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Spaghetti Feed

The next Fundraising event for a New Community Center will be Sunday, March 16. They will have an all you can eat Spaghetti Feed 5-7 p.m. at the Canton Senior Center (215 East 4th). Carryout and delivery will be available but must call 987-5520 between 3-5 p.m.

Ribbon Cuttings

There will be a ribbon cutting for Barbara Fossum at Hegg Realtors on March 21 at noon. She is opening a new office at 625 East 5th Street in Canton. M.I. Nuts Company ribbon cutting will be Thursday, March 20 at noon. They are located at 102 west 5th Street on the main level of the building.

News Items

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 71
Low 50
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Friday
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Low 32
Rain



Saturday
High 34
Low 19
Rain/Snow



Sunday
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Low 23
Sunny



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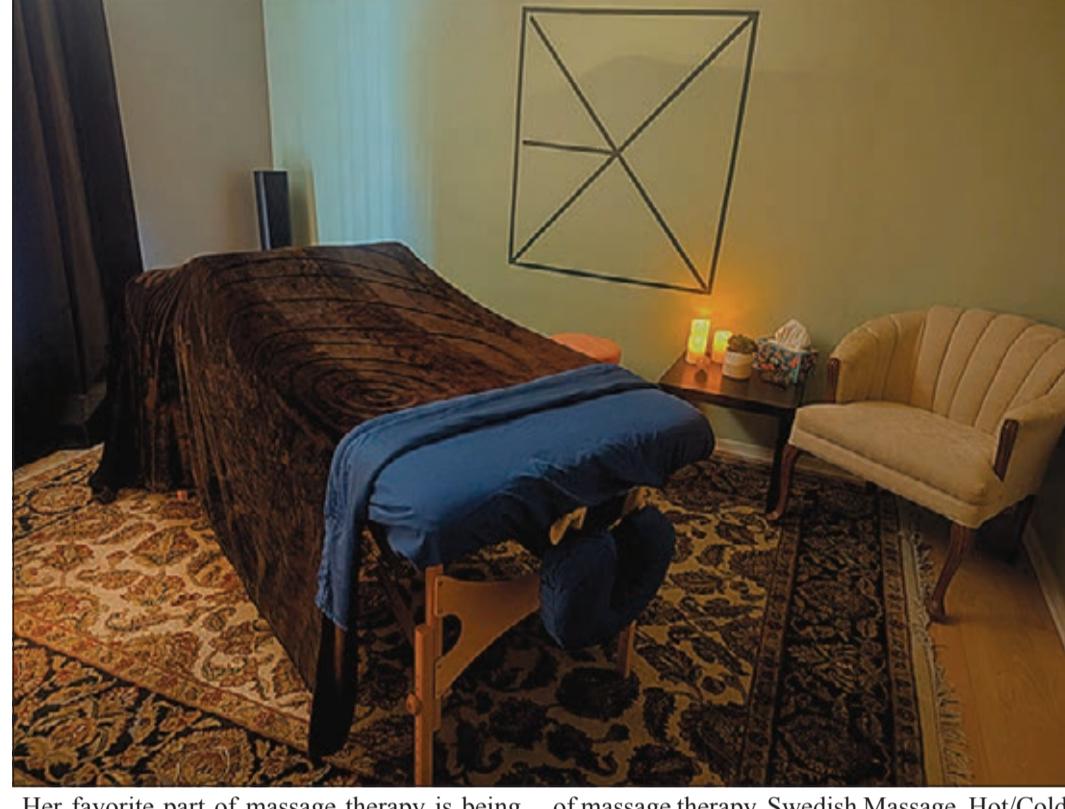
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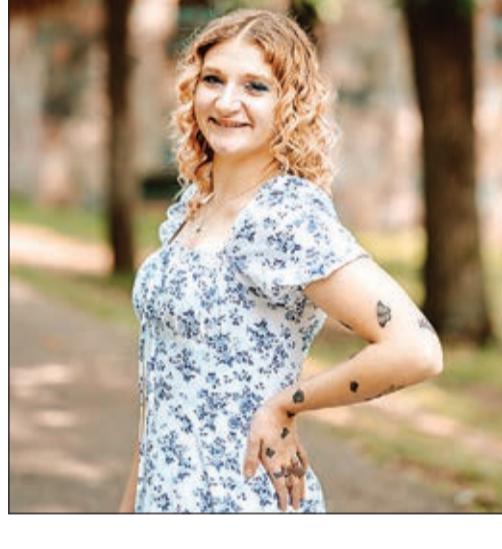


Zen For Daze Opens in Canton

There is another option for massage therapy in Canton!

Aleesha Duranceau is originally from small-town Necedah in Wisconsin. She has also worked at Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery for the last three-and-a-half years. A year-and-a-half ago she graduated from the South Dakota School of Massage Therapy and has been massaging ever since. Three years ago, her fiancé and herself bought a home in Canton, so she thought it would be the perfect place to open her own massage studio after she graduated massage school. The studio is located at 1015 E 5th St, sharing the same building as "Shear Confidence" and "Sugar Coated" as well as the dog salon.

Duranceau is a versatile massage therapist. Her massages range in pressure. She specializes in deep tissue pressure, but can also work with light pressure, as well as trigger point therapy. She offers hot/cold stones, cupping, or aroma touch therapy as well.



Her favorite part of massage therapy is being able to connect with people and help them with their muscle and joint pain, as well as providing them with a positive environment filled with positive energy. She believes massage therapy is important for everyone, whether it be helping with muscle tension, pain management, or helping with blood flow and relaxation.

"Step into the vibrant world of healing with me. I'm a dedicated massage therapist with a spunky twist, overflowing with positive energy and a drive to alleviate stress and promote relaxation.

Together, we'll laugh, we'll unwind, and we'll help you discover the incredible healing power

of massage therapy. Swedish Massage, Hot/Cold Stone Massage and Deep Tissue are some of the many tools in my toolkit.

So, whether you're battling stress, muscle tension, or just need a little pick-me-up, I've got your back (literally!). Let's kick those worries to the curb and embrace the blissful journey to wellness together. Your adventure starts here – are you ready?" -Aleesha Duranceau

Duranceau can be reached through her business page on Facebook "Zen For Daze LLC" or her business phone number, 712-209-8223. Customers can also reach her by email at: aleeshaduranceau@gmail.com

Middle and High School All State Band

This year, we had an impressive 563 auditions from 82 different schools—a record high for school participation! It's incredible to see so many programs encouraging students to take part in this valuable experience. Thank you for your dedication to guiding your students through the audition process. We all recognize the educational benefits it provides, and it's exciting to

see such a bright future for bands across South Dakota! This year, we seated 196 students representing 54 schools.

Process of Auditioning

Students work on 3 scales, a major, minor, and chromatic. These scales need to be performed at a specific speed and with accuracy.

Students also work on 2 short pieces (16 measures long). One



Peter represented the Canton School District at the Middle School All-State last weekend in Mitchell.

with a 4/4 time signature and the other in 6/8. These are usually very technical with challenging rhythms and range on their instrument, along with a set tempo.

Students are judged on their accuracy of notes, rhythms, intonation (how in tune they are), and overall musicianship.

The audition materials are posted in May and students record their auditions which are sent to judges

at the beginning of December. We found out the results at the beginning of January.

Middle School All State Band met in Mitchell on March 7th and 8th. Peter is in the top ensemble and will be working with Dr. Kevin Kessler, the Director of Athletic Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at South Dakota State University. High School All-State Band will be March 27-29 in Watertown.



Hannah will be the only Canton High School musician at All-State Band this year. High School All-State Band will be in Watertown March 27-29.



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By Jim Speirs
Executive Director



Arts Grants And Programs Impact Every Life

There's a reason that South Dakota governors and legislators have for decades supported the arts and creative industry in our state. The South Dakota Arts Council, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, was created in the mid-1960s to ensure and maintain arts accessibility for all South Dakotans. Since that time, students and senior citizens, differently-abled constituents and small communities, cities and rural areas have reaped the benefits of vibrant, diverse cultural programming. And those benefits include some very solid economic data.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the South Dakota Arts Council awarded nearly \$2 million in grant support to arts organizations, schools, artists and other nonprofit organizations to support arts projects and programs throughout the state, resulting in more than \$29.6 million in local spending, as well as nearly \$1.4 million worth of additional in-kind contributions, on supported projects and programs. Those dollars recirculate in towns and neighborhoods all across our state.

SDAC grants, initiatives and special

projects made up nearly 77 percent of the agency's overall FY2024 budget, resulting in 357 grants that reached 110 different communities and over 80% of South Dakota counties. Co-sponsored activities reached an audience of 2,453,373 people, including 720,617 youth and involving 14,761 artists—all in one year.

That saturation of creative activity shows the true impact of public funding for the arts, along with the fact that every \$1 of state funding invested in the arts in South Dakota by the Arts Council returned another \$24.59!

At this time of year it's especially important to remember just how vital the arts are to the development of our children, the preservation of our cultural heritage and the strength of our economy. Advocating for the creative environment of South Dakota is working to make this a better place to live for all of us.

Please visit www.ArtsSouthDakota.org and read about ways to advocate for the arts in your community. Your voice makes a difference for our state!

Southtown Commentary

By Pastor Jerry Miller

Amazing Love of Jesus

I was without a beard for about a week this winter. Our little girl looked at me with confusion when I first shaved it off. A friend of ours tells the story of going to pick up her husband at the airport. While he was gone, he had shaved off his beard. His family walked right past him without recognizing him. I once walked up to a man at church, shook his hand and introduced myself. It was only after he laughed as his wife walked up that I realized it was a man who sat in that same spot every week, but had recently shaved off his beard.

John 20 tells the story of Mary Magdalene weeping at the tomb after Jesus rose from the dead. John tells us it was still dark before the sun had risen, and Mary did not recognize Jesus. She thought at first that he was the gardener. As he continued to talk to her, eventually she recognized him. Imagine if she had only seen him with a beard before that and if after the resurrection, he no longer had a beard.

I can understand why Mary wouldn't recognize Jesus in the dark, but what about the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Two of them came in contact with him and even began to tell him about his death. They even told him they had heard reports that he was alive. As they are talking to Jesus about Jesus, they do not recognize him. They still continue to carry on a conversation with him and he even quotes Old Testament scripture about himself. They spend so much time walking with him, that they invite him to stay with them and to eat with them. It is not until he grabs some bread and breaks it that they finally recognize him.

Although Jesus had a resurrected body, that body still had the scars of the crucifixion. Thomas, who was known for doubting, understood this. "The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the



Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

(John 20:25 NASB) Jesus replied to Thomas by saying, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." (John 20:27b) "Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

Understanding that Jesus had the nail prints in his hand, it makes sense that the two on the road to Emmaus would finally recognize him when he broke bread and they saw his hands at the table. They were able to witness the hands with the nail prints and know that it was indeed Jesus.

So why would I think that he no longer had a beard once he was resurrected? Isaiah had prophesied about what would happen to Christ. He writes, "I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting." (Isaiah 50:6 NASB)

Isaiah told us he would have his beard plucked out. He was in the grave for 3 days and 3 nights before he arose. He then arose with the scars in his hand and his side. It is quite probable that his face was still marred by the beard being pulled out and that he looked much different, with a scarred face.

John 3:16 reminds us that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jesus knew exactly what he would face before he went to the cross, yet he loved us enough to go anyway. He was so marred by what happened that some of his closest friends did not recognize him right away. Do not ever take his love for granted.

WEEKLY GRAIN QUOTES

Corn.....\$4.41
Beans.....\$9.48

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Lunch With The Senior Bunch

March 17 - Corn Beef & Cabbage, Biscuit, Fruit

March 18 - Turkey Cordon Bleu, Casserole, Lettuce Salad W/ Tomatoes, Fruit

March 19 - Breakfast Burritos, Hashbrowns, Orange Juice, Applesauce

March 20 - Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Mixed Veggies, Fruit

March 21 - Tuna Casserole, Peas, Fruit



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

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Terry Majeres

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Development. The company is a designer and manufacturer of high density memory modules, circuit boards and solid-state drives (SSDs). "The REDI Fund is designed to help businesses expand and promote job growth and Legacy Electronics, Inc. is doing exactly that," said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. "Whenever we can offer assistance through funding that supports the creation of quality, technical jobs, I'm pleased to do so. Many thanks to Legacy Electronics and their entire team for their continued investment in South Dakota."

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team took to the road and came home with 2 victories in the Region 4A playoffs as they went to Vermillion on Thursday and then Tea on Saturday and with those victories they now head to Harrisburg on Tuesday night for a showdown with Lennox for the Region championship.

Legacy Electronics, Inc., based in Canton, was approved today for a REDI (Revolving Economic Development & Initiative) Fund Loan by the Board of Economic

1975

Piggly Wiggly Advertised "2nd Big Week! Piggly Wiggly 'Official Grand Opening'

The boards of the new Canton-Inwood Hospital Auxiliary acted as hostesses for the salad supper which was held on February 25 to introduce the new auxiliary to the 150 women of the Canton-Inwood community who attended the event.

Congressman Larry Pressler has launched a "new concept in Constituent service" -- his mobile Congressional office. An economy mini-van provides the roof and the wheels for this "grass root" project, designed to set up shop on the main streets and in the farmyards of every community in Eastern South Dakota.

1925

A deal was closed Tuesday whereby the Farmers Elevator Company

bought out the Independent Cash Fuel Company, the former taking immediate possession. The sheds which belonged to the Independent Company were also purchased by the Farmers' Company. Mr. Hewling, the former manager of the Independent Company has not made any definite plans as to the future.

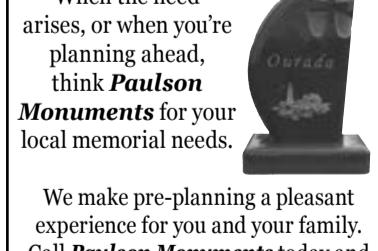
1885

Jas. Keller, who has for the past few weeks been in the South visiting the World's fair, returned home yesterday. He brought with him a couple of young alligators and also two fine parrots.

A two mile skating race will take place at the Opera House rink on Saturday, tomorrow night. The contestants are G.L. Manning and E.C. Nicholls and \$200 are up on the race. A lively and exciting time is expected.



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HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

Back in the day when I was involved with the Friends of Traditional Music (FOTM) some of the most memorable concerts we held in Sioux Falls involved Irish or Celtic acts. Their energy and ability to connect with an audience was always at a very high level and since Sioux Falls has a large amount of folks with roots in Ireland, we always seemed to have large crowds.

I really miss those days since FOTM's main focus now is the summer festival held at Newton Hills State Park. If you have never attended a concert by a good Irish band playing a set of reels or jigs at breakneck speed, you have missed one of the greatest pleasures of life. My hope is that one of these years FOTM hires a really good Celtic band to headline the Folk Festival. I know that would make a lot of people very happy, myself included.

With St. Patrick's Day almost upon us, I thought I would share the lyrics of a couple of Irish songs- one traditional and the other written in 1995. The more recent one is called "Aftermath" and was written by Kirk MacGeachy of the band Orealis. He writes in the liner notes that "the song recalls memories of wild nights in Montreal after St. Paddy's Day bashes." This song is from their album "Night Visions" on the Green Linnet Record label. In the last verse, Kirk tells of waking up the following day "in that fragile way" which I assume is his way of describing a rather nasty hangover.

The second song, "North Amerikay" is quite old and relates the story of a young Irish woman. Her father has driven her true love away and he's gone across the sea ending up in Quebec. The young woman than steals some money from her wealthy father and off she goes to find her sweetheart. Unlike some of these old traditional songs this one has a good ending. This song was recorded by a wonderful Irish Singer, Niamh (pronounced Neave) Parsons on her album "Loosely Connected." It also came out in 1995 on the Green Linnet label and was recorded in Ireland.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all and happy reading as the first day of spring arrives next Thursday.

AFTERMATH

The sleet and snow were falling on the dirty city streets
A bitter wind was blowing on "the Main"
I ducked my head into the wind and turned the other cheek
St. Paddy's Day has been and gone again

The songs flowed with the whiskey and the fiddler took the floor
The people danced to good old Irish reels
We sang *The Lakes of Pontchartrain* and *Paddy's Shamrock Shore*
When all was done the crowd called out for more

CHORUS:

And now we'll go a-roving we'll dance into the night
We'll shout and sing and down those streets we'll roam
We'll make the rounds of late-night bars, we'll drink until day light
Carousel until the cows are coming home

We'll drop into "Antigone" stop off at "La Cabane"
We'll raise our glasses have another round
Then we'll go tripping up the stairs lured by that stomping sound
Then God forbid we'll maybe head downtown

CHORUS

So darling don't wait up for me, I won't be home 'til when
Tomorrow I'll be in that fragile way
I'll sleep till noon or maybe two then rise to face the day
And take that vow not 'til next Paddy's fray

CHORUS

NORTH AMERIKAY

ye lovers all both great and small, that dwell in Ireland
I hope you pay attention whilst I my pen command
oh it was my father's anger that drove my love away
but I still have hopes we'll meet again in North Amerikay

oh my love he's tall and handsome to him I gave my heart
but little was my notion that we would ever part
it was in my father's garden this flower it did decay
but I still have hopes it will bloom again in North Amerikay

now we did not want for money kind fortune on us shone
out of my father's castle I stole five hundred pounds
it was in the town of Belfast my passage I did pay
my mind made up to follow my love into North Amerikay

well the Captain's wife was kind to me as you may understand
and she kept me in her cabin until we reached dry land
it was in the town of Quebec we landed on the quay
and I knew not where to find my love in all Amerikay

now I being sick and sore and tired I went into an Inn
and it's there I met my William the lad I loved, within
well I took him gently by the hand and to him I did say
o' I never thought to see your face in North Amerikay

and it's now this couple have got wed as you may understand
and I hear they live quite happy in a town they call Saint John
and the money that she stole from home in gold she paid it down
and she thinks no more of Ireland nor Enniskillen Town

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Library News

Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

The New Years Resolution Reading Challenge was a success, we had over 70 people participate. It was an adventure to get our patrons to try new genres and read outside of their comfort zone. We want to congratulate Stacy Weise, Abe Twedt, Carol Vandstroet and Brittany Jacobsen for being drawn for a prize of Canton Cash. We will host another reading challenge soon. Be sure to stop by the Library and view our historical items on display as we explore the history of Canton.

ADULT FICTION

Where the Fire Falls by Karen Barnett. A 1920's historical fiction set in the beauty and splendor of Yosemite National Park finds Clark and Olivia making their way in the world.

Her Alaskan Return by Belle Calhoune (LP). Autumn Hines is moving back to her Alaskan hometown and when she crosses the path of her old flame, Judia Campbell, sparks are ignited. Will the secret Autumn is keeping stand between them or will revealing it draw them closer.

The Quiet Librarian by Allen Eskens. Hana Babic has just been told that her best friend has been murdered. She knows her past in war torn Bosnia has caught up with her, and someone wants her dead.

Midnight Black by Mark Greaney (LP). The Gray Man is on a mission in the frozen tundra of Russia to save his lover, Zoya Zakharova. She is held captive at Penal Colony IK22, and being tortured for the intelligence she has that the Kremlin wants.

The Man in Black by Elly Griffiths. A collection of short stories featuring characters from her other bestselling novels.

The Texas Murders by James Patterson (LP). Texas Ranger Rory Yates and Ava Cruz of the Tigua Tribal police travel to the edges of Texas's most unforgiving landscape in search of a missing native woman.

Variation by Rebecca Yarros. Allie, a professional dancer, has returned to her hometown to recover from an injury. While she is there, the niece of her ex comes to her for help locating her birth mother. This reignites the passion the two once shared and reveals secrets both have worked so hard to hide.

Love Unforeseen by Penny Zeller. Tillie Waller is content with her life as a teacher in Ellis Creek, but she longs to be a mother, like her sister Meredith and her best friend Lula. Will she find love, someday?



March 12

Teri Duffy, June Fossum, Scott Stensland, Jonathan Iverson

March 13

Jodi Boyer, Gene Courtney, Bryce Loe, Makenzie Bierschbach

March 14

Jeff Cornelius, Kaylee Sehr

March 15

Sarah Jacobs, Amanda Smith

March 16

Jamie Heinemann, Zach Beitzel, Shelly Kroger, Jonathon Schneller, Tyler Veldkamp

March 17

Daniel Hoogendorn, Sandra Lems, Sarah Anderson, Kenny Brower, Mara Block, Kenneth Albers

Lisa McKenney, Doris Everhart, Justin Goodroad

March 18

Michael Jager

March 19

Ashley Greeson, Andy Hohman, Steve Fossum, Wendy Kroger, Bruce Anderson, Tom Henke, Jerry Hayden

South Dakota State Announces Summer, Fall 2024 Graduation List

BROOKINGS, S.D. (03/06/2025)- The following students graduated after the summer and fall 2024 semesters at South Dakota State University. Nearly 950 students completed all requirements for a degree and/or certificate program, and those requirements have been verified by the appropriate college.

Overall, students from 36 states and 23 nations graduated following the summer and fall 2024 semesters.

Nearly 40 students received two or more degrees or certificates from a college.

Jacob Mundahl of Canton, South Dakota (57013), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Education and Human Sciences.

Luke Hohwieler of Harrisburg, South Dakota (57032), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

Ariana Schumacher of Harrisburg, South Dakota (57032), graduated with a Master of Mass Communication from SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Mareya Strong of Harrisburg, South Dakota (57032), graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SDSU's College of Education and Human Sciences.

About South Dakota State University

Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution as well as its largest, most comprehensive school of higher education. SDSU confers degrees from seven different colleges representing more than 230 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 38 master's degree programs, 16 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

The work of the university is carried out on a residential campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across the state. SDSU's research expenditures for the 2024 fiscal year were \$84 million.

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City Commission Questioned

About Executive Session

By Rollie Steck

The Canton City Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Commissioner Paul Garbers was not present at the time of roll call.

Under Visitors to be Heard, Citizen/Owner of Sioux Valley News Teresa Zomer spoke about Open Meeting Laws in regards to calling Executive Sessions. She said that Executive Session was called on February 13 and February 18 for contract negotiations. Zomer said that she is mentioning this issue because a lot of Citizens have asked about lack of transparency about where the City is spending money; and specifically regarding the process of contracting a City Engineer for 2025. Her goal is not to get the Commission in trouble, but to educate them about the Open Meeting Laws and to ensure transparency for the Citizens of Canton. Zomer also noted that she has been in contact with the South Dakota Newspaper Association about the State Laws regarding Executive Session and the guidance is that Executive Session for contract negotiations is for City Employees only. Zomer mentioned a prior example that violated Open Meeting Laws for a very similar situation that the City is currently facing. Zomer thanked the Commission and left each Commissioner/Mayor with some educational reading material about Open Meeting Laws. Mayor Sandra Lundstrom thanked Zomer.

The only item under Old Business was the Second Reading - Rezone

Ordinance for Bryant & Trumm at Parcel 200.97.00.001. The Hearing and First Reading to rezone Parcel 200.97.00.001 was done at the February 18 City Commission meeting (This parcel is land that is located just East of Bomgaars on the North side of Highway 18). If approved, it will be published on March 13 and effective on April 2. Motion to approve the rezoning of the Ordinance by Commissioner Tyler Larson. Seconded by Commissioner Jackie Pigors. Unanimous approval.

The first item under New Business was a Raffle Request - Celebrate Canton. The Canton Car Show Committee has submitted a raffle request for Chase the Ace. Tickets will be sold on Friday's from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and until the Ace of Hearts is drawn. Tickets can be purchased for \$5/ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Canton Chamber of Commerce Lisa Hinker took to the podium to answer any questions. Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was a Street Closure Request. The Canton Area Car Show for Generations has requested to close City streets for the Canton Car Show on July 27. They are requesting that 5th Street to 1st Street and from Cedar Street to Lincoln Street. This request will replace the prior Street Closure Request which was for the South of Highway 18. Hinker mentioned that they decided to move the Car Show back to the North Side of Highway 18 for 2025. Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by York. Unanimous approval.

The final item under New Business was the 2024 Annual Report. The 2024 Annual Report has been presented and is in good standing. It was noted that there was nothing out of the ordinary.

Pietrus mentioned that there are a lot of cities that wait patiently for an outside entity to prepare the Annual Report and it is a blessing that Finance Officer Kyle Cwach has the knowledge and ability to prepare the Annual Report for the City of Canton in a timely manner. Motion to accept the Annual Report for 2024 and place on file by Larson. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

A Building Permit - Electronic Sign at Fire Hall was next under New Business. Devon Chaulk with the Fire Department contacted the City about having an electronic sign installed on the Fire Hall. A Conditional Use Hearing took place and a Building Permit was presented at the February 25 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Planning and Zoning approved the Conditional Use request for the electronic sign and recommended approval by the City Commission. Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by York. Unanimous approval.

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With no further discussion, motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. by Larson. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

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However, any official action concerning such matters shall be made at an open official meeting. An executive or closed meeting shall be held only upon a majority vote of the members of such body present and voting, and discussion during the closed meeting is restricted to the purpose specified in the closure motion. Nothing in SDCL 1-25-1 or this section may be construed to prevent an executive or closed meeting if the federal or state Constitution or the federal or state statutes require or permit it. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

benefit will be reduced. Also, the lower-benefit spouse reaches their maximum benefit amount at their full retirement age — they won't receive additional benefits even if they or the higher-benefit spouse delays taking benefits past their respective full retirement ages.

One other point to keep in mind: If the higher-benefit spouse claims early, the survivor benefit to the other spouse is reduced, but if the higher-benefit spouse delays their benefit beyond their full retirement age, the survivor benefit is increased.

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OFF The Road With Jerry



Here are 3 girls in Dublin, Ireland all dressed in bright green (of course that can't be seen in Black and White). They Are part of a very large crowd partying and drinking green beer and taking a tour of many Pubs and Bars.



This is a Shamrock plant, which is the National Flower of Ireland. Each stem has 3 leaves which the traditional Irish view as the Christian Trinity. The Shamrock plant appears on an emblem on the British Coat of Arms, along with the rose and thistle. Its leaves resemble clover and in maybe be difficult to identify.



Here are some searchers for history walking in Northern Ireland with the northwest Atlantic Ocean cliffs just behind. They maybe looking for traces of St. Patrick lost through the eons of time. He was an actual Saint and he passed away a long time ago on March 17th in the year 461 AD. Celebrations about him really got going in the United States around 1845. Thanks to the "Friendly Sons of St. Patrick" organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A annual bash was started and still is held every year.

Did you know?



Snakes feature prominently in the legend of St. Patrick, whose feast day is celebrated every year on March 17. As the legend goes, St. Patrick drove all snakes from Ireland. But scientists and historians note that St. Patrick, who lived in the mid-fifth to early-sixth century, likely came along too late to accomplish such a feat, as evidence suggests post-glacial Ireland never had any snakes. Indeed, the ocean waters surrounding the Emerald Isle are too cold to enable the migration of snakes from other locales, which suggests the snakes in the legend of St. Patrick are symbols and not meant to represent reptiles.

Letter to the Editor

It's been refreshing to see our new governor not only speak but act on issues of integrity and transparency. I also applaud his recent decision to review the prison issue. This is an excellent first step in the right direction for the DOC and the tax payers of South Dakota.

I've also received several comments from people across the state saying they are surprised and pleased that Lincoln County was able to move things in that direction. I tell them it is due to a tremendous amount of time, work, and effort by a very dedicated group of young people who developed a state-wide

network to inform people on the issue, sometimes just spreading the information, sometimes uncovering the truth from where it was intentionally buried.

When I say dedicated I don't mean focused on what is good for them. I mean dedicated to what is best for Lincoln County and the taxpayers of South Dakota.

In short, they told the truth, and they obeyed the law and I am very proud of them and proud to be a part of their movement. You should be too.

Tom Eiesland

Canton, SD

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**It's time to protect
your Unclaimed
Property Dollars**

By Josh Haeder
South Dakota State Treasurer

There's an old proverb: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is today."

That perfectly sums up where we stand with Unclaimed Property in South Dakota. For six years, Senator Taffy Howard and I have fought to establish a trust to safeguard these funds, and now, thanks to growing support from legislative colleagues like Representative Chris Kassin (a fellow Huron Tiger—go Tigers!), we have a chance to get it done.

Over the past decade, South Dakota has spent \$1.2 billion in unclaimed property money—funds that belong to individuals who can claim them at any time. Yet, because we've used these funds in the state budget instead of investing them, they earn zero interest and remain a perpetual liability on the state's financial books.

As state treasurer, the word liability is a serious concern—and it should be a concern to all of us.

What happens if unclaimed property revenues decline? If claims exceed expectations? If a major remitter of funds leaves South Dakota? The answer is simple: we're still on the hook for \$1.2 billion that's already been spent.

For too long, we've gambled with these dollars, leaving our state budget vulnerable.

Now, we have the chance to fix it.

By creating a trust fund, we can invest these dollars with the South Dakota Investment Council—the nation's top-ranked investment team—ensuring that we have the resources to pay rightful claims while turning a billion-dollar liability into a long-term asset.

Had we established this trust in 2014, its principal balance would now exceed \$1 billion—more than the combined principal of the Health Care Trust Fund, Education Enhancement Trust Fund, and Dakota Cement Trust Fund (\$827 million total).

Let's stop playing financial Russian roulette with these funds. Let's protect South Dakota's future. Let's build a trust fund that turns uncertainty into security and liability into a lasting asset for generations to come.

The time to act is now.

What is unclaimed Property:

Every year, millions of dollars in unclaimed property flow into South Dakota's possession—money that rightfully belongs to individuals, families, and businesses. These funds come from dormant bank accounts, stocks, bonds, securities, uncashed paychecks, overpaid utility bills, and even unused gift cards. When owners can't be reached after a set period—typically one to three years—the funds are transferred to the State Treasurer's Office, which is responsible for safeguarding and returning them.

But here's the problem: under current law, unclaimed property funds don't just sit and wait for their rightful owners—they are deposited into the state's general fund and spent. That means every dollar claimed in the future must come out of new funds, putting South Dakota's finances at risk.

SB 155 and SJR 505 offer a better solution. Instead of spending these funds outright, they propose creating a trust fund, ensuring that the majority of unclaimed property dollars are invested rather than depleted. This approach would protect these funds for the long term, generate investment earnings, and reduce financial uncertainty for the state.

This is a smart, responsible, and necessary change. We owe it to South Dakotans to safeguard these dollars, ensuring they remain available for their rightful owners—while also strengthening the state's financial future.

The time to act is now. Let's turn unclaimed property from a liability into a lasting asset for South Dakota.

Where do all of these funds come from?

South Dakota has become a major hub for some of the world's largest financial institutions. Just over a decade ago, the state collected \$6–8 million annually in unclaimed property receipts. That changed dramatically in 2014, when national bank charters moved to South Dakota, causing a surge to \$124 million in a

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Class of 2025

Gerrett Devitt is the son of Jill and Tim and has one sibling Kate. He has been involved in football, basketball and FCA in school and Tri-State Tec Worker/council member, Z8 volunteer, and Bethany Youth Group outside of school. He has been on the Honor Roll.

Gerrett's favorite food is tacos, spring is his favorite season, his favorite color is blue and "if it wasn't for Jesus" by Benjamin William Hastings is his favorite song.

The most influential people in his life are his parents "They have made me the person I am today and have pushed me to be my best" and his friends "we hold each other to high expectations and are always there for each other."

Mrs. Jacobs had made a difference for him "She always shows everyone patience and kindness and made class very enjoyable while teaching very effectively."

After graduation Gerrett plans to attend SDSU for Conservation Planning and Park Management. His advice for underclassmen "Always make sure you get things done on time and don't fall behind."



GERRET DEVITT

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Class of 2025

Senior Shelbie Olson is the daughter of Stacie Parsons and Wade Olson and has five siblings Jamison, Kennon, Alex, Branden and Kolten. She has been involved in basketball, National Honor Society and HOSA. She has received awards for National Honor Society and Scholastic.

Her favorite movie is Moana, seafood boil is her favorite food, her favorite season is summer and she loves her dog Luna. Shelbie's most memorable moment of high school was homecoming during her senior year.

Her mom is the most influential person in her life. "She is hardworking and never backs away from anything. She does everything she can to make the people around her happy." The teacher who has made a difference is Mrs. Husman "She always knows how to make me laugh and put a smile on my face."

After graduation Shelbie plans to go to a two year school for Diagnostic Sonography." Her advice for underclassmen "Enjoy the little things during high school because it goes by fast."



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single year. Over the next eight years, collections averaged \$80 million annually, but in the last three years alone, the state has seen record-breaking receipts of approximately \$114 million, \$174 million, and \$310 million.

Of the \$1.2 billion in unclaimed property currently available, approximately \$100 million belongs to South Dakotans, while 35% comes from foreign countries and the remainder originates from other parts of the U.S.

Regardless of where these funds come from, the state has a legal obligation to return them to their rightful owners.

Relying on these funds for budgeting is risky. If, for any reason, unclaimed property receipts were to decline significantly, the state would be forced to cover payouts from other revenue sources—creating unnecessary financial uncertainty.

Building a bipartisan consensus

These companion bills, SB 155 and SJR 505, have moved through the senate without opposition—because they are simply the smart thing to do. After years of effort to bring people together and reduce the state's reliance on unclaimed property funds for budgeting, we are finally on the verge of real, lasting change.

This bipartisan legislation passed unanimously through two Senate committees and the full Senate thanks to the new legislative leadership, the stewardship of Governor Larry Rhoden, Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen, Representative Chris Kassin, Representative Erik Muckey, and Senator Taffy Howard—dedicated advocates

who helped turn a problem into a solution. Though we have different perspectives, we share a common goal: protecting South Dakota from financial risk. By working together and keeping our focus on what matters, we have found a path forward.

If this legislation passes both chambers and is signed into law, South Dakotans will have the opportunity to vote in the 2026 general election to create a permanent trust fund (SJR 505)—one that safeguards unclaimed property dollars instead of spending them outright.

We can't undo past decisions, but we can take control of our future.

That's why I urge you to stand with us. Let's create a trust fund that protects South Dakota's financial future, turning a long-term liability into a lasting asset that will benefit generations to come.

We're Just Getting Started

By Sen. John Thune

President Trump recently came to Congress to report on his first few weeks in office and lay out his vision for the next four years. In just a few weeks, President Trump has already accomplished an incredible amount, and this is just the start.

Chief among his achievements is restoring order to the southern border. In February, 8,450 illegal immigrants were caught trying to cross the southern border. Not long ago, Border Patrol was sometimes dealing with that many apprehensions in a single day. This turnaround means that Border Patrol can focus on the criminals, cartels, traffickers, and terrorists who once tried to hide behind the chaos.

President Trump has also wasted no time in addressing the national energy emergency our country faces. The United States is heading toward an energy crisis where we don't have enough energy to meet demand. Instead of taking steps to increase our energy supply, the Biden administration pushed us further toward crisis with measures to restrict conventional energy development. President Trump and Republicans in Congress are already working to increase our nation's energy supply to promote a secure and affordable energy future.

One of the signature accomplishments of President Trump's first term

was the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Making that tax relief permanent is a priority for President Trump and congressional Republicans. We are hard at work laying the groundwork to protect American families, small businesses, and farmers and ranchers from a tax hike next year, and we will keep working to put more money in hardworking Americans' pockets.

President Trump has also taken actions to restore commonsense in government. He's worked to protect children from a radical gender ideology and keep biological men out of women's and girls' sports. He's committed to eliminating 10 regulations for every new regulation his administration proposes. And the list goes on.

This is just the start. I'm proud that the Senate has already confirmed almost all of the president's Cabinet. Senate Republicans helped get President Trump's team in place faster than any of the last three administrations, and they're on the job delivering on the promises President Trump made to the American people.

President Trump has brought a new direction to Washington and to our country. As always, I'm particularly grateful for President Trump's faith in America. He reminds us of how blessed we are to live in this great country and that, in America, everything is possible.

Weekly Crossword

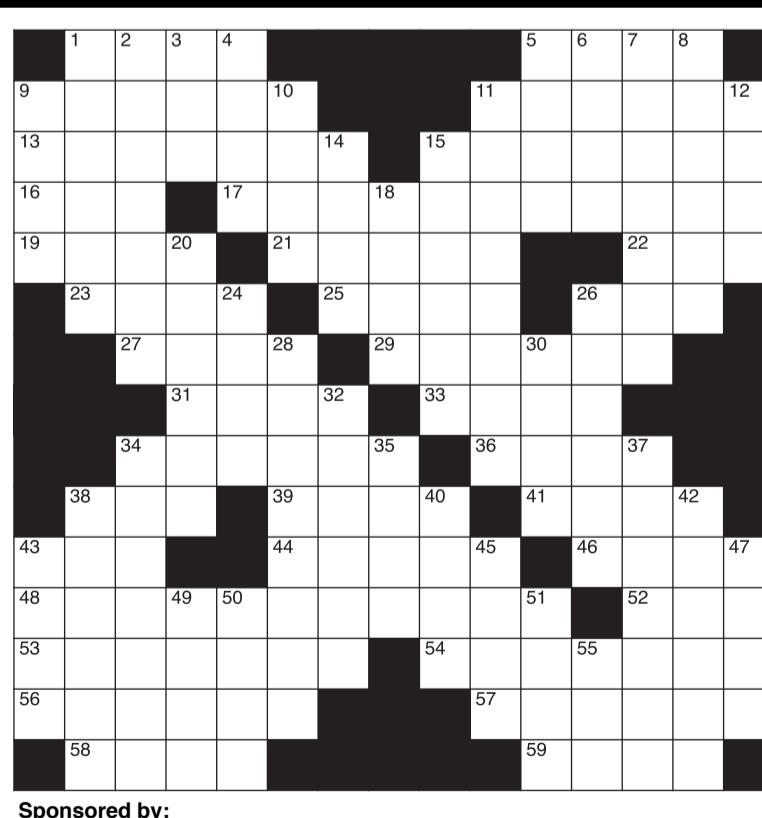
CLUES ACROSS

- Take heed
- One's superior
- Prepped meat
- Tighten anew
- Type of textile fiber
- Animalistic
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Offender
- Former NYC mayor Ed
- Type of cryptocurrency
- Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
- Herring-like fish
- Popular PBS program
- Congressman (abbr.)
- Flightless Australian birds
- Dorfested
- Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
- Nasal mucus
- Some are southern
- A place to construct
- Popular beer brand
- Shouts of farewell
- Network of nerves
- Make a mistake
- Showed old movie
- Body parts
- A divisor
- Congressional investigatory body
- Papers
- Most unnatural
- Judge the worth of something
- Makes sounds while sleeping

- Which
- Hungarian Violinist

CLUES DOWN

- Pages
- Head pain
- A loud utterance
- Large brown seaweed
- Hulu's chef Carmine
- Greek mountain
- Made final
- Bar
- Tai subgroup
- What you eat
- Teaches again
- Small constellation
- Type of berry
- Cows fattened for meat
- A way to hoof it
- Exaggerated a role
- About two
- Long upholstered seat
- What employees earn
- Fiber from a coconut husk
- Digits
- Polish by rubbing
- Liquid body substances
- Furniture with open shelves
- Edible part of a chicken
- Satisfy
- Tool used to remove
- Icelandic poems
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Common Financial Scams That Target Seniors

Financial scams are as old as the concept of currency. But consumers' vulnerability to scams has seemingly increased in the twenty-first century, when the Internet and devices like smartphones have enabled scammers to gain access to potential victims' financial information and even gain virtual entry into their homes.

Seniors are targeted by financial scammers with such frequency that the term "elder fraud" has entered the English lexicon and is now widely recognized as a notable threat to individuals age 60 and older. In recognition of that threat, the Elder Justice Initiative aims to support and coordinate U.S. Department of Justice efforts to combat financial fraud that targets older adults. Those efforts are ongoing and include a number of initiatives to educate older adults about elder fraud, including warning seniors about some notable scams that criminals use to target older adults.

- Social Security Administration Impostor Scam:** When perpetrating this scam, criminals typically contact prospective victims via telephone and falsely claim that suspicious activity has prompted the suspension of their Social Security number. Scammers may also indicate money must be withdrawn from a potential victim's bank and stored on gift cards for security's sake. It's important to note caller ID spoofing is often utilized when perpetrating this scam so an incoming call appears to be coming from the Social Security Administration.

- Tech Support Scam:** This scam involves criminals claiming to be representatives from widely recognized companies who are calling to inform seniors that viruses or malware have been detected on their devices. Some also may claim a target's computer has been hacked. The Federal Trade Commission notes perpetrators of

this scam pretend to be tech support and request victims enable them to remotely access their devices or computer. Granting such access provides an avenue to view sensitive information, but scammers also may diagnose nonexistent problems and charge a fee. But the scam does not always stop there. Some call back later and offer a refund to account for services that can no longer be rendered or to correct an overcharge. The scammers then request victims' specific banking details under the guise of "correcting" these alleged oversights.

- Lottery Scam:** The lottery scam involves scammers calling potential victims and informing them they have won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes. Perpetrators of this scam typically identify themselves as lawyers, customs officials or lottery representatives. The telemarketers behind this scam may be based in Jamaica, but the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica warns that those behind the scam will ask winners to pay various fees, including shipping and customs duties, until victims' funds are exhausted.

- Romance Scam:** The FTC warns that wildly popular dating sites, social networking platforms and chat rooms provide opportunities for scammers to identify and exploit potential victims. The aim of these scams, which many victims are too ashamed to report even after they realize they've been victimized, is to convince targets to send money in the name of love. But the EJI warns that online love interests who ask for money are almost certainly scam artists.

These are just a handful of the many ways that modern scammers target seniors. More information about these and other scams is available at justice.gov/elderjustice.

3 Tips To Stretch Your Retirement Savings

Cost-of-living has garnered significant attention in recent years and was one of the key issues surrounding the 2024 presidential election in the United States. That extra attention is warranted, as a recent Bankrate analysis of data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that consumer prices were 23 percent more expensive in February 2025 than they were in the same month in 2020.

Rising consumer prices have been a cause for concern among people from all walks of life, but retirees might be among the most vulnerable to such increases. Lacking a desire to return to the workforce or opportunities lucrative enough to make such a transition worthwhile, retirees may be looking for ways to stretch their retirement savings. The following three strategies may help seniors do just that.

1. Seek the help of a financial planner. Some seniors may see working with a financial planner as another expense at a time when they're trying to cut costs, but such professionals can provide a notable return on investment. Financial planners can help seniors currently navigating complex financial waters without a compass direct their resources toward low-risk vehicles that can grow wealth with the goal of ensuring a rising cost-of-living does not drain existing savings and leave seniors destitute. Even incremental growth can help combat inflation, and financial planners can identify options that promote growth while limiting risk.

2. Take up gardening. People from all walks of life have lamented rising grocery bills in recent years, but seniors are not helpless against rising food prices. The Economic Research Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates food prices will increase by 2.2 percent in 2025. Retirees are uniquely positioned to combat those

increases, as many have the time and space to grow their own foods at a fraction of the cost of buying the same items at the store. Though gardening requires an investment of time (to learn the trade) and money (tools and a landscape adjustment, if necessary), it's possible to recoup such initial costs rather quickly. A 2021 report on the website Greenhouse Today estimated that a single tomato plant, which in 2025 typically can be purchased for less than \$10, can yield 20 to 30 lbs. of tomatoes, producing somewhere between 20 and 90 tomatoes (size of the tomatoes will affect total yield). Grocery shoppers know that one pound of store-bought tomatoes is likely to cost around \$5, give or take a dollar or two. In this example, seniors can save a substantial amount of money by growing their own food at home. Seniors can even join gardening groups where each member grows a particular food and then yields are shared among the group, leading to even more savings over time.

3. Request generic medications. The cost of medication is not fixed and is often vulnerable to changes in governmental policies. However, it's fair to note that many seniors spend thousands of dollars per year on medication. Seniors can request generic alternatives to brand-name medications. The health care experts at Humana estimate generic drugs cost 80 to 85 percent less on average than brand-name drugs. That's a considerable cost savings, and that advantage could prove even more significant if policy changes increase out-of-pocket medical costs for seniors in the coming years.

These three strategies can help seniors manage their money and protect their retirement savings in an era marked by a rising cost-of-living and an unpredictable economy.

FAQ About Taxes As The Filing Deadline Nears

Some people look forward to filing their tax returns, while others recoil at the thought of paying what they owe. Regardless of which camp taxpayers are in, come April most people have a question or two related to their returns.

As the deadline to file tax returns draws closer, taxpayers hoping to make the process as smooth as possible can consider these frequently asked questions and answers, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service.

When is deadline day?

Though taxpayers periodically get an extra day or two to file their returns when April 15 coincides with a holiday or lands on a weekend, there's no such reprieve in 2025. This year all taxpayers who are not requesting an extension must file their income tax returns by April 15, 2025.

What if my address has changed?

The IRS urges all taxpayers to use their new address when filing their returns. Additional ways taxpayers can update their address with the IRS is through the filing of Form 8822, Change of Address or Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party-Business. Written statements or oral notifications are additional ways to notify the IRS of an address change, and these methods must include personal information, including the old and new address as well as the taxpayer's Social Security number, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Is there an age limit on claiming my child as a dependent?

A child must meet either the qualifying child test or the qualifying relative test in order to be claimed as a dependent. To meet the qualifying child test, your child must be younger than you or your spouse if filing jointly and either younger than 19-years-old or be a "student" younger than 24-years-old as of the end of the calendar year.

There is no age limit to claim a child as a dependent if a child is "permanently and totally disabled" or meets the qualifying relative test.

In addition to meeting the qualifying child or qualifying relative test, you can claim that person as a dependent only if these three tests are met:

1. Dependent taxpayer test
2. Citizen or resident test, and
3. Joint return test

Taxpayers who remain uncertain about their eligibility to claim a child as a dependent are urged to contact the IRS or a tax preparation professional for clarification before filing their returns.

What should I do if my W-2 is incorrect?

Employers must provide employees with a W-2 by January 31. If the W-2 is incorrect and has not been fixed by the end of February, taxpayers can contact the IRS and request to initiate a Form W-2 complaint. When such a request is initiated, the IRS sends a letter to the employer and requests that they furnish a corrected W-2 within 10 days. The IRS also sends a letter to the taxpayer with instructions and Form 4852, which can be used to file a return if a corrected W-2 is not provided before the filing deadline.

How can I file for an extension?

There are three ways to request an automatic extension of time to file an income tax return.

1. You can pay all or part of your estimated income tax due and indicate that the payment is for an extension using your bank account; a digital wallet such as Click to Pay, PayPal, and Venmo; cash; or a credit or debit card.

2. You can file Form 4868 electronically by accessing IRS e-file using your tax software or by using a tax professional who uses e-file.

3. You can file a paper Form 4868 and enclose payment of your estimate of tax due (optional).

Tax day arrives on April 15. Taxpayers who have lingering questions about their returns are urged to contact the IRS via irs.gov or work with a certified tax professional.

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Pamela Gillespie to seek Canton City Commission in 2025

Pam Gillespie has announced she is seeking a position on the Canton City Commission. Pam and her husband moved into Canton in 2017, before that, they resided on a her family farm where they farmed and raised registered sheep south of Canton since 1992. Pam and Dave farmed for 39 years in the area. Pam graduated from Canton High School and attended Lake Area Technical College, where she earned her CDA. Pam has worked in several dental clinics and retired in 2016.

Pam worked for the City of Canton, at city hall from 2016-2020 during the summers.

Pam's held president positions in several areas, Lands Lutheran Church, Southeastern District #1 VFW Auxiliary, Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association, Canton Lions Club, Lands Ladies.

Other office position's Pam has held, VFW Auxiliary Post #3164 - chaplain and auditor, Palatene Club - secretary and treasurer, Highland Township Board - treasurer, SD Corriedale Association - director and former member of the Sons of Norway.

In the future, if elected on April 2025, Pam Gillespie would like the Canton Community Center built that would be used by many,



that would be located north of the Canton Depot. And improvements to the cities current water and sewer, if some how possible funds, or grants that would come available in the future.

Pam is an active member of Lands Lutheran Church, lifetime member VFW Auxiliary Post 3164, and on the Lincoln County Weed board committee. Pam resides southeast of Lawrence Elementary School.

I would appreciate your vote on April 8, 2025. Thank you.

An Open Message to Summit Carbon Solutions

By Jon Hansen, Speaker of the South Dakota House of Representatives.

Now that House Bill 1052 has passed and Summit Carbon Solutions is no longer able to use the coercive and overwhelming power of eminent domain against South Dakotans for their green new deal carbon sequestration pipeline (same with any other for-profit company) I'm left wondering what Summit Carbon Solutions will do next...

Here is my open message to Summit Carbon or anyone else who wants to try to come abuse our fellow South Dakotans:

Your green new deal boondoggle; your lawsuits; your threats; and your intimidation against our people, our counties, and our grassroots commissioners ARE NOT WELCOME HERE. It's time to stop.

Take. The. Message. You have caused one of the biggest, if not the biggest, turnovers of incumbent politicians in the history of South Dakota primary elections because many incumbent politicians who voted for SB 201 were tossed out of office because of their vote. But passing SB 201 was all for nothing,

because a grassroots army of people rose up to put SB 201 on the ballot, and that referred law, RL 21, was resoundingly rejected by the people. They saw through your attempt to mislead the people by claiming that SB 201 was a "landowner bill of rights" and saw the truth that it was really an attempt to pave the way for your boondoggle carbon project.

As a result of the elections, the leadership of the legislature was almost completely filled with opponents to your boondoggle project—including my election as Speaker of the South Dakota House of Representatives.

Then another election took place, and the Republican Party elected as its chair and officers stalwarts and leaders in the pro-property rights movement.

All the while, you sued hundreds of South Dakota landowners with condemnation lawsuits in an attempt to take and use their private property against their will. What you did caused immense hardship and stress and financial burden upon many South Dakotans who just wanted to exercise their most basic private property right to tell you "No thanks. I'm not interested."

But this also gained you nothing because the people stood their ground, your PUC permit was denied, and the Supreme Court ruled against your status as a "common carrier."

And now, all of this has led to HB 1052. With its passage, your pressure campaign in South Dakota has been ended. Let it be the final say. No more lawsuits. No more intimidation. No more green new deal boondoggle. Enough is enough.

Sincerely, Jon Hansen – Speaker of the Peoples' House of Representatives.

P.S. A note for the landowners—as I told the people at the end of my debate with another carbon sequestration pipeline company who folded up and left shortly after we publicly debated: to the landowners, to the farmers, and to the families who are affected by this: keep up the fight and keep up the faith. You are absolutely in the right on this issue. Do not ever let yourself be bullied or intimidated by the likes of Summit Carbon Solutions. Know that we've got your back. And at the end of this, the landowners are going to prevail, I truly believe that. God bless you.

Legislative Report

Representative Karla Lems



Speaker Pro-Tempore

District 16

From the desk of the Speaker Pro Tempore Representative Karla Lems, District 16

The home stretch of the 100th Session is now upon us. It has been quite a ride. The late nights and early mornings have been invigorating, tiring, and fulfilling all at the same time. I am constantly reminded that this is a servant role. Thank you so much for letting me represent you in Pierre.

After nearly four years of fighting eminent domain for CO2 pipelines, the bill I prime sponsored finally passed both houses and was signed by the Governor. It has been an exhausting journey. I have travelled the state speaking on this issue, and the people I have met are salt of the earth South Dakotans who truly love this state. I can't even describe to you what this battle has entailed, but what I can say is that the end result is sweet. House Bill 1052 was definitely the right thing to do.

Property tax bills that will be heard this week include:

House Bill 1235 from Rep. Greg Jamison, R-Sioux Falls, will be voted on in the Senate. It proposes to allow local taxing districts including public school boards to raise the property-tax funded parts of their budgets by no more than 2.5% a year. State law currently says 3%.

Senate Bill 216 came from a work group of the Governor and a team of 10 legislators. It would limit all counties' assessments on owner-occupied homes to increase by no more than 3% a year for taxes payable in 2027 through 2031. SB 216 would also place a 2% annual limit on additional tax revenue generated from improvements or other changes — and only if those increased the property's value by more than 40%. SB 216 also would increase the income thresholds for people age 65 and older to qualify for assessment freezes on owner-occupied homes. A single person could have household income up

to \$55,000 and a multi-person household up to \$65,000; presently the amounts are currently \$35,000 and \$45,000.

Senate Bill 191 would put owner-occupied assessments back to 2021 levels for people who have lived in their homes at least that long, but owner-occupied properties purchased after 2021 would be assessed at the fair-market value at the time of purchase. There would be a shift in the assessment from the homes owner before 2021 to the newer homes. This would shift the assessments to home owners that have only bought their homes in the last five years.

I voted for HB 1235. We will see what the Senate does with that bill this week. The other two will get an up or down vote tomorrow in the House. Property taxes are a very complicated issue. I do not like "kicking the can down the road," but none of the above approaches will fix the problem. However, they may act as a bandaid until real relief can be found. We will soon see a "Property Tax Task Force" be implemented. While in committee, I emphasized that we need to see RESULTS from this task force and not just words. I trust that with the leadership of Speaker Jon Hansen, results will be forthcoming and the people will get the change they very much need.

March 31 will be the day for vetoes, if the Governor sees fit. April 1 will be my first meeting of the Government Operations and Audit Committee. The Prison Task Force will meet for the first time on April 2. As you can see, the work does not stop just because the session is coming to an end. I will continue to work for the people of District 16 and for the people of this state through the spring and summer. Thank you for trusting me.



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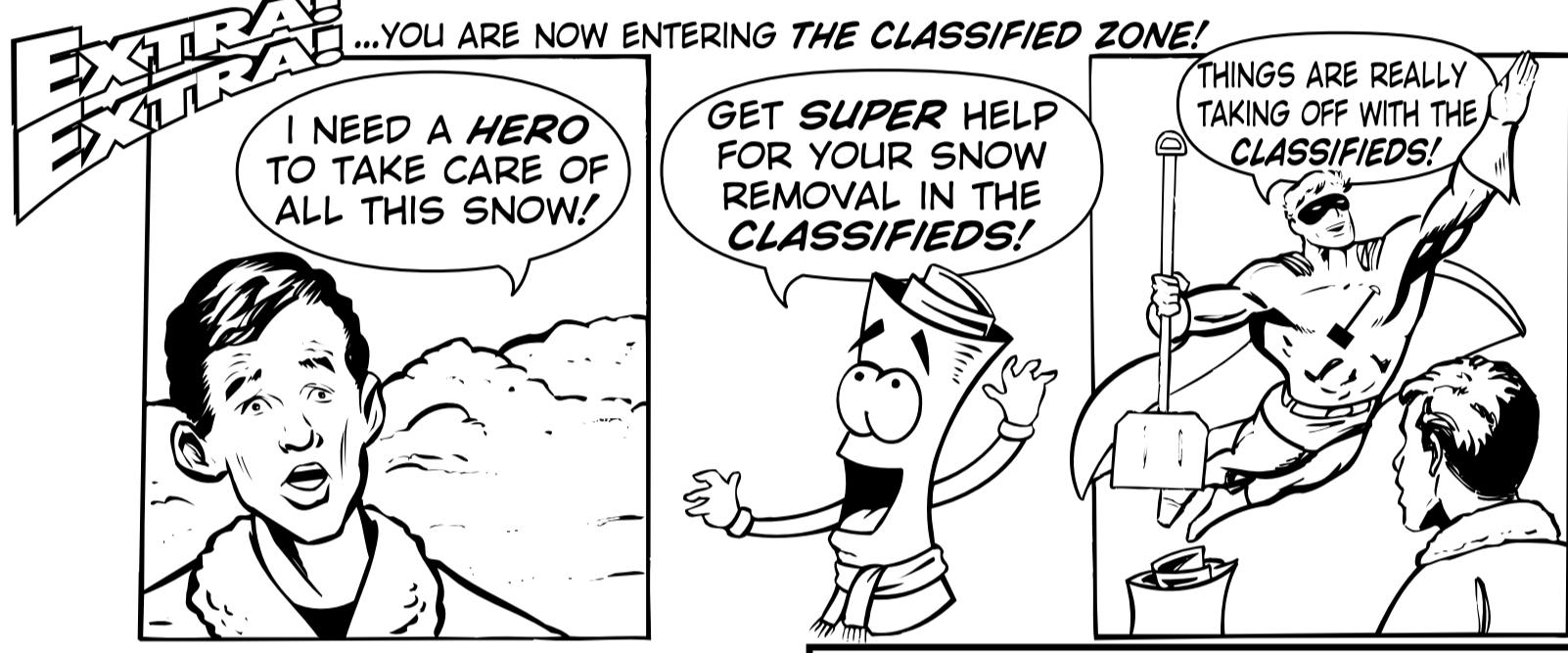


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C-Hawk Boys Basketball Ends Season

The Canton boys basketball team played their last regular season game in Vermillion and were defeated 71-39 on Monday then on Thursday they played their Region game in Lennox and were defeated 66-28 to end their season with a 2-18 record.

Canton traveled to Vermillion on Monday the 24th to face the Tanners and fell behind in the 1st quarter 23-8 and 49-17 at halftime. Both teams scored 12 points in the third and 10 in the 4th quarter to make the score 71-39 to end their regular season at 2-17. Canton was led by Alex Rhead with 17 points as he hit 7 of 12 from the field and 3 of 7 from long range followed by Noah Beatty 6, Corbin Winquist 6, Jarius Battese 5, Theo Meister 3 and Bil Yuek 2. Canton hit 17 of 45 FG, 5 of 18 3PT, and 0-0 FT while Vermillion was 31 of 68 FG, 6 of 20 from 3PT and 3 of 7 FT. Jase Charrlin handed out 2 assists with Beatty with 2 and one from Rhead, Daniel Langerock, Meister and Wyette Greenwood. Yuek grabbed 8 rebounds with 2 from Charrlin, Winquist, Andrew Ortman, Landon Hill, Meister and Braxton Kurtz and one from Rhead, Ryder Thompson, Landon Dominisse,

Espn Anderson each. Beatty had 2 steals for the game. Vermillion outrebounded the Hawks 38-28 and the Tanners grabbed 17 steals in the game to Cantons 2.

Canton traveled to Lennox on Thursday March 4th for their first Region game and Lennox jumped out to a huge lead with 21 first quarter points to Cantons 10 but in the 2nd quarter they hit for 24 points but Canton couldn't get the ball to drop thru the basket and were shut out to trail 45-10 at halftime. Canton closed the game by scoring 8 points to start out the quarter with Lennox hitting for 14 to lead 59-18 heading into the final quarter. Canton outscored the Orioles 10-7 but couldn't get any closer and lost 66-28 to end their season with a 2-18 record. Canton on offense were 11 of 33 FG, 5 of 18 from 3PT and 1 of 4 FT while Lennox was 28-51 FG, 4 of 18 from 3PT and 6 of 8 FT. The Hawks were led by Rhead with 10 points followed by Langerock 6, Winquist 3, Thompson 2, Ortman 2, Yuek 2, Battese 2, Kurtz 1. Charrlin, Rhead, Beatty, Meister, Dominisse, Anderson and Winquist each had 1 assist for the game. Defensively was outrebounded 33-15 with Charrlin, Rhead, Ortman,

Yuek each had 2 rebounds with one each from Thompson, Battese, Meister and Winquist. Rhead grabbed 2 steals with one apiece from Charrlin, Beatty, Meister, Dominisse and Anderson.

Head Coach Mike Kuper had these comments on the season, "We were a very young and inexperienced squad overall this year. I am proud of the progress the boys made throughout the season and I think the future is bright for Canton Basketball."



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Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

Winter sports are over for this year and we had some great and some trying hard but not a lot of success but will soon. I want to start with the wrestling team as a past wrestler in the later 70's yes, the 70's and yes that makes me getting older. I have watched Canton wrestling for about the last 35 years close as a sports reporter, big fan and a bus driver and most important a father of 2 wrestlers so my Canton C-hawk wrestling credentials are pretty good but there is that old age thing so memory need a jump start every once in a while, but Chase and Zach help me out if I need it. This season was a long season as we started early with a few on the IR list and some I didn't have a clue who they were but as the season went on, I got to know everyone and by the end I almost knew all their names!!! We have a huge Senior class moving on and we have Zach Bartels, Landon Walker, Jesse Wentz, Teague Granum and Hunter Richmond. I know we have just won our 10th state championship and to have seen all of them this one was one of my favorites because everyone in the arena didn't want us to win unless you were in a Canton shirt but I am getting pretty use to that. But man 8 consecutive titles is just nothing I could of ever thought would be true and now I have seen it and then I found out it is a South Dakota high school title record and I mean any sport ever so how cool is that. We have been very lucky to make the right connection with coaches and wrestlers and I don't think that will slow down anytime soon so let's see how many titles we can win.

As I sat in the Monument in RC watching it is a lot different from the days back when I watched as a high schooler or even back when we didn't have double digits make state so I think our crowd is one of the loudest and they should be since we are still the team to beat but I like how many fans show up without a son or daughter wrestling and to me that makes a lot of difference from a lot of towns there. This year I was sad to see the seniors finish their career as a C-hawk and we are going to have some big holes to fill and I know some of those hoping to fill the gaps we will have been already lifting weights and preparing to fill some spots and get back to the podium next season in Sioux Falls. Wrestlers keep working harder than any other teams in the state and we will see what happens next season. Having 3 seniors win state championships and one coming really close is a great way to end their seasons and careers and I want to wish them good luck in your career and life whether you are going off to wrestle or not you will always be remembered as a champion!

Oh yea it has to get nice weather real soon because its track and girls golf seasons and they are getting ready to play outside and oh yea I am ready to play golf outside real soon also more on the spring sports real soon in the Sioux Valley News as we say goodbye to the winter sports.

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