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Election News

There will be a Commissioners Forum on Tuesday, April 1, 6-8 p.m. at the Canton Depot in the Viking Room. Candidates for Canton City Commission are: Todd Baldwin, Pam Gillespie and Sarah Carlson.

School News

April 14- KP-1st Music Program 7 p.m. in PAC

April 24- 5-8 Band Concert 7 p.m. in PAC

April 26- Prom with Grand March at 7 p.m. in PAC

April 28- 6-8 Choir Concert 7 p.m. in PAC

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 68
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Sunny

Friday
High 78
Low 45
Sunny



Saturday
High 59
Low 33
Rain

Sunday
High 50
Low 30
Rain



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Rock of Ages Musical- Coming Soon!

Canton High School has the spring musical coming up! This year they will be performing "Rock of Ages: Teen Edition." The official synopsis reads "It's the tail end of the 1980s in Hollywood. Aqua Net, Lycra, and Heavy Metal flow freely at one of the Sunset Strip's last famed venues. Legendary rocker Stacee Jaxx prepares to take the stage for one last show with his band, Arsenal — before they show him the door. Amidst the madness, the aspiring rock star (and resident toilet cleaner) Drew longs to take the stage as the next big thing and longs for small-town girl Sherrie, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in her eyes. But the rock 'n' roll fairy tale is about to end when developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled Strip into just another capitalist strip mall. Can Drew, Sherrie and the gang save the strip — and themselves — before it's too late? Only the music of hit bands Journey, Bon Jovi, and Pat Benatar hold the answer."

Rock of Ages is a fun show with 1980's rock 'n' roll, comedy, and inside jokes for those of us

who remember that era. Thirty-five students are involved this year, including the cast and crew, working behind the scenes, as well as on stage. They are encouraged to give their own ideas on what should be on stage, to take calculated risks, and to try new things while supporting each other, which is what theater is all about, says Kristen Townsend, Musical Director. Others on the directing team include Music Director Miranda Mack, Tech Director/Lighting Designer Rachel Flynn, and Costumer Sheila Isais. CHS Graduate Kate Stahl is providing Choreography.

Seniors in the musical include Lane Halverson, Alaina Townsend, Benjamin Buitenbos, Tyler Lease, Samantha Gubbels, and Lexie Kapperman. Audiences will remember Lane Halverson, playing Drew, from Shrek (2024), appearing as one of the three little pigs and Fiona's Father. Alaina Townsend, playing Sherrie, has appeared as Fiona in Shrek (2024) and Sophie in Mama Mia (2023). Ben Buitenbos, playing Stacee Jaxx, appeared as



Lord Farquad in Shrek (2024) and past ensemble roles in Mama Mia (2023) and Beauty and the Beast (2022). Samantha Gubbels, playing Mother/Waitress #1, appeared in the Blind Mice/Tap Rats/Duloc Dancers in Shrek (2024) and in other dance and ensemble roles in Mama Mia and (2023) and Beauty and the Beast (2022), and Lexie Kapperman, playing a Protestor/Venus A-Go-Go Dancer, and ensemble in Mama Mia (2023).

Every year the theater department chooses productions that fit a few specific criteria; ensemble shows that allow every student interested to participate, shows that will fit the current seniors' skill sets so they will have a place to shine, and productions with available rights and scale fitting Canton's abilities.

Director Townsend loves the team aspect of musicals and what that can teach students. Every working part of a production takes teamwork and willingness to grow. Everyone must be flexible and constantly adjusting. That can be tense, it can be funny, it can be exhausting. All those parts mean cast, crew, and



Lawrence Elementary Receives Deinema Grant



The \$2,243 grant awarded to the Lawrence Elementary School will contribute towards the cost of purchasing new rectangular-shaped tables and stackable chairs for use in the Lawrence Elementary library.

Photo: Back Row Emily Souvignier, Lawrence Elementary library (L), accepts the grant award check from Edith Nelson (R), Jim & Caroline Deinema Canton Community Foundation Advisory Board member; students pictured that joined in on the check presentation are (L to R) Cooper Fossum, Marne DeGeest, Paisley Fodness, Cooper Kreun, Afton Lokken, Ella Dixon, and Nevaeh Steckelberg

Canton Chamber Holds Two Ribbon Cuttings



M.I. Nuts held a ribbon cutting last Wednesday located at 102 West 5th Street. Lunch is served Monday through Friday with specials each day. Fresh roasted pecans, almonds, peanuts and cashews are available every day. Other items available are popcorn, fudge, cotton candy, Italian soda, coffee and any other special ideas that Michelle comes up with.

Pool tables, foosball, darts and music box are set up in the big room for a soon to open area for responsible kids to mingle and play. Tables are also set up for people to sit and enjoy their lunch at during the day.



Barb Fossum had a ribbon cutting at her new office space located at 625 East 5th Street, Suite A. She has been a part of Hegg Realty but just opened her own office space in Canton. She can be reached at 605-212-3625, email Barb@hegg.com or visit her website Barb.hegg.com.



Make America Healthy and Patriotic Again

BIG Update

China's vaping sector is estimated to be worth \$28 billion, but the sale of electronic cigarette devices is banned within its own borders. Thus, China makes a great effort distributing them in America, evading shipping regulations and customs enforcement to do so. If these products are not safe for their own citizens, I question their efforts to smuggle and sell them into the United States.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved only 34 electronic cigarette devices, but nearly 9,000 types are sold in the U.S. – the overwhelming majority of which are made in China. We're aware of the health risks of vaping and smoking, particularly for youth, but there is an added risk of these illegal products from China that haven't been approved by the FDA – consumers and regulators have no clue what is in these vapes.

I sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, Attorney General Pam Bondi, and Acting FDA Commissioner Sara Brenner to bring attention to this issue and ask them to work together to address this concern. The Trump Administration is uniquely positioned to take a strong stance against this illicit activity and curb the flow of these illegal products – protecting Americans' health and safety.

BIG Idea

Nearly five years ago, President Trump stood beneath Mount Rushmore and announced his plans to establish a National Garden of Heroes to honor those

who have had an impact on our nation. The President recently reaffirmed his goal in an executive order planning the celebration of America's 250th birthday. The Lien family, a patriotic family in South Dakota, has offered to donate 40 acres of their land near Mount Rushmore to be the future site of this statuary garden.

For the last two months, I've been working with the Lien family, the White House, and Secretary Burgum to get the Garden of Heroes built in the beautiful Black Hills. I'm looking forward to working with the governor and our congressional delegation to make this happen!

BIG News

This week, I introduced legislation to prohibit the 340B drug program from being used by health care facilities to fund transgender surgeries and hormone replacement therapy. The No 340B Savings for Transgender Care Act has the support of Riley Gaines, an outspoken advocate on transgender males competing in women's sports.

I am and will continue to be a strong supporter of the 340B program. This program allows safety-net providers to serve the health care needs of low-income and rural communities. But the program must not be abused by subsidizing gender altering surgeries when our nation faces significant health crises. My bill will ensure these dollars are used where needed most to keep the program sustainable and as effective as possible to help those in need.

Eating Healthier Foods Can Reduce Your Risk for Alzheimer's

March is National Nutrition Month

SIOUX FALLS, March 17, 2025 – It is never too early or too late to take charge of your brain health. Growing evidence shows that modifying certain risk factors and promoting healthy behaviors can reduce your risk for Alzheimer's and other dementia by up to 40%. "March is National Nutrition Month, so what better time to take a look at our eating habits and see if there are changes we can make to reduce our risk," said Leslie Morrow, State Executive Director of the South Dakota Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Nourish your body with healthier snacks and meals that you enjoy. Some simple changes you can make today include loading up on:

- Vegetables
- Leaner meats and proteins
- Foods that are less processed and lower in fat

Eating right is just one way you can reduce your risk for cognitive decline. Maintaining a healthy weight, managing diabetes and high blood pressure are also important. Get more healthy habits for your brain at alz.org/healthyhabits.

About the Alzheimer's Association: The Alzheimer's Association is the leading health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Its mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Its vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Free care and support programs are available including care consultations, support groups, a 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 and resources at alz.org.

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MEMORY LANE

2015

Two Canton Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters were recently honored for their hard work and dedication on the department.

Pat Simpson was awarded the 2014 Outstanding Firefighter of the Year Award from within the Department. Fire Chief Brian Severson was awarded the VFW Firefighter of the Year Award.

The Canton C-Hawk track teams traveled to Vermillion on Saturday for the first meet of the season in the Dakota Dome. The boys placed in 2 events and the girls placed in 11 events and also placed 6 in the triple jump with 6 girls placing in top 7 spots.

2000

A new fire hall was the major topic for discussion at the Canton City Commission Meeting.

Kyle King was named to the second All-Conference Team in the boys basketball. Ashley Anderson was named to the All-Conference volleyball team. Receiving honorable mentions were Andy

Siebenborn, basketball, John Suter in wrestling, Kristin Carlson and Katie Opland in volleyball.

1975

Friday was the first day of spring. Saturday persons in the Canton area could be viewed out raking their lawns and preparing for the greening of lawns around town.

People could be heard talking about planting their potatoes on Good Friday. What Happened? Mother Nature decided that we just hadn't had enough of Old Mr. Winter. Sunday it started with rain and wind. The weatherman reports that we had .91 inches of moisture during Sunday and Monday. By Sunday the snow had started with freezing rain and hail at first. Thunder and lightning could be heard. It sounded like a good old fashion spring thunderstorm.

Monday morning it looked quite a bit different. Winds clocked as high as 50 miles an hour

were beating a path across South Dakota, leaving snow piled as high as six to ten feet in the northern part

1925

A contract has been closed whereby the building known as the Hieborn Block will be completely remodeled, both exterior and interior. Four new fronts will be put on, the Corner Drug and Barber Shop on the north and City Bakery and former lunch room fronts on the west. The entire upstairs will be modernized and will be used for office rooms, which will not be as large as the present ones but more convenient.

1885

Mark Randall will soon have a stock of carriages which his brother is going to put in here for sale. He also sells the famous Eclipse windmills and scales, manufactured by Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

THOMAS RANCH

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HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

Born in New York City in 1919, the late Pete Seeger published a very interesting book in 1972 using short pieces he'd written for Sing Out magazine, other journals and letters he'd sent to family and friends. He called it "The Incomplete Folksinger."

Pete wrote in the introduction "This book has no story line. It has no plot. If you are one of the several millions who recently bought a guitar, or fell in love with some kind of homemade music, you may be able to glean a little useful information here, but don't feel you have to slog through it all. Leaf through lightly; settle on some part that interests you; use the index to locate paragraphs on specific subjects." That's what I'll be doing for this week's column, focusing on what Pete had to say about his good friend Woody Guthrie, one of America's finest and most prolific songwriters ever to pick up a guitar and say what was on his mind.

So, welcome to spring and the last full week of March. We just went through one of the mildest winters that I can remember with hardly any snow. I hope spring brings us some good all day rain showers because we certainly need the moisture. As I'm writing this they are forecasting blizzard conditions for parts of northeast Nebraska and northwest Iowa but it looks like it will miss the Canton area. Happy reading and I hope you all have your mowers gassed up and ready to go because I've seen some grass greening up.

Pete Seeger on Woody Guthrie

from Pete's book "The Incomplete Folksinger"

originally published by Simon and Schuster in 1972

Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, one of the great folk song ballad makers of the century, wrote more than a thousand songs between 1932 and 1952. Some may never be worth singing. Others may stand the test of time and become world classics.

Born in 1912 in Okemah, Oklahoma, Woody spent his childhood in an oil-boom town. In 1935 he drifted to California along with thousands of other Okies forced by dust storms and depression woes to leave their homes. He made his living in saloons occasionally fly-by-night radio programs and later for union meetings, parties, political rallies, dance and theater groups and the Library of Congress Folksong Archives. He made dozens of restless trips across the USA, had three marriages and many children (including Arlo).

Woody has described his musical education pretty well. The lonesome ballads sung by his mother, the honky-tonk blues, and the wild hollers that he heard from his father and the other men in town. He picked up his style of guitar playing off of recordings by the Carter family who were popular around 1931 when Woody was 18. He also learned some of his favorite songs directly from their recordings. Another favorite was Jimmie Rodgers, "the yodeling brakeman."

After he had gone to California he was singing for a dollar a day in a Los Angeles radio station when he met Will Geer, the actor, who was doing benefits to raise money for migratory labor camps. Woody came along and dived into the struggle. Will sent me a copy of Wood's mimeographed songbook "On a Slow Moving Train Through California" and told me I sure ought to meet Woody when he came to New York.

I did meet him in March of 1940 at a midnight folksong session held on a stage of a Broadway theater. Will Geer was the MC of the show. Burl Ives was on it, also Leadbelly, Josh White, and there was Woody. A little, short fellow with a western hat and boots, in blue jeans and needing a shave, spinning out stories and singing songs that he had made up himself. His manner was laconic, offhand, as though he didn't much care if the audience was listening or not. I just naturally wanted to learn more about him. I became a friend of his, and he was a big piece of my education.

In 1942 Woody was asked to write an article for a little magazine called Common Ground. The article was called "Ear Music" and was a beautiful piece of Woody's genius. It was so well received that a number of people suggested that Woody should write a book. And before we knew it, he'd started work on "Bound for Glory."

During World War II I went into the Army and Woody went into the Merchant Marines. In 1952, at a party in California, I heard him sing for the last time. He'd come out west again, hoping to start a new life, not realizing that his occasional dizzy spells were soon going to get worse and end his career. Later that year when he went to the hospital with a wasting illness, Huntington's Disease, young people with their guitars and banjos were already singing his songs and making them famous around the world.

One of the most unusual evenings of folk music that I ever participated in was a program of songs by Woody Guthrie, called "Bound for Glory," put on in New York City in 1957. There was plenty of variety. The voices that sang Woody's songs ranged from Ed McCurdy's rich baritone to the Kossoy Sisters' sweet harmonizing, solos, duets, Earl Robinson's Children Chorus, myself and audience participation. Some children even did pantomime dances to "Songs to Grow On" which Woody had written for his daughter Kathy.

One ingredient this premiere show had which no other could duplicate was the ending that almost proved too melodramatic. It couldn't have been planned. The show was over, the performers were taking bows, when the spotlight shifted to the balcony where sat Woody himself. He'd been let out of the hospital for the occasion. Earl Robinson then whispered in my ear "Sing the last chorus over again." The whole crowd of over one thousand joined in, mostly teenagers who had never seen Woody Guthrie before, stood up and sang his song to him, as though to tell him they would carry his music across the land. Tears were in the eyes of many old-timers as they listened to the strong, young voices....

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Canton Library News

Tracey Zylstra, Librarian

Have you stopped in to view our new display of how the current library came to be? It deftly portrays the diligence and hard work of the many community members who believed in and worked for the need for a handicapped-accessible public library. It is a fascinating story and the gratitude we owe these fine citizens is evident here every day. We encourage you all to stop by the Library and see how their vision is alive and well, every day.

ADULT FICTION

Deadly Betrayal by James Clay (LP). Range Detective Rance Dehner is called to save his friend who has been accused of murder. The real killer and Dehner have a deadly history, and now that enemy is looking for revenge.

Becoming Madam Secretary by Stephanie Dray (LP). The story of Frances Perkins and Franklin Delano Roosevelt and their tenacious but successful relationship to save our nation.

Love, Unscripted by Denise Hunter (LP). A romance novel is being made into a movie, and Chloe Anderson is determined to keep the movie true to the book. She

is appalled that Liam Hamilton, Hollywood playboy, has been cast as the lead, and agrees to be his "girlfriend" during production so she can have a hand in the outcome of the movie.

Knife Skills for Beginners by Orland Murrin (LP). A murder at a cooking school finds Chef Paul Delamare in the hot seat. Can he find the killer and avoid being the next victim?

Haunting License by Carol Perry. Maureen's Haven House is feeling a lag in income, and she decides to revive a fishing tournament to draw in renters. When she finds a dead body on the beach, she and her ghosts must find the killer before she becomes fish bait, too.

Where Butterflies Wander by Susanne Redfearn (LP). A grieving mother is looking for a fresh start for her family on her grandfather's estate. A tenant currently living on the property causes tension for the family, but fate steps in and all lives are changed forever.

Love From Afar by Penny Zeller. Best friends Tillie and Lula play matchmakers for their older siblings.



March 26

James Rock, Chuck Mathison, Justin Knutson, Joshua Gerdes

March 27

Darin Epling, Paul Iverson, Josh Van Engen

March 28

JaLanni Poppenga, Steve Hammond, Anthony Roberts, Tanya Veldkamp, Ashley Ambur, Steven E. Williams, Ron Stengel

March 29

Margaret Devick, Patrick Lyle, Dorothy VanBockern

March 30

Tom Rhead, Kristin Rath, Amy Ekle, Alex McCann, Carla Raymon, Kathy Hardie, Judy Hanson, Braxton Kurtz, Galen Jansen

March 31

Ryan Miller, Josh Buer Dan Heinemann, Caleb Ekle, Willy Williams

April 2

Jason Elrod, Crixus Griese

Writers and Writing

By Michael Tidemann

Atlas Delves Deeply Into Iowa History

At the risk of seeming Iowa-centric (okay, I am), I must admit that *Atlas of Iowa*, recently published by University of Iowa Press, presents details I had never considered about my adopted state.

Authors Robert C. Shepard, Patrick Bitterman, J. Clark Archer and Fred M. Shelley have compiled a highly detailed and fascinating picture of the state of Iowa. Lavishly illustrated with graphs and supported by historical statistics, this is a book that should be on the desk of anyone who writes about or who wants to know more about Iowa. And if you don't live in Iowa?

Well, the book is a great invitation to others to come visit and see for themselves.

The authors begin with a natural history of the state that makes us want to learn more. They also tell how settlers created the landscape that later fed the world.

"A natural prairie, savanna, and woodland landscape that nature had molded over the course of about 12,000 years since glaciers last



receded was almost entirely plowed into cropland and converted into pasture in less than one century."

Leading the nation in corn and pork production and home to the internationally famous RAGBRAI,

"the largest, longest, and oldest recreational cycling event in the world," and the famed Iowa Writer's Workshop, the authors shatter the image of Iowa being part of "flyover country."

Instead, the state plays an integral role in everything from agriculture to manufacturing to politics.

However, the authors remove their rose-colored glasses to peer deeply into the impact of mechanized

agriculture on rural Iowa. Ironically, the more productive farmers have become, the sparser we find the country landscape.

"The population of most of Iowa's rural counties continued to decline throughout the twentieth century, mirroring a larger national trend associated with the mechanization of American agriculture and the consolidation of farmland. A plurality of Iowa counties, and the state's rural counties in particular, reached their maximum population between 1900 and 1920. These counties have been experiencing population decline ever since."

As I drive past former local towns such as Gridley, Seneca and Halfa, I dwell upon the authors' observations. It's a similar pattern that has impacted the entire Upper Midwest.

At the same time, when I see huge growth in the Des Moines and Iowa City areas, I can take pride in what Iowa has become. It's a great state, a great place to visit and an even better place to live.

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State of South Dakota
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Whereas, we salute our brave Vietnam Veterans who have served our nation and defended liberty. We embrace our responsibility to help Vietnam Veterans and their families heal from the heavy toll of war; and,

Whereas, we remember the more than 58,000 men and women whose names are memorialized on a black granite wall in our nation's capital for having borne the heaviest cost of war; and,

Whereas, more than 27,000 South Dakotans served valiantly under difficult circumstances during the Vietnam era, and at least 192 made the ultimate sacrifice; and,

Whereas, we also pay tribute to all the brave patriots who suffered as prisoners of war, and we stand steadfast in our commitment not to rest until we account for the heroes who have not yet returned to American soil; and,

Whereas, the Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, races, and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission; and,

Whereas, it is a story of Americans from every corner of our nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved; and,

Whereas, it is a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day, to preserve the liberties we hold dear:

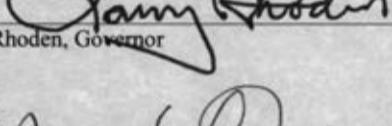
Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2025, as

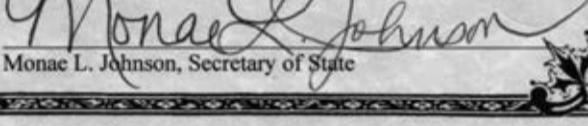
WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.


Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State

Governor Rhoden Proclaims Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

PIERRE, S.D. — Governor Larry Rhoden, in coordination with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, is proclaiming Saturday, March 29, 2025, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day."

The Governor and the Department are calling on all South Dakotans to recognize the courage, service, and sacrifice of the men and women who served during the Vietnam War. By giving so much, they remind us that democracy is worth defending.

More than 27,000 South Dakotans were called upon to stand up and fight. Of those, 192 South Dakotans made the ultimate sacrifice. Through the establishment of an annual Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, South Dakotans can express their appreciation and honor the men and women who served during the Vietnam War by thanking them for their selflessness, devotion, and bravery.

"We are honored to recognize and express our deepest gratitude to the courageous men and women who served in the Vietnam War," said Jeremiah Schneider, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Their sacrifice, bravery, and unwavering commitment to our nation often went unacknowledged for far too long. Let us thank them for their service and honor their legacy. Their strength and resilience have paved the way for future generations, and we are forever grateful for their sacrifices in the name of freedom and duty."

Financial Focus Don't lose track of financial accounts

Consider this: About 1 in 7 people has unclaimed cash or property, totaling billions of dollars, according to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. How can you avoid losing track of valuable financial assets?

For starters, keep good records of your 401(k) and IRA accounts. And report a change of address and name changes to financial services providers and former employers. Also, try not to maintain multiple accounts in scattered locations.

But what can you do if you suspect you've already left some money behind?

If you think you've lost tabs on an IRA, you can check old tax returns and bank statements to help track your contributions and find your previous financial provider. If it's a 401(k), you can contact your old employer's plan administrator.

Recognizing the Sacrifice and Contributions of Those who Served in Vietnam

March 29th marks Vietnam War Veterans Day, a day to reflect on the sacrifices and service of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War. Many of these veterans returned home to a country that was divided in its support for the war, and in some cases, they were met with hostility rather than the gratitude they deserved. This day is an opportunity not only to honor their bravery and commitment but also to offer a long-overdue welcome home.

While we can never fully understand the challenges faced by those who fought during the Vietnam War, we can come together to recognize their contributions, acknowledge their struggles, and ensure they know they are respected, valued, and finally, home. It's a moment to heal old wounds and remind them that their service matters.

Those who fought in Vietnam are part of us, part of our history. They reflected the best in us. No number of wreaths, no amount of music and memorializing will ever do them justice; but it is good for us that we honor them and their sacrifice.

Vietnam Veterans fought for freedom in a place where liberty was in danger. Many sacrificed their lives in the name of duty, honor, and country. All were patriots who lit the world with their fidelity and courage. They kept the faith. They fought on, sustained by one another and deaf to the voices of those who didn't comprehend. They performed with a steadfastness and valor that veterans of other wars salute, and

they are forever true patriots. They our heroes, and we must never forget them.

The South Dakota Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Pierre stands as a testament to those who sacrificed their lives, as well as to the soldiers who returned home. The memorial includes a soldier with his jungle pack slung low, his rifle and K-bar at the ready. Behind him, the wall lists the names of the fallen. This memorial serves as a reminder that these heroes are part of our shared history.

Let us never underestimate what service can mean. It lifts up others. It enriches our lives, and it makes us a part of a proud American story, part of the solemn duty that has moved so many patriots across the generations: to leave this country better than they found it.

To all our veterans: By lending your talents to the United States military, you made us stronger and smarter. By serving with courage and compassion, you set an example for the next generation. And by giving so much, you reminded us that this democracy is worth defending.

That devotion gives life to the ironclad commitments that we make to the American people that we will always protect and defend this country.

Thank you, to all our veterans, for answering your country's call.

Greg Whitlock, Secretary
South Dakota Department of
Veterans Affairs

OFF The Road With Jerry



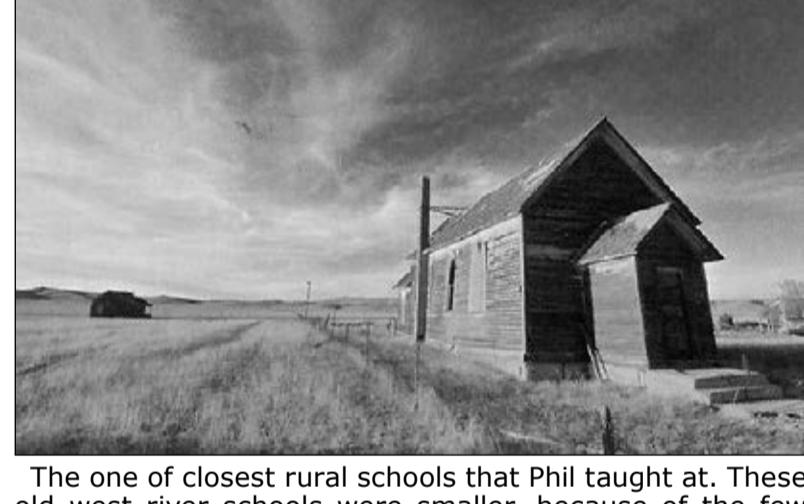
This is Capa S.Dak in Standley County located along the Bad River. By now days it probably is a real ghost town, but these old pictures show the town when it had one last resident, named Phil O'Conner. Phil lived many years alone in the 70 acre spread of a once thriving town. Phil taught rural schools for 20 years before his retirement.



This was the former downtown street and road going thru town from southwest to northeast towards Fort Pierre. The name Capa is a Lakota word for beaver. Probably the early fur hunters found plenty of them in the Bad River. The town was started around 1906, starting with 70 residents. There was a newspaper called the "Hustler", two churches and several general stores etc., a rail road line even ran through here back then.



This was once Capa Hotel. This area had hot water in the ground, like many Western S.Dak towns also have. But here a spa was built and the town grew to 300 residents. Guests arrived from all over to seek pain relief by spending a few days in the Luxury Hotel pool.



The one of closest rural schools that Phil taught at. These old west river schools were smaller, because of the few people scattered all over the county. Schools like this could have distance of several miles around for the students to travel. It was a lonely life out here, especially in a bad winter.

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Canton High School**3rd Quarter Honor Roll**

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High Honors**12th Grade**

Zachary Bartels, Tegan Brown, Madsen Burmeister, Krista Fitzmaurice, Madalyn Glenn, Teague Granum, Samantha Gubbels, Devon Hoefakker, Avayla Jaacks, Ellery Jansen, Carson Metzger, Brynn Oakland, Brinley Pals, Carmyn Peterson, Macy Plucker, Chance Riley, Hunter Sehr, Jenna Vande Weerd, Corbin Winquist, Zachariah Woods, Ethan Young, Heath Zomer

11th Grade

Autumn Ask, Trace Bauer, Abigail Dose, Jeremy Eich, Callianna Halverson, Kaylee Henderson, Taylor Kroger, Allegra Machmuller, Alex Rhead, Brooklyn Wiebe

10th Grade

Kara Dose, Aliza Erie, Anna Folkens, Conner Giedd, Jase Kroger, Anthony Otten, Carson Patch, Tucker Rhead, Slayton Swenson, Wyatt Tuntland, Kambree Wentz

9th Grade

Bentley Aasheim, Espn Anderson, Naomi Brower, Joseph Buitenbos, Jase Charrlin, Brady DeBruin, Kathleen Devitt, Jasher Dixon, Kara Dose, Kiley Dose, Hannah Fong, Chanel Godlevsky, Berkley Jarman, Eliana Kilmer, Finley Kroger, Francine Reyes, Jordan Rhead, Jayla Risty, Lilyanna Smith, Brooke Warejeka

Honors**12th Grade**

Cameron Anderson, Isabelle Baldwin, Justice Bauer, Benjamin Buitenbos, Garrett Devitt, Lane Halverson, Kaelyn Hodgdon, Rylan Larson, Tyler Lease, Rylan Larson, Tyler Lease, Janice Lindner, Adyson Nygaard, Shelbie Olseth, Jerihia Pullins, Hunter Richmond, Tyler Rozeboom, Aaron Sorum, Mason Tetrick, Alaina Townsend, Jordan VanDeStroet, Cameron Winter

11th Grade

John Anderson, Alexander Arroyos, Quintin Bakke, Nathaniel Bryson, Skyler Dethleusay, Adrianna Devlin, Colin Gustad, Haven Isaacs, Tier Jones, Clare Kappeman, Braxton Kurtz, Maliah Laleman, Erin Legg, Brynn Mulder, Josie Nelson, Marin Rhode, Feonix Schoeberl, Westin Stansbury, Carson Steffensen, Gunnar Swenson, Allison Vande Verte, Gracie Williams, Nyaliel Yuen

10th Grade

Amelia Anderson, Ezekiel Ancell, Emma Bockelman, Nathan Burmeister, Aubrey Deurmier, Norah Devitt, Landon Dominis, Stevie Falk, Jaden Kohrt-Folkens, Jersey Kohrt-Folkens, Hunter Hamre, Miley Hoekstra, Wyatt Jacobs, Xander Jensen, Alyssa McCracken, Sheveigh Mortimer, Jazmine Oliver, Aiden Ostrom, Trever Petterson, Lakynn Qualseth, Rylan Richardson, Aiden Schrempp, Shane Sehr, Camryn Skiles, Aiden Smithback, Keyvin Strand, Gracie Turbes, Ethan Vaksdal, Jayla York

9th Grade

Cierra Ancell, Clair Baumann, Noah Beatty, Kayden Chaulk, Brooke DeBruin, Marlee Doherty, Alexander Feilmeier, Hunter Fincher, Vernon Gebers, Noah Gustafson, Landon Hill, Sage Hill, Logan Jensen, Emery Lems, Salvador Mancilla, Theo Meister, Bailey Mulder, Wyatt Mullinx, Damion Myburg, Braelyn Nelson, Camdyn Ockenga, Nayeli Ortega Villeda, Charles Page, Audrina Pals, Alyssa Richmond, Caileigh Schwebach, Josie Skiles, Ava Sletten, Caleb Sorum, Cayrli Stearns, Ryder Thompson, Bode Walker, Luke Wallace

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CANTON HIGH SCHOOL**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT***Class of 2025*

SAMANTHA GUBBELS

Samantha Gubbels is the daughter of Jennifer and Michael and has two siblings Amelia and Cora. She has been involved in NHS, Tri-M, band, student council, musical, volleyball, HOSA, One Act Play and Girls basketball manager in high school and youth group and Z8 outside of school. She has received the Student of the Week Award.

Samantha's favorite season is winter, her favorite movie is 'Meet the Parents', green is her favorite color and her favorite song is "Goodbye Yesterday." Her most memorable moment of high school was when the volleyball team beat Sioux Falls Christian in a tournament.

The most influential person in her life is her grandma "She has such a big light inside of her. Talking to her is so easy and she can take any bad situation and turn it into a good one."

Mrs. Nelson has made a difference for her "She has always been someone I can come to when I need help."

After graduation Samantha plans to go to Augustana University for Psychology and Spanish. Her advice for underclassmen "Don't worry so much and just enjoy the ride."

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT***Class of 2025*

TYLER LEASE

Tyler Lease is the son of Kyle and Katie. He has been involved in football, wrestling, FFA, musical, FCA, trap shooting, choir and Hawkapella in school and youth group and Z8 outside of school.

Tyler has received the following honors and awards; Academic All American (wrestling), high honor roll/honor roll and Academic All State (football). His favorite movie is Talladega nights, blue is his favorite color, his favorite song is "Everything I am" by Kanye West, steak is his favorite food, winter is his favorite season and his favorite animal is raccoon. His most memorable moment of high school was 7th period study hall his junior year "if you know, you know."

His friends are the most influential people in his life "They are always there for me and they are the people I usually have the most fun with." His Spanish teacher has made a difference for him "She is just super nice and I usually hang out in her room after school."

After graduation Tyler plans to go to Iowa State University to study aerospace engineering. His advice for underclassmen "Don't procrastinate, just do your stuff. (also don't take AP Physics)"

SANFORD**Canton-Inwood****Registration Now Open for \$20,000 Lesson Learned Teen Safe Driving Campaign**

Pierre, S.D. — South Dakota high school students now have the opportunity to participate in the Lesson Learned teen safe driving campaign, where they can win \$10,000 for themselves and another \$10,000 for a school-sponsored activity or program of their choice.

Now in its ninth year, the Lesson Learned campaign plays a crucial role in educating young drivers about the importance of safe driving habits, helping to prevent crashes and save lives. Sponsored by the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety and the South Dakota Broadcasters Association, the campaign rewards participants while promoting safe driving skills.

The entry period is open now through April 30, 2025. Eligible students, ages 14 to 19, can enter by completing a few questions about safe driving at <https://drivesafesd.com/lesson-learned>.

Each completed quiz earns an entry into the drawing, and the

website also tracks participation rates for South Dakota schools.

The \$20,000 cash award helps capture teens' attention, encouraging them to reflect on the real-life impact of distracted, impaired, or reckless driving. Last year's winner, Kasen Bender, a freshman at Watertown High School, received the \$10,000 prize and chose the school's soccer program as the recipient of a matching \$10,000 award. By participating in Lesson Learned, teens gain valuable knowledge that not only protects themselves but also promotes safer roads for their friends, families, and communities.

The Office of Highway Safety is an agency of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, and remains committed to promoting traffic safety and reducing crashes across the state.

For full contest details and official rules, visit LessonLearnedSD.com.

PIERRE (SD) — April 15, 2025 is the deadline to apply for a South Dakota Retailers Association scholarship. Scholarships start at \$2,000, and support individuals studying for careers in retail, hospitality, business, or trades. Students who will be enrolled in post-secondary schooling during the fall of 2025 and meet other eligibility criteria may apply.

The South Dakota Retailers Association scholarship program has been a pivotal stepping-stone for aspiring entrepreneurs, managers, and employees since its 1992 inception.

In 2024, the association awarded funds to five students in amounts ranging from \$2,750 to \$3,700. Over the program's lifetime, more than a quarter of a million dollars has been awarded to 280 recipients.

"We know there are many talented people who have an entrepreneurial

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spirit or who plan to work in a business," said South Dakota Retailers Executive Director Nathan Sanderson. "Our scholarship program can help launch them on their career path. Investing just a few minutes of time applying for our scholarship could result in an award of \$2,000 or more."

If you know a hard-working student in South Dakota who could use a hand reaching their goals, the South Dakota Retailers Association wants to help them succeed!

Visit sdra.org/scholarships to download the application and view the full eligibility guidelines. Applications are also available at financial aids of most South Dakota universities, technical colleges and training schools. Call (605) 224-5050 or email info@sdra.org for more information. Submission deadline is Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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Area Communities Celebrated with Regional Economic Development Awards

SIOUX FALLS — The City of Crooks, ISG, Inc. (I&S Group), along with Jeffery Tanner of the Canton Economic Development Corporation were honored with a Partners in Progress Award at Sioux Metro Growth Alliance's (SMGA) annual meeting Wednesday evening. At the organization's annual meeting, SMGA recognizes the accomplishments of businesses, individuals in the Sioux Metro, and communities from the year prior. Award categories include Business Partner of the Year, Community of the Year, and Regional Economic Development Champion.

Honored for Community of the Year in the Sioux Metro was the City of Crooks. This award is granted to an SMGA member community that has demonstrated successful new ideas in community development or who achieves a community goal through partnership and community effort.

"They've got strong leaders starting with Mayor Butch then you have your city administrator Tobias Schantz—I've always enjoyed working with the both of them" said Eric Pauli of Xcel Energy. "They're always looking forward to what they can bring to the community in Crooks that will help both the businesses and the residents grow."



support for community development through recent or cumulative past service to economic development and community enhancement.

"Jeff is that person that just keeps following up, he keeps working with those prospects and we've landed some good businesses in Canton because of it," said Jon Frick, board member for CEDC.

Canton Mayor Sandi Lundstrom went on to say, "Our industrial park was stagnant. Since Jeff has been here we've added three new businesses and we are almost out of land already, so we're looking into

collective impact on the region meaningful."

During their annual meeting Wednesday, SMGA also welcomed new board member Jeff Eckhoff of Sioux Falls. Eckhoff is a familiar face to those who work in economic development, having previously led SMGA's predecessor organizations MCEDA and LCEDA and who currently leads the Planning and Development Services office for the City of Sioux Falls. Eckhoff is replacing outgoing board member Heather Kranz (CEO of TrioTel Communications) of Salem, SD.



This year's Business Partner of the Year award was presented to ISG, Inc. This award is awarded to a company, enterprise, or entrepreneur doing business in the SMGA region that has shown outstanding community development support or regional economic development partnership activity during the preceding year.

ISG, Inc. has been a major provider of engineering and architectural services for over 50 years and has been serving the region since 2018. Their nationwide footprint has not stopped the ISG staff from being trusted leaders in the region.

Mayor Arden Jones of Hartford, South Dakota says, "From my standpoint as Mayor, I need someone who is willing to come to the table and say 'hey, have you thought about this?' rather than just going along with whatever I am saying."

The final award of the evening was awarded to Jeffery Tanner, Executive Director of the Canton Economic Development Corporation (CEDC). For his work in 2024, Tanner was recognized with SMGA's Regional Economic Development Champion award. This award goes to an individual living in or working in the region that has shown active

expanding our industrial park now."

Over 140 attendees, made up primarily of community and business leaders from across the region, were greeted by South Dakota Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen.

"Sioux Falls is a great city and a great place for me and my family to call home," said Lt. Governor Venhuizen. "South Dakota's economic strength would not be possible without all the growth that Sioux Falls and the surrounding area have achieved in recent years. The Sioux Metro Growth Alliance is focused on keeping the metro area growing and thriving, and I was honored to join them today."

SMGA President & CEO, Tyler Tordsen, presented the awards at the organization's annual meeting and award banquet following the Lt. Governor's remarks.

"We're fortunate to live in a state and region where the communities, the businesses, and the people are looking out for each other and working on growing the region with future generations in mind," said Tordsen. "All of us at SMGA continue to be proud of our members, partners, and volunteers who make the work we do special and our

SMGA also elected new officers for the 2025-2026 term:

- Chair of the Board – Mike Jaspers – East River Electric
- Vice Chair – Marcus Mahlen – NAI Sioux Falls
- Secretary/Treasurer – Dean Karsky – Minnehaha County Commission
- Past Chair – Sharese Ihnen – Hegg Realtors

For more information on SMGA or to read their 2024 annual report visit siouxmetro.com.

About Sioux Metro Growth Alliance

The Sioux Metro Growth Alliance is a non-profit economic development organization that improves the economy and advocates for business development and greater quality of life across the greater Sioux Falls Metro Region. Formed in 2021 as a merger between the Lincoln and Minnehaha County Economic Development Associations, the SMGA serves sixteen member communities, four counties, and a variety of partners from across the Sioux Metro to help create vibrant communities which provide rewarding places to live, work, play and to raise a family.



Elect Pam Gillespie

CITY COMMISSION

I would appreciate your vote in the city election
on April 8th, 2025

Vote for Pamela Gillespie. Thank you.

Paid for by the candidate

Sarah Carlson Announces Commission Candidate

My name is Sarah Carlson and I am running for City Commission for the Commissioner of Revenue and Finance. I have been married to my husband, Joe, for over 21 amazing years. We have two wonderful boys, Max (14) and Mason (10). Joe and I moved to Canton 20 years ago. I have worked with the Frieberg, Nelson & Ask law firm for the last 10 years. We have made so many new friends here, and our plan is to continue to raise our family here and enjoy this beautiful and friendly town.



We are members of Canton Lutheran Church, and I am on the Mission and Ministry Board, as well as the Visioning Committee for CLC. I am the Vice Chair of Disability Rights South Dakota Governing Board, a member of the Board for Fun & Friends, and spend a lot of time with my family at Special Olympics. My husband and I are also the Den leaders for the Cub Scout Webelos Den.

I have an extensive knowledge of municipal government, municipal law, and government functions. I am a solid nerd with a love of science, research, reading, and good old fashioned hard work. If I'm not reading or working, I am working on becoming the fittest, healthiest person I can so that I can live a long and wonderful life with my husband

so we can continue to care for our oldest son, Max, as he grows as an adult. I take great pride in careful research, careful consideration, and thoughtful understanding of any decision. (Unless its planning another cruise, then maybe I'm a little reckless with my decision making skills)

I believe that the citizens deserve someone who really takes pride in this City and someone who wants to see it continue to thrive. I love to be busy and work hard. You won't see me slacking on the job. Let's make great things happen over the next 5 years! I would appreciate your vote at the Municipal Election on April 8.

Legislative Report

Representative Karla Lems

Speaker Pro-Tempore

District 16



THANK YOU DISTRICT 16!



In the 100th legislative session, I had the honor of being elected as South Dakota's first ever female Speaker Pro-Tempore. I also chaired the House Commerce and Energy Committee, and led on several key issues:

- HB 1052 was a major victory for landowners, prohibiting companies carrying carbon oxide from exercising eminent domain.
- Prison Construction concerns were addressed as HB 1025 was stopped, and I joined the Prison Task Force to examine alternatives.
- Fiscal Responsibility was emphasized with SB 145, which ensures legislative oversight on future building leases.
- Election Integrity was strengthened with HB 1066 and HB 1208 to prevent non-South Dakotans from voting in state elections.
- Protecting Children from harmful material was addressed with HB 1053.
- Protecting Life was furthered through HB 1005, aiding families in adoption efforts.

There are several ongoing efforts that I plan to stay engaged in as we move forward:

- Prison Task Force: Meeting this summer to address the state's prison needs.
- Property Tax Task Force: Continuing efforts to find long-term solutions for property tax relief.

• Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC): Working to address areas of concern, with more tools available through SB 176.

• Public Utilities Commission and the CO2 pipeline: Summit Carbon Solutions has filed a motion with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to "pause indefinitely" its re-application to build in South Dakota.

• Engagement with District 16: I will stay connected with my constituents through various events and continue representing the needs and voices of South Dakotans.

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Commission Votes 3-2 to Change Engineer

By Rollie Steck
The Canton City Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Depot. All Commissioners were present at the time of roll call.

The first item on the agenda was the Convening as Board of Equalization. Property owners had the opportunity to file a valuation appeal with the local board of equalization no later than the Thursday preceding the 3rd Monday in March, which was March 13, per SDCL 10-11-16. The appeal hearings were held on Tuesday, March 18. Motion to recess and call the Board of Equalization per SDCL 10-11-13 by Commissioner Tyler Larson. Seconded by Commissioner Jackie Pigors. Unanimous approval. Mayor Sandra Lundstrom then called the regular meeting back to order at 7:03 p.m.

With no Visitors to be Heard and no Old Business, the first item under New Business was to Appoint Election Workers. The City Commission is required to appoint Election Board Workers for the Municipal Election on April 8. The workers will be paid \$250 for their services. The following have agreed to work:

Precincts 1, 2 & 3:

Karen Leffler - Precinct Superintendent
Sharon Mitchell - Precinct Deputy
Myra Leffler - Precinct Deputy

Precincts 4 & 5:

Shirley Temple - Precinct Superintendent
Deb Simunek - Precinct Deputy
Leanne Narum - Precinct Deputy
Motion to approve by Commissioner Paul Garbers. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Reporter's Note: The candidates for the five year term for the Canton City Commissioner (Commissioner Larson's term is expiring and he has elected not to run for re-election) are:

Todd Baldwin Sarah Carlson Pamela Gillespie

Normally, the municipal election would be held in conjunction with the Canton School District's Board Member election. However, the following candidates ran unopposed and will be sworn in for a three year term:

Todd Gannon
Joshua Otkins
Eric Stearns

Next on the agenda was the 2025 Slurry Seal Notice of Award. In 2025, the City will be doing a slurry seal project instead of chip seal. The City will award the bid to Asphalt Surfacing Technologies (ASTECH) located in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The bid was \$137,562.80. This is roughly \$17,000 over the estimate the City expected. This overage was caused by traffic control related items that increased between 60% and 400% from last year. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the Summer Recreation Hires. The Recreation Board made the following recommendations for Summer Recreation Assistants:

Izabelle Bauer - \$18.21/hr
Landree Meister - \$17.96/hr
Jeremy Eich - \$17.96/hr
Lexie Kapperman - \$17.96/hr
Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

The Summer Help Hires was next under New Business. The Director of Public Works made the following recommendations for Summer Public Works Help:

Tyler Lease - \$18.88/hr
Keagan Short - \$18.63/hr
Matthew Anderson - \$18.38/hr
John Anderson - \$18.38/hr
Corbin Winquist - \$18.63/hr
Motion to approve by Garbers.

Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next under New Business was the Lifeguard Hires for the 2025 season. It was mentioned that the Pool is scheduled to open at the end of May, but no firm date has been set. The following recommendations were made for Lifeguard Hires:

Makenna Laleman - \$18.80/hr - Head Guard

Jesse Wentz - \$18.80/hr - Head Guard

Josie Nelson - \$17.96/hr

Tessa Tiemann - \$17.96/hr

Landon Hill - \$17.96/hr

Jordan Rhead - \$17.96/hr

Alex Rhead - \$17.96/hr

Camryn Skiles - \$17.96/hr

Braelyn Nelson - \$17.96/hr

Nora Devitt - \$17.96/hr

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Jenna Vande Weerd - \$17.96/hr

These positions are budgeted for 2025. Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by Garbers. Unanimous approval.

A Fire Department Roster Update was next on the agenda. Keaton Nelson is a new member of the Canton Volunteer Fire Department and needs to be added to the Roster and Worker's Compensation policy. Motion to approve by Pigors. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was an Application for Abatement of Property Taxes. Jeff and Mandy Grosky are requesting property tax abatement in the amount of \$2,103.70 for their property located on Holiday Drive. This amount is for a disabled Veteran exemption having otherwise qualified but missed the deadline prescribed in SDCL 10-4-40. Motion to approve the abatement by Garbers. Seconded by Commissioner Kris York. Unanimous approval.

A Resolution for petition to Annex Tri-State Ready Mix was next under New Business. The City has received a petition to annex Tri-State Ready Mix. Motion to approve by Garbers. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was a Participation in Regional Sewer Study with SLRW (South Lincoln Rural Water). The City cost to participate in this study would be \$2,214.29. Motion to approve by York. Seconded by Pigors. Unanimous approval.

During Commissioner Dialogue, City Administrator Andrew Pietrus commented about the markups on liquor and malt beverages and that the City has been asked to remove them. Garbers mentioned that he would like to get the license holders together to come up with a solution to offset the loss in revenue.

Pigors asked if tree identification volunteers were available to the public to help identify ash trees before the May 1 deadline.

With no further discussion, motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. by York. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the H&H Study to be performed by HDR Engineering and JSA Engineering. The Statement of Interest for the Flood Resiliency & Economic Recovery Support was previously awarded contingent on FEMA funding at the October 7, 2024 City Commission meeting. Motion to proceed with the H&H Study in relation to the flooding in Canton by Garbers. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

The final item under New Business was to Appoint City Engineer. Each year, the City Commission makes an appointment for the City Engineer, however, the City has not made an appointment for 2025. The City submitted Request For Proposals after making the authorization at the October 21, 2024 City Commission meeting. The item was on the

agenda for the February 18 City Commission meeting and was tabled until a further date after a lengthy Executive Session. Citizen Chad Skiles came to the podium to speak about the selection process and why the City would be switching when City Engineer Myron Adam of JSA Engineering has 25 years of knowledge with the City. He also was concerned about possible conflicts of interest existing with some Commissioners. Finally, he said that this discussion needs to be made public so that the Citizens are aware and informed. Skiles urged the Commission to keep Adam/JSA Engineering and thanked the Commission for their time.

Citizen Jo Zomer came to the podium and noted that a full service engineering firm would be more expensive than an on-call engineer. Zomer also mentioned she did not understand why the City needs to switch when Adam has the experience and understanding of the City. Zomer also noted that the lack of transparency in this process is concerning. Zomer thanked the Commission. Citizen Vicki Hoekstra came to the podium expressing the similar concerns and noted that the current infrastructure issues in the City have already been communicated with Adam/JSA Engineering and thanked the Commission.

Pigors provided the following costs:

DGR - \$216/hr

JSA - \$158/hr

Banner - \$162/hr

ISG - \$195/hr - however, they do offer a discounted rate of \$85/hr for certain services

Motion to keep JSA Engineering and Myron Adam as City Engineer by Larson. Seconded by Mayor Lundstrom. Garbers nay. York nay. Larson aye. Mayor Lundstrom aye. Pigors nay. Motion fails 2-3.

Motion to appoint ISG Engineering and Justin Heim as City Engineer by York. Seconded by Garbers. With no discussion, a roll call vote was called. Garbers aye. York aye. Larson nay. Mayor Lundstrom nay. Pigors aye. Motion carries 3-2.

During Commissioner Dialogue, City Administrator Andrew Pietrus commented about the markups on liquor and malt beverages and that the City has been asked to remove them. Garbers mentioned that he would like to get the license holders together to come up with a solution to offset the loss in revenue.

Pigors asked if tree identification volunteers were available to the public to help identify ash trees before the May 1 deadline.

With no further discussion, motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. by York. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the H&H Study to be performed by HDR Engineering and JSA Engineering. The Statement of Interest for the Flood Resiliency & Economic Recovery Support was previously awarded contingent on FEMA funding at the October 7, 2024 City Commission meeting. Motion to proceed with the H&H Study in relation to the flooding in Canton by Garbers. Seconded by Larson. Unanimous approval.

The final item under New Business was to Appoint City Engineer. Each year, the City Commission makes an appointment for the City Engineer, however, the City has not made an appointment for 2025. The City submitted Request For Proposals after making the authorization at the October 21, 2024 City Commission meeting. The item was on the

Todd Baldwin Announces

Running for Commission

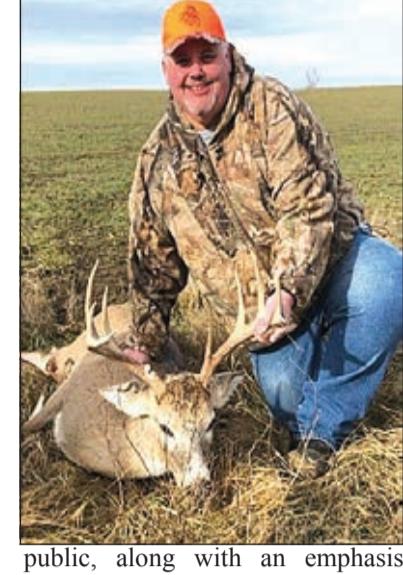
No tie, no "glamor shot", just me, that is what you will get if I am elected to the city commission. Honest, transparent representation of the people, no agenda, no alliances just a pride in a community that I call home.

My name is Todd Baldwin and I have lived in Canton my entire life, except for the four years I spent at the University of South Dakota, I have always called Canton home. I have worked in the Lincoln County 911 Center for the last 36 years. My wife, Vanessa, and I have two daughters Abigail and Isabell. Abigail is a senior at Black Hills State and Isabell will be graduating from Canton High School this May.

Both will be graduating on the same day 400 miles apart, so I am accustomed to difficult situations.

I have been on the city commission in the past and understand many of the challenges that our community faces on a day-to-day basis. I hope to bring experience and knowledge to the position that will help us unite as a community to achieve several goals that would improve the city. The construction of a multi-million-dollar pool project is a huge accomplishment, but taking advantage of this asset will require an aggressive strategy of marketing and awareness to capitalize on this investment. Along with the capitalization of the pool I believe expansion of our rec programs can help our youth to remain involved in activities away from screen time and promote positive social interaction.

A City Administrator can provide a single point contact that can help focus efforts and assist with information being available to the



public, along with an emphasis on transparency this can build a positive city image. Cooperative efforts between groups like our school system, senior citizens, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development could inspire some unconventional ideas that may help us complete project often thought impossible. A community center, improved multi use sports fields, a re-energized downtown and housing are possible if we can unite and prioritize our goals.

I have heard from several people how divided our community has become. I don't believe we are divided I just think we disagree on how to succeed. Everyone wants to see Canton be a place our children and grandchildren want to come back to. I have seen what Canton was, I am experiencing what Canton is, I would appreciate a chance to help it be what it can be. A welcoming, positive place for everyone to call home.

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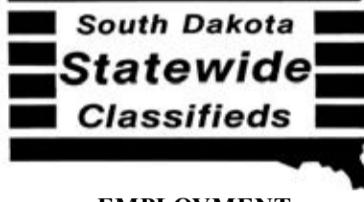


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Girls Track Opens Indoor Season

The Canton C-Hawk girls track team opened their indoor season in Vermillion on Monday for the Dan Lennon Meet and then on Friday they went to Wayne Nebraska for the Meet at Wayne State with a trip to Yankton to participate at the indoor meet at Mt Marty.

Dan Lennon Results:

Shot Put- Jenna VandeWeerd- 30'7, Kori Wallner- 30'3.5

Long Jump- Rylan Aasheim 14'3.75 8th, Josie Nelson 10'4

Triple Jump- Calli Halverson 31'2.5 3rd, Gracie Turbes 30'9 4th, Aubrey Deurmier 30'5.75 5th, Abby Dose 27'7.25

60M- Aasheim 8.73, Camryn Skiles 8.65, Turbes 8.96, Qynn VanBockern 9.01, Brooke Warejcka 9.16, Jaylee York 8.82

60 Hurdles- Warejcka 10.61 (semis), Marin Rhode 11.01, Kiley Dose 12.30

400- Rhode 75.0, Finley Halverson 78.4, Chanel Godlevsky 79.7, Hadley Glenn 90.2

1600-Ava Sletten- 6:17.7, Hannah Fong 7:11

4x200 Relay- 2:00.2 (VanBockern, York, Brynlee Sieler, Skiles)

4x200 Relay- 2:15.3 (Ashlyn Herting, Kara Decker, Berkley Jarman, Bella Butler)

Medley Relay- 5:00.6 (Deurmier, Herting, Jewel Gannon, Amelia Gubbels)

Medley Relay- 5:35.8 (Berkley Jarman, Cayli Stearns, Clair Baumann, Kara Dose)

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Youth Wrestlers Heading to State



Canton has several youth wrestlers heading to state March 28-30 in Rapid City. Jaxson Frank, Terran Tritt, Hunter Konda, Aksel Tuntland, Cade Vander Broek, Louis Carpenter, Raider King, Charlie Karel, Camille Kendrick, Jackson Patch, Presslee Brown, Hawk Hill, Abraham Montgomery, Edie Karel, Roxana Tritt, Sophia Pearson, Briggs Johnson-Lemer, Braydon Elrod, Libby Karel, McKenna Kettwig, CharleeAnn Winter, Cael Vander Broek, Jaymison Brown, Good Luck at State!

Wayne State Invite Results:

Shot Put- Wallner 32' 3rd, VandeWeerd 30'11.5 6th, Kambree Roberts 23'6.5

Long Jump- Aasheim 14'3 8th, Decker 10'6.25

Triple Jump- C. Halverson 31'8 4th, Deumier 31'3 5th, Trubes 29'7.25 8th,

60 Hurdles- Warejcka 10.88 5th, Rhode 11'06, Kiley Dose 11'59

60M- Skiles 8.65, Aasheim 8.92, Avayla Jaacks 8.99

200M- VanBockern 29.2, Herting 31.0, Sieler 31.5,

400- Godlevsky 75.2, Rhode 77.8, Amelia Gubbels 80.7,

800M- Mataya Bratten 3:01.6

1600M- Baumann 7:14.9, Fong 7:53.4

3200M- Sletten 13:48.4 4th



4x400 Relay- 4:34.8 5th (York, Skiles, Mya Anderson, Avery Kranz) **4x800 Relay-** 11:09.5 2nd (Gannon, Sletten, Anderson, Kranz)

Sportstalk

By Rich Beitzel

Track season is underway and I went to the Dan Lennon last week and I know they have had other indoor meets already but they are just about ready to get started on the outdoors part of their schedule. Both the girls and boys have good numbers this year and it will be fun to watch them grow throughout the season and get more people qualified for state. We return one state champion in senior Jenna VandeWeerd in the discus last season and she will be getting ready to defend her title soon once she gets to compete outdoors coming up soon. So far it looks like we have some good triple jumpers and some good hurdlers so keep up working hard at those events along with relay teams that I watched in the dome last week. The boys will be starting their season real soon when we get outside next week. Good luck to all the track kids and the first home meet will be on April 14 when they host the Canton Relays.

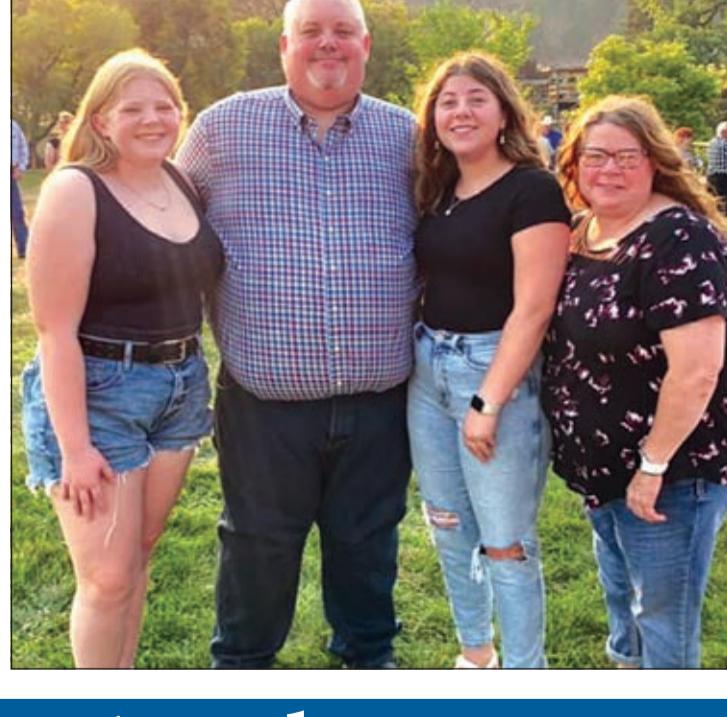
Girls golf will be getting underway on the 31st of March when they start practice and their first meet will be on April 17 when they host Vermillion at the Hiawatha golf course starting at 3:00. More on the

girls when we see how many are out and who will be leading the way as they are all shooting for a tee time in Madison for the state tourney on June 2nd and 3rd.

Plenty of sports to watch on tv last weekend with the SDSU women's basketball team beating Oklahoma State in the first round of the NCAA tournament and I got to watch the 2nd half and from what I heard that was a good time to start watching. They looked good in the 2nd half as they charged back to grab the lead and hold on to win. Big challenge in next round with UCONN after they won 103 to 34 so good luck to our SD women's team and what an incredible win that could be.

Then on Saturday night I watched my last wrestling of the year as I sat down and turned on the NCAA Wrestling Championships which means the title matches in all the weight classes and it all came down to huge matches and a major upset that has everyone talking in the wrestling world. Penn State won the team title with another record point total and they finished ahead of Nebraska which is a great finish for the Huskers with 2 champions out of 3 wrestlers in the finals. PS had a wrestler win his 5 title for the first

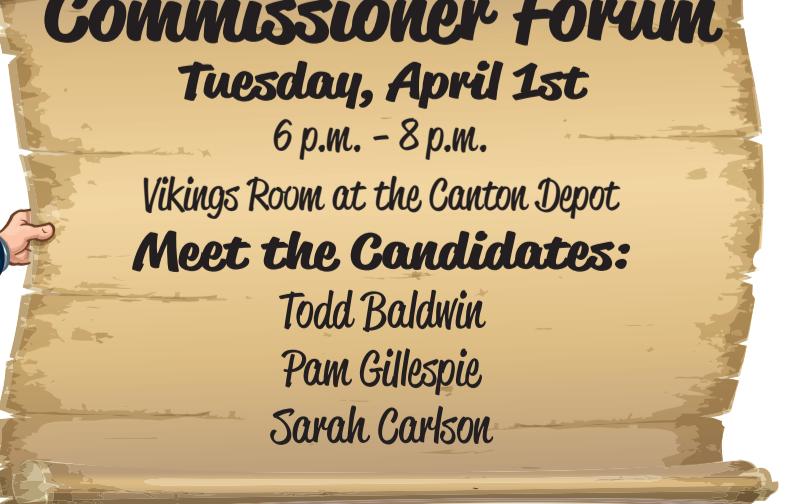
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