE tells us that this project has way too many unanswered questions for us to move ahead with a billion dollar project.

PRICE concerns of spending this much money with \$21.9 million in ongoing costs. Not to mention we now have Medicaid expansion in our constitution. Right now the state pays 10% with the federal government paying 90%. With all the federal cuts, it is possible that more of the burden would shift to the SD taxpayers. For every 10% shift, it would cost the state at least \$20 million. So start adding those figures when we barely have enough for increases in the Big 3—education, health care and state employees. We simply cannot afford this billion dollar plan.

RECIDIVISM is a huge issue. The last number I heard was around a 43% recidivism rate. I am all for locking up the hardened criminals and throwing away the key. However, we also need rehabilitation programs, work release, and other paths to get people out, working, and NOT returning to prison. This is a policy issue that will NOT be fixed with a shiny new building.

Moving MORE money into the "savings" account is accomplishing one thing: keeping this bill alive, and in my opinion keeping the plan to build a \$825 million prison alive. And not stopping the project from moving forward in Lincoln County.

We need everyone in the state to engage on this issue, because we will all be paying for it for a very long time. Contact your friends and relatives from other districts and ask them to engage their legislators to vote no. Senator Jensen has a plan to bring a task force to the issue and that will be voted on soon.

When the prison vote was over on Friday, I was back up in the State Affairs Committee. We heard a very interesting bill that was proposed to defund the Future Fund. This is a Governor fund that originally was developed after the recession in the 80's to invest in South Dakota's workforce and build its economy. The investment fees are collected by the Department of Labor & Regulation. It is an employer paid fee through the unemployment tax. If you are an employer, you are contributing to this fund. In the recent past the fund has been used for things such as \$6.5 million to Tru Shrimp, \$2.5 million to the Governor's Cup Rodeo, the "Freedom Works Here" campaign, which was \$9 million—most of which came from the Future Fund, and the gun range in western South Dakota. The gun range cost \$13.5 million. Another bit of information: the gun range had been voted down by the legislature six times. And one more thing: check out the ups and downs of Tru Shrimp. In a state like South Dakota, I believe it is important for employers to keep their money, unless there is good reason for the state to take it. If the state does tax the people, the legislature is where the power of the purse rests. Oversight is a must.

I would like to tell you what happened with the brand board bill, House Bill 1266, but that is my bit of homework for you. It's another similar situation to what I have mentioned in the previous two bills: not enough oversight and too little transparency.

I could go on, but it is now 10:54 p.m. on Sunday. I still have homework to do for tomorrow, and I will need to be at the capitol at 7:15 a.m.

Here is a quote from Thomas Jefferson that I think may be appropriate for this day— on the federal level and even here at home: "When the people are afraid of the government, that's tyranny. But when the government is afraid of the people, that's liberty."



We're Proud to be INDEPENDENT

We've been watching this community grow for 124 years and are proud to be Canton's only locally owned bank.

For all your financial needs, bank with the bank that has "roots" in Canton, not just branches!

FARMERS STATE BANK

FDIC Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. **220 E 5th, Canton (605) 987-2671** **EQUAL HOUSING LENDER** Canton, South Dakota

Visit our website at: www.cantonfarmersstatebank.com

SHOP LOCAL

EAT LOCAL

READ LOCAL

Prison Project Faces Legislative, Legal Hurdles

BY STU WHITNEY

South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota's plan to build an \$825 million men's prison complex in rural Lincoln County has sparked clashes of opinion not just among property owners in the area but within different levels of government.

A major legislative showdown is evolving in Pierre as state lawmakers and Gov. Larry Rhoden debate whether to pass the final funding piece to begin construction on the prison on farmland between Harrisburg and Canton.

Members of Lincoln County's Board of County Commissioners have been swept into controversy, either fighting for county zoning authority or taking heat from residents for not speaking out more forcefully.

Arguments also reached the legal system due to the efforts of Neighbors Opposed to Prison Expansion (NOPE), a group of landowners that fought the state's effort and sued to prevent the project from moving forward.

To help sort it all out, News Watch sought different perspectives of some of the key people involved. Their stories are being told this week in a three-part series:

- Part 1 part delved into the reasons for and against the prison in the first place. The current Corrections secretary is resolved that it's the right project and right place, but a former warden isn't so sure and says there's another more pressing need.

- Part 2, this story, features a judge, county commissioner and politicians: Why the site was chosen, why an opposition group couldn't legally stop it and the continuing debate in Pierre.

- Part 3, an page 10, features the family on whose land the prison would be built and how the original owners would react if they knew their farm was slated to be a prison.

Judge: Prison 'must be located somewhere'

All of the opinions surrounding the decision to build a new prison on Lincoln County farmland, the most consequential was delivered Oct. 23.

It came in the form of a court decision from the Second Judicial Circuit, where Judge Jennifer Mammenga granted the state's motion to dismiss a lawsuit from opponents of the project, including members of NOPE.

The ruling, since appealed to the South Dakota Supreme Court, was a blow to organized efforts to stop or delay construction. Those efforts were re-channeled to the legislative and public relations arena after Mammenga's decision came down, nearly a year after the lawsuit was filed.

The crux of the complaint was that the state's prison plans violated Lincoln County zoning laws and clashed with the county's comprehensive plan.

The state argued that the landowners bringing the lawsuit lacked standing and the state was protected by the legal doctrine of sovereign immunity, which puts limits on when the government can be sued.

That doctrine in state law, according to judicial precedent, dictates that sovereign immunity exists when a state agent's duty is discretionary (allowing for flexibility of action) rather than ministerial (rigidly following orders).

Mammenga characterized House Bill 1017 from the 2023 legislative session as allowing the DOC to purchase property for the prison but not mandating where or when to do it, calling the duties conferred by the law "discretionary and properly delegated."

As for the question of state authority versus county ordinances, the judge stated that "a county by its very nature is a legislative creation, and therefore seemingly lacks the authority to preempt state law."

Mammenga, whose career as a prosecutor included a stint as Assistant U.S. Attorney in South Dakota, also addressed the imperfect process of any government entity seeking to find a suitable place to build a correctional facility.

Fair or not, she concluded, "not in my backyard" is not a legal strategy.

"Even if a balancing of interests is undertaken," she wrote, "this Court finds that the likely result will be that the necessity of the construction of a new prison outweighs the interests of the surrounding landowners. A prison, like a jail, is a necessary government function, and it must be located somewhere."

Lawmakers: 'It's not looking good right now'

On Feb. 5, moments after the House of Representatives adjourned for the day at the Capitol in Pierre,

legislators Will Mortenson and Aaron Aylward walked down the hallway stride for stride.

Anyone who expected the Republican colleagues to be in lockstep regarding the state prison project, however, hasn't been paying attention to party politics in South Dakota.

Mortenson, a Fort Pierre lawyer and former House majority leader, is viewed as part of the GOP establishment, with connections to U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson. He supports House Bill 1025, which would provide the final funding piece to green-light construction on the chosen site.

Previous legislation has funneled \$567 million into an incarceration construction fund (an estimated \$643 million with interest), which means the commitment in one-time dollars from 2025 would need to be \$182 million to reach \$825 million.

"This has been four years coming, and if it's four more years, it's going to cost a billion dollars or more," said Mortenson. "If you think it's expensive now, just wait."

Aylward, a job recruiter from Harrisburg who represents Lincoln County, serves as vice chair of the South Dakota Freedom Caucus, which touts limited government and landowner rights as part of the party's recent populist wave.

He staunchly opposes the funding bill, which would authorize the DOC to spend \$763 million on prison construction on top of the \$62 million appropriated last year to prepare the site and arrange for electric, sewer and water utilities.

"It's not looking good right now," said Aylward when asked about HB 1025 getting the two-thirds vote it will require from both houses to reach the governor's desk. "Things are so tight budget-wise right now that people can't justify going forward with this."

The proposed site of a new men's prison in rural Canton, S.D., near the corner of 278th Street and 477th Avenue. The project has sparked clashes of opinion not just among property owners but within different levels of government.

The bill suffered a setback on Feb. 12, when the House State Affairs Committee sent it to House Appropriations without an affirmative "do pass" recommendation, with ongoing operational costs one of the key concerns.

The legislative clash underscores challenges faced by Rhoden and GOP moderates as the party's populist wing flexes its muscles in leadership positions. Two of those leaders, Rep. Karla Lems and Sen. Kevin Jensen, represent District 16, which includes Canton, and are strident opponents of the prison plan.

Jensen introduced Senate Bill 124, which would establish an incarceration task force that, among its responsibilities, could "examine best approaches and potential alternative sites" for new and existing correctional facilities.

Supporters of the prison project said this research has already been done. They point to previous facility plans, task forces and summer studies that correlated prison expansion and modern efficiencies with aiding rehabilitative services.

"I've started to hear more from police chiefs and sheriffs and prosecutors who know that we need adequate facilities for incarceration and we need to do better on the corrections side, the rehabilitation side, keeping people out of prison," said Mortenson. "It's not money that anybody likes to spend, but it's our responsibility to get this done."

Governor: Finding prison site was 'gift from God'

The push for new prison facilities gained urgency during Gov. Kristi Noem's time as governor and is linked in many ways to her legacy, for better or worse.

The Legislature has already committed \$87 million to build a new women's prison in Rapid City, with a likely completion date of early 2026.

In her final budget address Dec. 3, Noem spoke of the state men's penitentiary "falling down" and being older than the state itself, urging legislators to pass a final funding package so that construction on a new facility can begin.

Enter Rhoden, sworn in as the state's 34th governor on Jan. 27, two days after Noem was confirmed as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

The Meade County rancher and legislative veteran faces a tough political scenario, especially with a likely run for re-election looming in 2026.

Populist groups touting landowner rights have become a rising political

force in South Dakota, with the massive rural prison project one of their top concerns.

Rhoden must balance those objections with the fact that he was Noem's lieutenant governor and inherited the role as "chief wrangler" to push the final funding through the Legislature.

Any inkling that Rhoden would waver in this role was answered during his introductory press conference Feb. 6, when News Watch asked him about his approach to getting the bill passed and what happens if the effort falls short.

"I'm not prepared to discuss it not happening," Rhoden said. "I believe that it will."

He then encouraged any legislators who have doubts about the project to take a tour of the prison and outlined the "outdated and impractical" workings that he observed on a recent visit.

"We need to resolve that, and it needs to be this year," said Rhoden. "I would say that failure is not an option. We have our backs against the wall. It's a miracle that we haven't been sued as a state to this point, and so we're going to get this fixed."

He doubled down on those comments when meeting with the media Feb. 13, repeating DOC claims that it will cost the state \$100 million to reverse course now due to inflationary impacts and money already invested in the site.

"Do we expect different results if we move to find a different area?" he asked. "There's always going to be opposition, regardless of where we site this. I thought it was a gift from God to find the site that we did that was appropriate for this prison relative to where it is now. And so that's what just kind of makes me sick to my stomach to think about starting over."

Policy analyst: No perfect science for site search

Before joining Noem's staff as a policy adviser in 2022, Ryan Brunner served as commissioner of School and Public Lands, an elected position he held for eight years.

That experience came in handy when Brunner was called upon to help with a site search for a new 1,500-bed men's prison on 160 acres within 20 miles of Sioux Falls, following the recommendation of a report from Omaha, Nebraska-based DLR Group.

The document provided a road map to what became a priority for the Noem administration to address the state's correctional capacity needs.

The 18-month process included a request for information (RFI) directed at real estate agents and property owners, a callout for agricultural or industrial park sites that would satisfy the space requirements and be appropriate for what would become a sprawling correctional complex.

Brunner describes himself as a numbers guy, but he also knows his way around an acreage. His agricultural economics degree from South Dakota State University was enhanced by his experience growing up on a family farm and feedlot in Butte County.

He knew that trying to get a landowner to sell generational farmland so the state could build a prison was a longshot.

"You're looking for 160 acres, so you're not looking at commercial or residential," Brunner said of the state's 2023 property search. "You're looking at either industrial park land or you're looking at ag land. And a lot of farmers live next to where they

farm, so they'd be selling land for a prison located close to where they're farming other property."

He noted that there was farm property west of Sioux Falls near Hartford "that we tried to buy for \$70,000 an acre, and they thought we were buying it for the Minnehaha County Fairgrounds. And when I said, 'No, it's for the prison,' they weren't interested."

After months of seeking leads, Brunner helped identify a pair of 160-acre parcels between Canton and Harrisburg as land already owned by the Office of School and Public Lands through a 1992 property transfer by court order.

A previous prison-related land transfer served as precedent for acquiring the land. In 1984, Gov. Bill Janklow and the Legislature moved to close the University of South Dakota campus at Springfield and convert it into a minimum-security correctional facility, now known as Mike Durfee State Prison.

The resulting flurry of lawsuits against the state included one (Kanaly v. State by and Through Janklow, 1985) in which the South Dakota Supreme Court concluded that the transfer was constitutional if the Board of Regents trust fund was reimbursed for the full market value of the property.

That paved the way for the Department of Corrections to acquire the 320 acres in Lincoln County for the assessed value of \$7.9 million in early 2024, using the spending authority granted by the Legislature a year earlier.

Half of that land, the 160 acres located south of 278th Street, is not planned for development as part of the prison project. DOC can use it at a later date.

At a Jan. 7 meeting with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, neighbors near the site accused the state of not adequately seeking other options closer to the interstate or in corridors that fit with the county's plan for land use and development.

Brunner disputed that assertion, saying the reason for doing the RFI was that "any real estate agent in the state could have found a location, signed up that owner, and then sold it to the state for a commission."

As for accusations that the state ignored leads pointing to landowners elsewhere in Lincoln County with plots for sale, Brunner told News Watch: "I've never had somebody reach out and say, 'Go talk to this farmer about this 160 acres.'"

The state did consider industrial park property in Lincoln County, he said, but it would have been more expensive and not immune to the same types of objections that the current site has inflamed.

When the DOC announced plans to build what is now the Rapid City Community Work Center in an industrial neighborhood in 2009, the state was sued by neighbors of the site who attempted to block the sale. That effort was unsuccessful.

County commissioner: 'Plant the flag and move on'

Jim Schmidt doesn't see "establishment" as a dirty word.

The 83-year-old Lennox native has spent 27 years on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, making him the state's longest-serving county commissioner. He still occasionally farms the land he grew up on.

Schmidt lives in Sioux Falls, where he attended Augustana University, served as president of Killian Community College and worked for the American Cancer Society of South Dakota. He served

on the board of the city's chamber of commerce and is married to Teri Ellis Schmidt, longtime CEO of Experience Sioux Falls, formerly the Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Those city credentials haven't always ingratiated Schmidt with Lincoln County residents touting populist movements such as election skepticism and pipeline and prison site opposition.

His lack of public engagement regarding the state's prison project has angered members of NOPE and contrasted with county commissioners such as Joel Arends, who accused the state of running afoul of county zoning ordinances.

The commission voted in December 2023 to submit an amicus brief through the Lincoln County state's attorney in support of the landowners' lawsuit. But Schmidt and fellow commissioner Tiffani Landeen have otherwise stayed publicly neutral on the prison, and there has been no official county action.

"I haven't seen a single citizen walk up here in favor of this, but you guys just sit there and don't do a damn thing," county resident and NOPE member Jeff Spyskma told commissioners during public comment at their Jan. 7 meeting. "This is our lives. It's about time that you guys stand up for the county and not fold to the state."

Schmidt calls prison site opponents "good people" and said he empathizes with their cause. The fact that fast-growing Lincoln County includes the southern edge of Sioux Falls and communities such as Tea and Lennox also needs to be considered, he added, as developing and rural constituencies collide.

"You've got people up in Sioux Falls that I've talked to, and it's not that they're insensitive, but they think we need a new prison, so why not build it there? It's a good spot," Schmidt said. "And the people that live there, of course, say, well, of course they'll say that because they don't have to live next door to a prison. So you can understand how it seesaws back and forth."

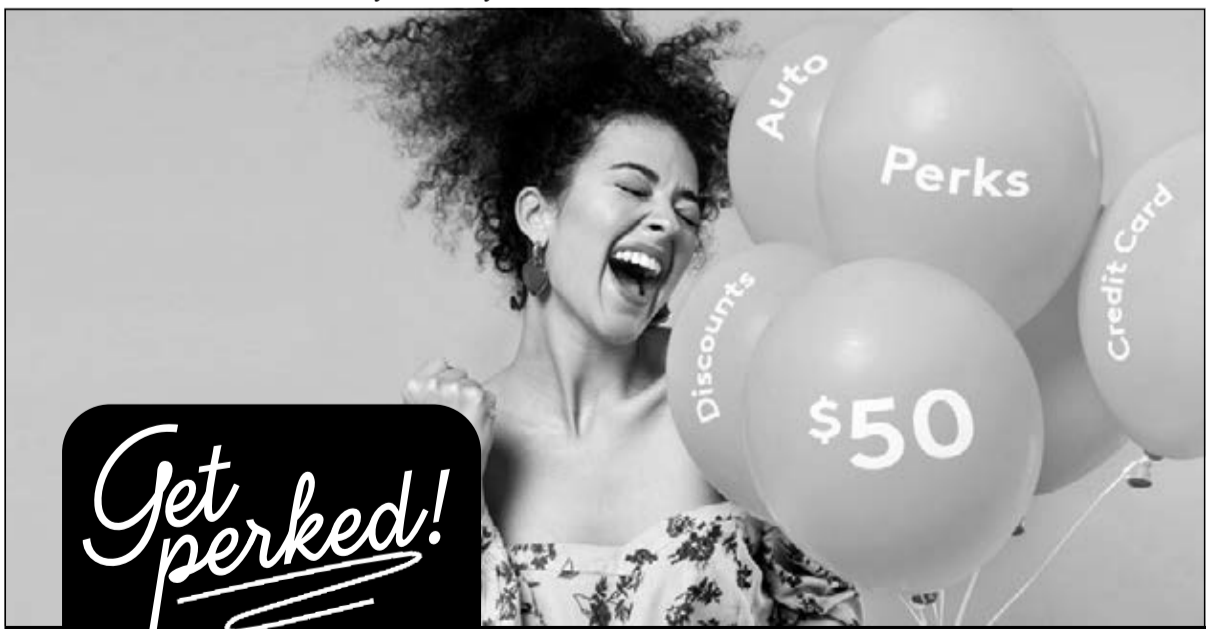
Schmidt has had conversations with Toby Brown, the county's planning director, on establishing parameters for development if the prison is built, with increased vehicle traffic from employees and visitors leading to demand for convenience stores or hotels.

"We've discussed forming a development district if and when the prison is built to be able to regulate what kind of businesses crop up around a prison," Schmidt said. "We haven't formalized that yet, but it's one way in which you get ahead of the game rather than just reacting."

The irony is not lost on him that such forward thinking and communication is just what prison site opponents felt was lacking in the state's approach to Lincoln County. But he also sees the potential damage in tearing it all up and starting from scratch.

"No one wants a prison near them," said Schmidt. "But it's going to go somewhere, and someone is going to make that hard-nosed decision and say, 'Enough is enough, it's going to be here,' and they're going to plant the flag and move on."

This story was produced by South Dakota News Watch, an independent, nonprofit organization. Read more stories and donate at sdnewswatch.org and sign up for an email every few days to get stories as soon as they're published. Contact Stu Whitney at stu.whitney@sdnewswatch.org



Get perked!

Members who sign up online for a new checking account with qualifying direct deposit** get the perks treatment.

Get a \$50 DEPOSIT GIFT, plus, lower rates on auto, toy loans, and credit cards!*

*See www.levo.org/theperks for more details.

LeVO
Credit Union

#ForwardTogether

Prison Site's Previous Owners Would Be 'Rolling Over In Their Graves'

BY STU WHITNEY

South Dakota News Watch
CANTON, S.D. – It was early October of 2023 when Tom Eiesland learned that the land he farmed for more than four decades was slated to become a prison.

Located at the corner of 278th Street and 477th Avenue in rural Lincoln County, adjacent to where Eiesland lives, the farmhouse and cropland were owned by Alfred and Ethilda "Tillie" Haug and managed by a caretaker and family friend named Earl Helgeson.

Eiesland started working the land when Helgeson retired in 1982, living on the property for about a decade with his wife, JoAnn. Their son and daughter were born there and later had weddings under the towering maple tree near the main driveway.

Eiesland continued to care for the land even after Tillie Haug died in 1990. Her husband had already passed.

Two years later, because the couple had no heirs and no will, the 320 acres were acquired by the state's Office of School and Public Lands. The Eieslands moved into a nearby house previously owned by Tom's uncle, and they leased the former Haug farmland from the state.

"(The Haugs) and Earl (Helgeson) knew that if they didn't do something with the will that the land would probably revert to the state," said Eiesland, 75. "They didn't view that as such a bad thing."

But the way the prison project has played out has tarnished any goodwill that existed, said Eiesland, replaced by grave concerns about how a prison project described as a "small city within a city" will alter the rural community.

Asked what the previous owners would think of the Department of Corrections putting a 500,000-square-foot complex on land previously reserved for corn, beans and cattle, Eiesland was blunt in his assessment.

"They'd be rolling over in their graves, I guarantee you," he said. "And they're not the only ones. Certainly my family has a close connection because everything I have built and own is right next to (the planned site). But it's the destruction of this community that's the big thing because it will just absolutely destroy it."

Community centered around church

Tom Eiesland was one of three children born to Alden and Wava Eiesland, who were married in 1940 and lived and farmed north of Canton.

For young Tom, growing up in the 1950s and '60s fostered a sense of belonging not just to one's immediate environs, but the broader community. They were the proud inhabitants of Beaver Creek, named for the spring-fed stream that flows through Canton before joining up with the Big Sioux River.

"Everybody up and down the road was either related to me

or were good friends of my parents," said Eiesland, who recalled riding his horse up to the area where he now lives to work and spend time with his cousins.

Neighbors gathered for worship and ice cream socials at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, a white wood-framed structure built in 1892 near Canton. It was closed for services in 1978.

"People would come with their lawn mowers every other Wednesday night and they would mow the lawn in the church cemetery," Eiesland said.

In another sign of the times, the church was relocated to Heritage Park at Augustana University for historical purposes, then moved again in 2022 to Harrisburg to make room for the school's new hockey arena.

'We never felt like it was our own'

In 1968, Tom's parents bought 80 acres on 278th Street between Canton and Harrisburg off Highway 11, near where state prison construction would be planned 60 years later.

Property along the rugged gravel road, dotted with silos and grazing cattle, became home for much of the extended Eiesland clan. Tom has not lived anywhere else since returning from attending the University of South Dakota in 1969.

His feelings about the timeless nature of the place are captured in a memory that involves him taking a team of horses and wagon down his driveway to meet up with like-minded neighbors.

"I came out with my team and wagon and I looked down the road, and there was Uncle Alex, who had his team out, and another neighbor, and I thought, 'How long has it been since there were three teams of horses on the road around here?'"

The Haugs' farm on the north side of 278th Street featured a bright red barn with a white roof, fields of corn and alfalfa, and roaming cattle. Those sights became part of Eiesland's daily routine when Helgeson retired in 1982 and Tom started leasing the land, soon after marrying JoAnn.

"It was a privilege to manage and take care of it, but we never felt like it was our own," said Eiesland. "It belongs to the state. It's their land, and we've never felt any different. The problem we have is with how they went through with the process."

'How would you feel? What would you do?'

Sam Eiesland, Tom's son, serves on the board of Neighbors Opposed to Prison Expansion, or NOPE, a group of Lincoln County landowners that has fought the state's effort and sued to prevent the project from moving forward.

On Oct. 23, a circuit judge granted the state's motion to dismiss the lawsuit and determined that several of the plaintiffs, including Tom Eiesland, didn't have standing to sue. In Eiesland's case, the judge wrote, "a wish to not have a prison located by one's property



is not an injury in fact."

The remaining plaintiffs have appealed the ruling to the South Dakota Supreme Court. It's not known when that decision will be handed down.

Much of the neighbors' frustration is aimed not at the fact that Lincoln County was chosen but that more suitable plots of land could have been targeted for such major development.

"The original premise of our county's comprehensive plan, requested by the state, was to keep commercial and light industrial along the corridors where it's beneficial and desirable," said Sam Eiesland, a superintendent of Canton Township. "The state helped us write that original plan, and now they're saying that they don't have to follow it."

His father, through letters and appearances at public meetings, has criticized what he sees as a lack of transparency from state officials and a lack of gumption from Lincoln County commissioners, some of whom he believes have not sufficiently engaged in zoning and sovereignty debates.

"As far as we're concerned, the county commission should have brought the lawsuit instead of us," Tom Eiesland said. "When people rise up and do something like that, it's usually because other people aren't doing their jobs."

As Lincoln County's population surges in southern Sioux Falls, Harrisburg and Tea, it gets harder to bridge the divide between economic development and the county's agricultural core. In many ways, the struggle involves varying explanations of how to best define progress.

"I've driven through that

area many times to see where people live and where the prison will be," said Jim Schmidt, who has served on the county commission for 27 years. "It's helpful to do that just for your own edification and to ask, if you were one of these people, 'What would you do? How would you feel?' It's important to ask those questions."

For new and old residents, 'the dream is gone'

On a recent Saturday morning, Tom Eiesland sat in his kitchen with his dogs, going through photos of the red barn and white farmhouse that used to be part of the scenery along 278th Street looking west.

The buildings were razed by state-hired crews in January along with other buildings, even though the actual prison construction will take place on an adjacent lot.

Tom and Sam then hopped in a Jeep and drove down to the entrance of the former Haug farmstead. A layer of snow covered the roads and familiar fields. The maple tree under which wedding celebrations occurred was one of the few landmarks still standing on the property.

There were orange pylons near the driveway and a sign that said: "No Trespassing. Violators Will be Prosecuted." Construction equipment sat idle in the distance, awaiting the results of legislative fights over final funding for the prison.

"I used to go in there every day when they first started working, and then I was told that if I entered, I'd be arrested," said gray-bearded Tom Eiesland, braving the cold with a weathered hat and red bandanna around his neck.

"The decision to (tear down buildings) was nothing but spite and vindictiveness, in my opinion," he added. "They had no reason to do it. When they start building, they're not building in that spot. They're building on the other side. The only reason to come in there and knock all that down was to say, 'We'll show you.'"

The state also owns 160 acres on the south side of 278th Street, with no current plans for that land. The South Dakota Department of Transportation has outlined plans to build new roads to service the 1,500-bed prison, where Eiesland used to run his team of horses.

For Tom, seeing the barn and farmhouse destroyed by work crews was distressing. But buildings come and go, he said. His primary concern is more pastoral – like the onset of daily traffic that will drown out the serenity of his surroundings and that of future generations.

"It's always been a close community," he said. "We weren't all best friends, but we were always neighbors who were there for each other. It's still that way. You have young families who moved here looking for a quiet, peaceful existence, and they're the ones that I really feel bad about. If this thing gets built, that dream is gone."

This story was produced by South Dakota News Watch, an independent, nonprofit organization. Read more stories and donate at sdnewswatch.org and sign up for an email every few days to get stories as soon as they're published. Contact Stu Whitney at stu.whitney@sdnewswatch.org.

ANNUAL PRE-PLANTING ONLINE CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Our Spring Pre-Planting Consignment Auction will be held Online at www.WiemanBid2Buy.HiBid.com. All items will be located at the Wieman Auction Facility – 44628 SD Highway 44, Marion, SD or from Marion, SD, 1-mile South and ½ mile West on Highway 44 on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 • 9 AM CST

STARTING IN 2024, THE AUCTIONS ARE ON TUESDAYS!
LUNCH ONSITE BY THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LADIES

This Auction will offer over 900 lots in total. A Large Assortment of Tractors (5-4x4's, 10+ MFD's, 50+ 2 WD), 15+ Combines, Large Assortment of Corn Heads, Bean Heads, Dummy Heads, Head Transports, Grain Carts, Gravity Boxes, Augers, Planters, Tillage, Haying & Forage Equipment, Skid Loader Attachments, Trucks, Trailers, Fencing and more!

FOR FULL AUCTION AD, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
** WWW.WIEMANAUCTION.COM **

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This is another large and interesting auction of consignments by Area Farmers & Dealers. You are welcome to watch the auction on the big screen at the Wieman Auction Facility. We will have multiple representatives available to place bids for you! For more details/pictures, please call our office or visit us online at WiemanAuction.com. South Dakota sales tax will be charged. This ad is subject to additions and deletions. All consignments must have been approved by the Wiemans! We have excellent loading and unloading equipment. Financing and trucking are available. We are in our 76th year of selling. We offer honest and fair treatment to all because we appreciate your business! Bring a friend and come prepared to buy! If you are driving a good distance – please call to make sure the item is here. **Welcome to the "Machinery Mall of South Dakota!" Our next consignment auction is April 22nd!**

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS
WIEMAN
LAND & AUCTION
AND FOUR GENERATIONS

WIEMAN LAND & AUCTION CO., INC
(SINCE 1949)

44628 SD HIGHWAY 44, MARION, SD 57043

AUCTION OFFICE: 800-251-3111 or 605-648-3111

MACHINERY OFFICE: 888-296-3536 or 605-648-3536

Email: Info@WiemanAuction.com • Website: WiemanAuction.com



City Commission Tables City Advertising Tax Won't be Used to Lower Property Taxes

By Rollic Steck
The Canton City Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Depot. All Commissioners were present at the time of roll call.

With no Visitors to be Heard and no Old Business, the first item under New Business was a Rezone Hearing - Bryant & Trumm at parcel 200.97.00.001. Canton Planning & Zoning has conducted their hearing on January 21, 2025 for the proposed Ordinance for Jason Bryant & Todd Trumm for a rezone at Parcel 200.97.00.001 from General Business to Light Industrial and recommends approval of passage. Mayor Sandra Lundstrom opened the Hearing. Trumm took to the podium to answer any questions. With no comments from proponents and no comments from opponents, Mayor Lundstrom closed the hearing. Motion to hold the First Reading by Commissioner Paul Garbers. No Second and vote is required for a First Reading.

Next on the agenda was a New Hire for the Recreation Manager Position. It is being recommended to hire Ryan Koehler for the Recreation Manager Position at \$25.91/hr (Grade 11, Step 1). This would be a full-time position for the Summer months and was budgeted for 2025. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Commissioner Tyler Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was a New Hire for the Recreation Manager Position. It is being recommended to hire Carlee Laubach for the Recreation Manager Position at \$25.91/hr (Grade 11, Step 1). This would be a part-time position for the Summer months and was budgeted for 2025. Motion to

approve by Larson. Seconded by Commissioner Jackie Pigors. Unanimous approval.

A Full-Time Police Officer Hire was next on the agenda. It is being recommended to hire Robert Wells as a Full-Time Police Officer at \$26.58/hr (Grade 11, Step 2). Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by Garbers. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was another Full-Time Police Office Hire. It is being recommended to hire Joshua Livermore as a Full-Time Police Officer at \$25.91/hr (Grade 11, Step 1). Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

An Employee Raise was next under New Business. City Employee Johnny Grubbs having received a favorable 6-Month Review is eligible for a wage increase. His new wage would be \$24.59/hr (Grade 10, Step 2) and effective on February 5, 2025. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Commissioner Kris York. Unanimous approval.

The Connecting Kids Contract for 2025 was next on the agenda. Each year, the City partners with the United Way Connecting Kids, which is a program that provides positive youth development programming to children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate due to financial reasons. United Way Connecting Kids will reimburse the City for passes used by children who qualify for the programs. Motion to approve by Larson. Seconded by York. Unanimous approval.

Before discussing the final item under New Business, Appoint City Engineer, motion to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Contract Negotiation at 7:10 p.m.

by Larson. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

Reporters Note: The Canton City Commissioner met in special session for nearly four hours on Thursday, February 13 at 1 p.m. at the Depot to interview the following Engineering firms for City Engineer: ISG, DGR, Banner and JSA. No decision was made at the Special Meeting.

After adjourning back into regular session at 8:07 p.m., the final item under New Business was to Appoint City Engineer. The City Commission makes appointments each year, however has not yet appointed the City Engineer for 2025. This is due to the Request for Proposals for engineering services that was authorized at the October 21, 2024 City Commission meeting. With no discussion, motion to table the appointment of the City Engineer until a later date by Garbers. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

During Commissioner Dialogue, Mayor Lundstrom commented that the City is still looking for Summer Help in the Public Works Department and Lifeguards. Garbers commented that the deadline for Ash Tree removal is coming up fast.

With no further discussion, motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. by Larson. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Harrisburg Notice of Public Hearing Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Harrisburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter in the Heritage Board Room, 200 E Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD. The hearing is to receive public input on a request for a zoning amendment on the property legally described as Lot 2, Block 1, Rix Addition (Parcel ID: 270.84.01.002).

The Planning Commission invites all interested people to attend and offer their comments. Those unable to attend may submit comments in writing, prior to the hearing, to: Harrisburg Planning & Zoning Administrator, PO Box 26, Harrisburg, SD 57032. In compliance with the Americans

with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator at (605) 743-5872. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-disabled may use Relay South Dakota at 711 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the city to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

Chad Huwe
Planning & Zoning Administrator
City of Harrisburg
Publish February 27, 2025

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$16.77 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Harrisburg Notice of Public Hearing Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Harrisburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter in the Heritage Board Room, 200 E Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD. The hearing is to receive public input on a request for a Conditional Use Permit for a telecommunications facility on the property legally described Tract No. 1, Slack High School Addition (Parcel ID: 270.73.00.100).

The Planning Commission invites all interested people to attend and offer their comments. Those unable to attend may submit comments in writing, prior to the hearing, to: Harrisburg Planning & Zoning Administrator, PO Box 26, Harrisburg, SD 57032.

City of Harrisburg Meeting Minutes

Harrisburg City Council Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Feb 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm, with Mayor Derick Wenck presiding. Council members were Matt Westerman, Kevin Maxwell, & Chris Kindt. Pete Wodzinski - absent. Also present from the City were Amanda Mack, Heath Voneye, Toby Huizenga, Deb Harris, Jill Johnke and Monty Jenkins. A list of all others in attendance is on file at the city office.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
No Public Comment
6:00 Public Hearing to receive input on the issuance of a Special Event Temporary On-Sale Malt Beverage License - Harrisburg Baseball Association

Motion Kindt, seconded Maxwell to add Business Item # 4 Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (4)

Motion Maxwell, seconded Kindt to approve the consent agenda as amended. Upon roll call vote; all present in favor.

1. Approval of Agenda - Declaration of any Potential Conflict of Interest
2. Approval of February 3, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of February 18, 2025 Claims

4. Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign Warranty Deed from Harrisburg Heritage LLC in the Devitt Farm Addition
5. Approved and authorized Mayor to sign Pay Application # 11 - Westside Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase 1 to Siteworks in the amount of \$25,000.00.

6. Approved and authorized to sign Pay Application # 3 - Prospect Street and Southeastern Avenue Roadway Improvements to Soukup Construction in the amount of \$1,004,929.83
A & B Business \$162.21; Accts Mgmt \$385.60; American Engineering Test \$1,700.00, Appraver \$143.75; Automatic Security \$145.00; Banner Assoc \$330.00; Butler Machinery \$180.00; Chernatinski, Vitold \$93.20; CHS \$14,317.82; City of Harrisburg \$1,690.46; City of Sibley \$14,175.00; Creekside Place LLC \$5,543.40; Dakota Riggers \$443.80; DSG \$220.27; Dept of Treasury \$18,087.75; Diligent Corp \$7,200.00; Direct Digital Control \$2,703.00; Fareway \$61.13; gWorks \$4,204.82; Harris,

with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator at (605) 743-5872. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-disabled may use Relay South Dakota at 711 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the city to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

Chad Huwe
Planning & Zoning Administrator
City of Harrisburg
Publish February 27, 2025

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$17.16 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator at (605) 743-5872. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-disabled may use Relay South Dakota at 711 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the city to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

Chad Huwe
Planning & Zoning Administrator
City of Harrisburg
Publish February 27, 2025

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$17.16 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

City of Harrisburg Meeting Minutes

Deb \$80.10; Harrisburg Heritage \$51,618.42; HLD LLC \$16,272.19; Health Equity \$3,597.50; Home Definition \$1,493.69; Innovative Office \$30.07; LG Everist \$19,678.93; Lawn Rangers \$125.28; Midamerican Energy \$3,579.11; Midwest Alarm \$478.40; Novak Sanitary \$519.00; Peterbilt \$428.06; QPS \$850.38; Ramkota Hotel \$244.00; Running's \$155.94; SDRS Supplemental \$100.00; SE Electric \$9,127.32; Sioux Falls Humane Society \$727.50; South Dakota 811 \$43.05; Toole Design Group \$2,831.28; Toshiba Financial \$95.16; Trojan Technologies \$18,526.40; Two Way Solutions \$44.99; Verizon \$40.01; Voneye, Heath \$143.98; Payroll \$51,674.46

Business Item 1. Motion Kindt, seconded Maxwell to approve a Special Event Temporary On-Sale Malt Beverage License for the Harrisburg Baseball Association. Upon roll call vote; all present in favor.

Business Item 2. Motion Kindt, seconded Maxwell to approve Work Order 24232 - Southeast Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2 to Stockwell Engineers in the amount of \$819,600.00. Upon roll call vote; all present in favor.

Business Item 3. Motion Kindt, seconded Westerman to approve Work Order 25032 - Prospect Street Railroad Crossing to Stockwell Engineers in the amount of \$89,800.00. Upon roll call vote; all present in favor.
Business Item 4. Motion Maxwell, seconded Kindt to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) at 6:15pm. Upon roll call vote; all present in favor.

Mayor declared out of executive session at 7:28pm.

With no further business, a motion was made by Kindt seconded by Maxwell to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:29pm. Upon roll call, all present in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Harrisburg City Council will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Submitted by Jill Johnke, Deputy Finance Officer

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$47.58 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

we're going to do something for our citizens." She predicted some "squealing" from the advertising world.

Steve Willard, president of the South Dakota Broadcasters Association, took exception to Howard's use of the term "tax shift." "This is not a shift," Willard said. "This is a new tax. And it's a miserable one."

Asserting that \$41 million was a "made up number," Willard said the cost of enacting the bill would include hiring more state employees to collect the new tax.

Justin Smith, a lobbyist representing the South Dakota NewsMedia Association, the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Coalition of South Dakota and MidContinent Communications, raised constitutional concerns about the tax on advertising. Smith said passage of the bill would put the state in the position of taxing constitutionally protected free speech.

Smith also noted that South Dakota would be the only state in the nation to tax advertising. He said that other states have tried, only to find that a tax on advertising hurt local economies.

Smith said that media in South Dakota would have to sell \$1 billion worth of advertising to generate the \$41 million that the sponsors said the tax would raise.

During committee questions, Howard said the \$41 million figure came from the Legislature's fiscal staff and was the result of "whatever magic they did."

Also speaking in opposition to the bill were representatives of Wall Drug, South Dakota hotels and the S.D. Department of Revenue.

Rep. Greg Jamison, R-Sioux Falls, made the motion to send HB 1138 to the 41st day, a procedure that kills legislation. Taxing the advertising that influences someone to buy a new television, Jamison said, "turns into a cost that is transferred onto the buyer. It is a tax increase. This goes down the wrong path."

The committee voted 9-3 in favor of sending HB 1138 to the 41st day.

The next bill on the committee's agenda was HB 1191, explained by its sponsor as a tax on pharmaceutical advertising. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Karla J. Lems, R-Canton, said her research showed that a tax on pharmaceutical advertising would have "very little impact to our state."

Lems asked the committee to table the bill, which it did on a 12-0 vote.

City Canton Minutes

MINUTES OF CANTON CITY COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2025 UNAPPROVED

The Canton City Commission met at the Canton Depot, on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 1:00p.m. Commissioners Pigors, Garbers, Larson, York and Mayor Lundstrom were present for roll call.

COMMISSIONER CALENDAR
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Larson seconded to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following: 1) to approve the agenda. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Lundstrom commented that the purpose of this meeting was to listen to the presentations from potential Engineering Firms.

ENGINEER PRESENTATIONS
Engineering Firms ISG, DGR, Banner and JSA made presentations. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner York moved and Commissioner Garbers seconded to adjourn into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 for contract negotiations. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Pigors seconded to reconvene into regular session. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Garbers seconded to adjourn. Unanimous Approval.

Kyle Cwach
Finance Officer

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$17.94 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Audit

NOTICE OF AUDIT OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41-2

Notice is hereby given that the Harrisburg School District No. 41-2 of Lincoln County, South Dakota has been audited by ELO Prof. LLC for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. A detailed report thereon is available for public inspection, during normal business hours, at the business office of the School District, and also available at the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota or on the Department of Legislative Audit website at <http://legislativeaudit.sd.gov/reports/reports.aspx>
ELO Prof. LLC

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27 and March 6, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$17.55 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Amendment

Harrisburg South Dakota C461065-09

DATE: February 27, 2025

AMENDMENT TO CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN HARRISBURG, SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) issued a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) published August 11, 2022, for a proposed project from the city of Harrisburg located in Lincoln County to conduct Westside Trunk Sewer - Phase 2 project. The CATEX is being amended to reflect additional funding to the city of Harrisburg that was provided by DANR to complete the project.

The city of Harrisburg is proposing to update aging and undersized water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer infrastructure in the southeastern portion of the community.

In April 2022, the city of Harrisburg was awarded a \$8,393,896 Clean Water SRF loan, (C461065-08) at 2.125 percent for 30 years, a \$787,450 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant (2023G-103), and a \$7,367,727 American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA grant (2022G-ARP-141). The city is also contributing \$1,119,927 of its local ARPA funds toward the wastewater

project. Due to price escalation in materials and construction costs, additional funding is required to complete the project.

On March 30, 2023, the city of Harrisburg was awarded a \$11,709,000.00 CWSRF loan (C461065-09) at 3.25 percent for 30 years to fund the clean water project shortfall. Repayment of the CWSRF loan will be with project surcharge revenues. Current drinking water rates are \$97.01 per month based on 5,000 gallons usage. A surcharge of \$21.80 is required to achieve 110 percent debt coverage for the DWSRF loan.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted to DANRMail@state.sd.us for consideration by DANR after publication of the Amended Categorical Exclusion Determination. After evaluating the comments received, DANR will make a final decision.

Tina McFarling
Administrator

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$26.52 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Vacancy

Notice of Vacancy Municipality of Fairview

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term:

Trustee, 3-year term

Trustee, 3-year term

Trustee, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on March 1, 2025 and petitions may be filed at the home of the finance officer between the

hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. central time not later than the 25th day of March, or mailed by registered mail not later than the 25th day of March, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. central time.
Finance Officer

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$16.85 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Who cares about public notices? YOU SHOULD. You have the right to know what's happening in your community. Public notices - information local governments are obligated to provide citizens - are required to be published in local newspapers to provide a public record that's accessible to everyone. Public notices keep you informed about your government. But, in some states legislators are trying to keep public notices from appearing in local newspapers. This severely impacts government transparency and, in turn, limits the public's right to hold them accountable for their actions. Let your state legislators know that you value being able to access notices in your newspaper and that they are worth the investment. Protect public notices in newspapers and protect your right to know.

Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
The citizens of the Township of Springdale in the County of Lincoln South Dakota and who are qualified to vote at Township elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at the **Harrisburg Fire Station 47591 273rd St Harrisburg, SD 57032, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March 2025 at 7:00 PM** for the following purposes:
To elect one Supervisor for the term of three years: one Township Clerk, and one Treasurer, each for the term of one year; and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened.

Given under my hand this 1st day of February A.D., 2025
Cheryl Enger Springdale Township Clerk

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 13, 20, and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$27.37 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE AND NATIONALITY
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
41CIV25-00104

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:

Malik Kirkley Sanders
(Current Name)
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Malik Lumi El Kirkley Sanders
(Proposed Name)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Malik Kirkley Sanders to change Petitioner's name from Malik Kirkley Sanders to Malik Lumi El Kirkley Sanders. The petition will be heard on the 13th day of March, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. by the Honorable Judge Power, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in the City of Canton, South Dakota. Anyone may appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why Petitioner's name should not be changed.
Dated this 31st day of January, 2025.

James Power
Circuit Court Judge

Attest:
Brittan Anderson,
Clerk of Court
By: Anderson
Deputy

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025 at the total approximate cost of \$62.32 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

**Notice of Vacancy**

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD
Harrisburg School District No. 41-2
The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present terms of the following school board members.
Two (2), three-year term for school board members: Groom & Vennard.
Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on the 25th day of

Meeting Notice

**HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL
REVIEW BOARD
SDCL 10-11-13**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Highland Township, Lincoln County South Dakota, will meet at the Grand Valley Lutheran Church, 28529 SD Highway 11 at 6:30 p.m., within said taxing jurisdiction on MONDAY, the 17th day of March 2025, (being the 3rd Monday in March) for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year, 2025. The Local Board will adjourn no later than Friday, the 21st day of March 2025.

Meeting Notice

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL
REVIEW BOARD
SDCL 10-11-13**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the governing body, sitting as the Review Board of the City of Canton, Lincoln County, South Dakota, will meet at the Viking Room at the Canton Depot within said taxing jurisdiction beginning on Monday, March 17th, 2025 (being the 3rd Monday in March) for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the 2025 year. The Local Board will adjourn no later than Friday, March 21, 2025.

Meeting Notice

**Fairview Township
Annual Township Meeting**

The Citizens of the Township of Fairview in the County of Lincoln South Dakota and who are qualified to vote at Township elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at the home of Dale Sharon, 48459 290th St., Fairview, SD 57027 in said Township, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March 2025, at 7 o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:
To elect one Supervisor for the term of three years; one Township Clerk,

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2025 regarding amendments to Chapter 154 (Zoning) of the Lincoln County Code of Ordinances. Specifically, the Lincoln County Planning Commission will be considering a recommendation of adoption to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for amendments to Section 154.021, Definitions; Section 154.058, Conditional Uses (A-1 Agricultural District); Section 154.178, Conditional Uses (RC Recreation/Conservation District); Section 154.254, Additional Use Regulations; and Section 154.379(A), Notification, for the regulation of carbon dioxide pipelines, carbon dioxide pump stations, carbon dioxide mainline valves, carbon dioxide capture facilities, or carbon dioxide launcher and receiver facilities.

This public hearing will be held at the following time, date and location:
6:30 P.M.
March 11, 2025
Lincoln County Courthouse (104 N. Main Street, Canton)

The purpose of this hearing is to explain the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments to interested

February, 2025 and petitions may be filed in the office of the Business Manager located at the Harrisburg Administration Offices, 200 Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, CST, and not later than the 28th day of March, 2025 at 5:00 PM, or mailed by registered mail not later than the 28th day of March, 2024, at 5:00 PM.
Jennifer Conway

hour. Unanimous approval.
FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER HIRE
Commissioner Pigors moved and Commissioner Larson seconded to approve the hire of Joshua Livermore, Full Time Police Officer, at \$25.91 per hour. Unanimous approval.

EMPLOYEE RAISE
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner York seconded to approve a raise for Johnny Grubbs, Public Works, to \$24.59 per hour for successful completion of his 6 month probationary period. Unanimous approval.

CONNECTING KIDS CONTRACT 2025
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner York seconded to approve a contract with Connecting Kids, as presented and on file, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Pigors seconded to adjourn into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 for contract negotiations. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Pigors seconded to reconvene into regular session.
APPOINT CITY ENGINEER
Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Pigors seconded to table the appointment until a later date. Unanimous approval.

DIALOGUE:
Mayor Lundstrom commented that the City is still looking for Summer Help in the Public Works and well as Lifeguards.

Commissioner Garbers commented that the deadline for ash tree removal is coming up.

ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Pigors seconded to adjourn. Unanimous Approval.

Kyle Cwach
Finance Officer
Warrants:
02-11-25: Appears/Servall, 126.65, uniforms; Bluepeak, 142.99, internet; Borders Aviation LLC, 2433.33, management fee; Canton Home & Farm Supply, 120.07, supplies; Gale/Engage Learning, 199.94, books; Inland Truck Parts & Service, 1089.18, supplies; Jay Miles Contracting, 1058.93, delivery & installation; JSA Consulting Engineers, 54861.50, engineering; Kanopy Inc, 27.00, tickets; Kirbyside

Director of Finance/HR
Harrisburg School District 41-2
Lincoln County
Harrisburg, South Dakota 57032

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$22.46 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to notify the clerk of the local board by mailing or filing a written notice of appeal no later than Thursday, March 13th, 2025.

Given under my hand this 26th day of February A.D., 2025.
Eric A. Eneboe, Clerk
Highland Township
(605) 321-4783
eseneboe@outlook.com

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27 and March 6, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$25.27 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to notify the clerk of the local board by mailing or filing a written notice of appeal no later than March 13, 2025.

Kyle Cwach
Municipal Finance Officer
City of Canton, South Dakota
Dated February 20th, 2025

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27 and March 6, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$22.46 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

one Treasurer, each for the term of one year; and one Constable for the term of two years; and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened.

Given under my hand this 19th day of February A.D., 2025
Nancy Sharon,
Township Clerk

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.06 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

persons, to answer questions regarding these items, and to hear public comment on these items. The Planning Commission invites all interested persons to attend and offer their comments. Those interested persons not able to attend are invited and encouraged to send written comments, prior to the hearing, to the Lincoln County Planning Director, 104 N. Main Street, Suite 220, Canton, SD 57013.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Planning Director at (605) 764-2938. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled may utilize Relay South Dakota at 711 or (800) 877-1113 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.

Toby Brown
Planning Director

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$25.35 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Director of Finance/HR
Harrisburg School District 41-2
Lincoln County
Harrisburg, South Dakota 57032

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$22.46 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Car Wash, 40.00, washes; Lincoln County Auditor, 60.00, easement recording; Micromarketing LLC, 146.65, books; MidAmerican Energy Co, 286.55, heat; Jay Miles, 1200.00, cubicles; NAPA Auto Part of Canton, 321.86, repairs; Sanford Occupational Medicine, 96.00, testing; Scholastic Inc, 124.26, books; South Dakota One Call, 17.15, locates; SDWWA, 120.00, registrations; Sioux Falls Networks, 99.94, service; Southeastern Electric Coop, 94.40, electricity; US Bank Equip Finance, 223.68, printer lease; Vestis Group Inc, 180.76, cleaning supplies; Volland Oil Inc, 5807.04, gasoline; Voyager Fleet Systems Inc, 784.74, fuel; Xcel Energy, 10643.40.

PAYROLL BY DEPARTMENT:
Commission, 519.01; Finance Office, 16237.19; Public Building, 446.14; Police, 32603.59; Street, 10279.62; Rubble, 533.09; Sewer, 2398.40; Water, 2581.04; Parks, 2471.05; Library, 4922.26.
02-19-25: AFLAC, 726.35, insurance; Minnesota & Dakotas AFSCME, 105.35, union dues; AFSCME People, 10.25, union dues; Ameritas Life Insurance Co, 504.33, insurance; Farmers State Bank, 51171.44, payroll; First Bank & Trust, 10744.42, social security; First Bank & Trust, 7562.78, social security; First Bank & Trust, 1264.52, HSA; Kansas City Life Insurance, 149.71, insurance; LegalShield, 97.54, employee deductions; SD Dept of Social Services, 138.46, employee deduction; SDRS, 15868.78, retirement; SDRS Supplemental, 1905.00, retirement; TX Child Support SDU, 150.00, employee deduction; Wellmark of South Dakota, 15924.82, insurance.
02-19-25: Advanced Tech Inc, 3898.50, services; Alexis Fire Equipment, 11880.00, change order; Geotek Engineering & Testing, 5700.00, services; Good-land Pump Service Inc, 1585.00, repair; Lacey Rentals Inc, 160.00, rental; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 227.92, rental; Option Supply Inc, 2545.00, partitions; Petty Cash Account, 23.00, cleaning & copies; SD Division of Motor Vehicle, 15.00, title work; Titan Rentals, 4896.00, loader rental; Xcel Energy, 275.46, electricity.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$75.24 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$33.70 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$45.63 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
41CIV25-000250
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
Sarah Beth Fodness
(Current Name)
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Sarah Beth Trussell
(Proposed Name)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Sarah Beth Fodness to change Petitioner's name from Sarah Beth Fodness to Sarah Beth Trussell. The petition will be heard on the 3rd day of April, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. by the Honorable Judge Power, at

the Lincoln County Courthouse, in the City of Canton, South Dakota. Anyone may appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why Petitioner's name should not be changed.
Dated this 18th day of February, 2025.

James Power
Circuit Court Judge

Attest:
Brittan Anderson,
Clerk of Court
By: Anderson
Deputy

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, and March 6, 13 and 20, 2025 at the total approximate cost of \$62.32 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Public Hearing

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

Notice is hereby given that the Harrisburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter in the Heritage Board Room, 200 E Willow Street, Harrisburg, SD. The hearing is to receive public input on a request for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the property legally described as Lot 3, Block 1, Flatiron Crossing Addition (Parcel ID: 270.62.66.4010).

The Planning Commission invites all interested people to attend and offer their comments. Those unable to attend may submit comments in writing, prior to the hearing, to: Harrisburg Planning & Zoning Administrator, PO Box 26, Harrisburg, SD 57032.

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF 2025 ANNUAL Meeting of Canton Township ELECTORS

The citizens of Canton Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota qualified to vote at general elections are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Electors for CANTON TOWNSHIP will be held at the Richard Hill farm/shop residence, 28088 482nd Avenue, Canton, SD 57013, commencing at the hour of 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 4, 2025, for the following purposes: To elect one Supervisor for a term of three years; one Township Clerk and one Treasurer, each for terms of one year; approval of the budget for the ensuing fiscal year and setting the tax levy for general fund, and establishing a levy for secondary road capital improvement fund (SDCL 31-13-3.1); approval of accounts; establish Township policies for the mowing and maintenance of ditches, including duties to remove

trees, brush and materials; and the conduct of all such other business as is required by law to be undertaken at, and such as properly may come before, the meeting. Electors may also ratify Township's membership in Canton Rural Fire Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation. Anyone desiring the agenda in advance may contact the Clerk by email, phone or in person; the agenda will be posted also at the designated meeting location not less than 24 hours in advance.

Brad Dietzenbach, Clerk
CANTON Township
48349 279th St., Canton, SD 57013
605-212-7821
Email: braddietzenbach@gmail.com

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$33.70 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Meeting

**HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING**

The Citizens of the Township of Highland in the County of Lincoln South Dakota and who are qualified to vote at Township elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Meeting for said Township will be held at Grand Valley Lutheran Church, 28529 SD Highway 11 at 6:30 p.m., in said Township, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of March 2025, for the following purposes:
To elect one Supervisor for the term of three years; one Township Clerk, one Treasurer, each for the term of

one year; and to do any other business proper to be done at said meeting when convened.

Given under my hand this 19th day of February A.D., 2025.
Eric A. Eneboe
Township Clerk
eseneboe@outlook.com
(605) 321-4783

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Springdale Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota, will meet at the Harrisburg Fire Station, 47591 273rd St Harrisburg, SD on MONDAY, the 017th day of March, 2025 (being the 3rd Monday in March) at 7:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
41CIV25-00152
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:

Laura Elizabeth Flannery
(Current Name)
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Laura Elizabeth Slaymaker Flannery
(Proposed Name)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Laura Elizabeth Flannery to change Petitioner's name from Laura Elizabeth Flannery to Laura Elizabeth Slaymaker Flannery. The petition will be heard on the 3rd day of April, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. by the Honorable

James Power
Circuit Court Judge

Attest:
Brittan Anderson,
Clerk of Court
By: Anderson
Deputy

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 2025 at the total approximate cost of \$62.32 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Noxious Weeds Notice

means as provided by law.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Planning & Zoning Administrator at (605) 743-5872. Anyone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-disabled may use Relay South Dakota at 711 (TTY/Voice). Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the city to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this hearing.
Chad Huwe
Planning & Zoning Administrator
City of Harrisburg

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$16.77 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$33.70 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Published in the Sioux Valley News on February 20 and 27, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$21.76 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

Zomer
Plumbing Heating
& Air Conditioning
Sales
Service
Estimates



Phone:
605-764-5822

The new degree of comfort.™

Your
STIHL
Store



NAPA AUTO PARTS
OF CANTON
119 S. BROADWAY CANTON, SD
(605) 987-2477 • 1-888-326-5022

Full Selection!

Drive-Up Teller Position Available

Please apply in person or email resume to Valerie@CantonFSB.com.
No phone inquiries please.
220 E. 5th • Canton, SD 57013

Equal Opportunity Employer



FARMERS STATE BANK
Since 1901




FOR SALE

FOR SALE: One queen size waterbed with sheets and 17 ft canoe with paddles.
Call 605-659-5533

CASWELL LENNOX
PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

Lennox Independent Dealer
PRODUCTS & DEALERS YOU CAN COUNT ON
712-753-4911
312 W Highway 18
Inwood, IA 51240

GARBAGE



For all your disposal needs!

1½ to 30 yard
CONTAINERS AVAILABLE
712-476-2111

TRUMM
EXTERIORS

PROVIDING ONLY THE BEST!

ROOFING SIDING WINDOWS GUTTERS DECKING

Give Us A Call / (605) 764-7514

Get A FREE Estimate / TrummExteriors.com



LARSON DIGGING, INC.
is hiring: CDL Drivers and Laborers
Full time or Part time

Laborers start at \$20 per hour
Experience and/or CDL is additional compensation

1011 S. Madison St.
units #9 & 10
Milbank, SD 57252

Call: Terri Swenson, Office Manager 320-305-9758 or Damian Pillatzki, Owner 605-228-6836

APPLY TODAY!



South Dakota Statewide Classifieds

LAND:
IN SEARCH OF PASTURE for 50-300 Pairs. 5th Generation, SD, ranchers looking to expand. Long term lease preferred but would consider short term. Call (605)690-1997

NOTICES:
ADVERTISE IN NEWSPAPERS statewide for only \$150.00. Put the South Dakota Statewide Classifieds Network to work for you today! (25 words for \$150. Each additional word \$5.) Call this newspaper or 800-658-3697 for details.

LONG TERM SUPPORT. FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED.



DHS LTSS
LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS

Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) offers personalized home and community-based services for adults aged 60+ and those with disabilities aged 18+ to live independently and thrive.

833-663-9673
DakotaAtHome.org



DRG Mechanical

SERVICE, REPAIR OR REPLACE YOUR FURNACE
for reliable heat all winter

800-745-6970 www.drgmechanical.com
• plumbing • heating • air conditioning •

PERFORMANCE PRESS

SMALL TOWN PRINTER. BIG CITY EXPERTISE.

in f @

Brandon, SD > (605) 582 7070 > www.performancepressinc.com

Canton Area Professional Directory

DENTIST

Dental Implant Group
Dr. Chad Lewison
1110 W 5th St. Canton, SD
605-764-3179

PHARMACY

HAISCH PHARMACY
303 East Fifth - Canton, SD
24 Hr. 987-2661 •
1-800-734-2661 (SD & IA)
Arne Anderson
(605) 987-2168

ATTORNEYS

MYRABO LAW OFFICE
Lloyd K. Myrabo (1922-2006)
Vance S. Myrabo
110 S. Broadway - Canton, SD
Tel: 987-3318 • Fax: 987-3319
email: vance@myrabolaw.com

PET SERVICES

COMPANION ANIMAL CLINIC
Surgery, Medicine & Grooming
Call for Appointment 764-5474
222 Noid Road • Canton, SD

SENIOR LIVING

The Village Inn
Senior Living Apartments
Inwood, IA
www.MyVillageInn.com
712-753-4663

CHIROPRACTORS

TIESZEN CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC
128 NORTH DAKOTA - CANTON, SD
Phone 987-5577
Hours: Mon. 8-5, Tues. 8-7,
Wed. 9-12, Thurs. 8-5, Fri. 8-4

FUNERAL HOME

ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME
Andy McCann
Second & Main - Canton, SD
Phone 987-5229

Frieberg, Nelson & Ask L.L.P.
206 East Fifth Street
Canton, SD
987-2686
General Practice Attorneys

INWOOD VETERINARY CLINIC
LARGE AND SMALL ANIMALS
Drs. Kim & Tracy Gayer Fax: (712) 753-2255
(712) 753-2001

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Floors • Sidewalks
Driveways • Shop Floors

BEAVER CRETE
CONCRETE SOLUTIONS
(605) 261-6126

DR. MICHAEL SWENSON
Chiropractor

HOURS 28199 West Ave.
BY Canton, SD
APPOINTMENT Phone 987-2829

STORAGE UNITS

G&K STORAGE 10'x25' units available
605-987-4413

FLORAL

The Garden Shed Floral & Window Fashions
Flowers, Gifts and so much more!
203 E. 5th • Canton, SD
605-310-3417 - We Deliver
605-368-0475

AUTOPRODS TIRE & SERVICE CENTER
821 E. 5th St. • 987-9049

Canton CHIROPRACTIC & Acupuncture
Dr. Kirk Henderson DC
113 S. Broadway 605-764-7246
M 8-6:30, T 8-2, W-T 7-6:30, F 8-4

HOME IMPROVEMENT

HILLTOP
CUSTOM CABINETS, DOORS & TRIM
47882 U.S. Highway 18
Canton, SD 57013
www.hilltopcustom.com
Voice: (605) 764-5000
Toll Free: 1-866-584-7381
e-mail: info@hilltopcustom.com

AGRICULTURE

Neighbor-Hood Pump Service
For All Your Water Well Needs
Niemeyer and sons Owners
Canton, South Dakota 57013
Office - (605) 572-8471
Cell - (605) 366-5813
Installation • Sales • Service

AJS Automotive
Auto Mechanic • Autobody • Custom Restorations
987-4292 ajsautomotive.com
47872 US Hwy 18 • Canton, SD
nelsonrodshop@msn.com

Providing Only the Best!
Siding • Roofing • Windows

TRUMM EXTERIORS
(605) 360-5889

MISCELLANEOUS

Angie Larson
Upholstery and Custom Sewing
28589 480th Ave. Canton, SD
605-987-4377 • 605-359-1867 (cell)

HILLTOP
CUSTOM CABINETS, DOORS & TRIM
47882 U.S. Highway 18
Canton, SD 57013
www.hilltopcustom.com
Voice: (605) 764-5000
Toll Free: 1-866-584-7381
e-mail: info@hilltopcustom.com

HOME IMPROVEMENT

WOODS ROOFING, INC.
(605) 764-9517

• Roofing • Siding • Gutters
• Gutter Protection • Insulation
www.jimwoodsroofing.com
admin@jimwoodsroofing.com

QUALITY AND PROFESSIONALISM EVERY SHINGLE TIME

Mention this code SVN 23 and receive \$10 off!

BOLTE'S ROLL-OFF SERVICE
Roll-off Service Only
• Construction Site
• Commercial
• Residential
• Clean-up
47506 Ironsroads Ct.
Worthing, SD 57077
Phone: (605) 372-7936
Fax: (605) 372-8936



Business Cards • Labels • Envelopes • Letterhead • Banners
at Sioux Valley News, 213 East 5th Street • SVN@midconetwork.com

Girls Basketball Completes 3rd Best Regular Season in History 4th and 5th Grade "The Campout"

The girls basketball team just completed its regular season finishing 14-6. It was a special season especially with only 12 girls on the team. It was a true team effort and all the girls committed to the situation and made the absolute best of it. Especially this last week with a few injuries and illnesses, we had girls step into bigger roles and fill them very well.



West Central
 Jenna VandeWeerd: 18 points, 18 rebounds, 3 blocks
 Camryn Skiles: 14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals
 Jayla York: 6 points, 3 steals

Hanson
 Jenna VandeWeerd: 16 points, 13 rebounds
 Camryn Skiles: 15 points, 6 steals
 Jordan Rhead: 15 points, 8 rebounds

Boys Basketball Host Hanson in Exciting Game

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team hosted the Hanson Beavers on Thursday and fought till the end and were defeated 78-69 as the fell to 2-17 on the year as they head into Regions next week. Hanson moved their record to 12-7. Canton was outscored 23-14 in the 1st quarter and trailed 41-32 at halftime. Then in the 3rd quarter Canton outscored the Beavers 20-17 to close to 58-52 and then in the final quarter Canton tied up the score a couple times and kept it close till Hanson won 78-69 by scoring 20 points in the final quarter to the C-Hawks 17.

For the game Canton shot 26 of 61 from the field and 11 of 33 from 3 point range and 6 of 8 free throw while Hanson was 28 of 55 FG, 10-22 from 3PT and 12 of 17 FT. The Hawks were led by Alex Rhead with 31 points as he hit 10 of 21 FG and 5 of 13 3PT and 6 of 8 FT for the game followed by Ryder Thompson 10, Noah Beatty 9, Jase Charrlin 8, Corbin Winqvist 7, Bil Yuek 4. Beatty handed out 4 assists followed by Rhead 3 and Theo Meister 3 with one each from

Charrlin and Winqvist. Hanson had 3 players in double figures with 26,22 and 14.

Defensively for the Hawks Yuek had 7 rebounds followed by Beatty 6, Winqvist 5, Rhead 4, Thompson 1 and Charrlin 1. Beatty had 2 steals with one each from Rhead, Andrew Ortman and Meister. Yuek blocked one shot for the game. Hanson outrebounded the Hawks 39-26.

Head coach Mike Kuper had these comments, "Hanson game was a great game. They start 5 seniors and we gave them everything they wanted. We were down 11-0 to start and down 9 at half and down 6 going into the 4th. We tied it with 7 minutes left. It was tight the rest of the way. I think we tied it one more time. Ryder Thompson hit some huge shots down the stretch. Our boys never once quit. I have never been more proud as a coach. The gym was as loud as I can remember in a long time."

The boys play Vermillion for their last regular season game then the following Tuesday they start regions at either Lennox or Vermillion.



Lawrence Elementary students performed February 11 a musical night of camping themed songs. The Soaring Voices, which is made up of students who come to school early to practice, performed first. They sang the songs "Little Birch Tree" and "Storm" which filled the Performing Arts Center. The 4th and 5th grade students sang "Lost in the Woods", "I love the Mountains", "Down by the Bay" and "Star Dance" in a campfire theme. Miranda Mack directed the students and was accompanied by Jenna Stearns and Jacob Mahowald.



Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

It was a good weekend for Canton wrestling with the girls wrestling in their Region tourney and qualified all 14 girls for state then Saturday the boys won their Regions again and qualified 12 for state and they will all head out to Rapid City on Wednesday and start wrestling Thursday with the hopes of making it to Saturday afternoon for the medal rounds and state championship matches. I will head out Wednesday as this will be about my 35th state tourney after maybe missing one year sometime in the middle of this run. This year just might be our dual state championships and that would be great to see all the C-Hawks up on the stage holding the championship banners so if you can't make it out be sure to find it on the tv and look for someone you know and if that don't work look for me. We should have a lot of Canton people there in Rapid City and all over the Monument and that should be fun for everyone and of course we will have to cheer really loud for our C-Hawks sometime over the weekend. Congratulations to both

wrestling teams and coaches and GOOD LUCK this weekend.

The basketball teams are ending their seasons soon as the regular seasons have ended and regions will be happening real soon if not already. The girls regions are first and will take place just about the day before the paper comes out. The girls have had a pretty good season with good record and unfortunately so has just about everyone in our region but I hope they get a few more wins because they have had a way better season than I thought and that is great and Jenna VandeWeerd is one of the top players in the state I think as she puts her name in the record books with rebounds and blockshots and maybe even more. The other girls have really stepped up with scoring and passing so it has been a good season with all of them working hard and is has paid off for them. The boys have played like they are really young and we have to wait for more experience but I heard the last game they all played hard and the crowd against Hanson was great so that was good to hear. All Basketball players

keep working hard and hopefully you get to enjoy the success on the court.

It is baseball season I see as spring training has begun and games are being played and I couldn't be happier as I am looking forward to some Braves Baseball. I have been a Braves fan for just about 60 years and I know most of you didn't even know I was over 60 but the Braves were in Milwaukee then and I lived in Madison Wisconsin and I have like them ever since. As a huge Hank Aaron fan since I can remember kept me with the Braves and I will like them till I am watching them up in Heaven. One reason I will always be a fan is because as of right now I have too many hats and jerseys along with t-shirts so I am committed. I hope me and the boys can get to a game again this year we just have to figure out where to go to the game. Have some possibilities and I hope we can do it. Enjoy your baseball seasons no matter who you cheer for and with baseball comes warm weather and outside games and of course GOLF so I am ready!

Kelly's In Home Daycare

Canton, SD 605-310-2506

Care Hours 7:00a.m. - 5:15p.m. M-F

State Registered Childcare For Ages
4 weeks - 5 years old

Half Off Tuition For The First 4 Weeks!
(some conditions required to receive discount)

Trained & Certified:

- First Aid & CPR
- Family Child Care
- Early Learning Guidelines
- Infant/Toddler Social & Emotional Wellness

ANNOUNCED

ADVERTISE TODAY!

Contact Molly at the Sioux Valley News for all your advertising needs.

605-764-2000

Svn@midconetwork.com

FAREWAY

SIGN UP & SAVE

Step 1. Sign up (text or go to fareway.com)

Step 2. Confirm (reply to confirmation email)

Step 3. Start saving!

YOUR LOCAL AD DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX

Text SALE to 21661