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## Open Houses

There will be a ribbon cutting for M.I. Nuts Company on Thursday, March 20 at noon. They are located at 102 West 5th street.

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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.

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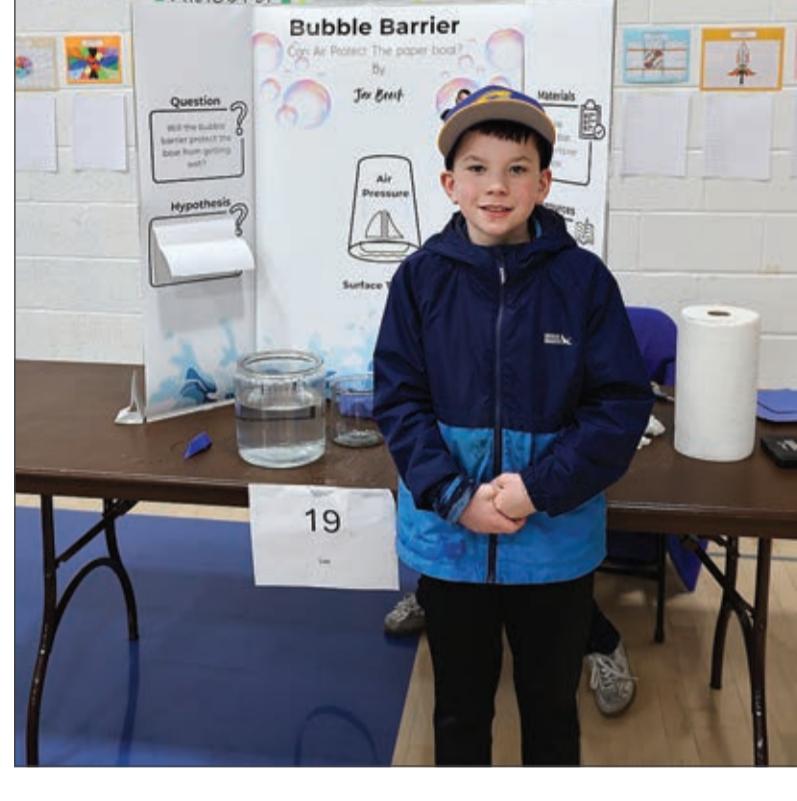
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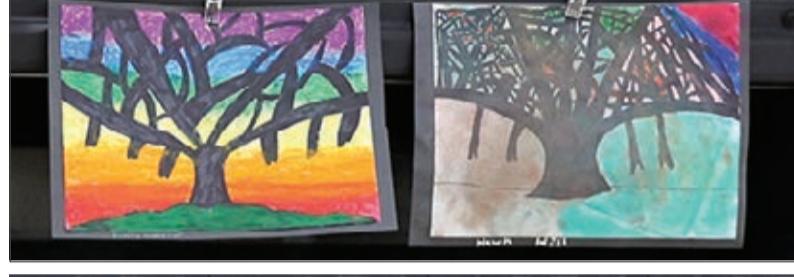


# Canton K-12 Foundation Science Fair, Art Show and Junior Dance Attack



The annual Canton K-12 Foundation Science Fair and Art show was held last weekend. Students demonstrated their science projects in the one gym while the other gym was full of art projects from Kinder-prep through high school.

The Junior Dance Attack show was held in the Performing Arts Center. Kindergarten through high school showed off their skills. More pictures can be seen inside.



## Reporting on Noem Credit Card Spending Demonstrates Why Access to Government Records is Important

By David Bordewyk  
South Dakota News Media Association

An amazing thing happened in South Dakota recently. Citizens were able to see the detailed expenditures of a government official and the sky didn't fall.

Of course, I'm talking about recent news reporting about credit card expenses from former Gov. Kristi Noem's time in office and the last year of former Gov. Dennis Daugaard's tenure.

The Dakota Scout initially requested the credit card records in May 2024. That request was denied by state Auditor Rich Sattgast in June. The Scout filed a suit in September in response to the denial. Earlier this year, Sattgast and The Scout reached a settlement that led to the release of about 4,000 pages of redacted credit card bills, state vouchers and submitted receipts from Noem's tenure as governor.

In recent weeks, The Scout and other news outlets in the state have reported on details of the \$750,000 billed to Noem's two state-issued credit cards during her six years in

office. Many expenses routine and mundane: lunch at Culver's and coffee at Starbucks. Other details rather extraordinary, such as lodging at the Venetian, a luxury resort in Las Vegas. The Scout and Sioux Falls Live teamed up to create a searchable online database of the credit card records.

### Back to the sky not falling.

A chief reason given for denying The Scout's request was that it could jeopardize the governor's safety and security because the documents included detailed information about the security provided to the governor. Certainly, a legitimate concern.

Similar concerns were raised in 2021 when legislators introduced bills attempting to seek disclosure of taxpayer money used to provide security for the governor and other public officials.

As the excellent reporting by The Scout and others has demonstrated these past few weeks, it is indeed possible to provide citizens with essential information about the use of taxpayer money without jeopardizing the safety and security of our public officials. It's that simple. It can be done.

Time and again when attempts are made to strengthen public access to government records and meetings in South Dakota, we are met by a tidal wave of reasons and excuses why it can't be done. Some of them legitimate and much of them simply a smokescreen and a bluff.

Fortunately, The Scout called the bluff and doggedly pursued what should be basic taxpayer-rights information and – by the way – is a no-brainer public record in most any other state.

Which brings me to the rest of the story. Since The Scout broke the news about Noem's credit cards, the newspaper and its staffers have become the targets of intimidation and legal threats brought by Noem and allies.



It's similar to what we've seen elsewhere – attack, intimidate and even sue the press into submission.

On March 7, Noem's personal lawyer threatened to sue The Scout over its reporting, claiming "false, misleading and inaccurate statements" about the credit cards.

Washington, D.C., attorney Trevor Stanley demanded the newspaper cease and desist its reporting.

"Otherwise, we will consider all legal remedies, including a lawsuit seeking maximum compensatory and punitive damages, that we estimate at millions of dollars," Stanley wrote in an email to The Scout.

Scout co-founders Jonathan Ellis and Joe Snee responded, in part saying: "We stand by our reporting and consider it an honor to bring the truth about government spending to South Dakotans. And we're always willing to defend it in a court of law, too."

Within hours of the cease-and-desist letter being delivered to The Scout, Fox News published a story about the Noem team demanding an end to the "fake news." This past week, Sioux Falls Live reported about a political action committee with ties to Noem running paid social media posts trying to discredit The Scout and its coverage of Noem.

Sadly, it all sounds rather familiar, don't you think? Thank goodness

for a free and independent press protected by the First Amendment in our United States Constitution.

And by the way, federal law also makes it a crime to conspire to threaten or intimidate any person who is exercising their rights and privileges guaranteed in the Constitution. (See 18 U.S.C. §241)

### Why does any of this matter to you?

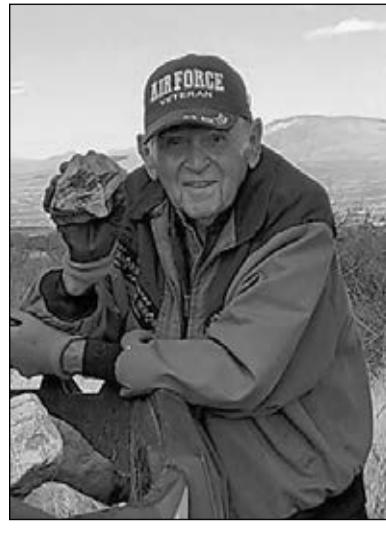
This is not simply a skirmish between a public official and a newspaper. It's about accountability in government and your right as a citizen to know how your tax dollars are being spent.

The week of March 16-22 is Sunshine Week. It's the annual observance of why open government is essential to good government.

Here is my wish list for Sunshine Week: The day comes soon when public access to basic government information – such as the expenditure of taxpayer dollars – is the norm and not the exception in our state.

In the meantime, the work to protect and enhance the public's right to know goes on. Even in South Dakota.

David Bordewyk is executive director at South Dakota NewsMedia Association, which represents the state's newspapers and digital news outlets.

**John Hilt**

**February 26, 1933 -  
March 12, 2025**

John Hilt, 92, passed away on Wednesday March 12, 2025, surrounded by his family. A Celebration of John's Life will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Anderson Funeral Home in Canton. Visitation, with family present, will be Thursday, March 20 from 5-7 p.m. A private family burial will take place prior to the service.

John was born in Los Angeles, California and was the oldest of his three brothers and one sister. John worked at his family's Dairy farm until his teen years when the family moved to the Canton/Inwood area.

John joined the Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He married Anna Dean Overweg and enlisted in the US Airforce. They were blessed with four daughters. John and his family moved back to the Canton area where he worked at the Canton Co-op, Deinema Ford, and was a Canton Police officer for a short time. He also worked at the Canton Sale Barn for several years. Making many friends in all his years.

John enlisted in the SD Air National Guard where he served as an avionics electronics technician on fighter jets. He retired in 1989. Post retirement John worked as a general handyman as well as operating a lawn care service. He was a familiar fixture in Canton and would often be seen in his restored green 1950 Chevrolet pick-up. John is responsible for most of the restoration of the caboose located behind the restored Canton Depot on 5th street. He is a member of the Canton VFW and is a past post commander.

John was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Josina, his wife Anna Dean, two daughters, Tamara Hilt and Rhonda Hilt Kidd, brothers Arie and Raymond Hilt, and great-granddaughter Josie Windschill.

John enjoyed the last several years living in the Tucson, Arizona area with his fiancée Elaine Surdez. John and Elaine moved back to Canton in 2024 to be closer to his daughters and the rest of his family.

Grateful for having shared his life are his daughters, Anna Marie Mundt (Jerry), Canton, and Lavonna Lems (Tim), Beloit, Iowa; his fiancée, Elaine Surdez, Canton; son-in-law, David Kidd, Denver, Colo.; grandchildren Tamara Mundt Davis (Lennie), Tokyo, Japan, Sara Mundt Nelson (Brad), Sioux Falls, Stephanie Kidd Furley (Jason), Sioux Falls, Jonathan Kidd (Priscilla Luhan), Denver, Colo., Jason Mundt (Ashley), Luverne, MN, Emily Lems Souvignier (Ted), Canton, and Molly Lems Larsgaard (Andy), Canton; 13 great-grandchildren; and siblings Charlie Hilt (Pearl), and Betty Garcia (Ken) all of Canton. John will be missed by all.

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## Legislative Report

By Kevin Jensen  
REPRESENTATIVE



## Final Week

I know I have not submitted many articles this session, and some were not printed. The last 4 weeks have been pretty intense and I was focusing more on what needed to be done to advance the good bills and kill the bad ones. Educating other legislators on the pitfalls of the proposed prison was a never ending task, and it's not over. I hope many of you follow me on FB because I have had almost daily updates there. A bill that is currently drawing a lot of attention is HB1218, a bill to address the imposition of firearm restrictions on certain employees, officers, volunteers, and other individuals. The goal of 1218 was to limit the number of gun free zones.

There is a faction of individuals that will always be critical of the second amendment, then there are others that just like to stir up controversy. Some blame the 'new' members in the legislature for a change in direction in many areas. It's not just the legislators, it is the people who put them in office that wanted a change of direction. The voters are paying more attention and realizing their voice CAN be heard if they step up.

HB1218 passed because it had a lot of support, not just support the new legislators. This is what happened. The senate passed the amended version of HB1218 with a vote of 30-4. The House did not immediately concur with the amendments and elected to send it to a conference committee of 3 House members and 3 senators. In that committee there was opportunity for public input but only one opponent testified. After testimony and discussion the vote was 5-0 to send it back to both houses with a 'do concur' as amended recommendation (one house member did not attend the meeting) The Senate voted along party lines 32-3 and the house voted 56-14 and it passed as amended. Any objective person would say a veto would be purely symbolic, because it would fail. To override a veto the senate needs 24 votes against the bill and the House needs 47. With only 3 in the senate against the bill and only 14 in the house I seriously doubt the Governor wants to buck those odds.

For those who are concerned about the passage of HB1218 we need to look back and remember that the media outlets said constitutional carry (2019) would be like Dodge City with blood in the streets? That

never happened. Remember when the stand your ground law passed (2021) and the media said it would lead to more people dying? That never happened. Remember when we allowed enhanced concealed carry for approved individuals in some schools (2024) and they said it would make schools more dangerous? That too, did not happen. Remember, it is still illegal to be intoxicated and possess a loaded firearm ANYWHERE, even in your own backyard.

There were several monumental bills passed; the most crucial was HB1052, not allowing the use of eminent domain for carbon oxide pipelines.. I know you have probably heard and read a lot about this bill but I would just say I was proud to be able to be a part of this. In the Senate those who strongly supported SB201 last session offered an amendment that said if 75% of the easements were voluntary, the other 25% would have to comply. SB201 supporters made the comment "we can't change the rules in the middle of the game." My response on the floor was that 1052 passed with a super majority in the House State Affairs Committee, and on the House floor, and in the Senate State Affairs Committee; amending it on the Senate floor WAS an attempt to change the rules in the middle of the game. As you know, it passed and has been signed by the Governor.

HJR5003 was a resolution requiring a 60% vote to pass a constitutional amendment. People need to educate themselves on what the '50% plus one' really means for a constitutional amendment. If you have a 69.93 % voter turnout as we did last year, that means about 34.96% of the registered voters, plus one, can change our constitution. To change the US constitution it takes 38 states, or 75%, to ratify an amendment. Do people honestly believe that only 35% of the registered voters should be able to change our state constitution? That means 65% of the registered voters said no, in one way or another. In the legislature, not voting is the same as voting "no" when the votes are counted because only 'yes' votes count to pass a bill. Should all of our laws passed by the legislature pass with only 35% of the members voting 'yes'? Failing to vote is the greatest enemy of democracy.

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# MEMORY LANE

2015

Sit down at the piano with Good Samaritan – Canton resident Florence Schulte and one quickly experiences the pure joy that music can bring. The new black ebony Kawai piano was purchased with gifts from donors responding to the center's holiday fundraising appeal.

"We are very appreciative of all the gifts that helped make the purchase of this new piano possible," commented Administrator Myron Moore.

"Music really does have a way of lifting spirits and bringing people together."

The piano is played each weekday to entertain residents in the dining room before lunch but also provides music for monthly birthday parties and other special events. For many residents, the music brings back memories, as a familiar tune transports them to years gone by.

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team came up short in the region championship game against Lennox on Tuesday night in Harrisburg's gym 39-31. They kept the game close until late in the 4th quarter when their season ended with a 8-15 record.

2000

One of the first signs of spring in Lincoln County is Brian Larson preparing for the summer harness racing season. He trains horses six days a week and runs them approximately nine miles per day.

PEO announced the winners of

scholarships. They were Rachel Anderson, Rachel Conner, Melissa Suter and Laura Verley.

Approximately 200 acres of land burned in a fire of unknown origin on state owned land three miles south of Fairview in an area known as Simunek's Bottom.

Burdell Coplan was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. He was conducted as one of the state's most successful high school football coaches. He coached for 35 years and the C-Hawks were conference champs 16 times.

1975

On Saturday, March 15, the State Kids Wrestling tournament sponsored by the United State Kids Wrestling Federation was held at Brookings. Fifteen Canton wrestlers took part in the meet against seven hundred other competitors from the state of South Dakota.

The three place winners from Canton were Richard Beitzel, 3rd place in the heavy weight class, Doug Kroger, champion in the heavy weight division and Dominic Jones, 3rd in the 105 lb. class.

A new crossing sign has been posted at the corner of Second and Grant this past week. The sign is self explanatory and was placed by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Haisch to warn motorists of "Quackers Territory."

"Quackers" is the hen Mallard duck the Haisch family has had for the past couple of years.

1925

The Board of Education of Canton held a special meeting on Tuesday evening, when they considered applicants for teaching positions in the High School and Grade schools. There will be several vacancies to fill for the coming year. Supt. C. S. Torvend has been re-elected and Principal C. C. Jacobson was retained for another year. All applicants accepted by the board have been notified to sign contracts before April 15.

Teachers applying for positions in the Canton schools will be required to have a state certificate and two years of experience in teaching or its equivalent. Married Women are now barred from teaching.

The new one-half cent stamps which will be used in addition to the one-cent stamp on all circulars are to have the engraving of Nathan Hale, Republican patriot, on, the color has not yet been decided upon.

1885

President Cleveland has issued a proclamation ordering all persons out of the Indian country known as Oklahoma territory. The military will be used, if necessary, to enforce this order.

In passing up and down our streets last Monday, every one you met had a piece of smoked glass viewing the eclipse, which was nearly total, five-sixths of the disc of the sun being covered.

## HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

Dakota Territory became a reality on March 2, 1861 with the signing of the Organic Act by President James Buchanan. It was a vast area embracing the present states of North and South Dakota, most of Montana, much of Wyoming and a small portion of Nebraska north of the Niobrara River.

One hundred years later in 1961, the Dakota Territory Centennial Commission published "Dakota Panorama". Twenty writers participated each preparing a chapter about a different aspect of Dakota Territory. For this column I will be using a portion of chapter 6 written by Douglas Chittick.

Before I sign off I just want you all to know that the 3rd Annual Canton Chalk Art Festival will be held on June 7 at Jack Fox Park. Now part of the Celebrate Canton activities, this event is geared towards our younger population but anyone, whether you are 8 or 80, can participate. In fact I got down on my 73 year old knees last summer and tried to act like I knew what I was doing. I know there will be a lot of young folks doing their incredible artwork on the sidewalks of the park but I'm hoping to see what other adults can do when given a bunch of chalk. You've got a lot of time to practice before this summer event rolls around and it's a great way to unleash your inner chalk art skills. For me, I might be sporting kneepads this year. Happy reading as the first day of spring arrives this Thursday.

### Excerpts from A Recipe for Nationality Stew by Douglas Chittick

The popular slogan for South Dakota, "Land of Infinite Variety," has reference most often to the many scenic wonders of the state, lakes, rivers, mountains, badlands, rich, agricultural fields and prairies. Each of these physical features represents a variety of occupational pursuits and opportunities. The slogan also has reference to the wide variety of mineral deposits, water and power resources, and the great agricultural and industrial opportunities currently in development. Yet, perhaps, the slogan has its most significant meaning in regard to our greatest resource: the people of South Dakota, who come from a wide variety of northern and western European nationality groups. These groups, with our native Indian population, have given us the rich cultural heritage we enjoy today.

Our immigrant stock came from widely different sections of Europe. Each group brought its own "know how." The interchange of ideas among these people is the background for our social, economics and political ways of life. The best of these cultural heritages - attitudes, values, ideas and technologies - have emerged in the process of assimilation.

To understand and appreciate the history of South Dakota it is necessary to know something about the people who played such an important part in the development of our state. There is tendency to forget the contributions that the immigrants made during the formative years of statehood. The large proportion of the total population of the state that were immigrants adds significance to their study. These immigrants brought ideas and customs from many sources which have been pooled in the development of agriculture, industry, government, co-operation, music, art, drama and the handicrafts.

Reference is often made to America as a "melting pot," a place where the people of many nationality groups have come to make their homes, to work and live together, so that posterity might enjoy freedom and a greater social heritage. The "melting pot" idea implies that sooner or later the people of all nationalities will become the same; that they will have many of the same values, attitudes, memories, hopes and desires; that inasmuch as the greatest number of them are Caucasians, it will be difficult to distinguish one group from another; that they will become completely assimilated.

Lowry Nelson characterizes assimilation- the association of these many different groups- differently. Rather than think of it as a melting pot, he suggests we think of it as a "stew." If we think of each vegetable in the stew as representing a nationality group we find that stew is not only made up of the vegetables which are still identifiable but also the "flavor" which comes from all of them. After 100 years we still find compact areas of nationality groups, but among all of them we find the same "flavor"- a rich cultural heritage. The fact that many groups are still identifiable adds variety and interests among us in our association. Each nationality group has made outstanding contributions to our culture and can therefore be proud of its heritage. The frugality and practicality of Germans, the co-operative enterprises and emphasis on education of the Scandinavians, the happy, optimistic and industrious Bohemians, the strict moral conduct of the Dutch, and the contributions of other nationality groups are now a part of the "flavor" of our society.

## Men Don't Belong in Women's Sports

By Sen. John Thune

More than 50 years ago, Congress passed landmark legislation to create equal spaces and opportunities in education for women. Title IX is particularly notable for its effect on women's sports. By requiring that recipients of federal funding create equal athletic opportunities for women and girls, Title IX paved the way for the women's and girls' athletic programs that exist today at K-12 schools, colleges, and universities around the country.

But today the gains made possible by Title IX are under attack. We've seen biological men identifying as women take spots on teams, medals, and opportunities from women. It's happening in a range of sports. A female runner acknowledged that first place was not within reach because she knew there would be no winning a race against a biological male who finished a full minute and 22 seconds ahead of the second-place, female finisher. A male pole vaulter won the high school women's competition with a vault that exceeded the second-place

vaulter by six inches. A high school girls' basketball team had nearly half of its season's points scored by a male. And that's just a sampling of the stories.

The United Nations reported last year, "The replacement of the female sports category with a mixed-sex category has resulted in an increasing number of female athletes losing opportunities, including medals, when competing against males." The U.N. estimated that more than 600 female athletes had lost almost 900 medals to biological men in 29 sports.

The problems here are obvious. First of all, there is the physical danger that can be posed by men participating in women's and girls' sports. But there's also fairness, equality, and opportunity. Title IX was created to give women opportunities that had been denied them. But allowing biological men to compete against women means robbing female athletes of not just medals and trophies, but also scholarships, spots on a team, and opportunities to compete in front of college scouts.

This isn't fair. Both of my daughters are former athletes, and I know how much competing in sports matters

to young women and how hard they work to win. My dad was a Division I athlete who came home to Murdo and coached girls' basketball and track. It would have been unthinkable to him that biological men could compete against the young women he coached.

I'm proud that President Trump took action to protect the original meaning of Title IX and ensure that federal funding would not go to schools that allow men to compete as women. This executive order is an important step, but executive orders can be rescinded. So the U.S. Senate recently attempted to take the next step and make this the law. Unfortunately, every single Democrat in the Senate voted to prevent us from even debating the bill.

I had a professor who used to say that some things are just intuitively obvious. This is one of those things. Generations of American women have benefited from Title IX's promise of fair competition and equal opportunity in sports. Keeping biological men out of women's sports is about keeping that promise alive for the next generation of female athletes.



## Canton



Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

The robins have returned, and we endured our last blizzard! We applaud all the participants in our New Years Resolution Reading Challenge, congratulations to Stacy Weise, Brittany Jacobson, Carol VanDeStroet and Abe Twedt. Be sure to check our calendar for all the programming we have scheduled for the rest of March. Stop by the Library and check it out!

### ADULT FICTION

Where the Fire Falls by Karen Barnett. A struggling artist is hired to paint images of Yosemite National Park for magazines. She soon finds that who she is and who she pretends to be could mean difference between life and death.

Battle Mountain by C.J. Box (LP). Joe Pickett and Nate Romanowski are on different missions, but soon their paths will collide at Battle Mountain.

Welcome to the Honey Bed and Breakfast by Melody Carlson (LP). A woman moves home to take care of her aging parents, and opening a bed and breakfast in their home seems like the way to take care of money woes. But there is a lot more to this story!

The Girl Behind the Gates by Brenda Davies. A woman who has been institutionalized for more than 40 years is helped by a doctor to re-enter society and to live again.

Beyond Reasonable Doubt by Robert Dugoni (LP). Jenna Bernstein has been accused of murder. Her friend Keera Duggan knows Jenna is manipulative and controlling, and though there is only

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circumstantial evidence against her, she knows she is working to defend an innocent woman or working to set a murderer free.

The Pistoleros by E.E. Halloran (LP). A band of ruthless renegades is making their way West, not caring how many men they kill or women they rape. Sam Kimbrell is just the man to stop them.

Kill Me Tomorrow by William W. Johnstone (LP). Two long-in-the-tooth cowboys team up with Marshall Colton Gray to stop a pair of dangerous bank robbing outlaws.

You Have Gone Too Far by Carlene O'Connor. In a village off Ireland's coast, the locals fear the disappearance of a young woman could be the work of a mysterious cult.

Three Days in June by Anne Tyler (LP). The story of a young girl's wedding day, an unemployed mother of the bride, a homeless father, and a secret about the groom that will throw the wedding into question.

## A Historic Session – and a Path Forward

By: Gov. Larry Rhoden

March 14, 2025

We just wrapped up the 2025 legislative session – our 100th in South Dakota's history. It's been quite a ride. Not only did we celebrate this history of our state in this Capitol, but we also navigated a historic succession of power. I stepped into the role of governor mid-session, and that's never happened in South Dakota history. I'm proud to say we didn't just keep the ship afloat – we made real progress to keep South Dakota strong, safe, and free.

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March 19

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

March 20

Aaron Althoff

March 21

Erica Brenner, Cameron Hayden

March 22

Dayton Keyman, Mark Raymon, Dennis Epling, Madeline Baldwin, Jodi Ekle, Karen Leffler, Derek Dougherty, Ian Peterson, Rubi Ugofsky

March 23

Jade Kroger, Edie Hoff, Austin Pick, Christina Hoff

March 24

Jordan Sehr, Kathy Gardner, Tami Ludwig, Codie Pederson

March 26

James Rock, Chuck Mathison, Justin Knutson, Joshua Gerdes

Here's the truth: the state collects \$0 in property taxes – we don't collect a penny. I told that to the leader of a South Dakota trade organization the other day, and he said – and I'm just the messenger here – "bullshit." But it's fact!

So if the state doesn't collect property taxes, where does the money go? 56% funds our schools. Counties get 27%, cities 13%, and townships and special districts split the rest.

Then how do we cut property taxes? We've got three options: cut spending, shift the burden, or find new revenue. Cutting spending means slashing school budgets or county roads and public safety – there's not the will for that. Shifting it – like we've seen unintentionally with rising home values – won't fly either.

I'm taking a deeper look at option three: find new revenue to provide direct property tax relief. And when we do so, we'll make it optional for counties. No mandates – each county will decide for themselves, either through their county commission or by a vote of the people.

This won't be some top-down fix. It will be real tax relief for property owners, tailored to local needs. I will share this proposal with the legislature's Property Tax Relief Task Force prior to their first meeting, and they will be able to chew on this over the summer. I'm open to more ideas, more imagination, more creative problem-solving – we need to focus on solutions, not excuses. Together, we'll keep South Dakota the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

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## Overview—100th Legislative Session

### PAST:

My service as a House Representative for District 16 in 2023-24 was propelled from my concern for local and national level issues. Many changes have occurred in that time. During those two years, many of the bills I brought revolved around property rights, including the Public Utilities Commission application process, having a fair hearing in the courts, and eminent domain. The last primary election saw 14 legislators lose their seat, mostly because of property rights and local control concerns. The cries of SD landowners propelled them to petition for Referred Law 21 that was on the ballot in November of last year. Grassroots people from all walks of life, highly populated counties and areas where there are more cows than people, Democrats and Republicans, Independents and Libertarians, rich and poor, young and old joined together for this effort. The result was that 65 out of 66 counties in South Dakota repealed a law (SB201) from the 2024 legislative session.

Along with those things, we saw an increased concern for election integrity, transparency, property tax reform, and fiscal accountability. We also found out that there was to be a 1500 bed maximum security prison built in Lincoln County. This too was concerning not only because of the location, but because of the massive cost of \$825 million to build the prison. However, the bigger concern was if SD could afford the \$20+million of ongoing costs annually to run the facility.

### PRESENT:

This year's 100th legislative session brought new leadership to Pierre. Speaker Jon Hansen was elected by the House, and I was privileged to serve as the first female Speaker Pro-Tempore. The Republican caucus elected Scott Odenbach as the Majority Leader, with Marty Overweg serving as Assistant Majority Leader. I was privileged to also serve as the Chair for the House Commerce and Energy Committee. The House was able to lead on many issues important to South Dakota:

\*HB 1052—THE RIGHT THING TO DO ! The day before our session began, many citizens of South Dakota showed up for a landowner rally in the rotunda. What a great day! We kicked it off announcing the legislation that was going to be proposed in 2025. I am proud to say that with the help of MANY others, I was able to Prime Sponsor HB 1052, a bill that prohibits a company carrying carbon oxide from exercising eminent domain. This passed overwhelmingly in the House with Senator Mark Lapka bringing it home in the Senate. One of the most moving moments came during the Senate Committee, when THE PEOPLE showed up with over half an hour of testimony! They filed through, one after another, giving a brief "ME TOO" to the bill! I was so pleased when Speaker Hansen walked into my office and told me that Governor Rhoden signed the bill. Thanks be to God!

\*PRISON. While in Pierre, I have also learned to play defense. House Bill 1025, which would have authorized the construction of the prison, was stopped. There were many issues that are concerning for not only Lincoln County, but the whole state! I have to give kudos to the Lincoln County NOPE group for their great effort in coming to Pierre, raising their voices, raising money, and being a force to be reckoned with! Also, Senator Kevin Jensen spent many hours researching the details of the project and was an integral part of shining light on the issues. I have been appointed to the Prison Task Force and our first meeting will be held on April 2 and 3 in Sioux Falls at the Military Heritage Alliance. Members of the public are

## Windmill Of My Mind

by Margaret Schultz

I wrote this week's column almost twenty years ago, and as I read it just now, it spoke to me, so I decided to share it. Maybe it will speak to someone else.

### A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

The question everyone asked Wednesday morning was "Where were you during the storm?" I was at church practicing with the praise band when someone hollered from the back of the church. We're under a storm warning!" Everyone should either go home or head for the basement!"

We put microphones away quickly, gathered up music and headed out. I was about to leave when a family walked in and asked if they could take refuge in our church basement. They were en route from their daughter's softball game, were having supper across the street and thought our church looked safer. They were from Chancellor and were afraid to travel in that direction. I welcomed them, told them where the bathrooms were and showed them to the phone so they could call their daughter who was at home, to make sure she was aware of the approaching storm.

I was sure I could make it home, but hated to leave while this family, obviously nervous about the possibility of a tornado, was here. What if there was a tornado? I would have felt terrible about abandoning them.

About that time, two of our members, a mother and daughter, returned from having tried to get home. Unable to see through the rain, they had turned around and returned to the church. As we went into the fellowship hall and sat down, one of them who had gotten caught in the rain, mentioned being chilly. "Well," I offered, "we could haul out the boxes of Christmas costumes and put them on. We could be shepherds and angels," and to the dad I said "You could be Joseph." We all chuckled, commenting how odd it would look if there were a tornado and we emerged dressed in such a way. Imagining how we would all look in Christmas costumes made us laugh, and the laughter eased the tension.

After a bit, my curiosity got the best of me and I went upstairs to see how things were looking from the north. We had located a radio and were keeping track of things through the constant weather updates, but storms fascinate me, so I had to see for myself. The storm was indeed raging, and I strained to listen for the sound of a freight train. As I stood there, I thought of the storms that come into people's lives, and the effect those storms have on them. A story told by E. Stanley Jones came to mind, which describes an eagle flying high among the mountain crags. Suddenly, a quick storm descends and it seems for the moment that its fury will dash him to death against the cliffs. But the eagle faces the storm, tilts his wings at a proper angle and slowly the fury that might have crushed him begins to drive him upward until at last he rises above the storm. The very power that would have destroyed him becomes the power by which he reaches a new serenity high above the fury below. Faith in God is the tilting of the wings of the soul; the sorrows of life are the raging storm; slowly the soul rises until it moves into a richness and a peace never known before.

I thought, also, of the Andre Crouch song, entitled Through It All. "I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys, and I thank Him for the storms He's brought me through. For if I'd never had a problem, I'd never know that He could solve them. I'd never know what faith in God could do."

So often we don't understand, in our humanness, why things happen, but God can handle our questions. And even if we get angry, He won't reject us. Psalm 119:50 says, "My comfort in my suffering is this: your promise preserves my life."

As soon as the brunt of the storm had moved east of us, we all left, and as I drove south towards home, I saw a beautiful double rainbow. I smiled and thanked God, for I knew His promise was true and we would all be alright.

welcome.

\*FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. SB 145 was passed in response to stopping any future overpriced leases of buildings like the One Stop office in Sioux Falls. The state engaged in a 30 year, nearly \$300 million lease for this facility. Future leases at that level will have to be approved by the legislature.

\*ELECTION ISSUES: No more voting by non-South Dakotans in our state elections—as it should be. HB 1066 and HB 1208 addressed this problem.

\*PROTECTING KIDS FROM MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS: HB 1053 will protect kids from websites that contain this material.

\*PROTECTING LIFE: HB 1005 Families that want to pursue adoption will be aided by this bill.

### FUTURE:

\*PRISON TASK FORCE: I will be serving on the Prison Task Force slated to meet four times this summer. Our first meeting will be in Sioux Falls. We will meet at the SD Military Heritage Alliance on April 2 and 3. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

\*PROPERTY TAX TASK FORCE: Passage of the Governor's bill SB 216, will bring some relief to this

issue. However, it is still not enough. This Task Force will be working this summer to bring LASTING relief to this issue. I stressed that this task force MUST do more than study a problem. We need solutions.

\*GOAC: The Government Operations and Audit Committee will be meeting this summer to DIG into areas of concern. I will be a part of this committee. SB 176 gives us more tools in the toolbox to accomplish this effort.

\*KEEPING IN TOUCH: I will be attending various events in District 16 and around the state this summer. The people of South Dakota are who we represent. Often, it is YOU who have not only questions but ANSWERS to some of the problems that we face. As always, I am honored to serve the people of District 16.

Representative Karla Lems

## Shutdowns are Stupid

By Rep. Dusty Johnson  
March 14, 2025

### BIG Update

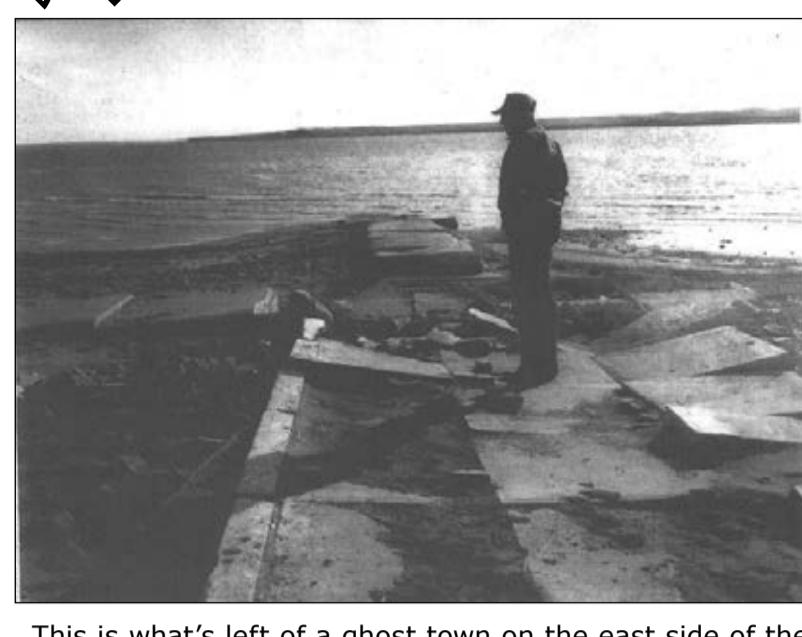
This week, I re-introduced my Traveler's Gun Rights Act to protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding RV-ers, active-duty military, military spouses, and others who rely on P.O. Boxes as their mailing address. Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) does not recognize alternative addresses—like a P.O. Box—for firearms paperwork, although these types of addresses are allowable for a driver's license.

You shouldn't be prevented from practicing your Second Amendment rights simply because you rely on a P.O. Box. I'll continue to lead efforts like this to ensure the right to bear arms is accessible for all law-abiding Americans.

### BIG Idea

Chinese-made fentanyl has been flooding the U.S. for

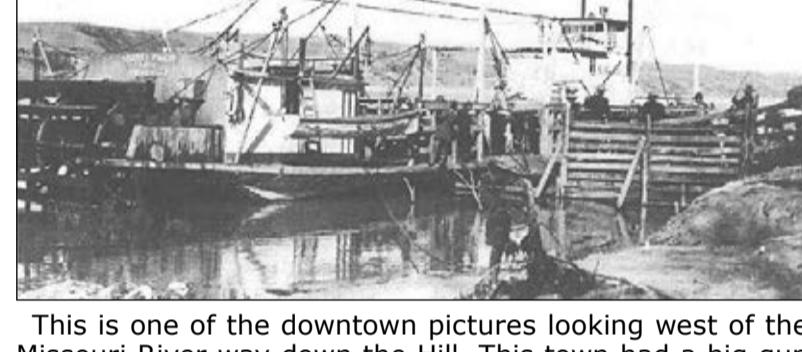
## OFF The Road With Jerry



This is what's left of a ghost town on the east side of the Missouri River south of Mobridge, S.D. This is the town foundations partially covered by water from the Ohae Dam lake stretching almost into North Dakota. But this town was doomed to destruction long before the dam was built. This is the ghost town remains of Le Beau, S.D. from early 1900's. It was a thriving large cattle shipping point. Cattle were loaded on big barges and brought across the river and unloaded here into large holding pens.



This was the bank officers and other merchants all enjoying a happy hour in a local bar. This was when it was built to here to the holding pens and cattle were shipped out to St. Paul, Minn. and even Chicago if they got enough ice packed in to make the trip.



This is one of the downtown pictures looking west of the Missouri River way down the Hill. This town had a big gun fight in one of the bars downtown a son of a big rich west river rancher was shot and killed with a .44 revolver. The rancher was furious and he did not think he got justice, but suddenly the telegraph wires were fire hoses ruined by cutting in half and then the town, were no arrests were made, and it is an unsolved mystery. Many people thought they really knew who did this.



This is one of the giant barge boats, that hauled cattle from west bank of big river to east bank to the huge holding pens. It appears to be a steamship that pushed the cattle barge across the river.

years. In fact, China is the number one producer of this lethal drug that makes its way across our borders.

I've joined my colleagues in the House and Senate to introduce legislation to combat this deadly epidemic. We are leading the Joint Task Force to Counter Illicit Synthetic Narcotics Act to stop the flow of synthetic narcotics across our borders. The bill would bring federal agencies together to disrupt trafficking networks and enforce sanctions. This includes addressing the role of the People's Republic of China in the opioid crisis.

The Chinese Communist Party is the leading force behind America's fentanyl crisis, and while securing the borders have made a positive impact, Congress and federal agencies must take decisive action and end the flow of drugs into our country.

### BIG News

On Tuesday, I voted to

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## SDHSAA Ejection Policy For Students, Coaches, Fans Clarified

*By Dana Hess  
For the S.D. NewsMedia Association*

PIERRE — The board of directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association spent some time during Wednesday's meeting clarifying the ejection policy for students, coaches and spectators.

The current policy says that a coach or student ejected from a contest will "be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition and all other contests in the interim at any level of competition." A second violation in the same sports season carries a mandatory four-contest period of ineligibility/suspension. A third ejection in the same season results in the student or coach being suspended for the rest of the season.

The policy for student suspensions was clarified to note how the suspension takes effect if the next contest is a multi-day event like a state tournament. In team sports like basketball, volleyball, soccer, football, softball and competitive cheer and dance the athlete would miss the first scheduled contest within the tournament and all other contests that day.

If the first post suspension event is a tournament in an individual sport like track and field, cross-country, tennis, golf, wrestling or gymnastics, the athlete would miss the first scheduled event of the tournament as well as all other contests on that day.

In the sport of wrestling, that means missing the entire event as a suspended wrestler would not be able to weigh in on the first day.

SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos said the clarification was needed because missing the next contest means different things in different sports. He used the example of basketball and tennis. Missing the next event in basketball means missing the next game. In tennis, there may be another match the same day and the policy needed to be clear that the ejection was for the entire day.

In the sport of football, if a player is ejected in the first half of a game on an "illegal personal contact" penalty, he will miss the second half of the game. An ejection for that penalty in the second half of the game would result in missing the first half of the next game.

The rules for suspended students would be applied in the same manner for coaches who have been ejected from a game prior to a tournament. A suspended coach is not allowed to travel with the team or be at the venue during any contests while

## CANTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Class of 2025



ETHAN YOUNG

Ethan Young is the son of Troy and Marsha, he has one sibling Kaycee. He has been involved in helping with the C-Hawk Football Streaming all through high school.

His favorite song is "Evangelina" by Colter Wall, Fall is his favorite season, his favorite color is purple and cheeseburgers are his favorite food. His most memorable moment of his school was riding on the senior float in the homecoming parade.

His parents and grandparents are the most influential people in his life "They have taught me right and wrong, to be fair, have manners, always be myself and to hold my tongue." Three teachers have made a difference for him, Mrs. Kipley "she helped me excel in Math in 8th grade." Mrs. Husman "because she is so nice and kind." Mr. Anderson "Big Dog - because he is a chill guy."

After graduation Ethan plans to join the Army. He leaves for basic training June 30, 2025 to Ft. Moore in Georgia. His advice for underclassmen "Don't double up on math! Be yourself, but don't stand out."

## CANTON HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Class of 2025



ELLERY JANSEN

Ellery Jansen is the daughter of Galen and Debbie and has one sibling Kelsey. She is involved in golf, volleyball, HOSA, NHS and choir in school and Youth Group outside of school.

Ellery has received the following awards and honors; C-Hawk Hero, golf team MVP, Scholastic award, honor roll, volleyball spirit award, and Scholar award.

Her favorite color is pink, Fall is her favorite season, "Good Ole Days" is her favorite song and her favorite food is a chicken Caesar wrap. Her most memorable moment of high school was after the homecoming dance junior year, going to someone's house for a fire and games.

The most influential person in Ellery's life is her grandma "She has shown me how to be strong and taught me even on the toughest days to still put a smile on your face." Mrs. Burwitz has made a difference for her "She has taught me that you will not get every question right on the first try and that it is ok to ask questions and get help."

After graduation Ellery plans to play golf at Brair Cliff University and study nursing or elementary education. Her advice for underclassmen "Enjoy every moment because it goes fast."



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under suspension. A school that allows an ineligible coach or student to participate will face a mandatory forfeiture of the contest.

A spectator who is ejected, either by a game official or a school administrator, will not be allowed to attend any contests for the remainder of the day and will be barred from attending the next contest at that level of competition. A second violation carries a mandatory four-game suspension. A third ejection during a single sports season results in suspension from attendance for the rest of that season.

Swartos said the policy was clarified to note that a spectator's ejection was valid whether it came from a game official or a school administrator.

For a spectator, if the next contest after a suspension is a multi-day tournament, the suspension shall

hold for the first day of that event. It was noted that the SDHSAA ejection standards are the minimum requirement for schools to follow. Schools may have harsher fan ejection policies as well as stiffer penalties for coach and player ejections.

In order to return after an ejection, students, coaches and spectators must watch the NFHS Sportsmanship Course on the NFHSLearn website and show proof of completion to the SDHSAA office.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

IN CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

41CIV25-000303

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:

Kelly Marie Tempel

(Current Name)

FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:

Kelly Marie McSwiggan

(Proposed Name)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Kelly Marie Tempel to change Petitioner's name from Kelly Tempel to Kelly Marie McSwiggan. The petition will be heard on the 8th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. by the Honorable Judge Powel, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in the

Notice of Cancellation

#### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION OF THE CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 41-1

Notice is hereby given that there will not be a School Board Election held on the 8th day of April, 2025, in Canton, South Dakota.

The election for which public notice was given has been canceled because the following individuals have filed certificates of nomination in the office of the Business Official for the three vacant positions to be filled:

Todd Gannon – School Board Member, 3-Year Term

Joshua Otkin – School Board

### Notice of Meeting

#### NOTICE of regular meeting

Dayton Township Board of Supervisors

March 25th, 2025

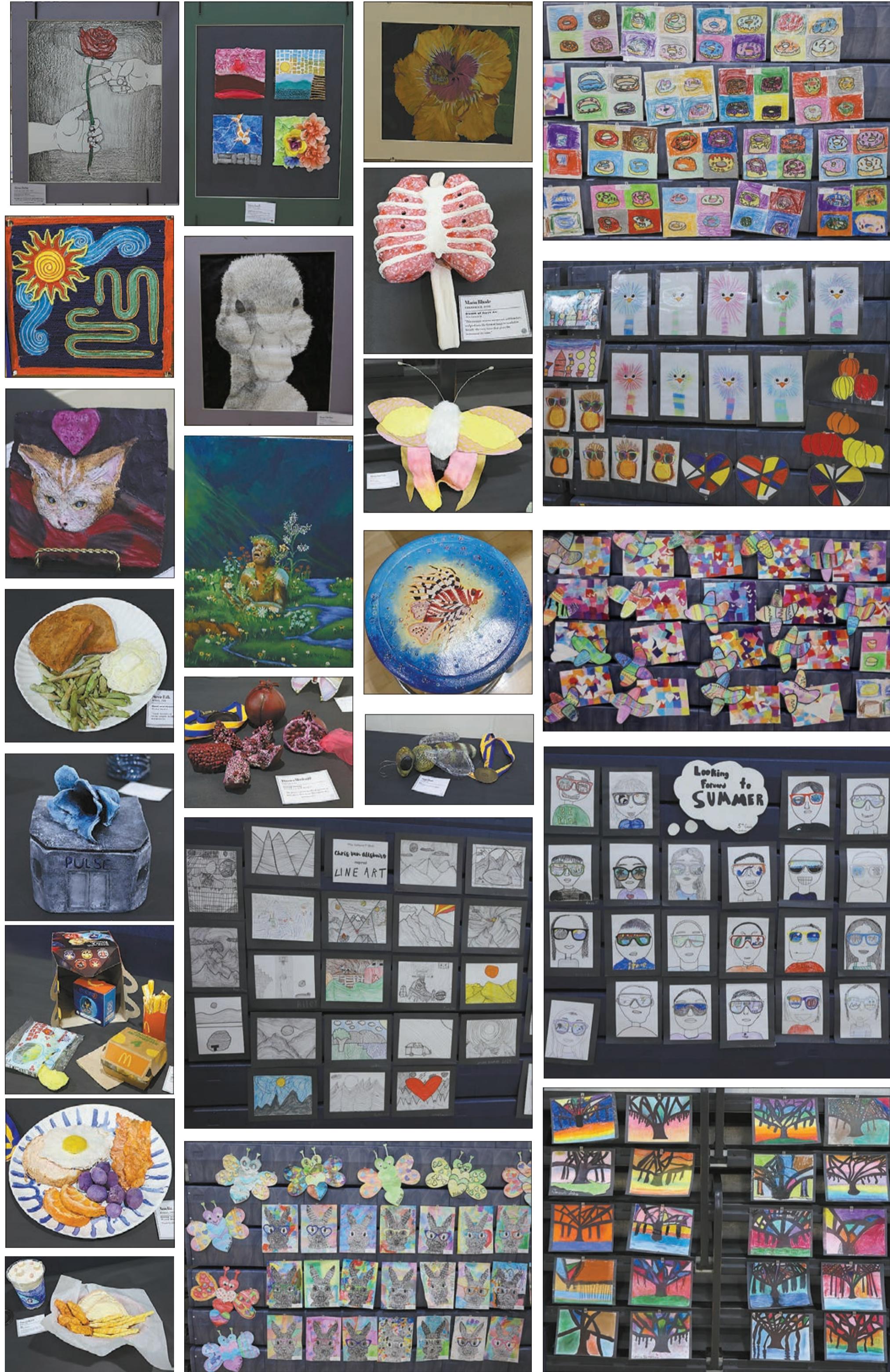
Notice is given that the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Dayton Township, will be on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025. Meeting to commence at the hour of 7:00 P.M., at the home of Brian Rypkema and Melissa Carlson 27727 480th ave., Canton, SD 57013, for the following purposes: Review bids/quotes and award a gravel bid, hauling bid, Spraying bid, and the conduct of such other regular and ordinary business as

properly may come before the meeting. Contact the Clerk by email, phone or in person for an agenda in advance of the meeting; the agenda will be posted also at the designated meeting location not less than 24 hours in advance.

Gregg Fodness, Clerk  
Dayton Township  
605-261-9959  
Email: GreggFodness@hotmail.com

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# Junior Dance Attack Performances Held in PAC



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First Grade: Blake Pederson, Carlee Glenn, Maren DeGeest, Edie Karel, Ellie Tyrrell, Phoebe Eisman, Kazlee Christensen, Sophia Pearson, Tinsley Hall, Josephine Carlson, Ashlynn Kleinjan, Oakleigh King, Adeline Meyers, Avery Garbers, Maeby Kelderman, Allyana Strohfus, Zoey Cadwell. The group was lead by Autumn and Qynn to the song Dance the Night Away.



Second Grade: Auden Lundberg, Vivian Souvignier, Ava Zinns, Elsie Hohman, Maggie Brunsting, Kara Harmon, Mara Junker, Sami Espland, Mya Smith, Morrison Montgomery, Kori Laetsch, Lorelai Olinger, Eleanor Olinger, Winter Steele Chau, Edith Stansbury, Kiley Herrmann, Hailey Folkens, Chloe Sehr, Jordy Jensen, Braya Jarman. The group was lead by Marin and Brooke and danced to Voulez Vous.



Third Grade: Skylar Olson, Ellie Laughlin, Veronica Thames, Libby Karel, Vada Gackle, Kate Junker, Emmy McKenney, Koralynn Kleinjan, Helen Williams, Emalyn VanDeKieft, Allison Jones, Miyah Strohfus, Cady Narum. The group danced to Better When I'm Dancing and lead by Avayla and Carmyn.



Fourth and Fifth Grade: Quinn Pederson, Landis VanDam, Lillie Meidinger, Riley Hofer, Preslee Dolen, Ruby Westra, Presslee Brown, Katie Ebright, Kodee Jorgensen, Finley Anderson, Quinn Anderson, Raegyn Ockenga, Alexis Tetrick, Reagan Jensen, Trinity Strohfus, Olivia Narum, Kaylee Kettwig. The group was lead by Gracie and Kaylee and danced to Please, Don't Stop the Music.



Middle School: Chloe Crawford, Paige Stubson, Rilan Warejeka, AnnaLee Jacobs, Emma Smithback, Chiyelles Horst, Willow Feilmeier, Gwen Genzlinger, Presley Anderson. The group danced to Pon De Replay and lead by Shelbie and Maliah.



Varsity Members: Avayla Jaacks, Lexie Kapperman, Shelbie Olseth, Carmyn Peterson, Marin Rhode, Maliah Laleman, Autumn Ask, Josie Nelson, Kaylee Henderson, Gracie Williams, Qynn VanBockern, Brooke Warejeka.

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SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

41PRO25-16

Estate of Lawrence M. Meade, Sr., Deceased.

Notice is given that on the 12th day of March, 2025,

Michele A. Kochel, 2516 Leopold Way, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, and Lawrence M. Meade, Jr., of 40 Illinois Ave Unit #4, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965, were appointed by this court and qualified appointed personal representatives of the estate of Lawrence M. Meade, Sr.

The mailing address for the estate of Lawrence M. Meade, Sr. is c/o Michele A. Kochel, of 2516 Leopold Way, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claim may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representatives or may be filed with the Clerk and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representatives.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2025.  
/s/ Michele A. Kochel  
2516 Leopold Way  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

/s/ Lawrence M. Meade, Jr.  
40 Illinois Ave Unit #4  
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

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### Public Notice for Bids

LaValley Township will be accepting sealed bids to furnish, load, haul, and place up to 10,000 Tons of crushed surfacing gravel as specified in section 882.2, Table 1 of the SDDOT Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges. All bidders will be required to submit test results representative of the material to be furnished and installed. Prospective bidders shall submit sealed bids to the LaValley Township Clerk, at 27402 471st Ave.,

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Qualified providers are invited to submit bids for the delivery to roadways within Canton Township, when, where and as directed, during the year 2025. Delivery on critical roads (to be designated by the Supervisors) is to start upon road load limits being removed, and completed by May 1, 2025 (weather pending). All remaining roads to be completed by August 1, 2025: Crushed surfacing gravel,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, per SD-DOT specifications (plasticity index of 4-12), 5,000 tons, more or less. Submit by mail, email, or courier to Canton Township Clerk: Brad Dietzenbach, 48349 279th ST Canton, SD 57013, email: braddietzenbach@gmail.com, for delivery to Supervisor on or prior to March 26, 2024 (with evidence of liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage effective for the entire delivery period, and also recent product test showing compliance

Harrisburg, SD 57032. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and make awards as deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. All bids must be received by March 28, 2025.

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#### to supply gravel to

#### Canton TOWNSHIP

Qualified providers are invited to submit bids for the delivery to roadways within Canton Township, when, where and as directed, during the year 2025. Delivery on critical roads (to be designated by the Supervisors) is to start upon road load limits being removed, and completed by May 1, 2025 (weather pending). All remaining roads to be completed by August 1, 2025: Crushed surfacing gravel,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, per SD-DOT specifications (plasticity index of 4-12), 5,000 tons, more or less. Submit by mail, email, or courier to Canton Township Clerk: Brad Dietzenbach, 48349 279th ST Canton, SD 57013, email: braddietzenbach@gmail.com, for delivery to Supervisor on or prior to March 26, 2024 (with evidence of liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage effective for the entire delivery period, and also recent product test showing compliance

with specifications). Quantities are approximate, based on road conditions not yet discovered as of the date of this invitation, made pursuant to SDCL § 5-18A-5. Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, extend the deadline and allow supplemental bids, in the sole discretion of the Supervisors. Interested parties may attend the regular meeting of Supervisors to be held at the Dietzenbach residence, 48349 279th ST Canton, SD 57013, March 25, 2025 at 7 PM. In case of inclement weather, the meeting shall be postponed to April 1, 2025, at same time and place.

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

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**Ribbon Cutting**

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605.940.4691



**Harrisburg School Meeting Minutes**

**HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #41-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

The March 10, 2025, regular school board meeting at the Heritage Board Room, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Knudson. Board members present were Mike Knudson, Terra Vennard, Linda Kirchhevel, Lisa Groon, and Jay Hutton. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Graf, Director of Finance and H/R Conway, Principal Nelson, and Ellwein, Director of Student Services Conaway, Director of Academic Services Amolins, Teach and Learn Director Lape, Food Service Supervisor Beach, and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Action 152-25 Motion by Kirchhevel, seconded by Hutton, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Conflict of Interest- None; Building Projects; Board of Equalization

**ACTION ITEMS**

Action 153-25 Motion by Vennard, seconded by Hutton, to approve Consent Agenda: Claims, February Financials and February Minutes.

Motion carried 5-0

Checking 1 Fund: 10 GENERAL FUND

14-Inch Cut-Off Wheel, 10-Pack, 14 Inch Ab

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

37.99

220854 Plasma Cutter Consumables Retaini

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

24.76

36x36 Wood Frame **AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

219.88

Acoustic Guitar Strings

SCHMITT MUSIC 168.52

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR SUPPLIES**

FOX PRINT 107.26

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR TRAVEL**

IMPREST FUND TRUST &

AGENCY 90.00

**ADVENTURE HEAT**

IMPREST FUND TRUST &

AGENCY 459.53

**ADVENTURE REPAIRS & MTNCE**

G & R CONTROLLS 285.00

**ADVENTURE SUPPLIES**

SISSON PRINTING 201.85

**ADVENTURE SUPPLIES-**

**MAINTENANCE**

ACE HARDWARE 70.97

**ADVENTURE WATER & SEWER**

HARRISBURG WATER SYSTEM

511.27

LINCOLN COUNTY RURAL WATER 430.00

Afterburn Relaunch

JW PEPPER & SON, INC 65.00

Alabaster

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 10.60

Albany Slip

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 19.20

Basic Beat BBG17 17" Fish Shaped Guiro w

WEST MUSIC 339.00

Basic Beat BBS10GP 10" Green Plastic Rhy

WEST MUSIC 546.00

Black Gloss

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 12.20

Blue Gloss

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 12.20

Blue Rutile

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 17.60

Blue Splatterware

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 13.60

Brass in the Basement

JW PEPPER & SON, INC 65.00

Bright Blue Gloss

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 12.20

Bright Green Gloss

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 12.20

Broom Set for Lunch Room

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

77.97

By Night

JW PEPPER & SON, INC 97.50

Canvas

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

94.04

Cardinal Economy 3-Ring Binders, 1 inch,

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

336.84

classroom mailbox

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

149.99

**COMMUNICATION**

SIOUX VALLEY NEWS 1,067.60

**COMMUNICATION/TELEPHONE**

IMPREST FUND TRUST &

AGENCY 120.39

M I D C O N T I N E N T

COMMUNICATIONS 550.39

CONCESSIONS SUPPLIES

CASEY'S BAKERY 111.25

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING

2,522.90

COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY

300.00

PEPSI-COLA 941.10

PIZZA RANCH - TEA 803.52

Coral

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 13.60

D'Addario GH Acoustic Guitar Humidifier

SWEETWATER 27.16

Dark Green

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 17.60

Dark Green Gloss

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 12.20

DEBATE SUPPLIES

IMPREST FUND TRUST &

AGENCY 61.63

DEBATE TRAVEL

IMPREST FUND TRUST &

AGENCY 437.46

DECA TRAVEL

ACTE 170.00

Deep Firebrick

**DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY** 19.20

desk privacy divider

**AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES**

38.99

Dies Irae

JW PEPPER & SON, INC 118.00

DISTRICT GARBAGE

NOVAK SANITARY SERVICE

9,709.40

DUES AND FEES

BEST WESTERN PLUS

LAKEVIEW HOTEL 347.91

FELTMAN, CODY 65.88

DURACELL-PROCELL-PCCR2-12-

BOX BATTERY JUNCTION .COM

1,012.68

EAST MS ELECTRICITY

SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC

COOPERATIVE INC 6,055.99

EAST MS NATURAL GAS (HEAT)

MID AMERICAN ENERGY

4,795.83

EAST MS ORAL INTERP

SUPPLIES

IMPREST FUND TRUST &

AGENCY 239.99

EAST MS REPAIRS & MTNCE

G & R CONTROLS 150.00	HS GIRLS BBALL TRAVEL IMPREST FUND TRUST & AGENCY 480.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IMPREST FUND TRUST & AGENCY 1,953.75	JW PEPPER & SON, INC 60.00
ELEM TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES IMPREST FUND TRUST & AGENCY 337.10	HS NATURAL GAS (HEAT) MID AMERICAN ENERGY 8,480.90	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IMPREST FUND TRUST & AGENCY 1,140.00	The Reading Digraphs Game
Emerald Falls	HS REPAIRS & MTNCE ALBERS ELECTRIC 367.80	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES JOHNSTON, TIM 250.00	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 29.99
DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 17.60	HS SHOW CHOIR SUPPLIES ALPHAGRAPHICS 1,483.97	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES KROUZA, JESSE 70.00	The River Susan Labarr TTBB
EMS SNOW REMOVAL	HS SUPPLIES IMPREST FUND TRUST & AGENCY 279.01	PROJECT LEAD THE WAY, INC 7,200.00	JW PEPPER & SON, INC 62.00
BLACKSHEEP LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION & SOD 2,450.00	HS SUPPLIES- CUSTODIAL HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 2,523.82	SATTLER, KLAYTON 70.00	TRAVEL
XCEL ENERGY 6,396.64	HS SUPPLIES- MAINTENANCE ACE HARDWARE 38.52	SOUTH DAKOTA 811 7.35	BEST WESTERN PLUS
ENDEAVOR NATURAL GAS (HEAT)	HS WATER & SEWER HARRISBURG WATER SYSTEM 3,596.16	STRUCK, MANNY 70.00	LAKEVIEW HOTEL 750.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY 1,831.63	I Believe E print SATB JW PEPPER & SON, INC 114.00	TALCOTT, GREGG 70.00	IMPREST FUND TRUST &
ENDEAVOR REPAIRS & MTNCE G & R CONTROLS 1,192.35	I'm Going Home JW PEPPER & SON, INC 86.00	U.S. OMNI 295.00	AGENCY 36.00
OLSON'S PEST CONTROL 180.00	In Solitude JW PEPPER & SON, INC 65.00	WAGEWORKS, INC 971.25	TRAVEL
ENDEAVOR SNOW REMOVAL	JW PEPPER & SON, INC 65.00	PUBLIC INFO SUPPLIES IMPREST FUND TRUST &	KOCH, ANDREW 32.98
BLACKSHEEP LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION & SOD 1,200.00	PROPHET CORPORATION C/O GOPHER, 47.70	AGENCY 558.54	LAQUINTA BY WYNDHAM 2,278.92
ENDEAVOR SUPPLIES-CUSTODIAL INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC 2,271.45	PROPHET CORPORATION C/O GOPHER, 47.70	PYMNTS TO OTHER ED	Turquoise
ENDEAVOR SUPPLIES-MAINTENANCE ACE HARDWARE 14.99	PROPHET CORPORATION C/O GOPHER, 47.70	INSTITUTION BHSSC 700.00	DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 10.60
Entry Fee for the World Robotics Competi	PROPHET CORPORATION C/O GOPHER, 47.70	Rainbow FitPro Mighty Mesh	UG-Blue Grass
ROBOTICS EDUCATION & COMPETITION FOUNDATION INC. 3,600.00	PROPHET CORPORATION C/O GOPHER, 47.70	Pinnies Green PROPHET CORPORATION C/O GOPHER, 47.70	DAKOTA POTTER'S SUPPLY 13.48
EXPLORER ELECTRICITY SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPER			

**Harrisburg School Meeting Minutes Continued**

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**SEVERE PROFESSIONAL SVCS**  
 SUNBELT, 3,600.00  
**SEVERE SUPPLIES**  
 FAREWAY STORES INC #178  
 127.74  
**SEVERE TRAVEL**  
 DEBULTEX, LYNDSEY 317.85  
 LUDOLPH BUS, INC. 2,126.00  
**ROSENQUIST, BRAD 144.00**  
**SPED ADMIN PROFESSIONAL SVCS**  
 IMPREST FUND TRUST &  
 AGENCY 314.50  
**SOUTHEAST AREA COOPERATIVE 2,743.54**  
 Fund Total: 49,942.67  
 Checking 1 Fund: 48 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND-ELEM #8/SMS  
**BUILDINGS**  
 VISIONS CONSTRUCTION GROUP 500,000.00  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
 3F CONSULTING 2,916.67  
**AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING 758.50**  
 Fund Total: 503,675.17  
 Checking 1 Fund: 51 FOOD SERVICE FOOD PURCHASES  
 CASH WA DISTRIBUTING 3,807.92  
 COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY 480.68  
**EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY 9,038.91**  
 PAN-O-GOLD 3,244.66  
 PEPSI-COLA 3,272.85  
**PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE 75,301.91**  
**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
 VERIZON WIRELESS 42.94  
**REPAIRS & MTNCE IS RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT SERVICES 816.57**  
**SUPPLIES**  
 COLE PAPERS, INC. 7,118.69  
**GLOBAL DISTRIBUTUTING 422.15**  
**UNEARNED REVENUE**  
 BARBEE, TRISHA 24.10  
 MARTIN, HANNAH 62.40  
 Fund Total: 103,633.78  
 Financial Reports:  
 General Fund: Balance as of 2/1/25 of 7,235,826.53; Adj/transfer 0.00; local receipts of 807,973.51; co-apportionment receipts of 16,882.63; state receipts of 3,586,125.38; federal receipts of 0.00; Payroll of 4,063,659.32 and claims of 469,130.54. Balance as of 2/28/25 of 7,087,018.19.  
 Capital Outlay Fund: Balance as of 2/1/25 of 9,406,582.26; Adj/transfer 0.00; local receipts of 194,661.41; state receipts of 0.00; federal receipts of 96,238.27; other receipts of 0.00; and claims of 90,625.35. Balance as of 2/28/25 of 9,606,856.59.  
 Special Education Fund: Balance as of 2/1/25 of 3,852,676.52; Adj/transfer (20,000.00); local receipts of 137,625.56; state receipts of 331,958.00; federal receipts of 0.00; other receipts of 0.00; payroll of 1,072,168.79; and claims of 50,164.47. Balance as of 2/28/25 of 3,179,926.82.  
 Bond Redemption Funds: Balance as of 2/1/25 of 17,186,774.00; Adj/transfer 0.00; receipts of 341,497.00; federal receipts 0.00; claims of 11,059.25; Balance as of 2/28/25 of (4,517.00).  
 Capital Projects Funds: Balance as of 2/1/25 of 6,542.25; Adj/transfer 0.00; receipts of 1,915.40; federal receipts 0.00; claims of 0.00; and claims of 11,059.25; Balance as of 2/28/25 of 0.00.  
 Food Service Fund: Balance as of 2/1/25 of 1,255,223.36; Adj/transfer 0.00; contracts payable of 0.00; benefits payable of 2,405.34; unearned revenue of 119.72; revenues of 418,891.19; disbursements of 381,676.21 and balance on family accounts 668,739.21. Balance as of 02/28/25 of 1,963,702.61.  
 Enterprise Fund: Balance as of 2/1/25 of (2,000.33); revenues of

**Notice of Meeting****Notice of Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Turner, Lincoln, Clay (TLC) Water Project District will be held in the district office in Centerville at 1111 Railway Street on Tuesday April 1st, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

At that time, one (3) positions on the board of Directors shall be elected for three (3) year terms. The following Directors terms expire on April 1st, 2025.

Richard Nissen  
 Larry Overgaard  
 Michael Crist

Nominating petitions may be obtained from the TLC office via mail at 1111 Railway - Ste #2 in Centerville, SD 57014 or via email at tlcwpd@hotmail.com

All business properly concerning the District will be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

Gary Andersen, Chairman  
 TLC Water Project District

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**Notice for Bids****Public Notice for Bids**

LaValley Township will be accepting bids from qualified providers for Dust Control application on roads within and determined by LaValley Township. Prospective bidders shall submit a sealed bid quoting the rate by the gallon and by the 22 foot wide mile to the LaValley Township Clerk, at 27402 471st Ave., Harrisburg, SD 57032. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and make awards as deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. All bids must be received by March 28, 2025.

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**Notice of Application****Notice of Application for Executive Clemency**

Austin Stephens who was sentenced in Lincoln County on the 20th day of April, 2015,

to incarcerated to penitentiary two years, suspended; probation two years; revoked drivers license for one year, for the crime of Driving under the influence- 3rd, has applied to the South Dakota Board of Pardons for Paroles for a Pardon.

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**Notice of Application****Notice of Application for Executive Clemency**

Austin Stephens who was sentenced in Lincoln County on the 9th day of March, 2010,

to incarcerated to penitentiary for 18 months, suspended; fine of \$7,200; revoked drivers license for one year, for the crime of Driving under the influence- 3rd, has applied to the South Dakota Board of Pardons for Paroles for a Pardon.

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**Dayton Township Notice****Dayton Township Invitation for Competitive Sealed Bids****Spray Road Ditches**

Qualified providers are invited to submit bids to spray for weeds in Dayton Township road ditches, as directed, during the year 2025. Supervisors plan to have the ditches sprayed up to two times, weather permitting. Submit by mail, email, fax or courier to Dayton Township Clerk, 27589 480th Ave Harrisburg, SD 57032, for delivery to Clerk on or prior to 7pm on March 25th, 2025 (with evidence of liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage effective for the entire delivery period), made pursuant to SDCL § 5-18A-5. Approximately 62 road miles to be sprayed with

**Dayton Township Notice****Dayton Township Invitation for Competitive Sealed Bids****for Loading and Hauling of Gravel**

Qualified providers are invited to submit bids to load and haul gravel to Dayton Township, when, where, and as directed, during the year 2025 (delivery prior to September 1, 2025); 10,000 tons, more or less, to be loaded and hauled. Bids will be on a per TON basis (loaded and hauled where directed within Dayton Township) and need to include payloader at gravel site with a scale for loading and billing purposes. Submit by mail, email, fax or courier to Dayton Township Clerk, 27589 480th Ave Harrisburg, SD 57032, for delivery to Clerk on or prior to March 25th, 2025 at 7pm (with evidence of liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage effective for the

**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

**Notice of Audit****NOTICE OF AUDIT OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF LINCOLN COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Lincoln County, South Dakota, have been audited by the Department of Legislative Audit for the year ended December 31, 2023, and that a detailed report thereon, containing additional information, is filed with the county auditor of Lincoln County and the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota for public inspection.

The following finding and recommendation referred to in the report are hereby listed in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12.

**CURRENT AUDIT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION****Budgetary Noncompliance****Finding:**

The County incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations contrary to SDCL 7-21-25. This is the third

consecutive audit in which a similar finding was noted.

**Recommendation:**

We recommend that the County comply with SDCL 7-21-25.

**Views of responsible officials:**

To prevent funds from expending funds in excess of appropriations there will be quarterly reviews of the accounts and supplemental hearings held when the department head states that the purchase is out of budget. There has been additional training to department heads to prevent future excess of appropriations.

**RUSSELL A. OLSON, AUDITOR GENERAL  
 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

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**Notice to Creditors****NOTICE TO CREDITORS****STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
 IN CIRCUIT COURT  
 SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT****41PRO25-0000013**

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph H. Floyd, Deceased.

Notice is given that on the 21st day of February, 2025, Connie D. Donohue, whose address is 516 E. Shadow Creek Lane, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, was appointed as personal representative of the above-entitled estate. All creditors having claims against said estate are required to file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be mailed to the

/s/ Connie D. Donohue  
 Attorneys for personal representative:

Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, L.L.P.  
 Mark R. Krogstad  
 206 West 14th Street  
 Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1030  
 (605) 336-2880

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**Dayton Township Notice****DAYTON TOWNSHIP, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS****POLICIES CONCERNING USE OF DUST CONTROL CHEMICALS****AND****CONTROL OF THE ROADWAY AND RIGHT OF WAY**

Township property owners are reminded that the application of dust control chemicals (including magnesium chloride solutions) to secondary gravel roads within Dayton Township is to be undertaken at the owner's sole expense and risk. The use of such chemicals will change the characteristics of the driving surface and compaction. Potholes are more likely to occur. Owners are thus reminded that the Township reserves all right to grade and further maintain the roadway, including the overlay of gravel, even after dust control measures have been used. The Township's effort to keep a safe driving surface on all roads may counteract any dust control measures, and the Township's patrol operator is advised to use his best judgment in performing routine maintenance, and the timing of such work. Dayton Township will not be responsible for renewing or replacing any dust control measures applied by the owner or at a property owner's direction.

Township will also endeavor to maintain the full width of the road's driving surface as laid out. Only the Township has authority to erect

signs, posts and other devices within the statutory right-of-way, the only exceptions being mailbox installations placed in conformance with USPS regulations, and authorized driveways or approaches. Any items installed in violation of this policy are subject to being removed by the Township, whether with or without prior notice to the owner of the adjoining lands. Each owner shall be and remain responsible also for collection and removal of trees, brush, down wood or branches, junk, rubble and other materials from the statutory right-of-way in accord with other established policies of the Township and governing law.

**RESOLVED**, the Clerk is directed to publish notice of this resolution in the Township's legal newspapers for two consecutive weeks, including notice of the Clerk's telephone number and mailing address, this resolution being effective upon second publication in accord with SDCL § 8-2-11.

Interested persons may direct questions to Clerk Gregg Fodness, 605-261-9959, 27589 480th Ave., Harrisburg, SD 57032, or Road Supervisor Brian Rykema, 605-212-5015.

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**Dayton Township Notice****DAYTON TOWNSHIP, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,****REGARDING MODIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP ROAD DITCHES****FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES OR DRIVEWAYS/APPROACHES****ENTERING TOWNSHIP****ROADSWAYS (YEARS 2022 AND THEREAFTER)**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors, and having been ratified by the Electors 3-1-2022, and to continue each year thereafter, adopts the following policy:

The Township does not own the township roads or ditches, but has authority to control the placement of driveways or similar installations within the 66' statutory highway, or surface modifications to the profile of ditches or roadways. As part of that authority, and in an effort to control obstructions, the Township has developed and maintained written policy for a number of years regarding the removal of trees within the right-of-way, placing the ultimate financial obligation on the adjoining landowner. Some adjoining landowners have attempted to change the profile of ditches to enhance water drainage from their property. While lacking the authority to either regulate or control drainage under state law, the Township does have a vested interest in the subject, particularly so that ditches do not retain water in amounts that threaten the integrity of the roads. Ditches are borrow-pits, and are not in and of themselves legal drains except to keep the roadway structures from blocking or unreasonably impeding the natural flow of water. Under this policy, in effect since 2012, adjoining landowners or their tenants planning to modify any Dayton Township road ditch (along secondary roads) for improved drainage or driveways/approaches (entering/exiting secondary roads) must seek written approval of the Supervisors, submitting to the Clerk, on the Township's form entitled "Permit to Conduct Certain Repair, Maintenance or Other Work Within Township Road Right-of-way", with all required information in Schedules A, B and C. Approval must be sought by submitting the required information required under Approval will be given in due course upon the applicant providing a written, engineered Ditch Alteration Plan to the Clerk, with the plan assuring that the front slope ditch grade, as modified, will not exceed 3-to-1. The grade must be maintained to the low point of the ditch - no sharp cuts or trenches. If grade cannot be maintained, the applicant must install a below grade conduit or culvert (size to be identified). Resulting drainage must not accumulate in the ditch, trapped by the roadway - all costs for upgrading, upsizing or installation of CMP culverts through

the road grade will be applicant's responsibility. In all cases of grade modification, the applicant must observe one-call procedures and also assume full responsibility for damage or injury to any buried utility or other facility, including those above ground. A reasonable backslope grade must also be maintained without cuts or trenches. Any drainage work that cannot be completed within the confines of the ditch, while observing the requirements of grade as stated, must be moved onto the adjoining property. In undertaking the work, no spoil, rock, or fill is to be left in the ditch or statutory highway. When present upon the Township right-of-way, applicant's contractor must take all reasonable precautions to protect the public. All work is to be done at applicant's sole risk and expense, and subject to Township's final approval.

Applicant (one or more landowners) and applicant's contractor must provide complete information required by the described permit. Landowner must also consent to reimbursing the Township the cost of repair and materials to address settling or sl



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**AUCTIONS**  
**INTERSTATE AUCTION CENTER.** March 22, 10:00am. Spring consignment auction. Clean farm and ranch equipment. 3 miles east of SF, exit 402, Brandon, SD. Full listing: auctionzip.com, 605-331-4550



**EMPLOYMENT**  
**F T PUBLIC WORKS POSITION** with the City of Wessington Springs. CDL required or obtained. Applicant must be able to become certified in water/sewer. Excellent benefit package. Applications are available at City Hall PO Box 443 Wessington Springs, SD 57382 605-539-1691. [Cityofwessingtonsprings.com](http://Cityofwessingtonsprings.com). Application due April 7th, 2025. EOE.

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

**NOTICES**  
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## States Attorney Office Redesign Discussed

The Lincoln County Commission met Tuesday, March 11 in the Lincoln County Boardroom. With all members present, the commission heard agenda items including title transfer changes, redesigns for the State's Attorney's Office, and department head presentations.

Treasurer, Francene Hofer was present for an announcement to the board regarding the Treasurer's office stopping the process of title transfers after 4:30 p.m. starting April 1. "With the new 605 drive system we have gotten from motor vehicle, and we are now needing to balance all of our stuff at the end of the day, so I am going to stop doing title transfers and new titles at 4:30. We will still be open until 5 to do renewals and tax process," she said. With no motion needed, the commission thanked Hofer for her time.

Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot requested board discussion and possible action authorizing the chair to sign JLG Proposal for redesign. "When we were going through some of the plans, I brought it to the chair's attention, we were talking about office space for the State's Attorney's Office investigators. We are pretty much at capacity when we move out there. I have approached the chair about seeking to redesign to get more office space," he said. DeGroot is hoping to use the shell space between the State's Attorney's Office and the IT Department next to it. Chairwoman Landeen asked for public comment, Scott Montgomery stood to voice his opinion. "From my understanding, that's about 60 some odd thousand

dollars just for engineering this is that correct?" Montgomery said. Chairwoman Landeen responded it was correct. "How much are we going to spend to do it? We were led to believe that you were going to put four courtrooms and then there was going to be space for two more courtrooms, now we're going to build a State's Attorney's Office and then when it gets full of State's Attorney's, we're going to boot them out of there. Where are they going? I'm a little confused here. It sounds like we're getting a different story than what we had in the beginning, I mean, we got office space here, when they vacate this place, we're going to have three courtrooms that they can move into. Why would we not utilize those? Sure it would be nice if they were all together, but there's phones, there's computers, there's all kinds of options here. It's \$63,000 just for the engineering. I remember recently we bought a new desk, it was between \$6,000 and \$7,000 so how much money are we going to spend on this thing by the time we're done?" Montgomery asked.

With no board discussion, Otten made a motion to approve, seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried 3-2 with Arends and Putnam being the no votes. Toby Brown, Planning Director, was present to give the Planning and Zoning Department presentation. "In the 1970's the policy makers of the county, the Board of Commissioners, they adopted the County's first comprehensive plan, after that, they adopted the first zoning regulation. They also adopted the first subdivision regulation, building code, and then throughout the years they've

amended and added to those regulations, they've also adopted nuisance regulations. They also created the Planning and Zoning department for the county. The Planning and Zoning department is charged with administering and enforcing these laws that have been passed by the policy makers," Brown said. In 2025 Brown and his team will work on determining staffing needs, department capital asset needs, and coordinate county-wide capital improvements plan. Commissioner Arends asked for Brown to clarify on whether the county is running out of available commercial and industrial land. "I think that the build ready sites that are zoned commercial or industrial were lacking those spots right now," he responded. To remedy the problem, Brown hopes there will be future conversion from ag land to commercial industrial in the future. The board thanked Brown for his time.

Becky Vander Broek, Register of Deeds, was present for a department head presentation. "The Register of Deeds record and archive land records, so deeds, mortgages, plats, easements, many other types of records that go against property or possibly affect property and we also do South Dakota vital records which is birth, marriage, and death certificates, and we issue marriage licenses. We also help the public find the records they are looking for," she said. For 2025 Vander Broek is hoping to digitize microfilm and books for better images, digitize index pages, and continue to update old documents with information to easily find documents.

## Valentines at Canton Good Sam



VFW Auxiliary members Sharon Mitchell, Canton Good Samaritan Activities Director Kathy Van Kley, Lynda Johnson and Pam Gillespie visited the residents for Valentines Day to hand out hand made hearts and cards.

## Legislative Report

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District 16 Representative



District 16 Constituents: The 100th Legislative Session for the State of South Dakota has been completed.

Among some of the most debated topics was HB 1052, which would eliminate the use of eminent domain by CO2 pipeline carriers. It passed both Houses and was signed into law by Governor Rhoden. HB 1025 was the men's prison construction bill which did not have enough votes in either House to be passed by two thirds majority vote. Governor Rhoden appointed a new work force to come up with a possible solution for our correctional facility. This group will meet four times and then present any recommendations at a special session of the Legislature in July. My thought on this is not a lot of time was given to resolve all the issues that were brought forth in discussion. This is a project we need to get done correctly the first time around as it only happens once in a person's lifetime.

Unclaimed property got a lot of attention, which is monies that institutions have in a person's name but not been able to locate the rightful owner to return the money. After a certain time period, it is turned over to the State. Any of these owners can claim the money at any time as long as they can prove it is theirs. Our state has been using these monies to cover short falls in the budget. This now has become a liability to our State. South Dakota voters will see an amendment to our constitution to establish trust fund for unclaimed property at the next general election. This way, we as a state would have monies available to pay back what was used out of the unclaimed property by utilizing the interest income generated by the trust.

Another topic of much discussion was property taxes. I think there were a dozen or more bills at the beginning of session, but had only four at the end of session.

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