



## 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

# Sioux Valley NEWS





# A Year In Review ~ Highlights of 2024

The VFW 3164 Lincoln County Post & Auxiliary held a Veteran's Christmas meal on December 21 at the Canton Good Samaritan Home. They helped serve a meal from Pizza Ranch to local Veterans that were in the home. Lynda Johnson, Sharon Mitchell, Kathy Bahnson and Kathy Keizer represented the VFW Auxiliary and helped with the meal.

### Warm Weather Helps Canton Pool Construction

The construction continues on the Canton Pool Project with temperatures above normal. Van Zee Enterprise has been pouring the cement and foundations for the pool. Work will continue for as long as the weather holds out and temperatures are cooperative.

Farmers State Bank sponsored a craft day for kids and young adults on Thursday, Dec. 28. Kids of all ages came during their Christmas break to make crafts at Blossoms. Becca Toso- Mahowald was busy explaining and teaching different crafts throughout the day. An easier craft was done in the morning for the younger kids. A more difficult craft was taught in the afternoon to older kids and adults.

Canton Family Open Gym is a free, family-friendly open gym. This open gym is for all ages and abilities. Bring your own equipment or use what is provided there. Fan favorites include the obstacle course, scooters, basketball, football, hula-hoops, soccer and so much more. Open gym is a fantastic way to get the kids and yourselves out of the house to burn off energy with the colder temperatures coming!

Canton Community Center received a donation from the Canton-Inwood Area Health Foundation. They currently have raised over \$352,000 from all these events. Now in December, Canton-

Inwood Health Foundation awarded them a grant for \$235,000, bringing their total to \$587,000.

Mandy Grosky has been dreaming of opening a store front bakery in Canton for the past thirteen years. Now, opening Crumb & Candy, a part of that dream is coming to fruition. She finds joy being in the kitchen and creating things, where she feels her talent comes naturally. Whether that be decorating donuts, cookies, or candy.



Ted Souvignier, of Canton, placed 2nd at the Black Hills Stock Show Bid Calling Contest on January 28 in Rapid City. Souvignier is a third generation auctioneer with Souvignier Real Estate and Auctions and is also employed with Sioux Falls Regional Livestock.

On Wednesday, January 31st, seventy-eight students participated in the second annual "Reality Check" program at Canton High School. The students from Mr. David's Government and Personal

Finance classes were previously asked to choose a career. From there, Gene Lamp was able to total their salary and tax deductions to determine what their monthly take home income would be for the career they had chosen. This was based on a twenty-two-year-old in an entry level position in South Dakota. During the hour and a half, students were given their wages and left to see how savvy and frugal they could be with their finances.



Jackie Kreber competed at the Bulldog Open Powerlifting meet Saturday February 10, 2024 at Baltic High School. Jackie took first place (10 girls in her weight class) in the 163 lb weight class. Kreber had an amazing day with 4 new personal records: 305lb squat, 155lb bench press, 340lb deadlift and 800lb total pounds lifted.

Lincoln County residents have always had lots to smile about – a great quality of life, terrific schools and a strong infrastructure that has kept up with growth. But many homeowners are not smiling

much these days after they received their latest property tax statements. Recent property tax notices have been unsettling to some homeowners seeing property tax rate hikes of up to \$2000 this year. One Lincoln County homeowner admitted her tax bill for her new home is now \$10,000.

A great time was had at the concert Saturday, February 7th. Songs, stories of love and marriage in the Scandinavian style sponsored by Kong Olav V Lodge of Canton. Bill Peterson, Ron Johnson, Barbara Sabella and Tom Weisbeckers entertained the crowd with love songs from the past.

Miranda Mack directed the 4th and 5th grade Lawrence Elementary Students on Friday, February 9 in the Performing Arts Center. Soaring Voices sang songs: "Qau Bulan", "Let's Go Fly a Kite", "Flying Eagle", "Walking in the Air" and "Chatter with the Angels".



Coach Jeremy Ask was recognized for his 25 years of coaching wrestling in Canton. Along with encouraging many wrestlers through the years, he has helped start the girls wrestling program, inspired youth wrestlers and encouraged teamwork on and off the mat. Ask helped the C-Hawks to win 400 duals from 2000 to 2020. Fans will see him jumping up and down and celebrating with each of the wrestlers.

## In Memoriam 2024

The following are names of loved ones published in the Sioux Valley News obituary listing during 2024

Charolyn "Chari" Hoogendoorn  
 Ward Franklin Twedt  
 Peggy Thiele  
 Alvin Cramer  
 Alta M. Goodman  
 Richard Dean Loe  
 Lenah "Lois" Reinke  
 Justis Bartling  
 Dianne Heyden  
 Jim Nelson  
 Joan K. Morck  
 Shirley Rae (Stubsten) Ostraat  
 Richard "Rich" Van Noort  
 Lori K. (Fossum) McCormick  
 Sharon Jaunice Lundberg Lunder  
 Cynthia Lynn Thies  
 Cody Vostad  
 Lyle E. Antrim  
 Rose Winter  
 Sandra Tieszen  
 Rev. Charles F. Kramer  
 Edward "Ed" Sandvig  
 Donald Gene Van Bockern, Sr  
 Dean Michael Johnson  
 Orville Amundson

Babe Miller  
 Ellen Jane March  
 Lori Lynn (Livermore) Pete  
 John Edward Engstrom  
 Elaine "JoAnn" Eckert  
 Connie Ann Serck  
 Brian Jude Hofer  
 Sara Ann Jorgensen  
 John "Jack" D. Suter  
 Cindy Clark  
 Richard Charles Slack  
 Victor Victorovich Pavlenko  
 Marlyn Flitz  
 Kevin Oliver Rhead  
 Joloyce Ann Falgren  
 Don London  
 Rodolfo "Rudy" Najera  
 Francis Hoff  
 Gary Christensen  
 Bernice Arline Sweetser  
 M. John Olson  
 Arlene Louise Markle  
 Marlene Gladys Van't Hul  
 Gloria Rops  
 Sara JoAnn Clementson

Rodney Gene Knutson  
 Delores Severson  
 Renee (Wiese) Council  
 Barbara Ann Dobbe  
 Scott Gregory Frank  
 Mark Hamran  
 Carroll Odel Johnson  
 Wayne M. Sorenson  
 Nancy Ann Hansen  
 Barbara "Barb" Leist  
 Mason Long  
 Connie Corey  
 David "Dave" L. Lovaas  
 Larry Keith King  
 Drew Martin Johnson  
 Steven Gries  
 Natalie Mae Elaine Amen  
 Stroschein  
 Arthur "Art" Stensland  
 Marlys Rae Twedt  
 Adella Lennon  
 Karen Plucker  
 Jarrod E. Hill  
 Mary B. Eliason  
 Brendan Monroe Peterson

Susan Halvorson  
 Eileen Mae Veenis  
 Verlyn Eben  
 Eva Vreugdenhil  
 Lanny Kinnander  
 Sidney Gene Koedam  
 James "Jim" Lohrenz  
 Eileen Schmidt  
 Dace Roberts  
 Marlys Mae Anderson  
 Don Ovre  
 Robert Joseph Hackett Jr.  
 Mary Dooley  
 Jim Gates  
 Debra Lynn Oakley  
 Harold Fischer  
 Phyllis J. Broughton  
 Pete Tollinger  
 Lynn J. Schrick  
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 William "Bill" Den Hoed  
 Dottie Hitzemann  
 Sawyer Douglas Van Zee

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The South Dakota Music Education Association will present the 25th Annual SD Middle School All-State Band on March 2, 2024 in the Mitchell High School Performing Arts Center at 3:00 PM. This concert will feature over 200 6th - 8th graders from across the state performing in two bands under the direction of Mr. Randall Standridge and Dr. Larry Petersen. Canton is proud to have Hannah Fong, Ciera Ancell, and Kara Dose participating this year.



Ten years ago, Jerome and Tami Vandestroet's son Biruk started "Biruk's Egg Project" at the age of eight. He was born and raised for the first eight years of his life in Wuchale, Ethiopia. Being from this small, mountainous town in north central Ethiopia, he was familiar with seeing chickens around. So, he asked for eight chickens. Jerome bought one hundred because they had the space, figuring "one hundred chickens won't be much more work than eight." Little did they know that the reason Biruk wanted the chickens was to sell the eggs and send the money back to Wuchale, to aid kids like him. Biruk's experience in Wuchale was tough, living in deep poverty.

The K-12 Foundation held their annual Arts and Science Fair Sunday, March 2nd, at the Canton High School. Kids from Kinder-prep up to Seniors in high school displayed their art projects.

"The Passion and the Cross" will be opening at the Orpheum stage on Friday, March 22. They will be doing seven shows for the Easter season. This two-hour musical is one-act, with a cast of one-hundred-forty adults and children. For those of you who enjoyed the musical "Parables and Proverbs" that Lights Up Production hosted at the

Canton Performing Arts Center last fall, this show will be right up your alley. Canton cast includes Eliana (13)- King's servant/soloist and Rosalinda Kilmer-adult ensemble, Luke (16), Alec (13), Cassia (10), Elliana (10), and Lilly (6) Karstens. Lilly has assigned dialogue as she walks and talks with Jesus. Both Elianas share a scene where "servant" Eliana invites and leads Elliana the "crippled girl" to the King's wedding feast. Sonshine Williams is a new member to the cast and brings her strong operatic vocals to the adult ensemble.



Dave Serck always wanted to do taekwondo as a child, but growing up in the Inwood-Alvord, Iowa area, classes were not close by or convenient until he was older. At age twenty-one, he was able to start when he saw an ad for a taekwondo school in Sioux Falls. He signed up thinking that he would only participate for a year, then he realized how much fun it was. Serck has now been with the same organization for 43 years which is the American Taekwondo Association. Serck had Dr. Gordon and Sue Schulte's son, Nick, in taekwondo in Inwood when they lost the availability of the space for the class, and Schulte encouraged Serck to bring the class to Canton. Serck has been teaching taekwondo in Canton for 35 years. It takes place on Tuesday nights at Lawrence Elementary. He started teaching taekwondo in 1983 and was able to bring it to Canton in March of 1989.

Jackie Kreber competed at the South Dakota Womens High School State Powerlifting competition last weekend at the Lincoln High School. She was crowned State Champion in the 165# weight class.

Katlin Johnson, formerly Katlin Limoges, grew up in Canton. She graduated Canton High School in

2007 and went on to college at SDSU, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Sciences. During December of 2020, she and her family moved back to the area, and they now live in Sioux Falls. Johnson has served as an Executive Director of an Assisted/Independent living community as well as a Memory Care Director, which helps people living/affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias. She is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, board member of the "SD Parkinson's Foundation" and a Diplomat with the "Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce." Cornerstone provides non-medical care including assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, meals/grocery ordering, medication reminders, light housekeeping, laundry, pet care, assistance with exercise, companionship, and transportation for appointments/outings. They are VA contracted and support Veterans in understanding their options to receive financial support for their care. They also provide Respite care (giving family caregivers a break) Hospital Recovery Care, and being a certified dementia practitioner, Alzheimer's/Dementia Support. They partner with hospice to make sure the needs of the client are reached at times when hospice is available to be present. Caregivers work with therapy by assisting clients in following therapy driven exercises and work with skilled nursing and independent/assisted living communities to help meet the needs of those they serve. They also work with home health, which is the medical/nursing side of care in the home.



Juniors and Seniors from the Canton High School band and choir returned from a trip to Florida last Friday. The group left late Sunday night, March 31 to start their trip to Disney World. The groups first day was spent at Coco Beach and Ron Jon Surf Shop. Later in the night the group ventured to Disney Springs to eat at Planet Hollywood. Tuesday the group spent the day at Universal Studios. Wednesday the choir started the day with a clinician to learn more about Disney Music. Mr. Versteeg and the choir put together a video of songs to remember their trip. Later that afternoon the band students had their turn to play and put together a video. The rest of the day students enjoyed the rain at Magic Kingdom. Thursday was spent at Hollywood Studios. Friday was again a travel day to return home.

The outlook of Ash Trees in Canton has been the discussion in town for the last few months. There is no doubt the Emerald Ash Borer is here and has killed many trees. Now it is time to get those

trees down before they cause harm or damage to Canton. The first confirmed Emerald Ash Borer case was found in Sioux Falls in 2018. Since then it has spread to many other communities and there is no stopping this bug now in Canton. Lennox is now seeing many cases in their town and will soon be in the same position as Canton. The city of Canton has an updated declaration of nuisance trees and order for removal of Ash trees was approved at the March 18, 2024 City commission meeting for all public (boulevard) ash trees to be removed by November 1, 2024.



LP Graphics and Design is a small family-owned business right here in Canton. The business was started in mid-2022 as "something to do in their retirement years". The business is owned by Lowell and Marleen Feucht. Their son, Jarrod, is also involved in the designing process and installation. They are life-long residents of Canton and they, as well as their three children, (Jarrod, Eric and Jessi) all graduated from Canton High School. LP Graphics currently makes decals, banners, window and door coverings, vehicle lettering, yard signs, and canvas prints to name a few. They enjoy working with their customers on design and producing a good, reasonably priced quality product.



The Hiawatha Golf Club has been busy with a series of renovations over the past couple of years. In 2019, they updated their banquet room. November of 2021, the windows were replaced, and they also updated the bathrooms. In the winter of 2022, renovations were done to their walk-in cooler, front bar area, and golfer check in desk. Hand crafted tabletops were made by Matt McKenney. The kitchen renovations were started last fall and were fully completed right before opening this spring. The bar area is complemented with a beautiful wood siding, which was stained piece by piece. In summer of 2023, the patio area was updated, including grills and a gas campfire. Part of the money used to update the patio area was donated by friends and family of the late Jim Halling and Brian Alden.

**Thank you to all those who worked tirelessly  
in 2024 to move Canton forward!  
We look forward to working with you in 2025!**







Gate City Events & Lodging has been focused on renovations aimed at modernizing and enhancing their venue. All the new features were completed in March of this year. They introduced a spacious 2,500 square foot indoor patio complete with bar access, seamlessly connected to the main venue. This patio also includes a newly added groom's room, two fire pits, and two extra restrooms for guests' convenience. The patio area smoothly transitions to the ceremony space through expansive glass garage doors. Spanning 2,900 square feet, the ceremony space is enclosed by an elegant black fence. It showcases a turf lawn area and a stone pathway that leads to a spacious stage. In addition to these enhancements, both the exterior and interior received significant updates. The exterior now boasts new siding and glass garage doors that match the modern aesthetic of the new spaces. Inside, the bride's room was transformed into a luxurious bridal suite. The entire venue floor underwent renovations to ensure a cohesive and refreshed ambiance throughout. Thanks to the new addition, Gate City Events & Lodging can now provide expanded space for wedding receptions or a comfortable area for guests to take breaks during dancing, courtesy of the added fireplaces and access to the bar.



The Canton VFW and Auxiliary visited Lawrence Elementary and handed out flags, rulers, pencils, and a sheet showing how to fold the flag. They stopped in each classroom to visit the students and answer any questions they had.

Erik Hall was born and raised in Canton. He then went to the University of Nebraska for Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. During college his favorite part of school was when they were able to build projects and see them move. After college he worked for NSK, a company that makes ball bearings for the automotive industry. NSK had an automated assembly line process, and it was his job to design, build, and repair the machinery which created the bearings. Hall moved back to South Dakota in 2015 and began working for a local systems integrator that did a lot of work in Industrial Agriculture plant designing and building. Working there he realized that he loved it so much he wanted to start his own company. Hall knew if he were to start the company, he would need to have a mechanical engineer partner, so he reached out to his friend Jeremy Myer. In September of 2023, after years of planning, Hall was able to start "Myer-Hall Machine Works" with his business partner Jeremy Myer.

"Myer-Hall Machine Works" is a machine builder company that goes

hand in hand with problem solving for customers. If a customer has an issue that they need a fix for, they will partner with them to design and build a machine that solves the issue. Sometimes these designs involve robotics.

"The most common issue we see is that companies can't hire enough people to do the jobs that are needed. Having a machine that will do the job, or that makes the job easier, allows the people that companies are able to hire more productive."- Erik Hall

The Canton High School had 67 graduates walk across the stage this Saturday, May 11th. The Class of 2024 was known for their strength and academic achievements. There were 26 students who were regent scholars who have completed a rigorous course load above the required graduation requirements. This includes 4 higher-level math courses, 4 higher-level science courses, and two foreign language courses or a combination of foreign language and CTE courses. They have completed this coursework with a 3.0 GPA and no grade lower than a C. The recipients of this award will earn a certificate that will allow them automatic entrance into any SD college or university.

The Canton Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) in partnership with EXP Development introduces Monarch Village Subdivision. This is a masterplan subdivision consisting of approximately 64.2 acres of land with approximately 50 acres of the total being developable for housing in the City of Canton. The remaining portion of land will serve to meet the engineering aspects of the project, while also providing future tenants and homeowners with adequate green space as well as a parks system that will be uniquely designed by Charles Yi, a real-estate investor with a portfolio that spans the globe to include experience developing within the State of South Dakota. One of his partners, Mel McGowan, is an eclectic, with a background in film and creative design during a decade long stint at the Walt Disney Company. The hope is this unique background will serve the project well in providing a subdivision with more character and unique value than typically seen in a subdivision within an historically rural community in the Midwest. The subdivision is being permitted to develop approximately 83 single-family residential lots and up to 200 multi-family and mixed-use residential units. It is currently being planned for a four-phase buildout dependent on market demand. The goal is to provide affordable, workforce housing that is uniquely designed in a suburb setting.



Rich Beitzel had several items from his grandpa that he wore and accumulated from WWI. Jorund Bernhofson lived

north of Canton and farmed the land. He was a Corporal in the 147th Field Artillery 41 Division. Beitzel received the uniform after it has been passed down from generation to generation. The uniform is over 100 years old and still in good condition. He donated the uniform to the Sioux Falls Alliance which is the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance non profit corporation. The uniform is currently displayed by the pistol range



in the Alliance building.

Congratulations are in order for Austin Block of Haisch pharmacy, as she was awarded at SDSU for "2024 Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year." The preceptor oversees student pharmacists for a three to five week rotation at some point in their pharmacy school curriculum. Each student has five different rotations for three to five weeks at different pharmacies where they work alongside a pharmacist. The students then nominate preceptors for the award.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting last Thursday night. Regular business was held along with new business of Jeff Tanner resigning as President of the Chamber effective June 15. Tanner will be focusing his time as the economic director of Canton. The new President is Lisa Hinker; Vice President Melissa Tyrell along with secretary; Sara Steffensen will remain treasurer. Lisa Hinker commented "This change came quickly but I am ready to take on the challenge."

Business of the year was awarded to Companion Animal Clinic. The business has been at its current location for 20 years. The community said this about the business: They take great care and have a passion for animals and excellent service. They care about pets they see and their families. The staff takes the time to treat every animal as their own.

The Organization of the Year went to the Canton Wrestling Club. The wrestling club starts with kids as young as five through high school. The youth program created what the high school program is today. Many hours of training and team building is held in the off season and out of the wrestling room.

The Citizens of the year went to Jeremy Ask and Jeremy Swenson. These two balance each other perfectly and the team aspect is the foundation for the individual




success.

Dirt work has started for the future home of the Lincoln County Justice Center. Commission Jibben said, "He is excited to get the project started. Lincoln County is growing fast and needs to keep up with the population. The Justice Center was on the agenda at the April 30 meeting. Commissioner Jim Schmidt stated the board needed to appoint a Justice Center Building Committee, made up of at least two commissioners, which shall have the authority to make timely decisions and sign documents, up to \$100,000, for the construction of the Lincoln County Justice Center project. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney, Drew DeGroot was present if any commissioner had any questions.

Construction has started for the new 4-Plex at the previous Gateway Motel location. There will be four apartments, two on the bottom and two on the top. The top level will be zero entrance with access from the alley. Completion is set for October of 2024, with the move-in date projected to be November 1st, 2024. Craig and Kari Winkvist decided to build a 4-plex for two reasons after the roof was torn off the building from the "derecho" storm. They believed there was a greater need in Canton for housing than for motel rooms. Also, with building costs the way they are right now, there was no way the insurance proceeds would have built a new motel. There were certainly some obstacles they had to overcome, but they received great support from members of the Planning and Zoning Committee, as well as the City Commission.

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# End of 2023-2024 Boys Basketball Season

## C-Hawk boys finish the season with a 12-9 record.

### C-Hawk Boys Come up Short on Comeback Against Dell Rapids

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team hosted the Dell Rapids Quarriers on Thursday the 4th and lost a close game 65-61 to put their season record at 3-3.

### C-Hawk Boys Get a Pair of Victories This Week

The Canton boys team traveled to Elkton on Tuesday then hosted Beresford on Friday night and earned a pair of wins to move their season record to 5-3.

Canton traveled to Elkton and the game was close in the first half when both teams scored 16 quarter points then in the 2nd Canton was outscored 18-13 to trail 34-29 at halftime. Canton came out strong in the 3rd quarter as they took the lead with 30 quarter points and the defense held Elkton to 11 making the score 59-45 heading in the 4th. The Hawks cruised in the final quarter scoring 20 points to earn a 79-63 victory.

Canton next hosted Beresford on Friday night and they jumped out to a 17-11 first quarter lead the after both scored 16 in the 2nd they held a 33-27 halftime lead. Canton improved on their lead to 50-41 heading into the final quarter and they increased their lead by scoring 25 points to finish the game with a 75-52 victory.

### Boys Basketball Win Three Over Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team improved their season record to 8-3 with 3 victories over the week when they defeated Tri Valley, SF Lutheran and Deuel.

The Hawks hosted Tri Valley on Tuesday and they won 68-54.

Canton then traveled to SF Lutheran on Friday night and the Hawks won 66-25.

Saturday the Hawks traveled to Madison for the Dak 12 vs NEC tourney and the



Hawks faced Deuel and came home with a 81-79 victory to put their record at 8-3.

### C-Hawk Boys Basketball Improve to 9-4

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team improved their season record to 9-4 after losing to SF Christian then on Friday they defeated the Canistota.

Canton traveled to Sioux Falls Christian on Tuesday and were defeated by the #1 ranked team in Class A 89-73 as they jumped out to a 27-18 lead after the first quarter then they held a 47- 28 lead at halftime. Canton scored 23 in the 3rd quarter to SFC's 23 points then in the final quarter the Hawks outscored SFC 22-19 to fall 89-73 for their 4th loss of the season to 9 wins.

Canton next traveled to Canistota on Friday night and played the 10-3 Hawks and came home with a 65-50 victory for their 9th win of the season.

### C-Hawk Boys Basketball Drops Two During Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team traveled to Baltic on Thursday the 8th and lost 73-59 and then hosted Madison on Saturday the 10th and mounted a fierce comeback but came up short and lost 80-74 to put their record to 9-7.

### C-Hawk Boys win 2 of 3 Over Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team played 3 games last week and came away with 2 victories with wins over Parker on Monday then an overtime win over Hanson on Thursday but suffered a loss against West Central on Tuesday to move their season record to 10-8 as they head into Region action on March 1st.

Canton hosted Parker on Monday and jumped out to a lead by outscoring the Parker 21-9 in the first then held a 42-22 lead at halftime. In the 3rd the Hawks increased their lead to 30 when they scored 22 points in the quarter and held Parker to 12 then in the final 8 minutes the Hawks held them to 8 points to their own 11 points as they cruised

to the 75-42 win.

The Hawks then hosted West Central on Tuesday night and the Trojans came in and took a quick lead as they outscored the Hawks 22-15 in the 1st quarter and held a 42-20 lead at halftime. Canton lost ground in the 3rd quarter as they couldn't find the basket and only scored 5 quarter points as the Trojans scored 26 to take a 68-25 lead heading into the 4th. Canton scored 16 in the final quarter to 8 from WC but ended up falling 76-41.

### C-Hawks Boys Basketball Team Ends Regular Season 12-8

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball team ended their regular season on Monday as they hosted the Vermillion Tanager and won 74-70 to finish the season with a 12-8 record and now head to Region 2A tournament to face the Tea Area Titans in Tea on Tuesday.

### C-Hawks Fall to Tea Area in Regions

The Canton C-Hawk boys basketball season ended Tuesday night as the Hawks traveled to Tea for the opening game in the Region 4A tourney and the Titans won 73-54 to end the C-Hawks season with a 12-9 record.

# End of 2023-2024 Girls Basketball Season

## C-Hawk girls finish the season with a 11-10 record.



### C-Hawk Girls Win Over Quarriers

The Canton girls basketball team returned to the court on Thursday night with a comprehensive 68-28 victory over Dell Rapids. The C-Hawks rung in the new year by shooting 51% from the field while also winning the rebounding battle. There were a few notable performances from several players as well.

### Lady C-Hawks Win Over Beresford

Canton hosted Beresford on Friday night and won the game 76 - 48.

### Girls C-Hawks Win One; Lose One

The Canton girls basketball took on Tri-Valley last Tuesday and came up short with a score of 36-54.

The C-Hawks traveled to Luverne, Minn. last Saturday for a close win. Canton scored 9 points to Luverne's 8 in the first quarter. Going into halftime, Canton stayed ahead 19 to 14. Luverne tried to take the lead scoring 13 points to Canton's 12 in the third quarter. The C-Hawks wanted the win scoring 13

in the fourth quarter while Luverne only scored 9.

### C-Hawk Ladies Win Two in a Row

Canton traveled to Canistota last Friday and took home the win 67-40.

C-Hawks traveled to Madison last Saturday for the Dak XII Clash. Canton faced Deuel and won 56-30.

### Canton Girls Win Against Baltic

Canton girls basketball took on Centerville on Feb. 6. Canton's couldn't keep up with the fast team losing 70-45.

The Hawks traveled to Baltic last Thursday to take on the aggressive Baltic Bulldogs. Canton stayed in the lead the whole game scoring 14 points in the first quarter while Baltic remained scoreless. Baltic outscored Canton 8-6 in the second quarter. The Hawks came back in the third quarter scoring 16 to Baltic 13 and 16 to 13 in the fourth quarter. The final score 51-29.

The girls finished the week with a home game against Madison. The Hawks came out with the win scoring 68 to Bulldogs 48.

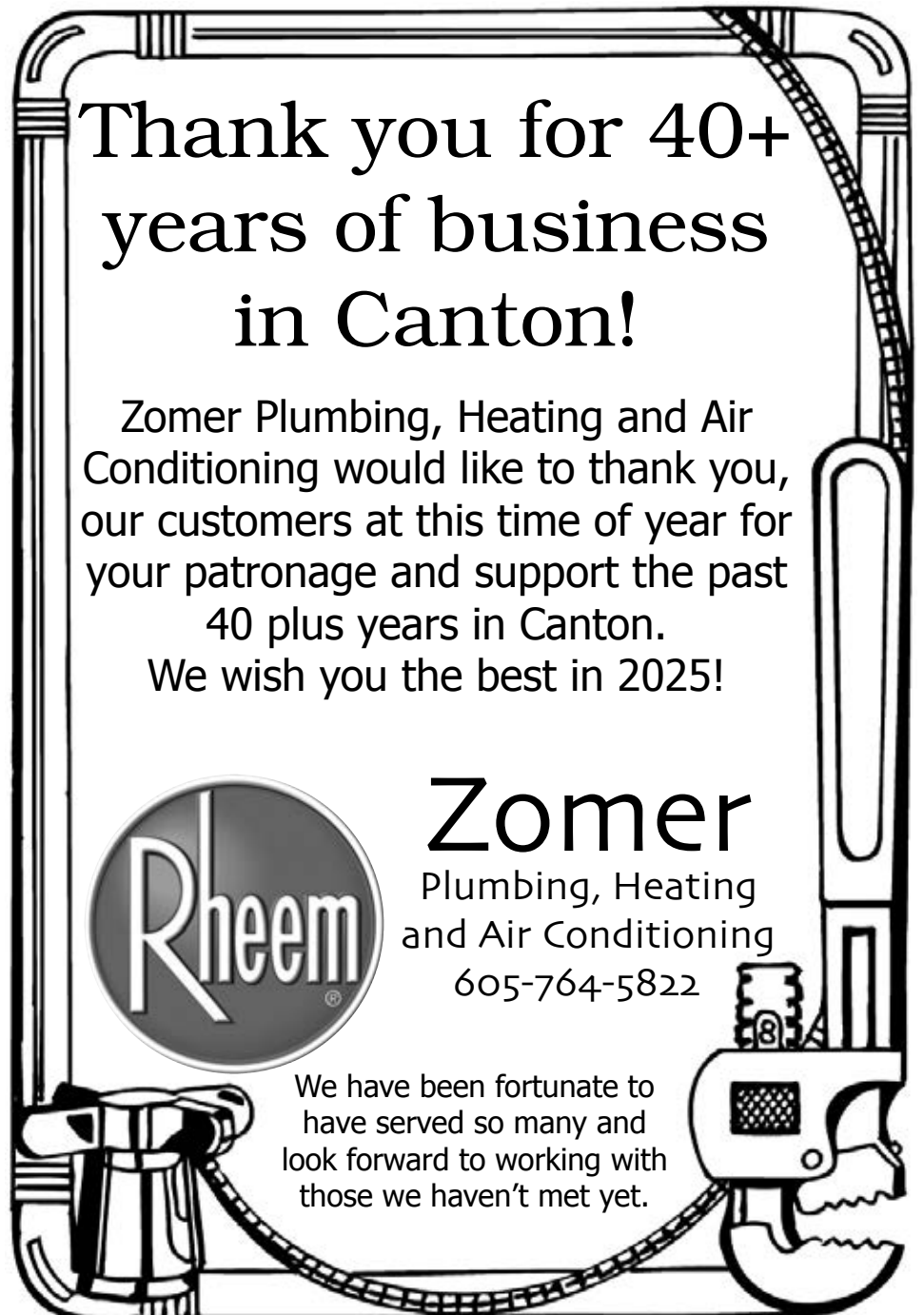
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# End of 2023-2024 Girls Wrestling Season

## C-Hawks Girl Wrestling Places Second at State with two Champions

### Girls Wrestlers Win Monster Tourney

Lady C-Hawk wrestlers win title at the Mid Dakota Bride of the Monster last weekend in Presho. Canton totaled 194 points followed by Pierre R.F. Riggs 151. Finley Evjen, Sara Schroder and Kiara King took home 1st place wins.

### Lady Wrestlers Win DAK 12 Conference Meet

The ladies wrestling team traveled to Madison on Saturday for the DAKXII conference meet. The team came home with the championship along with seven individual champions. The girls had 22 competing with 12 of them medaling. The team outscored their opponents by double with 146 points to second place Tea Area with 60; Madison 54; West Central 48; Dakota Valley 19.5; Lennox 18; Vermillion 11 and Try-Valley 4.

### Girls Wrestlers Win in Aberdeen

100 Finley Evjen- 2nd place.  
100 Jewel Gannon- 5th place.  
107 Brooke Warejcka- 3rd place.  
114 Sara Schroder- 3rd place.  
114 Nayeli Ortega- 5th place.  
120 Jayrn Warejcka- 5th place.  
126 Jersey Folkens- 5th place.

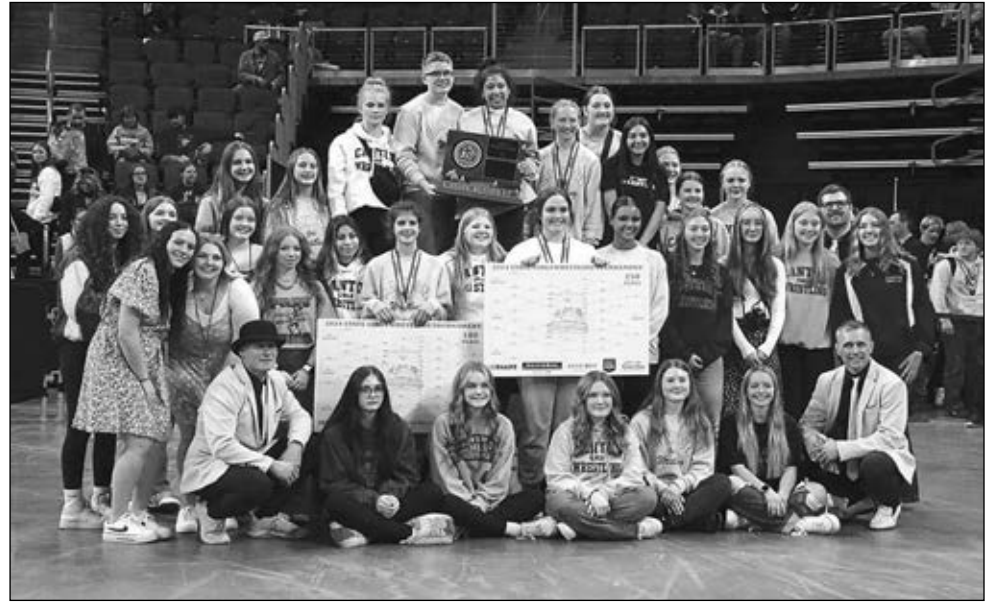
132 Lakynn Qualseth- 3rd place.  
138 Kieonna Smith- 3rd place.  
145 Kenzie King- 5th place.  
152 Kaylee Dean- 4th place.  
165 Natalia Long- 2nd place.  
185 Mallory Baldwin- 7th place.  
185 Kori Wallner- 2nd place.  
250 Kiara King- 1st place.  
250 Izzy Baldwin- Final- Lost due to injury 3:28 to place 6th.

### Girls Wrestling Dual Runner-Up; Lost to Pierre

The Girls Unofficial South Dakota State Duals were held last Friday with eight teams participating. 1st place Pierre T.F. Riggs, 2nd Canton, 3rd Lakota Tech, 4th Aberdeen Central, 5th Harrisburg, 6th Watertown, 7th Vibourg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda, 8th Rapid City Central.

### Girls Wrestling Place Second at State

The Canton C-Hawk girls wrestling team traveled to Sioux Fall for the 2024 State B Wrestling Tournament and came home with a second place trophy. Canton was only a half point behind first place Pierre. Kiara King and Finley Evjen were the two champions along with five other place winners.



The State Wrestling meet was held in Sioux Falls last weekend with Canton taking second place behind Pierre. Pierre T.F. Riggs finished with 139 points, Canton 138.5, Harrisburg 102.5, Aberdeen

Central 86, Lakota Tech 81, Watertown 80.5, Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon 69, Sturgis Brown 63, Brandon Valley 59 and Rapid City Stevens 57.5.

# End of 2023-2024 Boys Wrestling Season

## 7th Year State Champions; Three Individual Champions

### C-Hawk Wrestlers Win MCM Invitational

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Salem for the McCook Central/Montrose Invite and the Hawks took the team title in the 20 team tourney with the help of 5 champions, 2 runner ups and one 3rd place finishers. Canton will next travel to Lyman for the Mid Dakota Monster at Lyman High School on Friday and Saturday, January 5th and 6th with both days wrestling starting at 11:00 am.

Canton won the team title with 252 points outdistancing the field by 67.5 points. The Results were Canton 252, Phillip Area 184.5, Winner 168, Bon Homme/Avon 162, Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 117, Parker 104, Redfield 104, Howard 79.5, Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington 75.5, Marion-Freeman 73, Burke/Gregory 67.5, McCook Central/Montrose 67, Mount Vernon/Plankinto/Corsica-Stickney 61, Kingsbury County 47, Lyman 43, Flandreau 30, Potter Co 26, Canistota 11, Elk Point Jefferson 11, Scotland 0.

### C-Hawk Boys Wrestlers Take 2nd in Monster Tourney

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team headed to Presho for the Mid Dakota Monster Wrestling Tournament for two days of wrestling in the 29 team tourney on Friday and Saturday the 5th and 6th and they finished in 2nd place on point behind Pierre. Canton will head to Lake Preston school for a Quad with MCM, Tri Valley and Custer with Kingsbury County on Thursday the 11th with action starting at 4:00. Then on Saturday the 13th the Hawks travel to Osage Iowa for a 12 team dual tournament starting at 9am.

In the Mid Dakota Moster Tourney Pierre held on to the lead as they fought with the C-Hawks for the lead for the whole tourney and in the end they one more point than the Hawks after the Hawks took the title last year. Pierre held on for the 1 point win with 240.5 points to the Hawks 239.5 followed by Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 197, O'Neill NE 193, Winner 193, Tea Area 175.5, Custer 148, Parker 129, Stanley County 112, Sisseton 104.5, McCook Central Montrose 85, Lead-Deadwood 76.5, Bennett County 64, Kingsbury County 59, Lyman 57, Hot Springs 53.5, Lakota Tech 48.5, Warner/Northwestern 45, Mobridge-Pollock 40.5, Hamlin/Cottonwood 39, Newell 34, Potter County 32, St. Thomas More 27, Faith 10, Todd County 9, Cheyene-Eagle Butte/Dupre/Tiospaye

Topa 8, Sully Butte 7, Little Wound 4.

Canton earned 3 individual champions when 106 Carter Kendrick, 132 Ashton Keller and Hwt Traun Cook when they won all 5 of their matches over the 2 day tourney for the title. Canton placed 11 out of the 13 participating for the Hawks.

### C-Hawk Wrestlers Win 7th Straight Conference Title

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team traveled to Madison on Saturday the 20th for the Dak 12 Conference tournament and came home with their 7th consecutive title and their 16th out of the last 18 years. Canton also kept their undefeated dual record at 9-0 with a pair of wins over Tri Valley and West Central and next they travel to Aberdeen on Saturday for the Lee Wolf Tournament along with JV wrestling in the Groton Invitational with action starting at 9:30 and 10:00. Canton will next host a triangular on the 30th against Dells and Madison for Senior night beginning at 5:30.

Canton traveled to Tri Valley on Tuesday the 16th and won a pair of dual matches over Tri Valley and West Central to improve to 9-0. Canton started out with Tri Valley and won 55-9 then defeated West Central 44-24.

### C-Hawk Boys Wrestlers Win Lee Wolf Invite

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team traveled to Aberdeen on Saturday for the 17 team Lee Wolf Invite and won the team title by 11 points over Aberdeen Central with 248.5 points to 237.5. Canton will next travel to Platte for a 5-team dual meet with Redfield, KWLP-G, WS/W/W-W and M/H-H with action starting at 4:00 on the 1st of February then on the 6th they travel to Parkston for a triangular with Parkston and Wagner starting at 5:30.

In the team competition the Hawks grabbed the lead from Aberdeen Central during the semi finals round and held on to win the tourney with a team total 248.5 with the help of 4 champions, 2 runner ups, 2-3rd, 1- 4th, 3-5th, and one 6th and 8th. Canton out lasted AC with 237.5 followed by Watertown 164.5, Winner 150, Miller/Highmore-Harrold 135, Bismark Century 126.5, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 90.5, Huron 77, Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington 67, Clark/Willow Lake 65.5, Chamberlain 46.5, Webster Area 42, Sisseton 39.5, Valley City 26, Mobridge-Pollock 18, Lemmon/McIntosh 15, Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon 0.

Canton was led by Champions Landon Walker,

Ashton Keller, Teague Granum and Ayson Rice along with 2nd place from Carter Kendrick and Traun Cook, 3rd place from John Halverson and Aidan Kranz, 4th from Carter Kreger, 5th from Zach Bartels, Hunter Richmond, Aiden Schremp and Gavin Neu for 6th and Chase Adam for 8th place. All of the C-Hawk wrestlers made it to the award stand at the Lee Wolf on Saturday.

### C-Hawk Boys Wrestling Team improve to 15-0

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team hosted Dell Rapids and Madison on Tuesday for Senior Night and won both duals then traveled to Platte-Geddes for 4 duals on Thursday and defeated Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes, Miller/Highmore-Harrold. Redfield and Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington to move their season record to 15-0 with State Duals Championship matches coming Saturday the 10th in Watertown starting at 11am and then on the 17th the C-hawks will host the Region 2B tournament.

Canton hosted Dell Rapids on Tuesday and defeated the Quarriers 72-12 then in the 2nd match of the night they defeated Madison 64-12.

4 duals on the 1st of February and they won all 4 to send their record to 15-0 when they defeated KWLPG 41-22, followed by M/H-H 59-18, Redfield 67-12 and WS/W/W-W 66-6.

### 4th State Dual Champions

### C-Hawks State B Dual Champions

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team traveled to Watertown on Saturday for the State B Dual Championship for the 4th time out of 5 years as they won 3 duals in the 8 team tournament and won all 3 matches to claim the state title to end their dual season with a 25-0 record and a state championship. The Hawks also traveled to Parkston on Tuesday the 6th for a quad as they wrestled Parkston, Wagner and Mitchell. Canton will next host the Region 2B Tournament on Saturday with a 10am start time with a 11 team individual tourney to try to qualify for the State B Wrestling Tourney the following weekend.

Canton opened up the State Dual Tourney as the 2nd seed and they faced off against Miller/Highmore-Harrold and won 60-12 as they jumped out to a 31-0 lead after 6 matches then lost a close match followed by pair of wins as they won 4 of the last 6 for the opening round win.

The Hawks faced Bon Homme/Avon in the semi finals and the lost the first match and they followed that up with 7 straight matches to take a 39-5 lead and then only lost 2 matches out of the 6 for the 54-11 win sending them into the Finals.

Canton then would face off against Phillip/Kadoka Area/Wall in the finals as they defeated K/WL/P-G in the first round then Custer in the semis to meet the C-Hawks in the finals. Canton jumped out to a 17-0 lead then lost a decision followed by 7 straight matches then lost the final 3 for the 45-16 victory and the Dual Championship for the 4th time in the last 5 years.

### C-Hawk Wrestlers Send 13 to State Tourney

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team hosted the Region 2B Tournament on Saturday

as 11 teams participated trying to place in the top 4 spots to qualify for the State B Wrestling Tournament this weekend starting on Thursday and running till Saturday with action starting at 10am on Thursday with the opening round matches.

Canton entered the Region 2B as the favorite as they had won the last 11 and they came home winning their 12 consecutive Region title with 299 team points and qualified 13 wrestlers out of 14 with 12 in the finals and 7 Champions. Canton finished the day with 7 champs, 5 runners up winners and one 3rd place finish enroute to their 12 consecutive titles. Canton will send 13 wrestlers to the State B Wrestling Tourney on Thursday as they are shooting for their 7th straight State B Wrestling Championship.

Canton took the lead early in the Region 2B Tourney on Saturday and cruised to a 113-point victory when they scored 299 points ahead of Parker 186, Tri Valley 158, McCook Central/Montrose 138, Elk Point Jefferson 111, Howard 109.5, Marion/Freeman 95, Garretton 76, Chester 42, Viborg-Hurley/Irene-Wakonda 21, Canistota 19.5.

### 7th Straight and 9 overall State Wrestling Titles

The Canton C-Hawk boys wrestling team traveled to Sioux Fall for the 2024 State B Wrestling Tournament and came home with their 7th consecutive State B Wrestling Championship and their 9th overall wrestling state championship. Canton held off Phillip/Kadoka Area/Wall 170.5 to 138.5 with the help of 3 State Champions and 7 placewinners.

Canton trailed PKA/W 73-61 after the first day's action with Custer 54.5, Winner 49.5 and Wagner 42.5 then at the end of day 2 the C-Hawks moved back in front with 146 after the semifinals and 4th round wrestlebacks followed by PKA/W 138.5, Custer 105, Winner 102.5, Wagner 96.5 and Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 95.5. Canton held on to the lead in the placement rounds when they won 4 of the 6 matches and 3 of the 4 matches in the Championship round to win the title with 170.5 points followed by Phillip/Kadoka Area/Wall 151.5, Custer 115, Winner 114.5, Wagner 103.5, Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 96.5, Miller/Highmore-Harrold 90, Howard 68, Parker 68, Tri Valley 61, Redfield 57, Wessington Springs/Woonsocket/Wolsey-Wessington 55, Bon Homme/Avon 51, McCook Central/Montrose 51 and Parkston 45.5.

Canton sent 4 wrestlers to the Championship matches in 106 Carter Kendrick, 132 Ashton Keller, 150 Ayson Rice and Hwt Traun Cook and they won 3 of the 4 matches with Carter, Ashton and Ayson winning their weight class titles and Traun finished in 2nd place. Placing matches for the Hawks were 113 Landon Walker finished 3rd, 120 Zach Bartels finished 6th, 126 Aiden Schremp finished 7th, 144 Teague Granum finished 5th, 157 Aidan Kranz finished 5th and 215 Hunter Richmond finished 8th. 138 Chase Adam won a match but didn't place and 175 Gavin Neu and 190 Carter Kreger both participated in State but didn't place.



# 2024 C-Hawk Football Season

## C-Hawks end their season with a 4-6 record

### C-Hawk Football Start Season 2-0 with Exciting Victories

The Canton C-Hawks hosted the Rapid City Christian Comets on Friday the 30 of August and defeated the visitors 20-16 in the close battle then the next Friday the Hawks hosted the Dakota Valley Panthers and defeated them 20-13 in the hard hitting battle to put their record at 2-0.

### C-Hawks 3-0 After Victory at Vermillion

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Vermillion to play the Tanagers in the Dakota Dome and they won 45-31 for their 3rd win on the season and now prepares to travel to Sioux Falls to play SF Christian who are also 3-0 with both teams tied in the rankings at #1.

### C-Hawks Fall to SF Christian 49-7 for Their First Loss

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Sioux Falls on Friday night to play the Chargers for their homecoming game and the Hawks fell 49-7 to suffer their first loss of the season and fell to 3-1 for the season.

### Canton Football Fell to West Central's Ground Game

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to West Central on Friday night and fell 48-14 as the Trojans ran thru the Canton defense for 478 yards and 7 rushing touchdowns. Canton fell to 3-2.

### C-Hawks Drop Homecoming Game to Lennox Orioles

The Canton C-Hawk football team hosted the Lennox Orioles on Friday night for the Hawks Homecoming game and were defeated 44-16 putting their season record at 3-3 while Lennox moves to 5-1.



CANTON C-HAWKS

### C-Hawks Fall to Dell Rapids Put Record to 3-4

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Dell Rapids on Friday night and were defeated 62-22 to fall to 3-4.

### C-Hawks Drop 5th Straight Game to Fall to 3-5

The Canton C-Hawk football team hosted the Madison Bulldogs and were defeated 38-16 to move their record to 3-5 after losing their 5 straight game with one regular season game remaining.

### C-Hawks Head to Lennox Thursday for 1st Rd Playoffs

The Canton C-Hawk football team ended their regular season with a 38-31 victory over Tri Valley on Thursday night to finish the season with a 4-5 record and now travels to Lennox on Thursday the 31st for a 1st Rd Playoff game against the Orioles with a 7-2 record and the 3rd seed in the Class A playoffs. Canton lost 44-16 on homecoming during the season to the Orioles. The winner of this game will face the winner of the Dell

Rapids or Dakota Valley game being played also on Thursday.

### C-Hawk Football End Season with Loss to Lennox

The Canton C-Hawk football team traveled to Lennox on Thursday for the 1st Round Playoff game and were defeated 50-0 ending their season with a 4-6 record as Lennox improves to 8-2 and moves on to the semifinals.

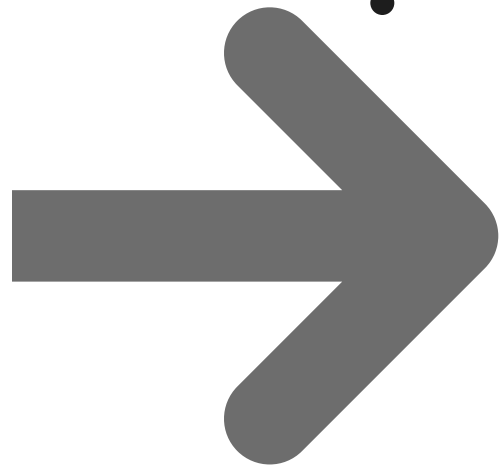
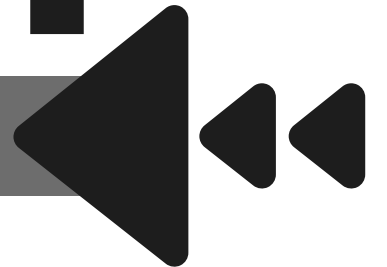
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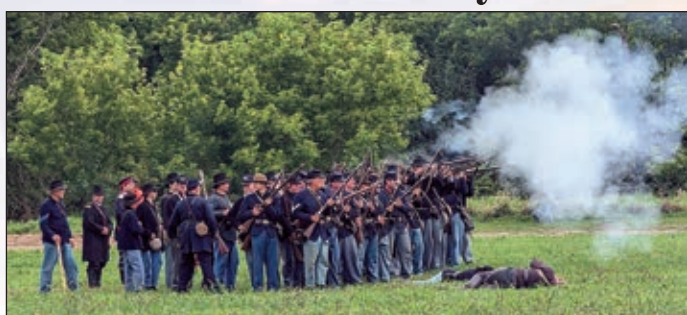
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- February 1st - Cracker Barrel
- April 12th - Easter Egg Hunt
- April 23rd - Employee Appreciation Luncheon
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- May 30th & 31st - CityWide Rummage
- June 3rd - Open Air Market
- June 7th - The Great Canton Chalk Event  
(Rain Date June 14th)
- June 20th - Chamber Golf Tourney
- July 2nd - Open Air Market
- July 18th & 19th - Depot Days Open House  
(Open House, Food Trucks, Train Rides, Vendors)
- July 20th - Community Church Service  
(Pancakes in the Park)
- July 21st - Library Reading Program  
(605 Art Bus, Vendor/Artist Booths, Food Truck)
- July 22nd - Floatie Pool Party  
(Ice Cream Social, Food Truck)
- July 23rd - Bike Rodeo/Bike Parade  
(Pizza Party)
- July 24th - Town & Country Day  
(Petting Zoo, Pork Feed, Music, Watermelon, FFA Students)
- National Night Out
- July 25th - Event Sponsored by Car Show
- July 26th - Saturday in the Park  
(Parade, Fire Dept. Water Fights, Vendors, Music, Dunk Tank, Mr. Twister, Inflatable, Face Painting, Touch a Truck Event)
- Rock Swap at Bethany Reformed Church
- Car Show Poker Run
- Cruise Night
- July 27th - Canton Car Show For Generations
- August 1st-3rd - Sioux River Folk Festival 45th Anniversary
- August 5th - Open Air Market
- August - Sanford Community Picnic
- September 5th & 6th - Fall City Wide Rummages
- September 20th - Fall Harvest Festival
- December 5th - Winter Wonderland Christmas Parade
- December 6th - Winter Wonderland Festival of Trees & Vendor Fair
- December 13th - Breakfast with Santa



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# 2024 C-Hawks Track Season

## C-Hawk Track Teams Open Outdoor Season

The girls and boys track teams started their outdoor season with the Tea Area Invite on Tuesday then to Lennox on Thursday followed by the girls heading to Sioux City for the SC Relays on Saturday. Canton heads to Mt Vernon on Friday for the Chad Greenway Relays then on Saturday they participate in the Tom Main Track Meet in Chester followed by the Dakota Valley Invite on Tuesday.

### C-Hawks Host Canton Relays

The Canton C-Hawk boys and girls track teams hosted the Canton Relays and both teams finished in 3rd place with one first place finisher on the girls team when Jayrn Warejcka won the long jump with a leap of 16'7.5 and in the discus Jenna VandeWeerd won with a throw of 115'1. On the boys team Julius Moore finished with 2 individual 1st place finishes in the long jump with the winning leap of 19'11 along with a 23.39 time in the 200 meter dash. Moore also ran in the winning 4x200 meter relay with Carson Metzger, Cain Wallner, Moore and Landon Dominisse when they won the event in the winning time of 1:35.40.

### Canton C-Hawks Hosted the Bong Show

The C-Hawks hosted the Terry Bong Invite or better known as the Bong Show and in the meet the C-Hawks only first place finisher was Jayrn Warejcka in the long jump when she won the event with the winning jump of 16'3.5.

The Canton C-hawk boys and girls track team heads to Dakota Valley for the Dakota Valley Invite on Tuesday and faced some of the best track teams in the state and were led by Senior Jayrn Warejcka as she placed in 4 events. Landon Dominisse led the boys team with a pair of 3 place finishes as he placed in the 100 dash and anchored the 4x100 also anchored the 4x200 for 4th with Carson Metzger, Cain Wallner, Julius Moore with Wyette Greenwood joining the 4x200.

### Boys Track Run at Howard Wood Relays

The Canton C-Hawk boys track team sent 2 relays and one individual to run in the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls over the weekend. Landon

Dominisse ran in the 100 meter dash as he finished in 11.91 but didn't not qualify for the finals. The Hawks ran in the 4x100 relay and finished in a time of 46.18 with the team of Carson Metzger, Cain Wallner, Julius Moore and Landon Dominisse, which put them in the 18th spot which was less than 2 seconds off the winning time. The Dakota 12 conference had 6 teams finish in the top 18 with Dell Rapids winning with West Central, Vermillion, Tri Valley, Tea and Sioux Falls Christian finishing just ahead of the C-Hawks. Then in the 4x200 the Hawks finished 17th with a time of 1:35.30 which was a personal record for the team this year and the team of Carson Metzger, Eli Anderson, Julius Moore and Landon Dominisse. The winning time was from WC at 1:31.82 with other conference teams of Lennox, DR, SFC, Vermillion and Tea finishing ahead of the Hawks. The boys will have their Dak 12 Conference Meet on Thursday in West Central and with these relay teams results you know that will be a tough meet.

### C-Hawk Girls Track Have Busy Weekend

The Canton girls track team traveled to Sioux Falls O'Gorman on Friday for the O'Gorman Invite and then on Saturday they traveled to Parker for the Parker Invite and came home with the team title with 139 points. In the O'Gorman Invite the Hawks got two 1st place finishes from Jayrn Warejcka as she won the Long jump with the winning jump of 16'10.25 and also in the 100 meter hurdles as she won in a time of 16.1 and the Medley relay team of Gracie Turbes, Autumn Ask, Chanel Godlevsky and Abby Dose won in a time of 4:55.6. Freshman Kori Wallner took 3rd in the discus with a new freshman school record with a throw of 116'4. Then at the Parker Invite Jayrn won the 100H race with a time of 16.2 beating Camryn Skiles time of 16.8 for 2nd place. Wallner won the discus with the winning throw of 113'1. Canton won 2 relay races when the team of J. Warejcka, Qynn Van Bockern, Skiles and Avayla Jaacks won the 4x100 in a time of 53.8 then the team of Van Bockern, Skiles, Jaacks and J. Warejcka won the 4x200 with a time of 1:53.4.

## C-Hawks Participate in Dak 12 Conference Meet

The boys and girls Canton track teams traveled to West Central for the Dak 12 Conference track meet on Thursday and finished with two Senior 2nd place finishers when Julius Moore finished with a jump of 19'6 in the long jump for 2nd place and Jayrn Warejcka who ran the 100 meter hurdles in a time of 15.9 to finish runner up and Freshman Kori Wallner also finished in 2nd place in the discus with a throw of 115'3. Canton will next participate in the Last Chance Meet Thursday at noon in Elk Point Jefferson to try to qualify for the State Meet.

### C-Hawk Track Teams Head to State Meet

The Canton C-Hawk girls and boys track team participated in their final meets last week and now head to the State A Track Meet at Howard Wood on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Sioux Falls. Canton hosted a Hawk Field Event Meet and then on Thursday the teams headed to Elk Point Jefferson to compete in the EPJ Last Chance Meet to try to qualify for State as the top 24 times or distances make it to state this weekend.

#### Boys State Meet Qualifiers:

- Carter Kreger-** Triple jump
  - Eli Anderson-** 4x200, 4x100 alt
  - Julius Moore-** LJ, High jump, 200, 4x100, 4x200
  - Cain Wallner-** Javelin, 4x100
  - Carson Metzger-** 4x100, 4x200
  - Wyette Greenwood-** 4x200 alt
  - Landon Dominisse-** 100, 4x100, 4x200
- #### Girls State Meet Qualifiers:
- Jayrn Warejcka-** 100H, LJ, Javelin, 4x100
  - Grace Gannon-** 3200, 4x800
  - Sara Schroder-** 4x800
  - Danica Rozeboom-** Shot put
  - Hailey Strand-** 4x800 alt
  - Jenna VandeWeerd-** discus, Javelin
  - Avayla Jaacks-** 4x100, 4x200
  - Brynn Oakland-** 4x200 alt
  - Jewel Gannon-** 4x800
  - Abby Dose-** 4x800 alt
  - Autumn Ask-** 4x100 alt
  - Kori Wallner-** Discus, Shot

**Camryn Skiles-** 4x100, 4x200

**Gracie Turbes-** 4x200

**Aubrey Deurmier-** 4x200 alt

**Jayla York-** 4x800 alt

**Qynn Van Bockern-** 4x100, 4x200

**Brooke Warejcka-** 100H, 4x100 alt, 4x200 alt

**Ava Sletten-** 4x800

## Vande Weerd Takes Discus State Title; Jayrn Warejcka Places 2nd in 100 Hurdles

The Canton C-Hawks girls and boys track teams participated in the State Class A Track Meet on Thursday thru Saturday May 23rd – 25 in Sioux Falls at Howard Wood and they were led by Junior Jenna VandeWeerd as she led the Hawks with a state title in the discus with the winning throw of 122'09 topping a girl from Custer by '04. Jenna had the winning throw on her first attempt when she hit her career best distance. She had 3 more throws over 122 but that distance held off all other throwers for the Championship. Jenna also placed in the Javelin when on her 2nd toss, she threw it 107'09 which was good for 7th place.

The girls team finished just outside winning a team trophy when they finished tied for 7th with 29 points with Flandreau. Sioux Falls Christian won the team title with 130 followed by Lennox 55.5, Custer 54, Bennett County 53.5, Mount Vernon/Plankinton 52.5, Dakota Valley 29.5.

The Canton Boys team was led by Senior Carter Kreger as he finished 4th in the triple jump. Carter had a jump of 43'04.75 on his first 2 jumps and qualified for finals but in the final 3 jumps Carter did not improve his distance and finished in 4th place. Custer won the event with a jump of 44'10.75. Canton finished in 34th place with the 5 points that Carter got in the triple jump and SFC won the team title with 68 points with Custer getting 2nd with 66.

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# 2024 Girls Golf Season

## On to State

Girls golfers went to Elk Point for regions on Thursday, May 23. Senior Landree Meister (finished 17th) and Junior Ellery Jansen (finished 25th) qualifying for the State "A" Golf Tournament! The State "A" Tournament is June 3-4 at Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls.

## Canton Girls Golf Sent Two to State A Tournament

The Canton C-Hawk girls golf team sent 2 girls to the State A Golf Tournament on Monday and Tuesday the 3rd and 4th of June at the Bakker Crossing Golf Course and they came home with a 22nd and 32nd place finishes for the 2-day tournament.

Junior Ellery Jansen started the first day on the back 9 and after nine holes had a 46 then followed that up with a 43 with 4 pars on the front nine for a first day score of 89. Ellery came back on the 2nd day and on her front nine she scored a 44 as she parred both par 5's and then she shot a 40 as she had a birdie 3 on the same hole, she had an 8 the day before and then she went on to par 3 holes and 5 bogies for a 40 for a round of 84. The 84 gave her a 2-day total of 173 giving her a tie with an EPJ girls at 22nd place earning a state medal.

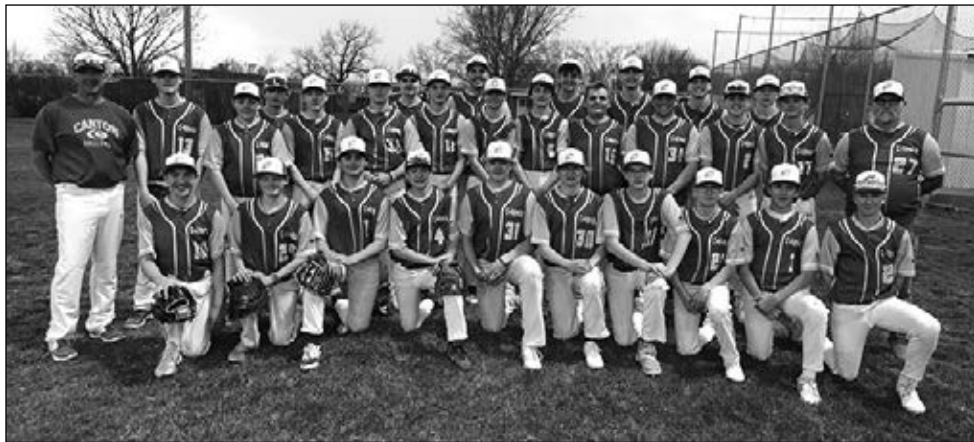
Senior Landree Meister was playing in her final high school tournament and she started out the 1st day with a 44 with 2 pars on the front 9 then came back with 3 pars on the back nine for another 44 as she parred both par 3 holes finishing the first day with a 88 score putting her in 28 place after the opening round. On the 2nd days action Landree opened up with a 46 but came back with a 42 with 3 pars and only one double bogie for another 88 round for a total of 176 and a 32nd place and 2 strokes from medaling.

Sioux Falls Christian won the team title with a +66 followed by Vermillion +98, West Central +126, Madison +128 and St Thomas More +161. The top 4 teams in the state all came from our Dak 12 Conference and the top 2 teams are out of our Region. St Thomas More had the individual champion with a +10 score for the title with a 152 total.

Coach Jeff Keyman had these comments on the State Tourney, "I am proud of Ellery and Landree, not only for how they played, but how they represented themselves and our program over the two days of state tournament."



# 2024 Canton Boys Baseball Recap



## Canton Baseball Split Weeks Action

The Canton Baseball team split during the week as they were defeated by Vermillion 16-0 on Tuesday then on Wednesday they defeated Scotland-Menno 8-0 behind strong pitching from Braxton Mulder as he pitched 6.1 innings of no hit baseball with 13 strikeouts and only 2 walks. Arthur Benoit came in and finished the last out with a strikeout for the win. Canton scored one run in the 1st, 3 in the 4th, 2 in both the 5th and 6th for their 8 runs.

Hitting for the Canton team were H. Richmond 2 for 3 and 2 runs, S. Sehr 2 for 3 and one run, K. Strand 2 for 3 and one run. M. Anderson and Mulder each went 1 for 3 and each scored one run along with Benoit, L. Hill each crossing home plate once in the game. C. Winquist also picked up a base hit and Richmond Strand each had 2 RBI's with one from Mulder, W. Greenwood, Sehr. On the mound Mulder threw 106 pitches with 62 thrown for a strike and Benoit went 10 pitches with 4 strikes and one hit.

In the Vermillion game Canton was defeated 16-0 with Vermillion scoring 12 runs in the 6th inning as they had 12 hits for the 6 innings and Canton 5. Greenwood led Canton with 2 hits and one each from Benoit, Richmond and Strand. Canton used 4 pitchers as Anderson pitched 2.2 innings along with Richmond 2.2, K. Chauk 0.0 and Sehr .2. Canton gave up 11 walks and had 3 strikeouts.

Next we will put in a schedule of games so you can get out to the Canton west side ball park and support our C-Hawks baseball team.

## Canton Baseball Drops a Pair of Games Over the Weeks Action

The Canton Baseball team fell to Elk Point and Freeman/Canistota to fall to 2-4 on the season as the Canton pitching had a hard time finding the strike zone as walks hurt the C-Hawks. In the Freeman/Canistota/Marion game Canton pitching was started by Arthur Benoit as he threw 3 innings with one hit and 3 run with 8 walks and 2 strikeouts. Matt Anderson came in and pitched 4 innings with one hit and one run but he also had 8 walks with 5 strikeouts. Canton had 4 hits with one each from Anderson, Benoit, Braxton Mulder and Shane Sehr and the Canton team hit the ball hard but seemed like right to someone from the other team as they out hit the F/C/M team 4-2.

Canton next faced Elk Point-Jefferson and was defeated 15-5 to move their record to 2-4 and in the game Mulder started out on the mound and pitched 4 innings and gave up 5 hits and 4 runs with 4 strikeouts and gave up 5 walks. Hunter Richmond came in and pitched 1 and 2/3 innings and gave up 6 hits and 11 runs with 9 earned along with 2 K's and 6 walks. EPJ scored 3 in the 1st inning then 1 in the 4th and 4 in the 5th then seven in the 6th to end the game with the 10 run rule. Canton scored 3 in the 3rd inning and 2 in the 5th on 8 hits with 2 errors. Canton was led by Mulder with 2 hits with Richmond 2 hits and Wyette Greenwood 2 hits and one hit from Benoit, Keyvin Strand. Mulder scored twice with one from Benoit, Strand and Richmond. Strand had a triple with doubles by Mulder, Richmond and Benoit. Shane Sehr had 2 stolen bases.

## Canton Baseball Drop 3 Games to fall to 2-7

Canton played Parkston at home on the 25th and fell 18-7 as Parkston put up 11 runs in the 2nd inning with two in the 3rd and 5 in the 4th on 18 hits while Canton scored 5 in the 4th inning and 2 in the 5th off of 9 hits. Canton was led by Wyette Greenwood, Shane Sehr and Landon Hill with 2 hits each and one from Matt Anderson, Braxton Mulder, Hunter Richmond. Anderson had 2 RBI's along with Mulder with one from Sehr and Hill. Arthur Benoit walked 3 times in the game. Canton left 8 runners on base for the game. Richmond started on the mound for Canton and pitched 1.1 innings giving up 9 hits and 11 runs with one walk and 1 home run for 5 earned runs. Mulder came in and pitched 1.2 innings giving up 2 runs on 3 hits and one BB and 3 K. Sehr finished it off with 2 innings giving up 5 runs on 6 hits and 1 K and one HR.

Canton traveled to Centerville on the 22nd and lost a close game 8-7 as they out hit Centerville 11-6 as the Tornadoes scored 3 in both the 1st and 2nd innings then one each in the 5th and 6th. Canton started scoring in the 4th inning with one run then 2 in the 5th and 3 in the 6th inning but could only get one in the 7th to come up short 8-7 to suffer the loss. Canton out hit Centerville 11-6 but had 3 errors to one by Centerville. Canton had 2 hits each by Anderson, Sehr, Craig Winquist and Greenwood scored 2 runs for Canton. Benoit, Keyvin Strand and Sehr had one RBI each. Scoring runs for Canton were Greenwood 2, and one each from Anderson, Richmond, Sehr, Winquist and Aiden Ostrom. Anderson started on the mound for Canton and pitched 4.2 innings and gave up 7 runs with 5 earned with 4 hits and 11 BB and 5 strikeouts with Benoit .2 innings and one strikeout. Sehr pitched .2 innings with 2 hits and 1 run and one earned with 1 strikeout.

Then on Friday the 3rd Canton hosted a good Dakota Valley team and were defeated 13-0 as DV scored 5 runs in the 1st and 1 in the 2nd followed by 2 in the fourth, 1 in fifth and 4 in the 6th inning for their 13 runs on 8 hits. Canton had one hit and 7 errors. Shane Sehr had Cantons lone hit. Richmond started on the mound for Canton and pitched 3.1 innings giving up 8 runs on 6 hits and 6 earned with 6 BB and 3 strikeouts. Sehr came in and pitched 1.2 innings and gave up 5 runs on 2 hits and 1 earned run with 3 BB then Kayden Chaulk pitched 1.0 innings giving up 0 hits and 0 runs.

Canton has 4 games left with 3 away and the game on the 16th will be in Canton against Wagner with first pitch at 5pm. The away games will be against Beresford, the 9th at Vermillion and then on the 15th vs Bon Homme before finishing their regular season at home.

# 2024 C-Hawk Boys Golf

## Steffensen Runner-up at State Golf

Last week Monday and Tuesday, Ethan Vaksdal and Carson Steffensen competed in the Class A State Golf Tournament in Hartford at Central Valley Golf Course.

In his first State Tournament appearance, Ethan finished in a tie for 83rd place, improving on his first day score by four strokes.

Carson Steffensen carded a first day 77 and a second day 73 which was good enough to place him as the State Runner Up. Steffensen finished one shot behind the leader, using a back nine with five birdies to rise up the leaderboard.



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# 2024 Girls Volleyball Season

Lady C-Hawks finish with 19-10 season record



## C-Hawk Volleyball Starts Season With Two Wins

The first game of the season was at home against the Beresford Watchdogs. Canton had no problem taking the matches with scores of 25-11, 25-10 and 25-18. Seniors Macy Plucker, Camryn Peteson, Avayla Jaacks, Lexie Kapperman, Jenna Vande Weerd, Ellery Jansen and Samantha Gubbels lead the team to a win. Also on the team are Camryn Skiles, Callianna Halverson, Autumn Ask, Gracie Turbes, Aubrey Deurmier, Jordan Rhead and Taylor Kroger.

The C-Hawks were on the road August 29th to Canistota. The Canistota Hawks gave the Canton C-Hawks a little competition with scores of 25-18, 25-22 and 25-15.

## Canton Volleyball 14-4

The Canton volleyball team is on a winning streak after winning the tournament last weekend at the Sanford Pentagon. The team first faced Platte Geddes and won 25-17 and 25-14. Next they took down Oldham-Ramona-Rutland and won 2-15 and 25-8. The next team was Gayville-Volin and Canton won 25-17 and 25-21. In the final they defeated Mobridge Pollock 25-10 and 25-17.

Canton took down Sioux Falls Lutheran on September 26th with scores of 25-17, 25-14 and 25-21.

# C-Hawks Cross Country Season

## Cross Country Had Busy Week and Challenging Meets

Last Friday Night the Canton Cross Country team participated in the Augie Twilight. "For me to say that I'm proud is an understatement," said Coach Rhode. "These kids have big hearts and it showed. We had kids ready to puke after they finished but every single one of them did amazing. Canton had 19 runners with seven new personal records- Zach Bartels, Jeremy Bockelman, Rylan Richardson, Alex, Jasher Dixon, Riley Dixon and Finley Evjen. Seven had their season best time- Ava Sletten, Jewel Gannon, Jayla York, Abby Dose, Kara Dose, Cordelia Adams and Damian Gardner.

Canton held a small cross country meet at the Hiawatha Golf Course last Tuesday. Place winners -Boys Varsity - Zach Bartels-12th; Girls Varsity - Finley Evjen - 11th, Jewel Gannon - 17th; Ava Sletten - 18th; Boys JV - Cedric Horst - 4th. Personal Records - Wyatt Jacobs, Emmitt Hruby, Riley Dixon, Clair Baumann, Anna Folkens.

Canton traveled to Brandon Valley on Saturday to attack the Mt. McHardy. "It was definitely an eye opener for the team by they persevered and are stronger mentally and physically," said coach Rhode. "I was very pleased with how each one attacked the hill, passing many kids on the way up."

Zach Bartels finished 12th place and Jasher Dixon finished 11th in JV. Finley Evjen took 11th place in girls varsity.

## C-Hawk Cross Country Compete in Alcester

The cross country team started the week with a meet at Alcester/Hudson Invite on Monday. "It was a beautiful day for running. The kids are really starting to ramp it up in practice and it's showing their progress from the beginning of the year, said Coach Rhode. "Great efforts displayed across the board."

Medalists  
Varsity Boys - Zach took 10th, Cedric and



Jeremy just missed top 20 with 21st / 22nd respectively.

Varsity Girls - Fin 7th, Ava 8th, Jewel 9th, Jayla 12th, Kara 15th, Marin 18th  
JV Boys - Rylan 5th  
JV Girls - Kiley 16th

## Cross Country Compete at DAK12

Canton Cross Country participated at the DAK12 meet in Lennox last week. Regions are October 18 with state on October 26 in Rapid City.

## C-Hawks Send Four to State Cross Country

Canton Cross Country had their region 3A meet on a very windy day for runners but the

team still persevered. The following placed in the top 20 and punched their tickets to compete Saturday in Rapid City. Zach Bartels - 14th, Finley Evjen - 13th, Ava Sletten - 16th and Jewel Gannon - 19th.

Some personal and season records were set despite the 25 mile per hour winds!

PR - Zach Bartels, Alex Opland, Cedric Horst, Hunter Fincher, Jewel Gannon, Silas Whiting.

SB - Ava Sletten, Kiley Dose  
"This young team is definitely improving. Varsity boys placed 5th this year as a team vs. 7th last year," commented Coach Rhode. "Varsity girls maintained 4th from previous year but we are closing the gap. Great job everyone I'm super proud of you all!"

## C-Hawk Cross Country Finish Season at State

The cross country team traveled to Rapid City to run the state meet at Hart Ranch. "The course is a true cross country course consisting of hills, rocks, along with the elevation change," commented coach Rhode. The kids put in a ton of work into the summer miles to allow them to take it to another level during the season."

Finley Evjen (8th Grade) finished in 49th place in a time of 21:26.64. Freshman Ava Sletten finished 73rd with a time of 22:04.31. Junior Jewel Gannon placed 76th in a time of 22:15.48.

The only boy running for Canton was Senior Zach Bartels with a time of 20:32.71.





related. “We value God, our country and our hometown,” Engel said. He worked tirelessly for a total of 66 hours during the flood last weekend.



Richard and Suntheary Hamm moved to Canton a couple of years ago. The couple was looking for a place all over the country to buy a restaurant and call home. Toward the end of Covid they had gone to New England to buy a restaurant, but the tenants had not moved out yet with the housing market the way it was. So, the couple headed back to South Dakota, and they found themselves in Canton after purchasing the “Garden of Eat’n” building. If you have driven through the stoplight in Canton recently, you may have noticed a new trailer parked at this location. “Sunny’s Eat Place” features Neapolitan pizza and baked goods made from scratch such as: jumbo muffins and cinnamon rolls for those late breakfast goers.

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Canton was slammed with destruction from the recent flood. For comparison, the flood in 2014 poured out around thirteen inches of rain. The nineteen inches of rain in 48 hours this past weekend created a battle for many of the homeowners and businesses in the flood’s path of destruction. Beaver Creek along with the Big Sioux River were overflowing and flooding in places from how much accumulated into them. Lake Lakota has even refilled from the rain. Roads and highways have flooded into places, others washed out, this creating detours for drivers. The rain started on Thursday during the day, pelting the area again throughout the night into Friday when it continued to rain. The streets started to turn into rivers, with some streets flooding multiple times. One time on Friday, the sandbags north of town also had water break through them, which caused streets to flood once again. People watched as the water inched devastatingly close to their homes and started filling their basements. Early Saturday morning the rain finally relented, and the streets slowly started receding. Saturday and Sunday were long days of cleanup for a sizable portion of Canton, hauling items out of basements, tearing up flooring, contemplating what was salvageable, trips to the dump, and catching up on much-needed rest.

Bomgaars made three trips down to Sioux City to restock supplies, sometimes taking two to three hours to get back to Canton because of detours and traffic. They took the pickup down to get two pallets at a time of vacuums, sump pumps, shop vacs and whatever else was needed. Last weekend was steady for the staff as they were busy all weekend with customers hoping to find the needed tools to save their homes.

At Canton Home and Farm, Sterling Heath called United Hardware to see if they could send up an emergency shipment like they did in 2014 during the flood, but they were unable to. Then when he was talking with Vicki at United Hardware, they were able to place an order, with Vicki agreeing to meet Sterling at the Madison exit with sump pumps, vacuum, shop vacs, etc. They haven’t been able to get any dehumidifiers ordered unfortunately. Farmers State Bank has gift cards available for Canton Home and Farm at Love Inc. Canton Home and Farm would like to thank everyone for shopping locally.

Michael Levi Engel is the owner and founder of MECA Construction. He has been working in construction since 2004. The company relocated to Canton as of December 23, 2022. Engel is a residential general contractor licensed and insured in South Dakota. The company works with residential homes as a “footing to finish” company constructing anything home



The time is finally here after all the planning the Canton Area Car Show is returning. The first car show was held in 1980 in the city parking lot on 6th and Lincoln with just 70 cars. Randy and Deanna Ludwig grew the Canton Car Show to over 700 cars that filled over 18 city blocks of downtown Canton. The car show ran each year until 2007 when Deanna became ill and construction began on the Lincoln County Courthouse expansion. A small show and shine was held in 2008 in the Canton High School parking lot. A large summer storm moved through the area causing the show to

end early. Deanna passed away in early 2008 and this last show and shine was held in her memory. The Ludwig’s were involved in 27 successful years of the Canton Car Show. They always had a passion for cars and wanted to share that with others.



A ribbon cutting was held Thursday, July 18th, for Innovation Storage Condos. David Wurtz decided to build these units to help small business owners have a place for their shops. “I originally built these because I needed a place for a shop myself,” said Wurtz. Right now there are two units to be rented out with a goal to add more in the future. David is the owner of Wurtz Construction which does pole buildings, steel roofing and more. He has also done several other projects in the area before this one.



Troy Cuzican opened Sapphire Moon, a private tattoo studio, located at 102 W. 5th Street in Suite 204 right here in Canton. His availability is flexible, with day or night appointment times. “As long as I’m aware of time and place I’m there,” he said. Tattoos are price quoted by specific tattoo, size placement, and the amount of detail, with a minimum set at \$100.

The official groundbreaking ceremony was held Tuesday, July 30th, on 40 acres of land on the Northwest side of Canton. The Justice Center will include offices for the State’s Attorney and Public Defenders. The ground floor will include several court rooms along with three more courtrooms and a hearing room on the second floor. A Jury Assembly room will allow members of the public a comfortable area to check-in and wait their court assignment. The center will also have a built in shell space for future expansion and jail if needed. This \$54.8 million dollar project is set to be completed by the fall of 2026 and house the Second Judicial Circuit Courtrooms. Robin Houwman, presiding judge, said “This new courthouse will be more than a building, this will ensure that every citizen in the county has access to justice.”



Brady Barr has brought his shop to a storefront in Canton. “Lettuce Sell Your Stuff” is located at 121 East 5th Street, which is on the corner of businesses south of the courthouse. The surplus and consignment store contains a wide array of furniture, but also includes a variety of items such as antiques, clothes, sporting

goods, and electronics. Barr is hoping to have a new selection of items every month. The business started in August of 2023, as a service to help people sell things they no longer need. This is a perfect way for those preparing for a move or cleaning out their home to have an option for help in these matters, and to turn those unneeded items into cash.



CHS Worthing started planning an expansion project September 14, 2023. Majority of the work started underground with the above ground work in the last few weeks. There were 451 auger cast piles that were poured to support this big elevator which consisted of over 3,300 yards of concrete poured under ground. Next the team focused on installing 400,000 pounds of rebar into the Elevator Mat. This mat will evenly distribute the weight of the elevator across the deep foundation piles. The Elevator Mat will be a three-foot-thick concrete slab, requiring nearly 2,000 yards of concrete or 250 cement trucks.

FEMA set up a disaster relief inside the Canton Depot. This temporary Disaster Relief Center also includes Small Business Association and other information to help with the flood recovery process.

In response to the flooding in June, Allison Kemner of “My Timeless Day Quilting & Sewing” along with June Fossum, and Catherine Erickson of “Canton Quilt Retreat” began a quilt drive. Their mission is to gift a quilt to each family in the Canton, Hawarden, and Rock Valley areas who had their home red tagged or lost everything due to the flooding. They hope the gift of a quilt to these families will aid in the healing process, by showing they are loved and not forgotten during this challenging time. The women invited all or any quilters to donate homemade new/unused quilts. They accepted quilts of all sizes.

First Bank & Trust, Canton, donated \$10,000 to aid in the fundraising efforts to build a new Canton Community Center. Their support brings the project closer to its \$1.7 million goal, reinforcing the bank’s commitment to the well-being of Canton residents.

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Residents and family couldn't have asked for a better day to take part in the Walk of Ages. Canton Good Samaritan Society along with volunteers from Canton Lutheran Church walked around the beautiful path that past fundraisers helped to build. This year the money will go towards turning the back porch area into a four season room for residents to enjoy all year long. The total cost of the project is \$115,000.



Justyce Miller is originally from Canton where she graduated in 2017. After graduating, she went to college at SDSU, where she quickly discovered college was not the right fit for her. She went through a few different jobs, trying to figure out what direction she wanted to go with her career. Then the opportunity to be a travel agent came about. Miller then officially became certified in December of 2021, opening her business in January of 2022, while in the comfort of her home. "Travelin' Sunshine" specializes in all-inclusive resorts, Alaskan cruises, Disney vacations, honeymoons, and so much more. If clients have something else in mind, she says feel free to shoot her a message and she would be happy to see what she can find for you. Her office will be located at 102 W 5th St, Ste 203, which is the old Home Federal/Great Western Bank building upstairs, where the suites are located.



On Wednesday, August 28th, "Dakota Specialty Solutions" (DSS) had their groundbreaking event. Located on the corner of 479th Avenue and Innovation Street, once completed this site will serve as the primary warehouse and packaging plant for DSS. "Dakota Specialty Solutions, LLC is a specialty agricultural science and chemical company that is excited to set up new operations and grow in Canton. This investment calls for a new facility and operations on a 4-acre parcel in Canton's Industrial Park which is expected to bring around 15 new full-time jobs to the Canton community, a \$4.5M capital investment, and room for expansion in future years." Sioux Metro Growth Alliance

The Canton Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Kristin and Brad Goodroad with Caring Transitions of Sioux Falls SW. "Caring Transitions" is a business that caters to everyone's specific needs. "Caring Transitions of Sioux Falls SW" will serve Yankton, North Sioux City, Mitchell, Tea, Harrisburg, Sioux Falls, Vermillion, and the surrounding areas.

Homecoming 2024 theme was all themed around the Wizard of Oz. Many yellow brick roads were followed with ruby red slippers. Homecoming week has always been a huge tradition in Canton. The week long celebrations began with coronation on Monday night. The Queen and Master of Ceremony spent the week interacting with students of all ages including the elementary school. Many activities including powder puff football, manly volleyball, dodge ball, pep rally with school spirit challenge and the big football game to end the week.

The Canton Volunteer Fire Department spent last week at the Lawrence Elementary school and preschools to educate children about fire safety. Firefighters dressed up in their fire safety gear to show students that firefighters may look scary but they are there to help. Everyone got to see all the equipment and tools on the truck. Each piece has its own spot and use in the case of an emergency. Saturday, October 12th, was an open house for the community to meet the firefighters and enjoy a free lunch. Smoke alarms were available to make sure each household has the proper fire safety alarms in their home. Kids also enjoyed rides in the firetrucks which is always a big hit.



keep the same parking lot layout with the remodel.

The expansion and remodel includes: new flooring, new layout of store, the pharmacy drive-up, a beer cave with 70 new products, expansion of dairy and fluid dairy cooler, order more products (over 1100 new grocery items) relocation and expansion of produce, fresh meat, processed selection expansion, revamping of the front end, and just under 1,000 new wine and spirits items. There are a few little things left to finish, such as aisle signs and an exterior update. The helpful staff are available to direct you to where items are located, if you have trouble finding what you are looking for.

If you asked people who know Dave and Jen Derschan to describe the couple, they would tell you the couple are two busy people. The Derschan's own and manage multiple businesses in southeastern South Dakota. The businesses they own and manage consist of mostly small-town bar and grills, where they feature their signature "Main Street Pizza," along with other favorite American foods. Thirteen years ago was when she saw an opportunity to purchase the Humboldt Bar. She then decided to take a chance and make a career change. "It has been challenging, but fun too, I especially enjoy being a part of the local community. In these small towns, the local bar and grill is often a favorite gathering place for the locals. I always try to have fun entertainment, activities like darts and pool and we often host fundraisers and community celebrations at all my businesses," Derschan said.

The previous owner of Bushwhackers Bar and Grill contacted them with an opportunity to purchase his business. They were impressed by the possibilities that Canton has to offer.

Our local Sunshine Foods has a fresh look after lots of planning and hard work. With only a few minor details left to finish, the store looks amazing. Darin Hill took over ownership in June of 2023, with plans to improve the local store. Hill is a native of Canton and has experience working in other Sunshine locations, while going through the job ranks after starting at Sunshine when he was in high school. Hill is excited about the new layout and hopes all the customers enjoy the store to its fullest.

Lewis Drug initially started having conversations about the project when they approached Sunshine about having a drive-up window as an option for the pharmacy. The previous layout of the store would not work for a drive-up, and so talks began with Pizza Ranch and the Sanford building, which was unoccupied. When Pizza Ranch left, Sunshine was able to expand into both empty buildings, creating enough room for expansion and a drive-up window. They were able to





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Doreen Zomer was the recipient of the Individual Council Award in Dietary. She has worked in the Canton Good Samaritan Society as the Dietary Manager for over 10 years. Prior to that, she also had the titles of Dietary Assistant and Cook.

Inspiration Hills hosted their annual fundraiser on November 21st at 7pm at the Canton Performing Arts Center. The concert featured performances by the group "Point of Grace" and "Jason Gray."

November 10, 2024, Brookings, SD - Rylin Yerdon of Harrisburg and Amelia Gubbels of Canton won crowns at the Miss SDSU & Miss Jacks' Teen Scholarship Competition on Sunday afternoon in Brookings. Yerdon will advance to the Miss South Dakota 2025 Competition, to be held May 29-31, 2025 at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center in Brookings, and Gubbels will represent Brookings in the Miss South Dakota's Teen 2025 Competition, held concurrently.



Ragan S (6th Grade CMS student) and Maxwell K (5th Grade Lawrence Elementary student) were 2 participants in the SDMEA Elementary Honor Choir. They both submitted recordings to audition last spring and were chosen to participate with over 150 other kids in grades 4-6. This is Ragan's 2nd year being selected and the first year for Max.



Canton Lutheran Church (CLC) continued their annual December tradition of hosting a "live nativity" this year. The church has been doing the nativity for around fifteen years and it is complete with a donkey, sheep, camels, shepherds, a manger, the star, angels, Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and the three wise men. This is one part of the three-part program hosted by CLC. Also known by some Canton Lutheran's as the "Christmas trifecta." The nativity aspect itself takes place outdoors in the west side parking lot, for around twenty minutes in length. The second part is the Christmas cantata concert in the sanctuary, which is around forty-five minutes in length. The nativity and cantata are joined by a soup supper upstairs in the CLC fellowship hall. The soup supper is a high school youth ministry fundraiser, but otherwise the event is free of charge. Congregational members see this weekend as a "gift shared with the Canton community."

The Winter Wonderland Celebration started out with many local businesses having their holiday open houses serving goodies. Kids stopped by Blossom to do a craft and give their list to Santa Claus. Lighting of the Christmas Trees in the courthouse lawn was lit by Citizen of the Year Jeremy Swenson followed by the

parade. Saturday morning kids enjoyed breakfast with Santa at the Canton Depot. The Festival of Trees, bake sale along with the vendor fair was at the Performing Arts Center.



Bushwhackers held an official Grand Re-Opening ribbon cutting. Dave and Jen Derschan took over in the summer but are now up to full menu. Great food such as juicy burgers, tasty sandwiches, appetizers and the famous Main Street Pizza can be enjoyed in the bar or take out. The kitchen is open Monday through Friday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. Bushwhackers has live music, NFL Ticket, dart boards, pool table and other specials. Call 605-987-0094 for take-out or stop down at 111 South Main Street in Canton.




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# 2024-2025 Boys Basketball

## Season Begins

### Boys Basketball Still Finding Their Groove

The Boys basketball team is trying to rebuild their roster as they lost a lot of key players from last year. The team is 0-2 so far after a loss to Elk Point Jefferson 27-71 and Garretson this past Tuesday night.

- Alex Rhead scored 11 points for the team and 2 rebounds.
- Corbin Winquist scored 10 points and 6 rebounds.
- Noah Beatty scored 6 points and 3 rebounds.
- Theo Meister scored 5 points, 1 rebound and one steal.
- Bil Yuek scored 4 points and 3 rebounds.
- Andrew Ortman scored 4 points and 2 rebounds.
- Ryder Thompson scored 3 points and had 5 rebounds.
- Jarius Battese scored 3 points and had 1 steal.
- Espn Anderson scored two points and had 1 rebound.



## Start of 2024-2025

## Girls Basketball Season

### Girls Basketball Lose Close Game

The girls basketball team took on Elk Point Jefferson last Thursday night in a close game but came up short 49-53. The team fought hard for every point but couldn't keep the lead at the end.

Earlier in the week they lost another close game to Vermillion. On Monday, Dec. 9 they traveled to Vermillion for their first game of the season. In the end the C-Hawks were short with score of 57-61.

### Girls Basketball Win Against Garretson

The C-Hawks took on Garretson last Tuesday night and came out victorious. After losing two close games this year, they have one in the win column. The final score was 54-14.

Jenna VandeWeerd: 24 pts on 11 of 15 shooting

Camryn Skiles: 14 pts, 4 steals

Brynn Oakland: 6 pts, 9 assists, and 6 rebounds

Team shot 54% from the field. Held Garretson to 17% shooting causing 22 turnovers.



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# 2024-2025 Girls Wrestling Season



### Varsity Girls Wrestling Takes Second

The varsity girls wrestling team went to Watertown last Friday and took home second place as a team.

Finley Evjen and Brooke Warejcka took home first place with Jersey Folkens, Kori Wallner and Natalia Long taking home second

### Girls Wrestling Places 3rd in Rapid City

The Girls traveled to Rapid City last Friday to participate in the 50 team tournament and took home 3rd place.

Team scores: Pierre 200.5; Bismark 178.5; Canton 156; Watertown 143.5; Dickinson 138; Harrisburg 138; Spearfish 108; Aberdeen Central 105.5; Custer 92.5; Bon Homme/Scotland/Avon 92; Rapid City Stevens 90; Sheridan 90; Rapid City Central 86.5; Williston 86; Sturgis Brown 80.5;

Belle Fourche 67; Sioux Falls Jefferson 64.5; Sioux Valley 56.5; Nation County 55; Lemmon 54.5; Mitchell 54; Stanley County 46.5; Sioux Falls Washington 41.5; Huron 41; Yankton 41; Bennett Country 40.5; Miller/Highmore-Harold 40; Douglas/Rapid City Christian/ New Underwood 34.5; Lead-Deadwood 33.5; Sully Buttes 31.5; Killdeer 31; Hot Springs 28; Sioux Falls Roosevelt 25; Thunder Basin High School 25; Groton Area 24; Beresford/Alcester-Hudson 23; St. Thomas More 23; West Central 22; Watford City 19; Harding County 18; Todd County 17; Tea Area 14.5; Winner 13; Sioux Falls Lincoln 10; Bowman County/ Beach 9; Hettinger/Scranton 9; Timber Lake 8; Chamberlain 4; Buffalo 0.

## 2024-2025 Boys Wrestling Season



### C-Hawk Wrestlers Open Season With 3 Dual Wins 1st in DR

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Sioux Valley on Dec 3rd and earned 3 dual victories then traveled to Dell Rapids on Saturday for the Top of the Rock Tourney and won the team title with the help of 5 individual champions and 7 other placewinners to take the team title with 206 points over Bon Homme/Avon with 162.

Canton opened up with the host Sioux Valley in their first match and won 54-17 as the Hawks started out at the 132 pound match and after four matches they trailed 17-6 but the Hawks would win the next 10 matches to win 54-17.

Canton faced Howard in their 3rd match and won 75-3 after losing only by a decision to put their season record at 3-0.

Canton then traveled to Dell Rapids on Saturday for the Top of the Rock Tourney and they won the team title with 206 points followed by Bon Homme/Avon 162, Adrian Area 138, Tri Valley 131.5, Parker 80, McCook Central Montrose 76.5, Dell Rapids 54.5, Hamilin 28. Canton took 14 wrestlers to the tourney and placed 12 with 5 individual champions when Landon Walker, Carter Kendrick, Zach Bartels, Adian

Schrempp and Hunter Richardson won the championship in their weight class.

### C-Hawk Wrestlers Win 2 duals Over Weeks Action

The Canton C-Hawk wrestling team traveled to Canby, Minn. on Tuesday and defeated Canby and Tracy Milroy-Balaton to improve to 5-0 and then went out to Rapid City for the RC Invite and finished in 11th place as a team and had 4 wrestlers place in the 64 person bracket tournament.

Canton faced Canby, Minn. in the first dual match and defeated the Lancers 38-20 then the Hawks wrestled Tracy Milroy-Balaton and defeated them 51-22 to stay undefeated in their dual season heading into the Christmas break.

Then on Friday and Saturday the Hawks traveled to Rapid City for the RC Invite and the Hawks finished 11th in the team competition with 109 points. Sturgis won the event with 235 points followed by Bismarck ND 169, Watertown 163, Rapid City Stevens 160, Kelly Walsh WY 139, Aberdeen Central 131, West Central 126.5, Sheyenne ND 120, Pierre 113.5, Tea Area 109.5 and Canton 109.

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