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Easter Egg Hunt

The Canton Police Department and Canton Chamber will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. Bring your basket to the Canton High School Football Field (inside if weather doesn't cooperate) and join the fun.

Easter Egg Hunt

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April is Parkinson's Awareness Month

According to the Parkinson's Foundation, nearly one million people in the United States are currently living with Parkinson's disease. They expect this number to rise to 1.2 million by the year 2030. Parkinson's Disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects predominately the dopamine-producing neurons in a specific area of the brain. This disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's. The progression of symptoms is different from one patient to the next, usually over many years. Some patients may experience tremors at rest, slowness of movement, limb stiffness, and balance problems, along with non-motor symptoms. Patients with Parkinson's often are more impacted by their non-motor symptoms, such as: depression, anxiety, apathy, hallucinations, constipation, orthostatic hypotension, sleep disorders, loss of sense of smell, and different cognitive impairments. The cause of this disease remains largely unknown; however, scientists believe a combination of genetic and environmental factors are the cause.

Nearly 90,000 people in the United States are diagnosed each year and more than ten million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's. The number of new cases per year for a Parkinson's diagnosis increases with age, but around four percent of patients with it are diagnosed before age fifty. Men are 1.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with Parkinson's compared to women.

The combined direct and indirect cost of Parkinson's, including treatment, lost income, and social security payments, is estimated to be nearly fifty-two billion per year in the United States. Medications can cost an average of \$2,500 a year and surgery can cost up to \$100,000 per person.

The treatment options vary and may include medications, lifestyle adjustments, and surgery. Parkinson's is not fatal on its own, but disease complications can be serious. The CDC rated complications from this disease as the 14th cause of death in the United States. It is important that patients work with their doctor and follow the recommended therapies to successfully treat symptoms by



using medications. The patients need these medications because they have low levels of dopamine or are missing dopamine in the brain. Scientists are exploring ways to identify biomarkers for Parkinson's that may lead to earlier diagnosis and more customized treatments to slow down the disease process. Current therapies used for Parkinson's can improve symptoms, but do not slow down or cure the disease progression.

Andrea Flyger (Occupational Therapist) and Becky Berenschot (Physical Therapist) have been holding monthly meetings at Sanford Canton-Inwood Hospital about Parkinson's since 2018. These confidential and free meetings are an hour long and vary between educational topics about lifestyle, diet, exercise, they host speakers on specific Parkinson's topics, have sharing time as a group about questions, stressors, symptoms, and recourses. They also do activities and projects such as group led painting, flower arranging, music therapy, cookie decorating, game days, and celebrate themes around holidays.

This group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 3-4pm at the hospital. Patients with Parkinson's and their support person are welcome to attend this free group. They also provide education on living with Parkinson's which includes symptoms, medications, therapy, as well as social and emotional support by incorporating the exercises, games, and activities. At a recent meeting, some in attendance gave feedback. A caregiver shared that if there are other people in the community who have Parkinson's, to know that they are not alone, while another caregiver shared that it is nice knowing there is support here in Canton. New members shared that they were not aware how many people, some they know, have Parkinson's. A member with Parkinson's shared that it is very informative and very fun.

Interested parties may contact Andrea and Becky for more information. The number to reach Andrea or Becky is: 605-764-1480.



Blissful Balance Holds Ribbon Cutting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Blissful Balance on March 26. She is located in the old Home Federal bank building, "The Vault". Blissful Balance is located at 102 W 5th Street Suite 202.

Veronica Witt was born in Spain and grew up traveling, due to her father being in the military. Her father met her mother in Spain after being stationed there for a few years, and Witt was lucky enough to see quite a bit of Europe at a young age. Witt graduated from Globe University in 2010, with her associate's degree in applied science. While in school, she became pregnant with twin girls which led to her being a stay-at-home mother for ten years. In 2023, she decided to go back to



take the state massage therapy boards. During her years at home, she spent a lot of time practicing on family and friends to keep herself in "massage mode." Witt has been massaging professionally since September of 2023.

When Witt learned there was a space available for rent she decided to rent it after going to look at it. She had previously visited Canton many times before with friends or family and always loved Canton. She loved the old bank building and said, "it just felt like home."

The massage services she offers are: Swedish, deep, tissue, prenatal, cupping, and hot stone. Witt is a believer that some benefits of massage therapy are that it helps with stress and improves sleep and circulation. She noted that as a massage therapist she is there to help your body, not hurt it, as she has had clients in the past tell her to "beat them up." Clients should feel good after a massage, not overly sore or in pain.

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Phyllis Hammond, age 93, passed away peacefully Friday, April 4, 2025 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg. Memorial services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2025 at Redeemer Free Lutheran Church in Canton. Visitation, with family present, will be Thursday, April 10 from 5-7 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Home in Canton. Memorials may be directed to Redeemer Free Lutheran Church.

Phyllis was born on June 13, 1931 to Earl and Esther (Johnson) Boyum. She graduated from Inwood High School in 1950. She married Russell Hammond on May 16, 1950 in Luverne, MN. She enjoyed going dancing, listening to music, and going trucking with her husband.

In addition to raising her children, Phyllis worked at Farmers State Bank for over 30 years. Phyllis was a dire-hard MN Twins and New England Patriots fan and loved going to MLB games around the country with her son, Steve. She was also an avid supporter of local sports and enjoyed bowling in her younger years. Phyllis will be remembered for her great sense of humor.

Phyllis is survived by her son, Steve; sister, Judy (Wayne) Groeneweg; family friend, Mike Hansen; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russell; son, Terry; infant brother, John Boyum; brother and sister-in-law, Earl (Evelyn) Boyum; and sister and brother-in-law, Joan (Ron) Johnson. www.andersonandsonsfh.com



I would like to thank the voters that voted for me, in the Canton city municipal election for their support for city commission, which was held on April 8th, 2025 Thank You!

Pam Gillespie

Real Property Tax Relief

By: Gov. Larry Rhoden
April 4, 2025
Now that the legislative session is in the rearview mirror, I’m focused on looking forward and unlocking new opportunities for South Dakota. We had a historic 100th legislative session, and we accomplished a lot for the people of South Dakota – but there’s more work to do!
I recently announced next steps to deliver a real property tax cut for the people of South Dakota. During legislative session, we passed my bill, Senate Bill 216, which delivered meaningful, impactful changes to slow down future increases in homeowner property taxes. Now, it’s time to go a step further.

I am proposing to the legislature’s Property Tax Relief Task Force that we give counties the option to cut homeowner property taxes by instead implementing a sales tax of up to 0.5%. The proceeds of that tax must go directly to homeowner tax relief—they cannot be used to grow government. And if homeowner taxes are completely offset, then whatever money is left must go towards commercial and agriculture property taxes.

This proposal will be referrable to a vote of the people, and the people could use an initiative process to put it on their local ballot themselves. This means that every county will have every opportunity to decide if this option is right for them.

During legislative session, we had a couple dozen property tax bills proposed. Only my Senate Bill 216 became law. One reason for that is because many of those bills tried to solve a five-county problem with a statewide solution. My new proposal addresses that by giving counties the option to choose what is best for their people.

It just so happens that many of the counties that have the biggest issues with property taxes are also the counties that see the most out-of-state visitors – like Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties in the Sioux Falls metro and several counties in the Black Hills. If those counties implement this proposal, they’ll shift a sizable portion of their local tax burden onto out-of-state residents, which saves money for South Dakotans.

My team will get to work with the legislature’s Property Tax Relief Tax Force to hammer out this proposal and get it into a final form. I promised to address property taxes for our people – and I am delivering on that promise.

I want to thank the people of South Dakota for the opportunity to serve as your Governor. Becoming governor in the middle of session was its own unique challenge and opportunity. I’ve really enjoyed getting around the state in the last couple of weeks on my Open for Opportunity tour, and that will continue in the weeks to come. I hope to see you in your hometown!



Fixing Biden’s Broken Broadband Program

By Sen. John Thune
More than three years ago, Congress created the \$42.5 billion BEAD program to bring broadband service to unserved parts of the country. It was the single largest federal investment in broadband expansion ever made. But to date, it has not connected a single household to the internet.

The reason? The Biden administration chose to load up this program with a slew of extraneous conditions that made it unworkable for many providers. The program’s requirements read like a progressive wish-list, and they bear little resemblance to what Congress envisioned for this program.

The Biden administration added irrelevant climate mandates. They required union labor and DEI hiring practices. The program prioritizes government-owned networks over private investment. And despite a clear prohibition on rate regulation in the law, the Biden administration tried to add that in, too.

So many extraneous requirements were added to this program that it couldn’t fulfill its core function, and we’re now in a situation where a \$42 billion taxpayer-funded program hasn’t connected even a single household to the internet after three-plus years.

But now there’s a new administration in the White House. President Trump has expressed interest in finally

getting this program off the ground, and the Commerce Department has begun to review these requirements. I recently led my colleagues in urging Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to remove the Biden-era mandates that stopped the BEAD program from actually connecting unserved communities to the internet. By reviewing and ultimately eliminating these unnecessary requirements, we can ensure that this funding is finally deployed to expand broadband access to unserved areas quickly and efficiently.

The BEAD program is one particularly egregious example of the consequences of overregulation. The Trump administration and Republicans in Congress are working to eliminate some of the Biden administration’s burdensome regulations. Democrats don’t seem to see the downside of government mandates, but the American people feel them. Those mandates have costs: financial costs and opportunity costs. In the case of the BEAD program, it’s meant unserved areas have been kept waiting years for a reliable internet connection.

Regulatory relief continues to be a priority for the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress. The American people can be confident that we will continue working to eliminate the red tape that stifles progress.



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MEMORY LANE

2015

Over the course of about two months, working weekends for about two to three hours a day, as a service project for the boy scouts, Isaac Rath and his team of younger boy scouts, along with his family, worked through the weather and moved a big pile of rocks from the side of the depot’s caboose to under the caboose where the depot wanted them to be. They also included a important factor in the project like putting weed fabric in before the rocks so that the area stays clear of grass and of course weeds. Rath chose to use only shovels and a small tractor to move the rocks from the pile to around the caboose. It would have been easier if they had moved the caboose and laid the rocks underneath, but electricity has already been run to the caboose, rendering it immobile.
Lincoln County Chief Deputy Jim Zick announced his retirement after 27 years in law enforcement. His last day will be April 17, 2015. Zick began his career with the Canton Police Department in early 1988. He graduated from the South Dakota Law Enforcement Academy in December of 1988. During his time with the Canton Police department, Jim was a D.A.R.E. Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Glock Armorer and graduated from a number of other law enforcement related schools.

2000

Mary Ann Siverson directed her last concert of her 35 year teaching career.
The Bethany Reformed Church had their ground breaking ceremony for their new Carpenter’s Addition.
Amy Thompson was one of four students in the United States chosen nationally to serve as a student delegate alternate at the national convention for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

1975

The new Farmers State Bank facility is scheduled for completion by November 1, 1975 and occupancy by December 1, 1975. Kepp Construction Co. of Orange City, Iowa will be the general contractor. The mechanical contract is being done by Caswell Plumbing and Heating of Inwood, Iowa and the electrical portion of the new building by Beco, Inc of Hull, Iowa. The new building will feature larger working quarters, a drive-up window with provisions for remote control, and a community room and employees lounge in the basement. Miss Gina Campbell, 20, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell of Canton was crowned Miss University of South Dakota, Vermillion, 1975.

1925

The Farmers Elevator of Worthing of which Mr. W.W. Thorpe is manager, has closed its door because of lack of grain.
The seeding in this section of the country is practically finished, and plowing for corn has started. What we need now is a good spring rain, which would bring things out in a hurry.
Attorney C. A. Bennett has moved his office from over the Corner Drug Store to the Wendt building, occupying the room formerly used by Miss Lucille Wendt as a music study.
The new postal law will go into effect next Wednesday, at which time all postal cards, with the exception of government postal, will take the same rate as a letter, namely, two cents. The letter rate will remain the same. All circulars will take 1 - 1/2 cent rate for two ounces. A slight change will be noticed in the parcel post rates, possibly from two to three cents difference. This slight increase is expected to make up for the raise of about \$25 per month in the wages of each postal employee.

1885

Coming down the street this morning at an early hour we found a dry goods box in the middle of the sidewalk in front of Earley’s store. We turned the box over to get it out of the way and found that someone had curled up the dead drunk body of Sam Thorson. Whose duty is it to see that the habitual drunkards are placed on what the saloon keepers term “the black list”?

HISTORY REVISITED

By Gaynor Johnson

In the back of a very interesting read, Dakota Panorama published in 1961 by the Dakota Territory Centennial Commission, there is a section called Territorial Governors and Delegates. There are bios on every man (sadly there are no women included) that played a part in what would later become South Dakota.

All of these territorial governors came from back east and some returned there once their terms expired. Of the nine that served from 1861 until our statehood in 1889 the one that really stands out for his “distinguished public service” is William A. Howard. Unfortunately “he had the distinction of being the only chief executive of the Territory to die while in office.” In the two years he served, Howard tried to find ways to deal with many issues including penal institutions, something our legislature is currently dealing with. If Howard could have finished his term, I believe he would have accomplished so much more along the lines of education, a territorial penitentiary and helping those with mental health issues.

Happy reading as the month of April brings warmer weather, Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday, Easter, Earth Day, Administrative Day, and “Rock of Ages” at the Canton PAC on April 11, 12 and 13. According to the story in the March 27 Sioux Valley News, thirty five students are involved in the production of “Rock of Ages: Teen Edition.” I am sure a lot of hard work has gone into this and I hope every comfortable seat is filled for all three shows.

Every student involved with this musical will remember it the rest of their lives. And who knows, maybe one of these students in “Rock of Ages” will pursue a writing and acting career and one day have a starring role in a big Broadway production they wrote entitled “Once Upon a Time in Canton, South Dakota.” Stranger things have happened.

William A. Howard SD Territorial Governor 1878-1880 from Dakota Panorama

Dakota’s sixth governor brought with him long experience in distinguished public service. William Alason Howard was also to have the distinction of being the only chief executive of the Territory or state to die while in office. He was born at Hinesberg, Vermont, April 18, 1813, and at the age of 14 was apprenticed to a cabinet maker at Albion, New York. Throughout his life he never enjoyed really good health. He applied his trade in order to work his way through the academy at Wyoming, New York. In 1836 he entered the college at Middlebury, Vermont, graduating from there in 1839. After teaching school for a time he went to Michigan in an attempt to improve his health. He taught mathematics at Michigan University for a year, and then studied law. Howard was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1842.

A growing reputation of industry, honestly and fine public speaking accompanied his practice of law. In 1854 he ran for and was elected to Congress on the Whig ticket. He went to Washington as a Republican, and soon became a ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Though established as an orator, while in the House he did not speak at length unless matters of a critical nature or involving great principles were at stake. (One of these times was the occasion of secession.) He had a reputation for a fine knowledge of House rules and insisted upon their enforcement. He was called “a stickler for Justice but only when obtained through orthodox and regular channels.”

He retired from Congress at the end of 1862, and was appointed postmaster of Detroit. In 1870 Howard was appointed minister to China but his health prohibited acceptance of the assignment. The chance for improvement of his health in the Dakota climate prompted him to accept President Rutherford Hayes’ gift of the Dakota Territory governorship in April, 1878.

One of Howard’s first concerns was the charitable and penal institutions of the state. Dakota inmates had been cared for in other states, but the burden was becoming so great Dakota was asked to provide for her own. Since the legislature was not in session Howard advanced his own funds to provide the necessary housing for the insane before winter came. The 1879 legislature affirmed his actions and reimbursed him. Howard’s first message to that body dealt with the immediate and future problem of the insane and their administration, the creation of a penal institution, schools, education and adequate plans for the future, railroads, immigration and Territorial finance. The number of bills passed by the session was comparatively few, but they established long-term policy in the fields of charities and corrections.

Governor Howard’s health improved until the winter of 1879 when he became suddenly ill and never fully recovered. He died in Washington, April 10, 1880, while on Territorial business. He was survived by his wife, Ellen Lane, whom he married in 1841, two daughters and two sons. Among the eulogies was this: “No where in the record was there the slightest suggestion of any mean or trivial acts by William A. Howard; he had a high sense of duty and no inclination to shirk his share of them”

Spring Bonus Material Concerning the Planting of Potatoes

In the March/April 2012 issue of South Dakota Magazine the question was posed “**Why do we plant potatoes on Good Friday?**”

If this has been on your mind a lot lately and is keeping you up at night, here is the answer that I hope brings you clarity and peace of mind as you prepare to plant your garden.

“The practice comes from Ireland, where the potatoes were sprinkled with holy water and then planted on Good Friday,” says Rhoda Burrows, horticulture extension specialist and professor at the West River Agricultural Center. Irish Protestants wouldn’t eat potatoes because they were not mentioned in the Bible. Irish Catholics would grow them only if they’d been baptized and planted on Holy Friday. But Good Friday is a little early for planting in South Dakota. “Potatoes will not begin growing until the soil temperature is 45 degrees or higher,” says Burrows. “Once the shoots emerge, they risk frost in those years that it warms up early but then the temperature drops a few weeks later.” The timing was generally good in Ireland but South Dakota can suffer an April blizzard.

Applications For Housing Opportunity Fund Being Accepted

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Housing is inviting developers to submit applications for funding from the Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF) program. This open funding round is a chance for developers to make their projects happen.

Any for-profit or nonprofit entity, tribal government, housing authority, political subdivision of South Dakota or agency of South Dakota is invited to apply for funding.

The Housing Opportunity Fund is designed to support new construction, rehabilitation, or the purchase and rehabilitation of rental or homeownership housing. Only applications for housing development will be accepted during this open application cycle. Applications for programs will be

accepted during the competitive application cycle in August.

The Housing Opportunity Fund program allocation plan and application form can be found on SD Housing’s website at www.sdhousing.org. Please refer to the website for HOF funding limitations. Complete applications will be accepted starting Tuesday, April 15, 2025, and must be received by SD Housing no later than Monday, June 30, at 5:00 p.m. CT.

Projects will be considered for funding on a first come, first serve basis as applications are deemed complete. For more information on the Housing Opportunity Fund, please contact Bridgette Loesch, Housing Development Officer, at 605.773.3181 or bridgette@sdhda.



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ADULT FICTION

The Bodyguard by Katherine Center. A “minor” surgery causes Sadie to lose part of her vision, and she does not want anyone to know. Then she meets a vet who is treating her sick dog, and the chemistry is real, and she also realizes the guy that lives in her building is becoming more than a friend.

There’s No Murder Like Show Murder by M.S. Greene (LP). Working in the costume shop at the Eastbrook Playhouse becomes deadly when the star of the new show is killed.

Summer at Firefly Beach by Jenny Hale. Hallie has returned to the beachside house to grieve the loss of her Aunt Clara. While there, she reconnects with her old flame, Ben. As the two grow closer, their love

is challenged by a chance encounter with Gavin Wilson. Will Hallie let a secret she’s been keeping destroy her chance at happiness?

The Oregon Trail by William W. Johnstone (LP). Wagon Master Clayton Scofield’s current trek on the Oregon Trail is wrought with mishaps and danger.

Beach Vibes by Susan Mallery (LP). Beth’s sandwich shop is doing well, and her brother Rick is making his way in medical school. But when Beth catches Rick cheating on her best friend, she is torn between keeping the secret and risking losing her best friend.

Paranoia by James Patterson (LP). Bennet is investigating the deaths of fellow cops, but soon finds he is chasing a killer who feeds on isolation and paranoia.

The Edge of Collapse by Kyla Stone. An EMP has destroyed the nation’s power grid. In the chaos, each running for their own reason, Riley Sheridan and Liam Cunningham have come together on a perilous trek to safety. But a desperate, violent killer is hunting them.

A Trail So Lonesome by Lacy Williams (LP). Westbound on the Oregon Trail, Evangeline and Leo need each other and they form an alliance, which leads to something more.

Retail, Hospitality, Business Scholarship Deadline Approaching

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

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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Michael Kroger, Paul Connor, Debra Alyn Pederson

PUC advises to Call Before You Dig

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission recognizes April as National Safe Digging Month and encourages South Dakotans to call 811 before any excavation or other digging project. Doing so safeguards underground utilities, preserves vital services and protects against harm that may result from hitting buried facilities.

“It is appropriate that April has traditionally been designated as Safe Digging Month,” commented PUC Chairman Gary Hanson. “South Dakotans are ready to head outdoors to tackle yard projects, get started on planting or break ground on new construction. Calling 811 must be a regular step for each of those plans,” Hanson said.

Calling 811 before a digging or excavation project initiates a process that alerts owners of underground utilities in the area to mark the location of their facilities. The digger is responsible for avoiding those marked areas. Failing to call 811 or digging an area that has been marked can lead to all types of trouble including service disruptions, fines, significant repair costs, injury or even death.

“Telecommunications, natural gas, cable, water and sewer lines are all examples of buried utility infrastructure,” PUC Vice Chairman Chris Nelson noted. “Anyone engaging in a digging activity should call 811 prior to the project, regardless of the depth of the excavation or the digger’s familiarity with the property.”

The call to 811 is free and easy. Homeowners and excavators can also use an online portal to request an underground utility locate by visiting sdonecall.com.

“Whether you are a homeowner digging on your own property or a contractor excavating on someone else’s property, calling 811 before turning that first shovel is a must. It is actually the law,” emphasized Commissioner Kristie Fiegen. State statute specifies the South Dakota One Call Center must be notified at least 48 hours before digging begins.

For additional information visit puc.sd.gov/consumer/811.aspx



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Sen. Rounds Co-Sponsors Bill to Keep AM Radio in New Vehicles

By Todd Epp, Northern Plains News

South Dakota Sen. Mike Rounds has joined a bipartisan effort to ensure AM radio remains available in all new vehicles, citing the medium's importance for rural communities and emergency communications.

Rounds is among 60 senators now co-sponsoring the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act, which would require automakers to maintain AM radio capability in new vehicles at no additional cost to consumers.

"I grew up listening to KCCR on 1240 and KGFX on 1060, especially when I delivered newspapers throughout the Pierre area. It made the time go by quick!" Rounds said in a 2023 news release when he initially co-sponsored the legislation. "Free AM broadcast radio has been an important resource for decades. Whether someone is in their car or tractor, AM radio is a valuable tool to share local news and emergency information."

The bill, originally introduced by Sens. Ed Markey, D-Mass., and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, has now reached a critical threshold with 60 co-sponsors - enough to overcome a potential filibuster in the Senate, according to a statement from Markey's office. Sens. Markey and Cruz reintroduced the legislation in January 2025 as the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025. It had 62 co-sponsors, including Sens. John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., and Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, DFL-Minn.

"AM radio is a lifeline for people across the country for news, sports, and especially emergency information," Markey said in a press release last month. "Tens of millions of listeners across the country have made clear that they want AM radio to remain in their vehicles. Our AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act heeds their words and ensures that this essential tool doesn't get lost on the dial."

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has been a vocal supporter of the legislation. In October 2024, Jackley joined 11 other attorneys general in urging

Congress to pass the bill.

"Hurricane Helene, like the severe weather we see in South Dakota, has demonstrated again the importance of AM Radio as a vital communication device that provides life-saving information to our citizens," Jackley said in an Oct. 4, 2024, news release. "AM Radio is important in rural states like South Dakota where people can turn to for severe weather updates and emergency information along with local news and sports."

In June 2023, Jackley joined with counterparts in 16 other states to encourage Congress to pass the legislation. "AM radio serves an important role in rural states such as South Dakota," Jackley said at the time, according to Iowa Agribusiness Radio Network.

South Dakota U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson was among more than 100 lawmakers who signed a letter to automakers in May 2023 expressing concerns about the removal of AM radio receivers in vehicles. The letter highlighted the need for rural Americans to access AM radio, given limited internet and cell phone connectivity.

Several major automakers have already begun removing AM radio from their vehicles, particularly electric models. BMW, Mazda, Volvo, Volkswagen, Tesla, and Ford are among the manufacturers that have either eliminated or announced plans to phase out AM radio from their newer vehicles, according to a March 2023 statement from Markey's office. Manufacturers typically cite electromagnetic interference as the primary reason for removing AM radio from electric vehicles. "Electric motors can interfere with AM radio signals, causing undesirable static noise during broadcasts," The Hill reported last year.

However, automakers and tech industry groups have recently stepped up their opposition to the mandate. In a joint letter to Congress, the Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA), Consumer Technology Association, Alliance for Automotive Innovation,

and TechNet argued that "requiring manufacturers to use a particular technology will slow innovation and reduce consumer preference."

"Requiring the installation of analog AM radios in automobiles is an unnecessary action that would impact EV range, efficiency, and affordability at a critical moment of accelerating adoption," said Albert Gore, executive director of ZETA, in a statement to Reuters. "Mandating AM radio would do little to expand drivers' ability to receive emergency alerts."

The Consumer Technology Association compared the mandate to requiring outdated technology in a statement to The Washington Post.

"Mandating AM radio would be like mandating CD or cassette players in new vehicles," CTA said. "This outdated and counterproductive measure will stifle innovation and impose unnecessary costs on automakers, ultimately increasing prices for consumers."

John Bozzella, president and CEO of Alliance for Automotive Innovation, and other industry leaders, warned in their letter that "to accommodate analog AM radio, certain carmakers may need to scrap advanced safety features."

According to the bill text, the legislation would direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to require all new vehicles manufactured or imported for sale in the United States to include AM broadcast radio receivers at no additional cost. It would also provide small vehicle manufacturers at least four years after the Department of Transportation issues the rule to comply. The measure would also require automakers to inform consumers, during the period before the rule takes effect, that their vehicles do not maintain access to broadcast AM radio.

"NAB applauds the Senate Commerce Committee for rapidly advancing the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act with overwhelming bipartisan support," Curtis LeGeyt, NAB president and CEO, said in a

OFF The Road With Jerry



We saw this ad for secretary's lunch in 2010 ads. It was in the golf club dining room, all the extensive remodeling was done at the club it was very elaborate and a nice place.



This man, Dan Lyons of Antioch, California was walking all across the country. He arrived here in Canton in February in 2010. He was walking to raise money for the "Locks of Love Foundation" a nationwide organization. He was zigzagging and back tracking by going to Rock Valley, Iowa next. His final destination was West Palm Beach, Florida.



This 2010 Optimist ad was for the annual Youth Days Carnival in early June. It was to be held up at high school in the parking lot, because of the new highway construction down on 5th Street and Highway 18.



This ad was for Inwood, Iowa at the Market Place Grille and Pub. They hired a comedian. A prime rib dinner was served before this performance the price for 2 people was \$50 and \$29 for a single person and they suggested calling in for reservations.

Financial Focus

How can you boost your savings?

It might not be on your calendar, but America Saves Week is observed from April 7–11. Are you saving enough? If not, how can you save more?

If you don't think you're saving enough, you're not alone. Just 22% of Americans are completely satisfied with the amount of money they've saved, according to a recent Yahoo Finance/Marist Poll survey. And the same survey showed that a third of households couldn't cover one month's worth of bills if they lost a job or other source of income.

What's behind this savings gap? Several factors are involved, including the high cost of housing. But while you can't control these external forces, you may be able to increase your savings by taking these steps:

Create a budget — and stick with it. Following a budget is not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be of great use in managing your spending, which, in turn, can help you save more. You can find many free budgeting apps that allow you to track your spending and place it into categories. Once you know where your money is going, you may find it easier to cut back in certain areas, such as possibly eliminating streaming services you don't use

much.

Pay yourself first. Like everyone, you have a lot of bills to pay each month. But why not pay yourself first? Even if you can't put away a lot of money, any amount will help. And you can make it easier on yourself by having some funds moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account into a liquid, low-risk account — one you don't use for your everyday expenses. Over time, as your income goes up, you can increase the amounts in these automatic transfers.

Take advantage of "cash-back" offers. You may already use a credit card that provides you with cash back on purchases. But did you know you can also download cash-back apps? Like cash-back credit cards, these apps give you a percentage of your spending back, helping you save money on many of your regular purchases, such as groceries and gas. You can even find apps that offer promotions that let you earn more at specific times or for buying certain items.

Cut down — or consolidate — your debts. It's easier said than done, but the more you can reduce your debts, the more money you'll be able to save. You can choose to tackle the

debt with the highest interest rate or get rid of the smallest debts first, but whichever method you choose, try to be as diligent as you can. You also might be able to consolidate your debts — but be careful, because not all debt consolidation offers will work in your favor.

Get some help. Your employer may provide an employee assistance program that offers, among other benefits, credit counseling and other types of financial guidance. You may want to contact a financial professional who can take a holistic look at your situation and offer recommendations on saving, investing and goal setting.

It's always important to save money — but it's not always easy. However, by exploring every avenue available to you, you may be able to improve your saving skills to the point where they can make a real difference in your life.

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South Dakota Board of Regents Announces FY26 Tuition Rates

ABERDEEN, SD - The South Dakota Board of Regents announced the state's public university system will implement a 2.9% tuition increase at nearly all of their institutions for the upcoming academic year—after remaining nearly flat for the last five years—while continuing to prioritize affordability and access for students statewide.

"South Dakota's public universities remain among the most affordable in the nation, and this modest increase reflects our commitment to keeping costs as low as possible while ensuring the continued excellence of our academic programs," said BOR President Tim Rave. "This adjustment is necessary to address rising operational costs and inflationary pressures, but we remain steadfast in our mission to provide accessible, high-value education for our students."

Thanks to strategic financial management by university leaders and ongoing support from previous legislative bodies, public university tuition has remained steady since 2020. The careful stewardship of resources has enabled institutions to limit the financial burden on students while maintaining high-quality education and student services.

The tuition increase is designed to minimize the impact on students while ensuring institutions have the necessary resources to invest in faculty, academic programming, and student success initiatives. Even with this adjustment, South Dakota's public universities continue to offer some of the lowest cost of attendance rates in the region. While BOR rates have remained nearly flat in recent years, neighboring public institutions have raised their tuition and fees by double digits.

"Higher education is a powerful investment for the future, and we are dedicated to keeping that investment as affordable as possible," said BOR Executive Director Nathan Lukkes. "By maintaining one of the lowest costs of attendance in the country, South Dakota's public universities continue to be an outstanding value for students seeking a high-quality postsecondary education."

The new tuition rates will be effective from the 2025 summer term to the 2026 spring term for Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of South Dakota. South Dakota Mines will include a 5% increase in tuition to align the institution with their peer universities and help support their special focus mission.



Senior Cameron Winter is the son of Stephanie Winter. He is involved in football, track and National Honor Society. He has received the following awards; Academic All-State for football and Brandon Burlsworth Character award.

Cameron's favorite movie is Fury, Winter is his favorite season, his favorite song is "God is" by Ye, blue is his favorite color and steak is his favorite food. His most memorable moment is the first homecoming experienced in high school.

For the most influential person in his life he says "First off Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior."Chris Anderson - Chaplain of the football team has made a difference for him "He always motivated me to be my best."

After graduation Cameron plans to enlist in the Army reserves and go to college. His advice for underclassmen "Don't take anything that's not yours, you're not too cool to have fun."



CAMERON WINTER



Senior Carmyn Peterson is the daughter of Randee and Landon and has two siblings Milo and Willow. She is involved in volleyball, track, dance attack and National Honor Society. Carmyn has received the following awards: Scholastic, hustle awards in volleyball, varsity volleyball team caption and lettering in volleyball and track.

Tangled is her favorite movie, her favorite color is purple, sushi is her favorite food and her favorite season is fall. Carmyn's most memorable moment of high school was Minnesota Volleyball camp. Her mom is the most influential person in her life "She pushes me to do my best." Coach Atlanta has made a difference for her "She gave me the opportunity to play and improve in volleyball"

After graduation Carmyn plans to attend college at Iowa State University for Architecture. Her advice for underclassmen "Do your work to the best of your ability and turn it in on time."



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Southeast Technical College Earns Military Friendly School Designation

STC Awarded 'Silver' for 2025-26 SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (04/02/2025) Southeast Technical College announced today that it has earned the 2025-2026 Military Friendly School designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2025-2026 survey with 830 earning special awards for going above the standard.

The 2025-2026 Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the May and October issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

"Southeast Technical College is honored to receive the Military Friendly School designation again for 2025-2026. This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting military service members, veterans, and their families as they pursue their educational and career goals," said STC president Cory Clasemann. "We take great pride in providing a welcoming, resourceful and success-driven environment to help them transition from military service to the workforce with confidence and skill."

Methodology, criteria and weightings were determined by Viqtory with input from the Military Friendly Advisory Council

of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

"Military Friendly is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our designation process. Our standards provide a benchmark that promotes positive outcomes and support services that better

the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the military community. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages Institutions to evolve and invest in their programs consistently. Schools who achieve awards designation show true commitment in their efforts, exceeding the standard," said Kayla Lopez, Vice President, Military Friendly.

For more information about Southeast Tech's student veteran programs, visit <https://www.southeasttech.edu/costs-financial-aid/military-friendly.php>

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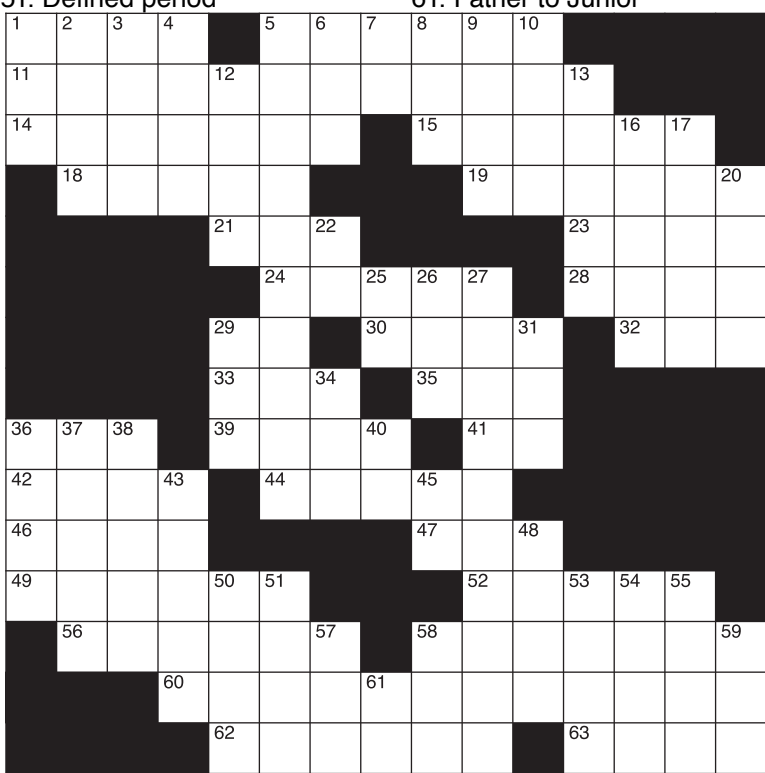
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14. Domestic sheep
15. Simpler
18. Cavities containing liquid
19. Large fish-eating bird
21. Ocular protection index
23. Phil __, former CIA
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. Device
30. Actor Rudd
32. A pituitary hormone
33. Focus on an object
35. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
36. Young women's association
39. Not shallow
41. Doctor
42. Furniture
44. Hindu male religious teacher
46. Highly spiced stew
47. A way to communicate
49. Almost last
52. Astronomer Carl
56. Small horses
58. A slender tower with balconies
60. A disrespectful quality
62. Fully shaded inner regions
63. Short convulsive intake of breath

CLUES DOWN

- Popular Sunday dinner option
- Oil cartel
- Agile
- Greek goddess of discord
- Genetically distinct variety
- Indicates badly
- Popular Mr. T character
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- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Within
- Palm trees
- Fungal disease
- Tall, slender-leaved plants
- Affirmative! (slang)
- A passport is one
- Two outs in baseball (abbr.)

- Swiss river
- Deferential
- Where a bachelor lives
- Portable computer screen material
- A crying noise of a bird
- Sticky, amorphous substance
- Starchy dish of dried tubers
- Type of acid
- Partner to "Ma"
- 16 ounces
- The Bay State
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Benefits To Becoming A Volunteer Firefighter

Becoming a volunteer firefighter is arguably one of the most rewarding and fulfilling positions you can fill in your community. What's even more encouraging about it is that it requires little to no experience to get started. The primary objective of fire departments is to help prevent the fire from taking lives and destroying property. A volunteer firefighter is an individual who voluntarily provides his/her services to protect the community. Research has indicated that nearly seventy percent of the United States fire service staff is made up of volunteers. For several reasons, the number of volunteers keeps decreasing while call volumes are on the rise.



This implies that there is an urgent need for a new group of volunteer firefighters and the opportunity waits for those who are willing to serve. Of course, the best place to begin is where you live. The primary reason behind this is simple. Fire departments need someone who can conveniently receive an alert and act fairly fast to respond to an emergency call. Despite being an unpaid service, volunteer firefighting comes with a lot of potential benefits. So, if you are currently wondering about the possibility of becoming a volunteer firefighter but haven't made up your mind, below are seven great reasons why you should become volunteer firefighter.

A great opportunity to build your resume:

Experience is a word usually thrown around in college classes and job interviews (especially during the firefighter interview), and if you are an aspiring firefighter, you should take this very seriously. Experience is a critical factor, especially when it comes to securing a position with a career department, and without an adequate amount of experience, you risk getting passed up for a job vacancy you are actually qualified for. The prospect of working at your local fire department is a great step

toward becoming a career firefighter. If you didn't know, when trying to get hired at a career department, fire chiefs and officers almost always favor the candidate who already has some level of experience.

An opportunity to serve your community:

Being a volunteer firefighter can be a hugely rewarding experience and a unique way to serve your community. However, it does require lots of dedication, leadership, sacrifice as well as immense mental and physical stamina. Many communities depend on firefighters for protection against fire hazards and other disasters and individuals must volunteer to become firemen at their various local departments. Volunteer firefighters not only serve their community but are equally more visible and active members of their community. This is primarily because the work that fire departments perform in the community has a direct impact on the people you know and interact with daily. Saving lives and property and

serving people is arguably the primary reason why you would want to enter into a public safety career. When you work as a volunteer fireman you will have a fantastic opportunity to do this almost daily.

An opportunity to build more than friendships:

When you are working as a firefighter, the chances are very high that you will meet with other like-minded individuals and this allows you to create lasting friendships as well as strong professional networks. Volunteer firefighting is a great way to strengthen and expand your professional network. When the time comes to seek a professional



Canton Fire Department did a controlled burn this past weekend. They want to warn you that even though it has been wet lately that the fire danger is still high. While they were doing the controlled burn, the nice green grass was even burning and catching fire with ease.

reference, someone to help you out with a project or something similar, or even a career recommendation, you will have potentially endless people and accomplished experts to turn to.

Your circle grows even stronger and bigger when you regularly attend firefighting community events where you get to interact with all kinds of people. And all these people can be your great source of help when you need it the most.

A sense of pride:

As a volunteer firefighter, you will benefit from a sense of accomplishment, pride as well as an achievement that comes with the type of work you'll do. You will learn new skills from the best firefighting experts, make new friends, be part of a dedicated department, give back to your community, become a pillar and make a real difference in the community where you live.

You will earn more respect from people within your community because you work for their safety and overall welfare. What's more, your primary mission will be to make a major difference in the lives of the people, and such a rare accomplishment will likely give you an immeasurable sense of pride and satisfaction.

Opportunity for career growth:

As we previously mentioned, while recruiting career firefighters, most fire departments often give preference to candidates who have previous experience in fire or EMS. It is also important to note that the valuable and extensive training you get as a volunteer firefighter not only helps you in your career growth, but in your personal life as well. Some of the areas you will encounter are sure to include hazardous materials, fire investigation, firefighting and rescue skills, operating the available fire apparatus, conflict resolution, wild-land fire awareness and response and emergency operations. Simply put, being a volunteer fireman enhances every aspect of your life.

Annual Awards



Devon Chaulk received the roll call award for making the most calls last year. He was also named the outstanding firefighter of the year that was voted on by the department members.



Tom Laubach received the Severson-Weise award for all the behind the scene work that he does.



Nate Laubach was the lone member with 100 percent meeting attendance.

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Auditor and Treasurer Offices Give Department Reports

With all members present, the Lincoln County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 1 in the Lincoln County Boardroom. Commissioners heard agenda items including highway department bids, sheriff contracts, and reducing the budget.

Highway Superintendent, Terry Fluit requested board action to purchase from a Harding County bid for road construction machinery work from Loiseau Construction Inc. for milling and reclaiming work. “We’re going to be reutilizing them to do full reclamation on County Road 134, bay stabilization, additive injection, and we’ll be doing some mill work out there as well. The FDR is \$1.28 a square yard, additive injection is \$1.28 a square yard and the project is approximately 103,000 square yards,” Fluit said. Motion to approve by Schmidt, seconded by Otten. Motion carried unanimously.

Fluit also asked for board action to purchase from a Turner County bid for crane and other heavy equipment work from Hollaway Construction Bridge and Culvert Inc. “We’re going to be setting three new girders on two different bridges, and we’re also going to be using them to set a pre-cast box culvert that we’re going to be installing this year on County Road 134,” he said. Motion to approve the purchase by Arends, seconded

by Schmidt, motion carried.

Sheriff Steve Swenson was present to request board action to approve and authorize execution of the Harrisburg Law Enforcement contract. “There’s really no big changes other than the population increase by about 30 per cent so from \$1 million to \$1,379,798, we also added a \$4 per capita for dispatch services which is an additional \$41,188, this is a three year contract with three per cent increase annually,” he said. Motion to approve by Arends, seconded by Schmidt, motion carried.

Swenson next asked for board discussion with action to follow to allow the Sheriff to recruit for a full-time position to replace the budgeted part-time position opening. “We would like to start advertising for a position that we have. We have a retirement in the jail courthouse security division that’s currently a part-time position and I’d like to at least have the option to fill it with a full-time position for better coverage once we move out to the new courthouse,” Swenson said. Motion to approve by Schmidt, seconded by Arends, motion carried.

Treasurer, Francene Hofer requested board discussion with possible action to allow for an over hire in the Treasurer’s office. “I have an employee who will be retiring in June, so I just want to

kind of get into the hiring option now, I am currently hiring for an open position, so I thought if I could do it all in one with the new motor vehicle system they now have to do two weeks of training before they can learn on our side,” she said. A motion to approve by Otten, seconded by Arends, motion carried.

Auditor, Sheri Lund requested board discussion with possible action to follow to reduce the budget authority in the Treasurer and General Building and Ground budget. “We originally had \$15,500 budgeted in the Treasurer’s budget for furniture and minor equipment and we had \$342,500 in the general building for the satellite office in Harrisburg. I haven’t heard any discussion about it moving forward, I don’t even know if the building would be available if the numbers are good. I think we should probably start the process over if they’re not, but I think right now we should remove the authority for the budget,” she said. Commissioner Schmidt shared with Lund that the project is on hold due to the Harrisburg School District deciding whether or not they want to sell the building and an answer may come from the Superintendent before summer. A motion to reduce the budget was made by Otten, seconded by Schmidt, motion carried.

Lund stayed at the podium to give her department head presentation for the Auditor Department. “Like most Auditors around the state, I do a lot of hands-on work, but I am very fortunate to have outstanding deputies working for me,” Lund said. Lund and her team work together to pay all the county bills, employee payroll, finance reconciliation, and handling orders from both state and county officials. After helping implement new payroll software, running a successful primary and general election, assisting with post election audits, and working

with the Budget Committee to give guidelines for the budget process in 2024, Lund is looking forward to another successful year. “In 2025 we are going to be implementing software that will help the budget process be more transparent, continue to work with the Budget Committee to improve the budget process, improve the look of the financial statements, process list maintenance for voter registration, look for a new polling location for Delapre Township, and send out old invoices for county lien aids,” she said.



Real Property Tax Relief

Now that the legislative session is in the rearview mirror, I’m focused on looking forward and unlocking new opportunities for South Dakota. We had a historic 100th legislative session, and we accomplished a lot for the people of South Dakota – but there’s more work to do!

I recently announced next steps to deliver a real property tax cut for the people of South Dakota. During legislative session, we passed my bill, Senate Bill 216, which delivered meaningful, impactful changes to slow down future increases in homeowner property taxes. Now, it’s time to go a step further.

I am proposing to the legislature’s Property Tax Relief Task Force that we give counties the option to cut homeowner property taxes by instead implementing a sales tax of up to 0.5%. The proceeds of that tax must go directly to homeowner tax relief – they cannot be used to grow government. And if homeowner taxes are completely offset, then whatever money is left must go towards commercial and agriculture property taxes.

This proposal will be referable to a vote of the people, and the people could use an initiative process to put it on their local ballot themselves. This means that every county will have every opportunity to decide if this option is right for them.

During legislative session, we had a couple dozen property tax bills proposed. Only my Senate Bill 216 became law. One reason for that is because many of those bills tried to solve a five-county problem with a statewide solution. My new proposal addresses that by giving counties the option to choose what is best for their people.

It just so happens that many of the counties that have the biggest issues with property taxes are also the counties that see the most out-of-state visitors – like Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties in the Sioux Falls metro and several counties in the Black Hills. If those counties implement this proposal, they’ll shift a sizable portion of their local tax burden onto out-of-state residents, which saves money for South Dakotans.

My team will get to work with the legislature’s Property Tax Relief Task Force to hammer out this proposal and get it into a final form. I promised to address property taxes for our people – and I am delivering on that promise.

I want to thank the people of South Dakota for the opportunity to serve as your Governor. Becoming governor in the middle of session was its own unique challenge and opportunity. I’ve really enjoyed getting around the state in the last couple of weeks on my Open for Opportunity tour, and that will continue in the weeks to come. I hope to see you in your hometown!



Fixing Biden’s Broken Broadband Program

More than three years ago, Congress created the \$42.5 billion BEAD program to bring broadband service to unserved parts of the country. It was the single largest federal investment in broadband expansion ever made. But to date, it has not connected a single household to the internet.

The reason? The Biden administration chose to load up this program with a slew of extraneous conditions that made it unworkable for many providers. The program’s requirements read like a progressive wish-list, and they bear little resemblance to what Congress envisioned for this program.

The Biden administration added irrelevant climate mandates. They required union labor and DEI hiring practices. The program prioritizes government-owned networks over private investment. And despite a clear prohibition on rate regulation in the law, the Biden administration tried to add that in, too.

So many extraneous requirements were added to this program that it couldn’t fulfill its core function, and we’re now in a situation where a \$42 billion taxpayer-funded program hasn’t connected even a single household to the internet after three-plus years.

But now there’s a new administration in the White House. President Trump has expressed interest in finally getting this program off the ground, and the Commerce Department has begun to review these requirements. I recently led my colleagues in urging Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to remove the Biden-era mandates that stopped the BEAD program from actually connecting unserved communities to the internet. By reviewing and ultimately eliminating these unnecessary requirements, we can ensure that this funding is finally deployed to expand broadband access to unserved areas quickly

and efficiently.

The BEAD program is one particularly egregious example of the consequences of overregulation. The Trump administration and Republicans in Congress are working to eliminate some of the Biden administration’s burdensome regulations. Democrats don’t seem to see the downside of government mandates, but the American people feel them. Those mandates have costs: financial costs and opportunity costs. In the case of the BEAD program, it’s meant unserved areas have been kept waiting years for a reliable internet connection.

Regulatory relief continues to be a priority for the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress. The American people can be confident that we will continue working to eliminate the red tape that stifles progress.

LIVE/ONLINE AUCTION

JD 20 SERIES TRACTORS, 1965 PLYMOUTH FURY III, 1978 FORD F-150
ANTIQUES, MACHINERY, LAWNMOWERS, PERSONAL PROPERTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th @ 10:00 AM

Auctioneer’s Note: Bill and Karen were avid Granite Threshing Bee exhibitors of this JD 20 series tractor collection over the past several years. They have now moved to Sioux Falls and will sell the following on a live/online auction located at 27859 481st Ave, Canton, SD. The auction will begin at 10:00 AM with the online items at 11:15 AM. Directions from Canton, SD. stoplight, 3 ½ miles north on 481st Ave.

Tractors: 56’ JD 820 tractor, hyd.; 57’ JD 720 tractor, diesel, nf; 57’ JD 620 tractor, gas, nf; 56’ JD 520 tractor, nf; 57’ JD 420 tractor, wf; 57’ JD 320U tractor, wf, rare; 37’ JD A tractor, unstyled; AC WD tractor, nf, 3pt.; 40’ Ford 9N tractor, overdrive, w/loader; 53’ Farnall Super C tractor, wf.

Vehicles/Trailer: 1965 Plymouth Fury III, shows 36,960 miles, 2-door, 3 speed/column, ps, 383 V8 engine, new Crager wheels, new tires, nice; 1978 Ford F-150, XLT Ranger, shows 70,500 miles, 2WD, long bed, 400 V8 engine, auto, nice; Dressen tilt bed bumper hitch trailer, 7’ x 21’, 7000 lb. axles.

Lawnmowers: Hustler zero turn mower, 157 hrs., 60” rear discharge deck, 23.5 hp Kawasaki engine; Gravely zero turn mower, 1,130 hrs., 60” deck, 25 hp Kohler command Pro engine, hyd. deck lift; Ariens push mower, bagger.

Machinery: Miller 72” skid loader bucket/GrabTec grapple; JD127 Gyramor, 5’; 2 JD sickle mowers; AC 6’ cultivator; JD pull type 3b plow; JD 4b 3pt plow; portable livestock loading chute; 2 JD AW disks; JD rotary hoe; JD 4RW 3pt cultivator; JD 494A planter; JD 4RW front mount cultivator; land roller; 3pt yard rake; NI Horn wagon, wooden wheel.

Antiques/Collectibles: Hoosier cabinet, nice; Copper Clad cast iron cook stove w/takeoff, nice; enamel drop leaf table; 4-ice cream chairs; several trunks; bell; tins; butter churn; lamps; washboard; ice box; egg crate; toys; pedal tractor; cast iron wagon, 8 horses; wooden Coke crates; cream cans; enamel ware; table/chairs; plus more.

Misc: hand tools; drill press; 55-gallon fuel barrel/electric pump; welder; power washer; generator; chainsaw; pole saw; yard sweeper; air compressor; barn cupola; plus more.

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City of Harrisburg Meeting Minutes

Harrisburg City Council
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on April 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm, with Mayor Derick Wenck presiding. Council members were Matt Westerman, Kevin Maxwell, Chris Kindt & Pete Wodzinski. Also present from the City were Amanda Mack, Heath Voneye, Deb Harris, Toby Huizenga, Jill Johnke, and Monty Jenkins. A list of all others in attendance is on file at the city office.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

6:00 Public Hearing to receive input on the rezoning of Lot 2 Block 1 of the Rix Addition to the City of Harrisburg. Residents from 1435 Mary Place stated concerns about rezoning to General Business.

Public Comment: Enger voiced concerns about the work that is planned to be done on Elm Street.

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

- Approval of Agenda – Declaration of any Potential Conflict of Interest
- Approval of March 17, 2025 Local Review Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of March 18, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April 1, 2025 Claims
- Approved the surplus and demolition of house at 27397 475th Ave
- Approved quote from Foss to install a 6 strand fiber and category 6 cable between buildings in the amount of \$2450.00. (Budgeted Item)

A & B Business \$136.73; Accts Mgmt \$385.60; AFLAC \$367.74; Albers Electric \$86.73; American Engineering \$1,688.00; Bluepeak \$661.00; Builders Firstsource \$91.60; Butler Machinery \$957.86; Convergent Technologies \$46,526.34; Cutler Law Firm \$5,671.25; Dakota Fluid Power \$158.78; Delta Dental \$1,510.20; Dept of Treasury \$29,196.85; Epicsky \$5,000.00; Grainger \$195.01; Harland Clarke \$87.86; Harris, Deb \$178.50; Harrisburg Heritage \$6,172.63; Harrisburg School District \$4,893.13; Health Equity \$795.00; Hireclick \$159.00; Home Definition \$50.00; Innovative Office \$518.51; Lawson Products \$266.95; Menards \$308.65; Midco \$224.34; Midstates Inc \$120.00; Nalco \$3,907.93; Optilegra \$297.96; SDML Workers Comp Fund \$3,341.00; SDRS \$19,368.86; SDRS Supplemental \$600.00; SE Electric \$8,706.84; Sharp Automotive \$46,000.00; Sign Solutions \$215.54; Simonsen, Marcus \$105.01; Sioux Valley News \$543.51; Skogen, Gary \$2,259.09; Smith Christina \$21,500.00; Stellinga, Michelle \$150.00; Toshiba Financial \$258.43; Two Way Solutions \$99.90; USA Bluebook \$3,436.74; Verizon \$524.35; Wellmark BC/BS \$18,761.91; Xcel Energy \$19.82; Payroll \$72,901.48

Business Item 1. Motion Kindt, seconded Maxwell to approve lowering the tier of Monty Meyer water bill. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.

Business Item 2. Motion Wodzinski, seconded Maxwell to approve change order #7 – Cliff & Willow St Roundabout in the amount of \$602.00. Upon roll call vote; all in favor

Business Item 3. Motion Maxwell, seconded Wodzinski to approve the 12th & Final Pay App – Cliff & Willow St Roundabout in the amount of \$114,476.50. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.

Business Item 4. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-02 Rezoning Lot 2 Block 1 of the Rix Addition to the City of Harrisburg. No Action Taken

Business Item 5. Motion Maxwell, seconded Wodzinski to approve purchase of agri lime for softball complex in the amount of \$52,357.50. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.

Business Item 6. Motion Kindt, seconded Westerman to adopt the TIF Guideline Policy. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.

Business Item 7. Motion Westerman, seconded Maxwell, to approve Resolution 2025-04 Debt Reduction. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO THE PAYOFF OF CERTAIN BONDS.

RECITALS

- The City of Harrisburg (the “City”) owns and operates a publicly owned sanitary sewer conveyance system and treatment works (the “Sanitary Sewer System”);
- The City of Harrisburg (the “City”) owns and operates a publicly owned drinking water distribution system (Water System);
- The City desires to use cash on hand to pay off certain bonds issued by the City, therefore making utility services more affordable for its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Harrisburg that the City shall apply cash on hand to pay off the following bonds, based on a closing date of April 11th, 2025.

Water System Surcharge Revenue Bonds, Series 2019	
Principal Balance:	\$1,145,000.00
Accrued Interest:	12,175.17
Prepayment Premium:	0.00
Outstanding Payments:	0.00
Project Fund Balance:	0.00
Total Payoff:	\$1,157,175.17
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022	
Principal Balance:	\$2,501,726.19
Accrued Interest:	22,571.13
Prepayment Premium:	0.00
Outstanding Payments:	0.00
Project Fund Balance:	0.00
Total Payoff:	\$2,524,297.32

Adopted at City of Harrisburg, South Dakota, this 1st day of April , 2025

APPROVED:

Derick Wenck, Mayor

Attest:

Deb Harris, Finance Officer

Business Item 8. Motion Maxwell, seconded Wodzinski to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) Contract Negotiations at 6:33pm. Upon roll call vote; all in favor.

Mayor declared out of executive session at 7:44pm.

With no further business, a motion was made by Kindt, seconded by Wodzinski to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:44pm. Upon roll call, all present in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Harrisburg City Council will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Submitted by Jill Johnke, Deputy Finance Officer

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Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

IN CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

41CIV25-000413

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:

Malik Kirkley Sanders

(Current Name)

FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:

Lumi EL

(Proposed Name)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Malik Kirkley Sanders change Petitioner’s name from Malik Kirkley Sanders to Lumi EL, Change of nationality to American Indian. The petition will be heard on the 8th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

James Power

Circuit Court Judge

Attest:

Brittan Anderson,

Clerk of Court

By: Anderson, Deputy

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City of Canton Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF CANTON CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 1, 2025

UNAPPROVED

The Canton City Commission met at the Canton Depot, on Wednesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Garbers, Larson, York and Mayor Lundstrom were present for roll call. Commissioner Pigors was absent at the time of roll call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

COMMISSIONER FORUM

Commissioner Garbers moved and Commissioner Larson seconded to be at ease for the Commissioner Forum. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Lundstrom called the meeting back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner York seconded to adjourn. Unanimous Approval.

Kyle Cwach

Finance Officer

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Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

IN CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

41PRO25-23

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAUREN C. VOOG, DECEASED.

Notice is given that on the 31st day of March, 2025, Kathleen Voog, of 25500 12th St. NW, New London, MN 56273, was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lauren C. Voog.

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 of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2025.

Kathleen Voog

25500 12th St. NW

New London, MN 56273

Attorney for the Estate:

Samp Law Offices

P.O. Box 495

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

(605) 339-1020

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Public Notices

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LARGE UNION COUNTY LAND AUCTION

+/-261.23 Acres of Brule Twp. & Elk Point Twp., Union County, SD Land - Situated in a Prominent Agricultural Area Near Fairview, Junction City, and Elk Point, SD!

We will offer the following Land at Public Auction onsite at Farm #1 – Located from the Vermillion/Yankton Exit #26 off I-29 – 1 Mile East/SE on SD Hwy. #50 to the SW Corner of the Land. The sale site will be at the NE corner of Farm #1.

FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025

Sale Time: 10:30 AM

AUCTIONEER’S NOTE: ATTENTION – Row Crop Operators, Hunters & Wildlife Enthusiast, & Investors!! The Heirs of Luverne Hanson & the Garthright Family have awarded Sutton Auctioneers and Land Brokers the privilege to offer these parcels of Union County land at public auction. This land has been in the Hanson & Garthright Families for many decades, thus this auction provides a “Once in a Lifetime Opportunity” to purchase these Union County SD farms. If you are in the market for land as an addition to a row crop or farming operation or as an investment, you will want to inspect these properties and make plans to be in attendance at this auction! See suttonauction.com for Full Ad & Brochure!

FARM #1: +/-44.22 Acres in Brule Twp., Union County, SD – LEGAL DESC.: The SE ¼ of the SE ¼ & the N. ½ of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ (Less the S. 978.29’ of the E. 1678’, Exc. The S. 49.50’ of the SE 1/4), & the W. 14.58 Ac. of the S. ½ of the S. ½ of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ - All in Sec. 17, T. 92N., R. 50W., Brule Twp., Union County, SD - Located from the Vermillion/Yankton Exit #26 off I-29 – 1 Mile East/SE on SD Hwy. #50 to the SW Corner of the Land.

Farm #1 has a very high percentage tillable. According to FSA information this farm is indicated to contain approx. 42.18 acres of cropland. Information obtained from Surety Agri-Data Inc. indicates that this land has a weighted average productivity index of a 77.1 with over 90% of class I & II soils. This parcel does have an existing cell tower site & a permanent easement for the tower site. The 2024 RE taxes payable in 2025 on this property are \$1,202.42.

FARM #2: +/-80.00 Acres in Elk Point E. Twp., Union County, SD – LEGAL DESC.: The E. ½ of the NW ¼ in Sec. 17, T. 91N., R. 49W., Elk Point E. Twp., Union County, SD – Located from Elk Point, SD (Jct. Of E. Rose St./Co. Hwy. #1B & 325thSt.) – 1 Mile E. on 325th St., 2 Miles N. on 478th Ave, then ½ Mile W.

Farm #2 consists of a virtually all tillable parcel of land with some highly productive soils. According to FSA information this farm is indicated to contain approx. 80.09 acres of farmland with +/-79.11 acres of cropland. Information obtained from Surety

Agri-Data Inc. indicates that this land has a weighted average productivity index of an 84.3 with 100% class I & II soils. This parcel was seeded with an oats cover crop in 2024 for benefit of the 2025 crop & 1.5 LB of Nitrogen was applied to the farm at that time, which will pass at no cost to the purchaser(s). It should be noted that this parcel was previously irrigated, however the irrigator is owned by the former tenant & will not be included with the sale of the property. The 2024 RE taxes payable in 2025 on this property are \$2,371.20.

FARM #3: Located from Elk Point, SD (Jct. Of E. Rose St./Co. Hwy. #1B & 325th St.) – 1 Mile E. on 325th St., 2 Miles N. on 478th Ave, then 4/10th Mile E. on 323rd St.

Farm #3 is a property which would be of interest to a large variety of buyers! This farm offers productive cropland acres but additionally, this is an extremely unique property due to the hunting & wildlife attributes this farm offers. According to FSA information this farm is indicated to contain approx. 79.95 acres of cropland. In 2024, extensive work was done on this property to repair & improve the existing dike barrier adjacent to the river & several trees were excavated & removed from the property at that time. Additionally, a path was improved to access one of the smaller cropland fields. There are areas of this property which create a wildlife mecca for Deer, Pheasants, Turkeys and other wildlife! The 2024 RE Taxes payable in 2025 on this land are \$3,223.78. This parcel was seeded with an oats cover crop in 2024 for benefit of the 2025 crop & 1.5 LB of Nitrogen was applied to the farm at that time, which will pass at no cost to the purchaser(s).

TERMS: Cash - A 10% nonrefundable downpayment on the day of the sale with the balance on or before June 6, 2025. Title ins. & closing fee to be split 50-50 between buyer & seller. All of the 2024 RE taxes payable in 2025 will be paid by the owners. This property is sold in “AS IS” CONDITION and subject to any existing easements, restrictions, reservations or highways of record if any, as well as any or all Union County Zoning Ordinances. The RE licensees in this transaction are acting as agents for the seller. Sold subject to confirmation of the owners.

AUCTION CONDUCTED BY SUTTON AUCTIONEERS & LAND BROKERS, LLC

CHUCK SUTTON - Auctioneer & Land Broker - Sioux Falls, SD - ph. 605-336-6315 & Flandreau, SD - ph. 605-997-3777

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Notice of Deadline

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Harrisburg School Board Election to be held on May 6, 2025, will close on April 21, 2025. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at 605-764-2581.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of

Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration, absentee voting, or polling place accessibility.

Jennifer Conway, Director of Finance/HR
Harrisburg School #41-2
Lincoln County
Harrisburg, SD 57032

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Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
41CIV25-000409

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
Judith Mary Easton
(Current Name)
FOR A CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Judith Mary Weber
(Proposed Name)

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

City of Canton, South Dakota. Anyone may come and appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2025 at Lincoln County, South Dakota.

James Power
Circuit Court Judge

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

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Lincoln County Board of Commission Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025	
THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened at on March 25, 2025, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam present. Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot, was also present.	
Chair, Tiffani Landeen, called the meeting to order.	
ROUTINE BUSINESS:	
MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt to approve Agenda. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
Payroll: \$473,086.91	
Commissioner's \$8,829.18; FICA \$23.72, Medicare 122.84, SDRS 161.78	
Auditor's \$14,456.26; FICA 826.33, Medicare 193.25, SDRS 860.17	
Treasurer's \$21,194.92; FICA 1,176.09, Medicare 275.05, SDRS 1,259.99	
States Attorney's \$78,505.97; FICA 4,530.44, Medicare 1,059.54, SDRS 4,616.35	
Gen Gov Bldg \$19,559.01; FICA 1,076.78, Medicare 251.83, SDRS 1,161.66	
DOE \$43,133.30; FICA 2,474.73, Medicare 578.77, SDRS 2,516.25	
ROD \$9,494.62; FICA 519.52, Medicare 121.50, SDRS 563.97	
VSO \$2,649.28; FICA 155.88, Medicare 36.46, SDRS 158.95	
GIS \$7,025.94; FICA 397.64, Medicare 93.00, SDRS 417.36	
IT \$10,076.67; FICA 591.16, Medicare 138.25, SDRS 598.90	
HR \$5,846.19; FICA 348.82, Medicare 81.58, SDRS 348.07	
Sheriff's \$115,653.22; FICA 6,751.10, Medicare 1,578.89, SDRS 8,596.57	
Jail \$17,495.39; FICA 1,1064.99, Medicare 249.07, SDRS 1,035.59	
County 4-H \$4,541.80; FICA 267.33, Medicare 62.52, SDRS 269.80	
Weeds \$1,780.05; FICA 110.36, Medicare 25.81, SDRS 106.80	
P & Z \$13,215.60; FICA 812.47, Medicare 190.01, SDRS 792.93	
Highway \$57,161.49; FICA 2,981.78, Medicare 697.35, SDRS 3,060.40	
Communications \$31,608.34; FICA 1,805.98, Medicare 422.37, SDRS 1,867.87	
EM MGMT \$5,150.17; FICA 297.96, Medicare 69.68, SDRS 306.01	
Airport \$2,911.11; FICA 180.49, Medicare 42.21, SDRS 174.67	
24/7 \$2,798.40; FICA 173.50, Medicare 40.58, SDRS 223.87	
Reports:	
Mileage Reports: Sheriff Civil Fee Mileage Report Feb 2025	
Children's Home Shelter - FY2026 Outside Agency Request for Funding	
Governor's Office of Economic Development 2024 Annual Report	
February 2025 Auditor account with the County Treasurer report and financial reports	
MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve Consent Agenda items.. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
CONSENT AGENDA:	
MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten to approve County Commission Minutes: 03.11.2025. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve Lincoln County Claims in the amount of \$256,010.44: GENERAL : All Nations Interpreters Inc-Interpreter Services \$847.65; Anderson, Jennifer Marie -MI Evaluations \$1906.6; Angel Law, Prof LLC \$1547.50; Applied Concepts Inc \$3,435.00; Automotive Doctors LLC, Repairs \$1,055.24; Witness Fees \$278.12; Avera McKennan Hospital \$6,727.04; Beck Law, Prof LLC, Court Appointed Attorney \$574.50; Bomgaars \$48.84, Supplies;	
Boots, Todd Planning & Zoning Board- \$23.77;Juror Fees \$689.86; Carlson, Lisa-Transcripts \$105.45; Carper, Nichole-Court Appointed Attorney \$1,743.00; Century Business Products-Equipment Rental \$260.32; Certified Languages International-Interpreters \$118.80; Cintas Corp-Safety/Building Supplies \$30.50; City of Harrisburg- Fuel \$5,994.40; Clay County Sheriff's Office-Boarding Fees \$140.00; CNA Surety-Notary \$50.00; D & D Small Engine Repair & Sales LLC - Repairs \$87.00; Dakota Embalming & Transport Service Inc -Coroner Services \$4,275.00; Eich Law Office – Court Appointed Attorney \$770.50; Elizabeth H. Lundquist, Court Reporter \$67.50; FranzenReporting-Transcripts \$148.50; Fred The Fixer - Repairs \$27.00; Grainger- Building Supplies \$3,916.88; Green, Scott-Planning & Zoning Board \$20.40; Harrisburg Ace Hardware \$28.26; Interstate Office Products – Office Supplies \$99.60; Intoximeters Inc, Supplies \$1,995.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment – Rental/Supplies \$1,159.79; Jena Skorczewski, Court Reporter \$6.00; Jongeling, Jerry-Planning & Zoning Board \$19.07; JW Niederauer Inc-Supplies \$47.96; Karla Salem \$1,210.00; Kathryn Cranbrooks, \$5,125.00; Katie Johnson PLLC \$3,466; Knecht, Andrew J \$4,286.9; Lennox Area Ambulance \$800; LennoxIndependent LLC - Publishing \$1,675.42; Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services Inc \$225.00; LexisNexis \$115.43; Maxine Risty- Court Reporting \$160.95; Meierhenry Sargent LLP- Court Appointed Attorney \$2,732.00; MidAmerican Energy Co \$3,234.45; Minnehaha County Jail-Boarding Fees \$1,450.00; Motorola Solutions Inc \$2,774.00; Nailed It Construction LLC \$1,850.00; Napa Auto & Truck Parts of Sioux Falls \$16.17; Norton Industries LLC \$1,636.00; Novak Sanitary Svc Corp – Waste Removal \$720.00; O'Leary Law Office-Court Appointed Attorney \$5,147.73; Otis Elevator Company – Building Maintenance \$1590.54; Otten, Betty-Planning & Zoning Board \$22.64; Pat Beck, Court Reporter \$352.00; Phillip Loving – MI Evaluations \$2,484.22 ;Executive Mgmt. Finance Office \$102.00; Pro Flooring – Building Maintenance \$1,404.90; Prochem Dynamics LLC -Maintenance Supplies \$548.50; Qualified Presort Service LLC – Assessment Mailings \$19,368.2; Rent All Inc \$685.50; Resolute Law Firm PC – Court Appointed Attorney \$6,438.70; SanfordHealth \$6,714.88; Scott,Erik \$7.65; SD Dept of Health \$40.00; SD Division of Criminal Investigation - Background \$43.25; SD Secretary Of State \$30.00; SDACES – Membership Dues \$15.00; SDACO – Training Registration \$375.00; Sentencing Advocacy Group of Evanston – Court Appointed Attorney \$934.23; Sioux Falls Area Humane Society – Boarding Fees \$3,392.00; Sioux Valley News Inc - Publishing \$40.00; Sisson Printing Inc-law book printing \$279.76; Stitches-Uniform Supplies \$475.00; Storo, Tracie \$316.78; Strange, Farrell, Johnson & Brewers Pc \$1262; Streicher's \$1270.7; Sturdevant's Auto Value \$6.99; Sweetter, Marlene \$10.40; Symetra Life Insurance Company \$216.75; Syverson Tricia L \$48; Terri Lembcke Schildhauer, \$62.5; Tyler Technologies Inc \$36,854.62-Annual Software Fee; United Laboratories Inc \$533.32; Vanguard Appraisals Inc -County Assessment printing/ mailing \$19,930.00 ROAD AND BRIDGE : Bartlett Tools Inc -supplies \$489.95; Bomgaars \$161.52; Butler Machinery Co – maintenance supplies \$3,184.54; Canton Home & Farm Supply – repair supplies \$27.68; Century Business Products – equipment rental \$55.22; Cintas Corp - maintenance supplies \$273.03; Dakota Fluid Power Inc – maintenance supplies \$1,424.39; Fastenal Company \$52.38; HealthPartners \$890.66; Imeg Corp- professional services \$25,362.77; Johnson Feed Inc -Supplies \$4,422.01; Kimball Midwest \$1,071.78; Midwest Petroleum Equipment \$230; Napa Auto & Truck Parts of Sioux Falls \$1,125.42; Northern Truck Equipment Corporation \$7,024.82; Presto-X \$194.16; Sir Lines A Lot, LLC \$3712.5; Sturdevant's Auto Value \$49.96; Symetra Life Insurance Company \$32.4; Tire Motive Service Center \$25; Titan Machinery Inc \$2288.05; E911 COMMUNICATIONS : Century Business Products- equipment rental \$20.47; Symetra Life Insurance Company \$19.80; E911 COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL: \$40.27; EMERGENCY AND DISASTER: Symetra Life Insurance Company \$0.55; AIRPORT : A-1 Pumping & Excavating Inc – sewage services \$287.50; Aviation Management Consulting Group Inc-consulting fee \$5,453.50; Southeastern Electric Coop - utilities \$349.24; Symetra Life Insurance Company \$1.80; 24/7 SOBRIETY : Jasarovic, Natasha \$42.00; Kelly, Mary \$98.00; Rosendahl, Norman Ray \$30.00; Symetra Life Insurance Company \$1.80; \$171.80 REGISTER OF DEEDS: SDACES \$15; DEBT SERVICE - TIF #8: City of Harrisburg \$11,554.38; DEBT SERVICE TIF #9: City of Lennox \$5,312.03. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the chair to execute an agreement with Asphalt Surfacing Company for the 2025 micro surfacing project in the amount of \$951,596.22. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Doug Putnam. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve abatement of taxes for 2024 payable in 2025 on a parcel in the Township of Canton, parcel 098.49.20.1010, in the amount of 2,643.18 house was removed from the parcel on 06.07.2023. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve an automatic budget supplement to the Sheriff's budget, for unanticipated grant funds. Account 101-4211-33410 in the amount of \$30,908.13 and 101-4211-433000 in the amount of \$30,908.13. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Application Affidavit of Replacement Warrant submitted by BankWest Inc. for the amount of \$5,460.84, original warrant number 32509 issued 04/28/2023. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to set the date and time for the FIRST READING to occur April 8, 2025, and the SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING to occur between 8:30 a.m. and adjournment of the April 22, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, amending Chapter 154: Zoning, Section 154.021, Definitions; Section 154.058, Conditional Uses (A-1 Agricultural District); Section 154.178, Conditional Uses (RC Recreation/Conservation District); Section 154.254, Additional Use Regulations; and Section 154.379(A), Notification, for the regulation of carbon oxide pipelines, carbon oxide pump stations, carbon oxide mainline valves, carbon oxide capture facilities, and carbon oxide launcher and receiver facilities. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the step increase of Candace Andersen, Paralegal, in the State's Attorney's Office, effective the first date of the biweekly pay period following 03/17/2025, 107/17 at \$38.77/hr. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
REGULAR BUSINESS:	
PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised to consider an application for a temporary on-sale malt beverage license to operate outside the municipality for Lennox Baseball & Softball Association, LBSA for an event to occur on April 26, 2025, Located at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 27711 Hwy 17, Lennox, SD 57039, legally described as 34.12 Acres in NE Quarter including railroad property Section 29-Township 99- N Range 51 West of the 5th principal meridian Lincoln County SD. The applicant, Jon Vandehoef of the Lennox Baseball & Softball Association, was present. No proponent or opposition was heard.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve an application for a temporary on-sale malt beverage license to operate outside the municipality for Lennox Baseball & Softball Association, LBSA for an event to occur on April 26, 2025, Located at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 27711 Hwy 17, Lennox, SD 57039, legally described as 34.12 Acres in NE Quarter including railroad property Section 29-Township 99- N Range 51 West of the 5th principal meridian Lincoln County SD. MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Betty Otten. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised pursuant to SDCL 7-21-22, for the purpose of adopting the following supplements to the 2025 Budget: A supplement adding to the debt service TIF #8 budget for 204,000.00 for current taxes and principal payments, a supplement adding to the Commission budget to fees and contracts in the amount of \$150,000.00 per resolution 2412-48 dated 12.24.2024, a supplement adding to the Coroner budget to fees and transports in the amount of \$6,000.00 per resolution 2412-18 dated 12.10.2024, a supplement adding to Other Economic Assistance budget in the amount of \$67,393.75 per resolution 2412-22 passed on 12.10.2024, a supplement adding to the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$33,000.00 per resolution 2412-15 passed on 12.10.2024. Sheri Lund, Lincoln County Auditor, presented the information and answered questions. Opponent testimony was heard.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the following supplements to the 2025 Budget: A supplement adding to the debt service TIF #8 budget for 204,000.00 for current taxes and principal payments, a supplement adding to the Commission budget to fees and contracts in the amount of \$150,000.00 per resolution 2412-48 dated 12.24.2024, a supplement adding to the Coroner budget to fees and transports in the amount of \$6,000.00 per resolution 2412-18 dated 12.10.2024, a supplement adding to Other Economic Assistance budget in the amount of \$67,393.75 per resolution 2412-22 passed on 12.10.2024, a supplement adding to the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$33,000.00 per resolution 2412-15 passed on 12.10.2024. MOTION by Betty Otten and seconded by Jim Schmidt. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Terry Fluit, Highway Department Director, asked for board action to purchase a base stabilizing agent off the Harding County bid from Team Lab for \$27/gallon. No public input was heard.	
RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to purchase a base stabilizing agent off the Harding County bid from Team Lab for \$27/gallon. MOTION by Doug Putnam and seconded by Jim Schmidt. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Paul Anderson, Commissioner Administrative Assistant introduced Amy Carter, Chief Operating Officer for Helpline Center, to give a presentation regarding the current state of the Helpline Center and what is planned for the future. Anderson also explained the budget request for 2026 for the Helpline Center of \$12,000.00. No public input was heard.	
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Steve Swenson, Lincoln County Sheriff, gave a presentation regarding the Sheriff's Department. Public input was heard.	
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Tom Wollman, State's Attorney, gave a presentation about the State's Attorney's Office. No public input was heard.	
COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: David Ekle, Veteran's Services Department Director, gave a presentation about the Veteran's Services Office. No public input was heard.	
MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to recess as the Board of Commissioners. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to convene as the Drainage Board. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to adjourn as the Drainage Board. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
MOTION by Jim Schmidt and seconded by Joel Arends to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT	
Public comment was heard.	
COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)	
Commissioners' reports were given.	
EXECUTIVE SESSION:	
No executive session was held.	
ADJOURNMENT:	
MOTION by Joel Arends and seconded by Betty Otten to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on April 1, 2025. Ayes: Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Tiffani Landeen, Betty Otten, Doug Putnam, Nays: None. Motion Passed.	
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners	
Tiffani Landeen, Lincoln County Chair	
Attest:	
Alicia Cafaro, Lincoln County Deputy Auditor	
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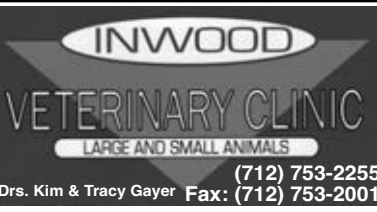


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4-H News



The SoDak Showmen 4-H Club met on March 23, at the Halversons. Prior to the meeting the members practiced a FCS contest. We discussed fruit sales. Club T-Shirt designs should be brought to the next meeting. As a community service project they would like to play Bingo with the Nursing Home residents. There will be a Chicken Workshop In Elk Point on April 5th. There is a Horse Judging contest April 12th in Sioux Falls. Horse Hippology will be at Sugar Bowl Stables April 12th, in Elk Point. Showman's Best is May 28th, in Vermillion. 4-H Camps and Arts Camp will be at the beginning of June. Special Foods is July 9th. Fashion Revue is July 24th at 5pm in Beresford. The Union County Fair will be July 31, to August 2nd. Kamden Winquist gave a talk about guns. The next meeting will be either April 27th, or May 18th.



Celebrating Grand Opening of Worthing Grain Terminal



Producer board members cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the CHS Worthing grain terminal last Tuesday.

CHS has officially marked the grand opening of its newly expanded grain terminal in Worthing, South Dakota. With the facility now fully operational, this investment represents a significant step forward in CHS's commitment to strengthening its grain supply chain, expanding market access and improving efficiency for farmer-owners in the Upper Midwest.

Located just west of Worthing along the Interstate 29 and South Dakota Highway 44 corridor, the new facility features six grain bins standing 140 feet tall, built using the continuous slip-pour method over six days with crews working around the clock. The silos add 1.1 million bushels of permanent storage to the site, bringing the total storage capacity, including existing bunkers, to more than 5 million bushels.

"This is a strategic investment that delivers exactly what our customers need, speed and space," said Kent Mulder, vice president of operations at CHS. "With the new infrastructure at Worthing, we can receive grain faster, load trains more efficiently, and get producers back in the field more quickly during harvest and high-volume seasons."

Facility highlights and capabilities:

- 60,000 bushels per hour receiving capacity, pushing Worthing's total to 110,000 bushels per hour
- 80,000 bushels per hour loading capacity
- 1.1 million bushels of new permanent storage, bringing site total to over 5 million
- 330,000 bushels of wet corn capacity, supported by a dryer capable of handling 7,500 bushels per hour
- 14,445 yards of concrete and 2 million pounds of rebar used in construction

The new rail loop and streamlined train loading process enable CHS to load a 450,000-bushel shuttle train in as little as six hours, using just four to five employees.

While a portion of the grain received at Worthing is used locally, the majority is transported by rail to export markets in the Pacific Northwest, Mexico, and the Texas Gulf. The facility is designed to support long-term grain movement and adapt to changing market dynamics, giving CHS farmer-owners the flexibility to remain competitive in a global marketplace.

"Because we're a cooperative, our members are also our owners," said Mulder. "That means we're constantly evaluating our assets and supply chain to ensure we're investing in the most strategic locations to benefit our members. Worthing is one of those key sites that strengthens the entire regional network, creating more efficient and reliable grain movement for local farmers."

CHS has operated at the Worthing site since 2004, originally constructing an agronomy center and rail loop to support fertilizer logistics. This recent grain facility expansion creates a full-service ag retail and grain hub to serve farmers and benefit the local economy now and into the future.

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