

First rankings

Jackrabbit football team picked third nationally in first poll.

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Hiring slowdown

The number of jobs created last month fell well below expectations.

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Weather

Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy, with a south southeast wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Tuesday, Aug. 5
Brookings County Commission
8:30 a.m.
Government Center

Optimist Club
Noon
Pizza Ranch

Rotary Club
Noon
Activity Center

Teens in the Kitchen
Noon
Brookings Library

Breastfeeding Support
5 p.m.
New Beginnings Baby Café

City Planning Commission
5:30 p.m.
Government Center

National Night Out
6 p.m.

Parenting Class
6 p.m.
Pugsley Center

Brookings Masonic Lodge
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 6
T.O.P.S.
8:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church

‘Tween the Pages Book Club
1:15 p.m.
‘Tween the Pages Book Club (for kids in 4th and 5th grade) Brookings Public Library

Intro to Archery
5 p.m.
Outdoor Adventure Center. In this class, you will learn various archery applications, basic archery safety, different archery equipment, proper technique for shooting your bow and arrow and tips and tricks to continue to practice on your own. Bring your own bow or use ours. Ages 8+. Cost is \$10 plus tax. Questions: 605-693-4622 or info@bcoac.org.

Library Movie Night
5:30 p.m.
The film for Aug. is “Here.” This movie runs 1 hour and 44 minutes and is rated PG-13.

Brookings Chess Club
6 p.m.
Wooden Legs

Rally for Peace
6 p.m.
828 8th St S., Brookings United Church of Christ.



John Kubal/Brookings Register

Members of the Brookings Community Theater's production of 'Mary Poppins' onstage at rehearsal.

'Anything can happen if you let it'

By JOHN KUBAL
The Brookings Register

BROOKINGS — The 1964 movie “Mary Poppins,” a simple story about a sort-of magical nanny to the Banks family in 1910 England, gave life to a delightful to say but nigh impossible-to-spell word: “supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.” Now the loveable nanny and her buddy Bert, a jack-of-all-trades; the Banks family; and a cast of other assorted wacky and wonderful characters are coming to the boards at Oscar Larson Theatre in the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center on the campus of South Dakota State University: “Disney & Cameron Mackintosh’s Mary Poppins: The Broadway Musical.” (That’s a helluva lot of words. Just think “Mary Poppins.”) It played

for more than 2,500 performances, earning nominations for nine Oliver and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Now the Brookings Community Theatre players are bringing a big and challenging piece of Broadway to Brookings.

The 33 players in the cast are a mix of been-there-done-that and first-time rookies. Seven are adults; 26 are 17 year old and younger old, quite a few students on stage for this production.

“It’s been fun. It’s just kind of neat to see these kids come together. ... It takes a village to get it done,” said Mike Thompson, artistic director and production manager. “The camaraderie of this cast that has developed has been second to none.”

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Tax cap won't affect Brookings

City's steady growth stays below threshold for now.

By MONDELL KECK
The Brookings Register

BROOKINGS — When it comes to property taxes, Brookings is in the “Goldilocks Zone,” so to speak, where growth occurs every year, but not so much that it triggers caps a new law in South Dakota has put into place.

The law, which went into effect on July 1, caps property tax increases to no more than 3% a year, beginning with taxes payable in 2027 and continuing through 2031. Brookings Finance Director Ashley Rentsch said the city has seen an average growth rate of 2.13% over the last decade, with the

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Just 14 shots given at clinics

State Department of Health slow to release numbers from mobile effort.

South Dakota Searchlight

The South Dakota Department of Health administered no immunizations at seven of the 11 special measles vaccine clinics it publicly announced recently, and a total of 14 vaccinations were administered at the other four clinics.

The department announced the locations, dates and times of the special clinics in a news release on June 18, and announced an amended schedule in another news release on June 20.

Of the 11 cities where clinics were scheduled, nine clinics were single days and two were multiple days.

The news releases did not say whether the vaccinations were free. The department has since told

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SDSU names distinguished alumni

BROOKINGS — Three women in wide-ranging leadership positions and three men with extensive legal careers comprise the six graduates who have risen to the top of their fields and have been selected for the 2025 Class of Distinguished Alumni by the South Dakota State University Alumni Association.

- They are:
- Sheryl Doering Meshke, Class of '88, Garden City, Minnesota
 - Charles Gullickson, Class of '77, Sioux Falls
 - Rich Helsper, Class of '74, Sioux Falls
 - Jill Janecke, '01/M.S. '05, Pierre
 - Hon. Alan G. Lance Sr., Class of '71, Caldwell, Idaho
 - Dawn Tobacco-Frank, Ph.D. '10, Kyle

Sheryl Doering Meshke

Doering Meshke is the first woman to be named CEO of a U.S. dairy cooperative. In January 2023, she was named president and chief executive officer of Associated Milk

Producers Inc., the largest cheese cooperative in the country. She had served as co-president and CEO for the prior eight years.

Doering Meshke, an ag journalism graduate, and then co-president Donn DeVelder led the largest investment in the cooperative's cheesemaking infrastructure and launched its Dinner Bell Creamery brand in 2019.

Headquartered in New Ulm, Minnesota, Associated Milk Producers Inc. is owned by dairy farm families from six midwestern states. Members market about 5 billion pounds of milk, with annual sales of nearly \$2 billion. The cooperative makes about 10% of the nation's American-type natural cheese and butter.

Raised on a farm near Good Thunder, Minnesota, Doering Meshke began her career with AMPI in 1991 as communications director. Government relations was added to her duties in the mid-1990s, and, in 2008, she became vice president of

public affairs. Other executive positions followed before being named co-CEO in 2015.

Charles Gullickson

Gullickson has practiced law at Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith in Sioux Falls since 1980 and has been a partner since 1984. His focus is on financial institutions. Gullickson also serves as executive director and general counsel for the South Dakota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

He grew up on a Moody County farm, earned a Briggs Scholarship to attend SDSU and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in political science. He then attended New York University School of Law.

Gullickson is widely considered to be the primary lawyer responsible for developing the business model used by several banks to market credit products on a national basis, allowing banks to expand their business beyond the borders of South

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It's the Sign of Success

POPPINS: Show opens on August 7 MEASLES: 12 cases this year

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A real workhorse, Thompson has directed more than a dozen BCT shows. However, he hasn't acted since he played Oliver Warbucks in "Annie," staged in July 2018 in the V.A. Bell Auditorium, Brookings High School. He likes being on the "director side of the boards." Also with a big job in bringing to the boards such a demanding musical production is Noah Stremmel as music director and pit conductor.

Add to that the singing and dancing numbers that really bring the show to life: Welcome choreographer Olivia Davis, she's a "sort of" regular to BCT as a choreographer. By way of background, she's an SDSU alumna, class of 2022, with a bachelor's degree in theater; she continued studying dance while she pursued her degree. She later moved to London, where she earned a master of fine arts at Trinity Laban, a dance and music conservatory.

"This is my first big project that I'm doing since finishing my master's (degree)," she noted. "I've danced my whole life. I've been dancing since I was 4 (years old)."

Thompson knew of her skills and talent.

"When I came back into town, he knew, because I'd choreographed for BCT before: I choreographed 'Little Shop of Horrors' in 2017 and helped choreograph 'Annie' in 2018.

"Choreography and being a choreographer is composing time, composing space and composing body," she said, explaining in simple terms just what that word

means. "Everyone who is in this production does choreography of some kind. That can be someone who's in the ensemble; they have several dances that they're doing to support the main action. But as a choreographer I act as a movement coach for a lot of people."

"It has been an undertaking — and that's probably an understatement," she said, focusing on "Mary Poppins." "In addition to having a wide range of ages that we're working with, for me I have been working with people with different skill levels: there are some people in the cast who have years of dance training; there are some who had none.

"We had to find a level playing field for everyone. The choreography had to be challenging but also accessible for everyone: the people who didn't have as much technical strength and the people who have more experience could find a challenge."

Making her BCT debut

Jeanna Brandsrud, in the lead role of Mrs. Winifred Banks, brings acting and musical experience to the boards but it's her first time in a BCT production. A native of Brandon, she now lives in Madison; teaches at Sioux Valley High School in Volga; and is choreographer and music director for SVHS theater.

The Brandon native is a University of South Dakota graduate who majored in voice. "More than anything I just missed being on stage. I do a lot of music directing and choreographing but I don't get to do a lot of performing anymore. I'm coming into BCT to be on the performing side of

it again.

"As a teacher I'm somebody who's in educational theater. It's good for me to continue being a performer as well." She did note that her role demands "very heavy singing."

"It's been a really good stretch for me as an actor and as a performer, getting to work with kids especially," she explained. "Interacting with the kids on stage has been super fun but also a stretch for me but especially as an actor. It's something different from what I normally do. ... I haven't been in a speaking role in a long time, since high school. It's been a challenge to retrain my brain to learn lines again."

One of the many younger members of the cast is Lyric Stanley, 11. She plays "Annie" and is in her second BCT production. Her first show was in the ensemble of "Roald Dahl's Matilda: The Musical" in August 2024. Come fall she'll be a 6th -grade student at George Mickleson Middle School.

Look for about a dozen younger performers in the "Ensemble" doing choreography.

Show times are: Aug. 7 (Thursday) through Aug. 9 (Saturday) at 7 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee on Aug. 10

Second schedule of show times is: Aug. 14 through 16 at 7 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee on Aug. 17

For how to get tickets and learn more about the production, log on to Brookings Community Theatre and click on the "Mary Poppins" ad.

Contact:john.kubal@brookingsregister.com.

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South Dakota Searchlight via email, "Vaccines are provided at no cost when insurance isn't an option, with eligibility assessed to ensure everyone can get vaccinated without barriers."

When the department announced the schedule for the special clinics, the state had detected four measles cases since the beginning of the year. That number has since risen to 12, including one hospitalization. Ten of the cases are unvaccinated people. The vaccination status of the other two is unknown.

Prior to last year, the state hadn't experienced a confirmed measles case since 2015. Measles vaccination rates among South Dakota schoolchildren have fallen since then from 96% to 90%.

Similar trends in some other states have contributed to the worst measles year in the United States since 1990. This year's nationwide numbers now stand at 1,333 cases and three deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It took South Dakota Searchlight three weeks to obtain the results of the special vaccination clinics from the state Department of Health. The department, which declined multiple requests for an interview and communicated only by email, initially refused to provide the numbers.

"In certain locations, the number of clients served is small enough that confidentiality laws prevent us from releasing those specific vaccine counts," the department wrote.

The department did not respond to Searchlight's request for a specific law citation supporting its position.

After Searchlight submitted another request for the information, this time through a state records request portal instead of by email, the department responded with data.

"We've discussed this request in detail internally and with our legal counsel," the department wrote. "We believe we can share these numbers as long as they are provided simply as counts of people vaccinated, with no additional patient information."

Searchlight had never asked for additional patient information.

The data provided by the department included additional cities and days beyond those announced in the June news releases. Searchlight had to perform its own analysis of the data to determine the results of only the announced clinics.

The department sent a written response when asked to explain the inclusion of the extra data, and pointed to a webpage containing information on measles vaccination clinics.

"First, some clinics took place before the release was distributed," the department wrote. "Second, clinic schedules and locations continued to shift after the release was issued. While our team worked diligently to keep the website as current as possible, the details were changing daily."

SDSU: Longtime Brookings attorney Helsper among awardees

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Dakota.

He also has been instrumental in task forces addressing nationwide insurance insolvencies, including chairing Guaranty Association's national task force appointed to handle the 2017 insolvency of Penn Treaty, a long-term care insurer.

Gullickson is a strong supporter of the arts in South Dakota and took an active fundraising role on behalf of the Washington Pavilion following the 2008 Great Recession.

Rich Helsper

Helsper was a prominent Brookings attorney who also served as chief legal counsel for SDSU from 1982 until 2017 while maintaining his own practice.

The Brookings native earned his bachelor's degree in political science and his juris doctorate from Southern Methodist University in 1977, when he returned to Brookings to begin his legal practice with McCann, Martin & Mickelson.

In 1984, he and his partner, George Mickelson, started their own firm when Mickelson was state speaker of the House. When Mickelson threw his hat in the ring for the 1986 governor's race, Helsper, just a few years out of law school, had primary respon-

sibility for running the firm.

After his partner was elected governor, Helsper served as chief liability counsel to the state from 1986 to 1995.

Helsper's community service included serving on the South Dakota Department of Transportation and South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks commissions, as well as on the Council of Trustees for the SDSU Foundation and the State College Development Association, which works with university leadership to secure and transfer private properties into SDSU's hands for strategic purposes.

Jill Janecke

Janecke founded Rising Hope Counseling in 2013, when she opened her private practice in Pierre, South Dakota. Today, the organization includes nearly 80 clinicians and a psychiatric nurse practitioner, providing therapy and medication management across 30 locations — primarily in rural South Dakota, as well as Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. Rising Hope also offers teletherapy throughout these states.

Raised in rural southwest Minnesota, Janecke began her counseling career after earning her degree from SDSU. From 2005 to 2012, she worked as a

behavior therapist at the South Dakota Developmental Center. By 2019, her solo practice began growing into a thriving group practice.

A nationally recognized entrepreneur and advocate, Janecke was honored as a 2025 Remarkable Woman of South Dakota and previously named to the Inc. 5000 list two consecutive years for her leadership in growing one of the fastest-expanding mental health organizations in the region.

In addition to her clinical leadership, Janecke is a motivational speaker and mental health advocate, known for her keynote addresses and radio presence. Her work focuses on brain health, clinician wellness and personal development, often bridging the gap between science and practical strategies for emotional healing.

Hon. Alan G. Lance Sr.

Lance was in private law practice in Idaho from 1978 to 1994, when he was elected Idaho Attorney General. He served in that capacity for eight years and then was an active judge for the federal Court of Appeals from 2004 to 2017. In 1999-2000, he served as national commander of the American Legion, the only South

Dakota State graduate to do so.

The Ohio native enrolled at SDSU as a pre-law major in 1967 and earned degrees in history and English, as well as receiving an Army ROTC scholarship. Following graduation from the University of Toledo School of Law in 1973, he was sworn into the Ohio Bar in 1974.

Lance then served 4 ½ years with the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

He entered Idaho politics in 1990, when he was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives and served as House majority caucus chairman in 1992-94.

While attorney general, Lance's efforts to combat domestic violence and protect the rights of crime victims was recognized by the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance with the 2002 Policy Leadership Award.

Dawn Tobacco-Frank

Dawn Tobacco-Two Crow-Frank — Taoyate Winyankapi Win – Her People See Her — made history in 2022 as the first seated female president of Oglala Lakota College. Born and raised in a remote area of the Pine Ridge Reservation, Tobacco-Frank is an Oglala Lakota College alumna who rose from student to college presi-

dent, shaping education rooted in Lakota values.

She earned her associate and bachelor's degrees in human services and a master's in Lakota leadership at Oglala Lakota College. She completed her doctorate in biological sciences through SDSU's Prairie Ph.D. program.

She began her professional journey in tribal health and Indian Health Service before leading a youth research project and eventually serving as the interim executive director of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Since joining Oglala Lakota College in 2005, she has led with vision and action, first directing graduate studies in Lakota leadership.

In 2013, Tobacco-Frank became vice president for instruction, a role she held for nine years. She was pivotal in securing multiple successful accreditations with the Higher Learning Commission.

Tobacco-Frank also champions Native higher education nationally, serving as secretary of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

For more information on the Alumni Association's Legends & Leaders event, go to <http://www.statealum.com/legend-sandleaders25>.

Tax: Larger cities with fast growth will bear the brunt

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sole exception of 2022, when growth clocked in at 3.16%.

"Otherwise, it's been under 3% every year for the last 10 years," Rentsch said, adding that the freeze likely wouldn't have much of an effect on the city. "It would most likely have a very immaterial impact on Brookings unless we started to see growth in excess of 3%."

She said similar-sized communities, such as Watertown and Aberdeen, are more or less facing the same circumstances as Brookings. Larger cities with their turbocharged growth rates, such as Sioux Falls and Rapid City, are not as fortunate — so much so that Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken is proposing millions of dollars in spending cuts over the next three years, according to recent reporting from South Dakota Searchlight.

However, had the 3% property tax cap been in effect in 2022, it would

have affected Brookings.

"We would have lost out on \$5,600 in property tax, which doesn't seem like a lot, but then it compounds each year," Rentsch said. "... It could escalate quickly."

That's especially true if the legislation had maintained its original 2% property tax growth cap, a number that Rentsch said was negotiated by lawmakers up to the now-law 3% cap. If it had remained at 2%, she said Brookings could have faced a \$600,000 potential revenue shortfall over the five-year period from 2027 through 2031.

It didn't come to pass, so, "From the city's perspective, we're cautiously optimistic at this point because we haven't really seen much growth over 3% each year," Rentsch concluded. "It's not much of an impact at this point — it's just something we have to watch."

In South Dakota, property taxes help fund not only cities, but other entities as well. Per infor-

mation from the city, a home valued at \$350,000 in Brookings, and paying \$4,765 in property taxes:

- Brookings School District: \$2,572 (53.98%)
- Brookings County: \$1,401 (29.40%)
- City of Brookings: \$792 (16.62%)

The city puts its property tax revenue into its general fund. In the current 2025 budget year, it totals 19.38% of the general fund's revenue, accounting for \$4,237,203. Other general fund sources include sales tax revenue, which Rentsch spoke to briefly as well, saying the city is still seeing some growth in sales taxes this year over what was recorded last year.

"It's kind of cooled, I would say; in 2021 through 2023, sales tax was really booming with inflation. Inflation has kind of cooled and so we've seen kind of a slowing down in sales tax growth," she said. "At this point, we're about 1.5% over last year and just about 1% above our budget for this year, so

pretty consistent with where we're projected to be."

The general fund accounts for \$21,860,776

of the city's overall budget of \$73,169,780 in 2025. It provides money for functions such as policing, public works

and parks, recreation and forestry.

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Rotary Club News



Above left: Three recent graduates of Brookings High School each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Brookings Rotary Club to attend SDSU. Pictured from left are: Michelle Huh, Club President Jenifer Olson, Conner May and Alexander Storhaug.
Above right: Brookings Rotary Club President Jennifer Olson, center, congratulates recent highschool graduates and scholarship winners Easton Overbo, of Watertown, Sioux Valley High School, and Maya Jensen, of Elkton, Elkton High School. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Brookings club to attend SDSU.
Below: Ella VanSloten, of White, a graduate of Deubrook High School, received a \$1,000

Brookings Rotary Club awards SDSU scholarships to area seniors

Each year the Brookings Rotary Club awards six \$1,000 scholarships to area high school seniors who will attend South Dakota State University. Funds for the scholarships are collected throughout the year from “Scholar Dollars” collected at weekly club meet-

ings from members wishing to share announcements, family celebrations and other positive comments. Scholarship recipients are chosen by selection committees at Brookings High School, Elkton High School, Sioux Valley High School and Deubrook High School. This year’s winners Ella VanSloten, Deubrook High School; Maya Jensen, Elkton High School; Easton Overbo, Sioux Valley High School; Connor May, Michelle Huh and Alexander Storhaug, Brookings High School.



Paul Harris Fellows

Eight Brookings Rotarians received their Paul Harris Fellow-Plus pins at the July 1 meeting. A Paul Harris Fellow is one who has donated at least \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation, or for whom someone else has donated \$1,000 in his or her name. Those who have achieved “Paul Harris Plus” status reflect the \$1,000 donation repeated in subsequent years. Donations to TRF go to help with projects in one of seven areas of global and community service: Promoting Peace; Fighting Disease; Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; Savings Mothers and Children; Supporting Education; Growing Local Economies; and Protecting the Environment. Pictured standing from left are: Della Tschetter (plus 7); Del Johnson (plus 3); Mary Kidwiler (plus 2); Larry Janssen (plus 6); and Brad Blaha (plus 8). Seated is Lewayne Erickson (plus 4). Not available for the picture were Cathy Voelzke (plus 4) and Bob Fishback (plus 4).

Thursday is Purple Heart Recognition Day

SIOUX FALLS — In tribute to the valor and sacrifice of America’s military heroes, Governor Larry Rhoden has officially proclaimed Thursday, Aug. 7, as “Purple Heart Recognition Day” across South Dakota. This observance, initiated at the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, calls on all residents to honor and remember those who have been wounded or killed in action while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The Purple Heart, established in 1782, is the oldest military decoration. The Purple Heart is awarded to service members who have been injured or killed in action due to enemy action. The medal stands as a symbol of profound courage, resilience, and dedication to the country. “On Purple Heart Day, we honor the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of our nation’s heroes who have been wounded in service,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jeremiah Schneider. “South Dakota stands beside you, forever grateful for your strength and resilience in the face of adversity.” As reported by the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, over 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been awarded to service members since the medal’s inception in 1782.

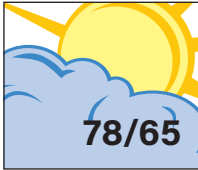
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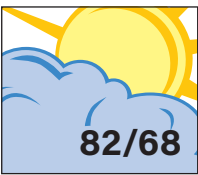
Van Riper - 80

Sharon Van Riper will be 80 on Aug. 10, 2025. She would really appreciate receiving cards from all her friends. Her address is 2027 Laurel Lane, Brookings, 57006.

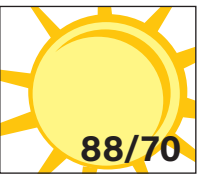
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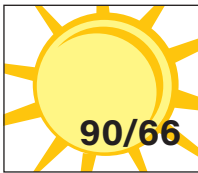
Tuesday A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy, with a south southeast wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65 . Chance of precipitation is 70%.



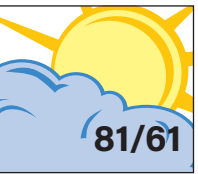
Wednesday A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.



Thursday Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.



Friday Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.



Saturday A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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OPINION

Speakout

Setting the record straight on Berreth’s claims

Richard Berreth’s Aug. 1 *Brookings Register* Letter to the Editor included criticism of my support for three major congressional acts approved during the Biden administration because the acts contributed to inflation and added to the national debt. Both are fair criticisms but more clarity is needed.

The increase in inflation during the Biden years is traceable to four causes including a surge of consumer demand after being restrained during the pandemic, serious snags in the supply chain making it impossible to increase production to keep up with demand, the stimulus packages approved by Congress and corporate greed or excessive profiteering (think eggs). In brief more consumer, business and government spending without an accompanying increase in supply coupled with greed resulted in higher prices.

The deficit spending traceable to the three Biden Administration Acts being disputed was American Rescue Plan (\$2.06 trillion deficit), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (\$440 billion deficit) and Inflation Reduction Act (\$250 billion deficit reduction). Total net new 10-year debt approved by President Biden was \$4.7 trillion. Trump’s first administration (2017-2021) added a net \$7.8 trillion to the nation-

This Speakout was submitted by Robert Burns, professor emeritus for political science at SDSU

al debt. Further, an additional \$3.4 trillion increase in the national debt is projected by the Congressional Budget Office for the One Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) alone with 3 1/2 of the Trump Administration remaining. Other leading economists estimate the addition to our national debt from just BBB could run as high as \$5 trillion.

We are reminded that the Biden legislation extended health care to tens of millions additional Americans, increased food and nutrition assistances for millions of Americans, built highways, bridges, airports, water systems, and communication networks, provided credit incentives to combat climate change and provided cash payments to US tax payers. BBB will add \$170 billion to Homeland Security spending including \$52 billion for Trump’s wall, \$45 billion for new detention centers and \$30 billion for ICE to hire 10,000 new ICE agents. In addition, the Department of Defense will receive an additional \$156 billion leading to a \$1 trillion defense budget that will include Trump’s Golden Dome to complement his border wall.

Of course, the biggest expense of BBB will be the continued tax reductions for the wealthiest among us at the expense of the least wealthy among us.

Government taxing and spending policies reflect the



current priorities of those in positions of power. BBB reflects one set of priorities while the Biden Administration acts reflected a different set of priorities. Both administrations and every administration since President Clinton have incurred deficit budgets adding to the total national debt. Neither Democrats nor Republicans can claim to be fiscally responsible if that means spending within the parameters of your tax revenues. Neither party has shown a willingness or courage to make the unpopular taxing and spending decisions necessary to balance budgets and reduce the national debt during a U.S. peacetime era.

Mr. Berreth also chose to belittle SDSU political science majors. He is reminded that Sen. Tom Daschle, former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, former Congresswoman, Governor and current Secretary of DHS Krist Noem, Lt Gov. Tony Venhuisen, current GOP SD House leader Scott Odenbach, former SD Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson and current SD Supreme Court Associate Justice Mark Salter are SDSU political science graduates. In addition, our graduates occupy leading positions in law, business, industry, education, military and public civil service. Political Science graduates are found in South Dakota and elsewhere working, raising families and contributing to the strength of their communities. Mr. Berreth might also review the listing of SDSU Distinguished Alumni and current and former members of the SDSU Foundation Council of Trustees. Political Science graduates are well represented. All SDSU major programs and their graduates have worth.

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Speakout

Good news for farmers and ranchers

Agriculture is a challenging way of life, but the last few years have been some of the most challenging in recent memory. Higher input costs, higher interest rates, disease, and natural disasters have all made it more difficult. I promised that Senate Republicans would make farmers and ranchers a priority, and I’m proud to report that we’ve addressed some of the challenges facing agriculture in the One Big Beautiful Bill that President Trump signed into law on July 4.

The One Big Beautiful Bill strengthens the farm safety net. It reauthorizes commodity programs through 2031 and raises reference prices for every covered commodity. In recent years, reference prices haven’t even covered increases in input costs, but, thanks to this bill, reference prices will now more closely reflect the market conditions farmers are dealing with. It also bolsters crop insurance, and I’m proud that it includes

This Speakout was submitted by Sen. John Thune

my bill to extend crop insurance support for beginning farmers for their first 10 years of operation.

There’s also good news in this bill for livestock producers. It improves the Livestock Indemnity Program, covering 100 percent of losses for animals lost to predation and 75 percent for those lost due to weather or disease, plus a supplemental payment for loss of unborn livestock. It also includes a provision I authored to reduce the number of weeks of drought necessary to trigger payments from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program from eight to four weeks. And it makes critical investments in disease prevention and preparedness efforts – all the more important as things like the bird flu, the New World screwworm, and African Swine Fever threaten livestock.

Farmers and ranchers will also benefit from the tax relief in the One Big Beautiful Bill. It makes the lower



tax rates Republicans secured in 2017 permanent. Agriculture operations will be able to continue using the 199A deduction, which this bill makes permanent. And full expensing is also now a permanent feature of the tax code, meaning farmers and ranchers can deduct the full cost of new equipment the year they start using it.

Farming and ranching is an important way of life, and I know most farmers and ranchers dream of passing their operation down to the next generation. That’s why I’ve long worked to eliminate the fundamentally flawed death tax. I’m proud that, thanks to this bill, a lot more farms and ranches are going to be protected from this tax. We raised the death tax exemption threshold permanently, meaning more farmers and ranchers won’t have to worry about the death tax eating up what they spent their lives building, which will help keep our proud heritage of family farming strong.

The last few years have been difficult, but I’m proud to report that relief is on the way. We’ve updated programs to ensure they support farmers and ranchers through the realities they face today. And you can be assured that I’ll continue working to support South Dakota’s hardworking farmers and ranchers.

other views

The Washington Post says despite the U.S. need for more electricity, the Trump Administration is stymieing wind and solar power

The U.S. economy desperately needs more electricity. Demand is projected to outstrip supply in the coming years, largely due to data centers powering artificial intelligence. That leaves the government no choice: To avoid an energy crisis, it needs to supersize the nation’s electrical grid.

The Trump administration, apparently, hasn’t gotten the memo. Instead, it’s allowing its opposition to clean energy sources, such as wind and solar, to stymie growth.

Case in point: The Energy Department’s cancellation recently of a \$4.9 billion loan guarantee for a major transmission project in the Midwest. The line, known as the Grain Belt Express, would cross 800 miles of farmland to deliver wind energy generated in Kansas to power more than 3 million homes in the region. This is exactly the sort of development the country needs to strengthen the grid and make use of its natural wind resources.

Yet the administration sided with NIMBYs who have long opposed the project, which has been in the works for more than a decade. The Energy Department explained in its announcement that it was “not critical for the federal government to have a role” in the project. It also claimed that the project is “unlikely” to meet the conditions required for the loan guarantee — without clearly laying out those conditions.

Invenergy, the company behind the project, has said it will pursue private financing. Hopefully that materializes, and ideally such undertakings could happen without any government backing. But the loss of the loan guarantee poses a serious threat to both the transmission line and to the renewable energy projects that would have been built to supply it.

Such paralysis is now typical of the U.S. energy system.

Despite ever-increasing demand for electricity, construction of the new transmission lines needed to deliver it has slowed to a glacial pace. That’s because building the infrastructure across multiple jurisdictions is expensive and comes with painful regulatory headaches. And far too often, politics gets in the way, especially when it requires construction on privately owned land.

In 2024, only 322 miles of new high-voltage transmission lines were completed, one of the slowest annual figures in the past 15 years. An Energy Department study last year projected that, to meet the nation’s energy needs most optimally, regional transmission capacity needs to double by 2050 and interregional capacity needs to rise by a factor of 3.5. That would require the nation to build more than 5,000 miles of transmission lines a year, according to Americans for a Clean Energy Grid.

Despite President Donald Trump’s promises to “unleash American energy,” his administration seems to be actively working against that lofty goal. This month, New York’s Public Service Commission halted a new transmission line that would bring the state’s offshore wind power to New York City. Why? Because Trump’s executive order to stop offshore wind developments makes the power lines risky for taxpayers.

Meanwhile, the administration seems to be trying to kill solar and wind projects by a thousand bureaucratic cuts. This month, the Interior Department issued a directive requiring virtually every aspect of such developments on federal lands — or those that pass through it via transmission lines — to receive personal approval from Interior Secretary Doug Burgum or his deputy. That policy change came shortly after Congress passed its reconciliation package, which restricted access to tax credits for any wind and solar project that does not begin construction by July 4, 2026. A bottleneck seems to be the goal.

The administration justifies its antisolar and wind posture by arguing that other forms of energy, such as fossil fuels and nuclear, are more reliable. It also leans on national security concerns, since China controls much of the supply chain for those industries.

But these points don’t stand up to scrutiny. To start, building up the renewable energy sector would help alleviate climate change in the long term, which itself would make the energy sector more reliable and boost national security.

Moreover, many European countries rely heavily on solar and wind and have not experienced the “intermittency” problems that critics warn about. No energy source is 100-percent reliable, which only underscores the need to diversify the United States’ energy sector and modernize its electrical grid with more transmission lines. That would allow electricity from multiple sources to move around the country as needed.

And while China’s chokehold on the renewable energy supply chain is a genuine problem, it hardly justifies giving up on these industries. China’s investments in solar and wind already put the United States to shame. The answer is not to cede the technological advantage to America’s most powerful adversary. It is to compete so that the U.S. can regain its edge.

The great irony here is that, for years, Republicans decried subsidies for renewable energy as the government “picking winners and losers.” Now, they are embracing the same mindset they once opposed, but in the opposite direction. They are intent on making solar and wind losers; if they succeed, U.S. consumers will lose, too.

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Crews struggle to contain massive California wildfire

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A massive wildfire is churning through Los Padres National Forest in central California, threatening hundreds of homes after injuring at least three people, authorities said.

The Gifford Fire spans more than 100 square miles (259 square km) of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, with just 3 percent containment, according to a Monday incident update.

The blaze grew out of at least four smaller fires that erupted Friday along State Route 166 between Santa Maria and Bakersfield, said Flemming Bertelson, a spokesperson for the U.S. Forest Service.

“That gave us multiple fronts, and the flames started fanning out in many directions,” he said Monday. “The fire is gobbling up chapparal and brushland and

running up very steep slopes.”

The highway is closed in both directions east of Santa Maria.

More than 450 structures are under threat. Ranchers evacuated cattle as aircraft made water drops on the encroaching flames.

A motorist was hospitalized with burn injuries after getting out of his vehicle and becoming overrun by flames, Bertelson said. Two contract employees assisting firefighters were hurt when their all-terrain vehicle overturned.

More than 1,000 firefighters working in hot and dry conditions are scrambling to make progress against the blaze before so-called sundowner winds whip up around dusk. The National Weather Service says erratic afternoon gusts could reach 25 mph in the fire area.



AP Photo/Noah Berger

Ranchers work to evacuate cattle as the Gifford Fire burns nearby on Monday in Los Padres National Forest, California

Across the Nation

Two killed in shooting at music festival after-party

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A shooting erupted during a music festival after-party in downtown Los Angeles, killing two people and wounding six others early Monday, authorities said.

Authorities first responded around 11 p.m. Sunday to shut down a “big party” after officers saw a person possibly armed with a gun go inside a building in a downtown warehouse district, said Officer Norma Eisenman. That person was arrested at the scene, she said.

The party had been promoted on social media as an unofficial after-party for Hard Summer, a weekend techno-music festival held at Hollywood Park, about 9 miles away in Inglewood, KTLA-TV reported.

Shortly after officers had cleared the area, police received a report of shots fired around 1 a.m. When the officers returned, they found one person dead and learned multiple people had been struck by gunfire, Eisenman said in an email.

A male victim died at the scene and a female victim died at a hospital, Eisenman said. Six people were taken to hospitals in unknown condition, she said.

A man told KABC-TV that his 29-year-old son was one of the two people killed.

“This senseless violence and loss of life is devastating and those who are responsible must be held accountable,” Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said in a statement. “There will be no tolerance for violence in this city. My thoughts are with the victims and their families.”

There was no information about a suspect or a motive. Investigators remained at the scene for hours.

Tyrone Laney, who lives in a temporary housing encampment around the corner from where the shooting occurred, said the partygoers returned about an hour after police broke up the gathering late Sunday. He said he heard thumping music, and then, around 1 a.m., a burst of gunfire from what sounded like an automatic weapon.

“It was pretty clear and loud. ... You knew that if those bullets landed in some-

body, that they weren’t walking away from the situation,” Laney told the Los Angeles Times.

Sea star mystery solved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists say they have at last solved the mystery of what killed more than 5 billion sea stars off the Pacific coast of North America in a decade-long epidemic.

Sea stars – often known as starfish – typically have five arms and some species sport up to 24 arms. They range in color from solid orange to tapestries of orange, purple, brown and green.

Starting in 2013, a mysterious sea star wasting disease sparked a mass die-off from Mexico to Alaska. The epidemic has devastated more than 20 species and continues today. Worst hit was a species called the sunflower sea star, which lost around 90% of its population in the outbreak’s first five years.

“It’s really quite gruesome,” said marine disease ecologist Alyssa Gehman at the Hakai Institute in British Columbia, Canada, who helped pinpoint the cause.

Healthy sea stars have “puffy arms sticking straight out,” she said. But the wasting disease causes them to grow lesions and “then their arms actually fall off.”

The culprit? Bacteria that has also infected shellfish, according to a study published Monday in the journal *Nature Ecology and Evolution*.

The findings “solve a long-standing question about a very serious disease in the ocean,” said Rebecca Vega Thurber, a marine microbiologist at University of California, Santa Barbara, who was not involved in the study.

It took more than a decade for researchers to identify the cause of the disease, with many false leads and twists and turns along the way.

Early research hinted the cause might be a virus, but it turned out the densovirus that scientists initially focused on was actually a normal resident inside healthy sea stars and not associated with disease, said Melanie Prentice of the Hakai

Institute, co-author of the new study.

Other efforts missed the real killer because researchers studied tissue samples of dead sea stars that no longer contained the bodily fluid that surrounds the organs.

But the latest study includes detailed analysis of this fluid, called coelomic fluid, where the bacteria *Vibrio pectenicida* were found.

“It’s incredibly difficult to trace the source of so many environmental diseases, especially underwater,” said microbiologist Blake Ushijima of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, who was not involved in the research. He said the detective work by this team was “really smart and significant.”

Now that scientists know the cause, they have a better shot at intervening to help sea stars.

Fire on commuter train in New Jersey

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Flames leapt from the rails of a New York City area commuter train on Monday morning, filling at least one car with smoke and sending several passengers to the hospital for inhalation after they were evacuated, authorities said.

A roughly 30-second video posted to social media by a passenger showed thick smoke on a Port Authority Trans-Hudson train car at the Newport station in Jersey City, New Jersey. People can be heard on the video saying “open the door,” and “easy, easy,” as they eventually disembark.

The video then shows bright orange flames rising nearly to the top of the train car from the rails.

Thirteen people were treated for smoke inhalation at the scene, nine of whom were transported to the hospital for further evaluation, said the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the train, in a statement. The fire started at 6:19 a.m. on an eastbound train and passengers were evacuated to the platform, the authority said. Service on the affected lines resumed about five hours after the fire was first reported.

The National Transportation Safety Board announced it’s investigating the fire. The PATH trains conduct an average of about 165,000 passenger trips daily across the Hudson River from northern New Jersey into Manhattan.

New York Post plans a Calif. newspaper

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Post is launching a California tabloid newspaper and news site next year, the company announced Monday, bringing an assertive, irreverent and conservative-friendly fixture of the Big Apple media landscape to the Golden State. In the process, it is creating a 21st-century rarity: a new American newspaper with a robust print edition.

Adding another title to Rupert Murdoch’s media empire, The California Post is setting out to cover politics, local news, business, entertainment and sports in the nation’s most populous state, while drawing and building on the venerable New York paper’s national coverage. Plans for the Los Angeles-based paper call for a print edition seven days a week plus a website, social media accounts and video and audio pieces.

“There is no doubt that the Post will play a crucial role in engaging and enlightening readers, who are starved of serious reporting and puckish wit,” Robert Thomson, chief executive of Post corporate parent News Corp., said in a statement. In typically brash and punchy Post fashion, he portrayed California as plagued by “jaundiced, jaded journalism.”

However bold its intentions, the venture is being launched into a turbulent atmosphere for the news business, partic-

ularly for print papers. More than 3,200 of them have closed nationwide since 2005, according to figures kept by Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. The online world spawned new information sources and influencers, changed news consumers’ tastes and habits and upended the advertising market on which newspapers relied.

“While it’s true the media landscape is challenging, The New York Post has been finding success through its unique voice, editorial lens and quality coverage. That same formula is tailor-made for California,” said the New York Post Media Group. It includes the Post and some other media properties.

California, with a population of nearly 40 million, still has hundreds of newspapers, including dailies in and around Los Angeles and other major cities. But the nation’s second-most-populous city hasn’t had a dedicated tabloid focused on regional issues in recent memory, according to Danny Bakewell, president of the Los Angeles Press Club.

“It’s really an untested market here,” said Bakewell, who is editor-in-chief of the Los Angeles Sentinel, a weekly focused on the city’s Black population. “L.A. is always ready for good-quality news reporting, and particularly in this moment when so many other papers are shrinking and disappearing, it could be a really unique opportunity.”

There is no U.S. newspaper quite like the 224-year-old New York Post. It was founded by no less a luminary than Alexander Hamilton, the country’s first treasury secretary, an author of the Federalist Papers, the victim of a duel at the hands of the vice president and the inspiration for the Broadway smash “Hamilton.” Murdoch, News Corp.’s founder and now its chairman emeritus, bought the Post in 1976, sold it a dozen years later, then repurchased it in 1993.

Tesla awards Musk millions of shares

(AP) — Tesla gave Elon Musk a stock grant of \$29 billion on Monday as a reward for years of “transformative and unprecedented” growth despite a recent foray into right-wing politics that has hurt its sales, profits and its stock price.

In giving its billionaire CEO 96 million in restricted shares, the electric car company noted that Musk hasn’t been paid in years because his 2018 compensation package has been rejected by a Delaware court. The award comes eight months after a judge revoked the 2018 pay package a second time. Tesla has appealed the ruling.

Tesla on Monday called the grant a “first step, good faith” way of retaining Musk and keeping him focused, citing his leadership of SpaceX, xAI and other companies. Musk said recently that he needed more shares and control so he couldn’t be ousted by shareholder activists.

“Rewarding Elon for what he has done and continues to do for Tesla is the right thing to do,” the company said in a regulatory filing, citing an increase of \$735 billion in Tesla’s value on the stock market since 2018.

Tesla shares have plunged 25% this year largely due to blowback over Musk’s affiliation with President Donald Trump. But Tesla also faces intensifying competition from both the big Detroit automakers, and from China.

In its most recent quarter, Tesla reported that quarterly profits plunged from \$1.39 billion to \$409 million. Revenue also fell and the company fell short of even the lowered expectations on Wall Street.

Investors have grown increasingly worried about the trajectory of the company after Musk had spent so much time in Washington this year, becoming one of the most prominent officials in the Trump administration in its bid to slash the size of the U.S. government.

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Obituary

Diane Lee Molengraaf Volga

Feb.4, 1952 - Aug. 2, 2025

Diane Lee Molengraaf, 73, of Volga, SD passed away with family by her side at Brookings Health System on Aug. 2, 2025. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Diane's life at a visitation on Aug. 7, 2 at Rude's Funeral Home in Bookings from 5-7 p.m.

Diane Lee Rindels was born on Feb. 4, 1952, daughter of Jerry and Marvel Rindels. She grew up on a farm near Volga, SD and completed her GED through Sioux Valley High School in 1970.

She was united in marriage to John Molengraaf on July 2, 1969, in Volga, SD. A few weeks later they headed to San Diego, California as John began boot camp as a Navy soldier, then to Tennessee, California, Minnesota, Maryland, and Florida over the next several years. It was during these years that they also began their family of two daughters, Lisa and Carey, and a son, Clay.

They returned to Volga, SD, and farmed for several years and started their Sioux Valley Sanitation business, in which Diane managed the billing and paperwork for 20 years. Diane also worked outside the home and spent many years at Hub City in Brookings, SD and retired from the History, Philosophy, and Political Science department at South Dakota State University in 2018.

Some of Diane's favorite things included teddy bears

and Bearfoots figurines, any and everything purple, diet Dr. Pepper, and the many labs they raised over the years — extra special to her were Emily, Millie, and Squirt.

Diane adored her family and was a devoted mother and grandmother. Spending time with her grandchildren brought her great joy and pride, including the four-legged variety.

Diane is survived by her husband, John; and their children, Lisa (Mike) Buschenfeld and their daughter Dani and son Dylan, Carey (Michael) Kilmer and their daughters Cyrena and Trinity, and Clay Molengraaf; her mother, Marvel Rindels; sister Barb (Gary) DeBeer and their daughter Sandy; brother Ron (Wendy) Rindels and daughters Chelsea and Mallory; and many other beloved family members.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jerry Rindels, and her grandparents, Hans and Clara Edison.

Kent Kiepke Brookings

April 15, 1942 - July 21, 2025

Kent Kiepke, beloved father, grandfather, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2025, at the age of 83.

A memorial service will be held for Kent at Rude's Funeral Home on Monday, Aug. 18, at 11 a.m. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 10-11 a.m.

Kent was born on April 15, 1942, in Mitchell, South Dakota. Kent was the son of Henry and Violet Kiepke, who preceded him in death, along with his cherished wife, Dorothy Kiepke.

Kent graduated from Washington High School in

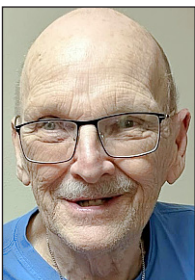
Sioux Falls in 1960 and went on to earn his degree from South Dakota State University in 1964. That same year, he began his teaching career at Brookings Middle School, where he would go on to shape young minds and hearts for nearly five decades until his retirement in 2011.

Known for his deep commitment to his students, Kent always made time for those who needed it. Whether coaching the national MATHCOUNTS team or gently swapping his sport coat for a sweater and his dress shoes for house shoes — his loving nod to Mr. Rogers — Kent brought kindness and intentionality to every part of his day.

Outside the classroom, Kent enjoyed the freedom of summer breaks and the thrill of riding motorcycles. He had a gift for connection, whether over coffee at the local auto dealership, during casual chats with former students in the grocery store, or waving from his riding lawn mower. He loved watching NASCAR, reading western novels, and playing endless rounds of solitaire.

He was a devoted family man who raised his three grandchildren with warmth, strength, and humor — often while still working full-time. His children — Kyle Kiepke (Wendy), Corey Kiepke, and Amy Hanley — knew him as a steady presence, while his grandchildren — Ashley Hanley, Joey Hanley, and Sarah Hanley — will remember him for his unconditional love and quiet wisdom.

He leaves behind a legacy of patience, humor, and deep compassion — qualities that touched the lives of countless students, colleagues, friends, and family members.



Kent Kiepke

Stocks of Local Interest

	Symbol	Last	Change
3M Company	MMM	\$147.87	\$3.46
Abbott Labs	ABT	\$129.93	\$2.63
Apple Inc	AAPL	\$203.35	\$0.97
Black Hills Corp	BKH	\$58.88	\$1.08
Caterpillar Inc	CAT	\$433.70	\$4.83
Citigroup Inc	C	\$92.08	\$0.84
Daktronics Inc	DAKT	\$16.69	\$0.60
Deere & Co	DE	\$510.56	\$9.58
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	\$107.37	-\$2.27
General Electric Co	GE	\$276.23	\$6.85
Harley-Davidson Inc	HOG	\$23.77	-\$0.28
Lowes Companies Inc	LOW	\$233.81	\$7.45
McDonalds Corp	MCD	\$304.23	\$1.34
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	\$535.65	\$11.53
ONEOK Inc.	OKE	\$79.83	\$0.81
Otter Tail Corp	OTTR	\$76.22	\$0.93
Papa John's Intl Inc	PZZA	\$40.08	-\$1.71
Pathward Financial	CASH	\$74.52	-\$0.27
Pepsico Inc	PEP	\$139.56	\$0.28
Pfizer Inc	PFE	\$23.53	\$0.06
Procter & Gamble Co	PG	\$150.76	\$0.11
Solvantum Corp.	SOLV	\$73.22	\$1.49
Target Corp	TGT	\$99.79	\$0.02
United Parcel Svc Inc	UPS	\$85.02	\$0.52
Valero Energy Corp	VLO	\$135.04	\$1.86
Wal Mart Stores Inc	WMT	\$99.59	\$1.10
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Soybeans (Nov.) 9.35	Corn (Oct.) 3.62
Soybeans (Dec.) 9.40	Soybeans (Aug.) 9.40
Soybeans (Jan.) 9.45	Soybeans (Oct.) 9.20
Soybeans (Feb/) 9.45	(For more information, visit www.
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Agenda

Pipeline Committee

The Brookings County CO2 Pipeline Advisory Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Brookings City & County Government Center at 520 Third St. Items on the agenda include:

- Introductions
- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes
- Reports and board open discussion
- Review pipeline ordinance update language
- Public comment
- Next meeting

Police shooting ruled as justified

SIOUX FALLS — State investigators say several Sioux Falls police officers were justified in shooting and injuring a suspect during an arrest.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said it stems from a July 7 incident involving 24-year-old Deondre Black Hawk. He was wanted on multiple warrants and was a suspect in an assault days earlier where a woman was shot.

Jackley said when officers tried arresting Black Hawk, he ran off. During the chase, Black Hawk fired a gun at police. All three officers

involved in the pursuit returned fire, striking Black Hawk several times.

Black Hawk was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. None of the officers were hurt. Jackley said the gun used by Black Hawk was found at the scene.

According to the attorney general's office, DCI investigators processed the crime scene, interviewed those involved and reviewed video of the incident. Drug tests showed Black Hawk had a blood alcohol content of .12 percent and tested positive for methamphetamine and Delta-9 THC. The full

summary is available online.

"The suspect fired a handgun at the law enforcement officers, and there was a clear and present danger to the officers' safety," said Jackley. "The officers took action to protect themselves and others."

Black Hawk faces 13 charges, including two counts of attempted first-degree murder of a law enforcement officer.

This is the fifth officer-involved shooting in South Dakota this year, Jackley said.

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State officials warn about fraudulent gambling sites

PIERRE — State officials are warning about a rise in fraudulent online gambling websites claiming to be affiliated with South Dakota casinos.

A statement from the Department of Revenue said these websites use misleading ads, fake apps and cloned websites to trick consumers. That includes imitating the branding and logos of well-known Deadwood and

tribal casinos.

Any sort of online casino gaming is not allowed under South Dakota law.

South Dakota Commission on Gaming Executive Secretary Mark Heltzel said sharing personal or financial information with these scam websites can result in loss of money from fake games and iden-

tity theft.

Officials said anyone who encounters or suspects fake casino sites can report it to the state gaming commission at DORSDGaming@state.sd.us or call (605) 578-3074. Reports can also be made to the attorney general office's Consumer Protection Division.

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Court Report

Court report 7-17

CLASS II MISDEMEANORS

Dayton Wiskur, 17, Elkton, temporary closing of highway, fined \$232.50.

Andres Arceno Gonzalez Arias, 28, Sioux Falls, municipal speeding, fined \$91.50.

Darla Jean Hein, 59, Arlington, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Andrew Mallory Hockett, 31, of 3250 Western Ave. S. No. 318, municipal speeding, fined \$91.50.

Katelyn Ann Hawley, 23, Estelline, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Chariles Peterus Jakobus Baard, 44, Lake Preston, failure to renew registration during assigned month, fined \$132.50; seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Chase Anthony Heer, 32, Clark, seat

belt violation, fined \$25.

Jordan Tre Raatz, 19, Volga, speeding on other roadways, fined \$157.50.

Wyatt Reed Skelton, 47, Bryant, speeding on other roadways, fined \$137.50.

Jeffrey M. Brown, 40, Estelline, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50; seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Gary David Karsten, 77, Newton, Iowa, careless driving, fined \$132.50.

Jason Masawa, 23, of 318 Ben Reifel Hall, SDSU, no driver's license, fined \$132.50.

Matthew Ross Muser, 45, Erwin, speeding on other roadways, fined \$177.50.

Nhial Anei Nhial, 18, of 326 Hawaii

Drive, driving with suspended license, fined \$282.50.

Alexis S.W. Smith, 26, Sioux Falls, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Tania C. Lopez, 20, Sioux Falls, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Randy Thomas Musto, 37, Huron, failure to obey traffic device, fined \$132.50.

Sonne David Dennis James Beynon, 17, Volga, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Adam Michael Wegleitner, 33, of 517 Seventh St. No. 3, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Tyler B. Meyer, 36, of 2410 Yorkshire Drive No. 325, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

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IT'S HARD BEING A BIRD

ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR NEXT WORM IS COMING FROM

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

WHO ARE THESE MYSTERY COMBATANTS?

THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE "300 STOOGES"!

GARFIELD

I JUST BOUGHT A WHOLE CASE OF THE FOOD YOU LOVE!

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

NOW I HATE IT

HI & LOIS

WAS HE A HISTORICAL FIGURE?

NO. THE CURRENT OWNER.

PICKLES

SON, LET ME TELL YOU HOW TOUGH THINGS WERE WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.

THEY WERE ...UH... DARN TOUGH.

GRAMPA DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TRYING VERY HARD ANY MORE.

ADAM@HOME

KATY, I DON'T NEED AN INTERN. ESPECIALLY NOT A STUFFED ONE.

YOU KNOW FANCY AND I DON'T GET ALONG.

DAD, WHY ARE YOU BEING SO DIFFICULT? GIVE HER A CHANCE.

ALSO, WHY THE BATHROBE? IT'S 3 P.M.

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT, YOUNG LADY!

BLONDIE

I WISH FOR ONCE I COULD FALL ASLEEP FASTER THAN YOU

HONEY, YOU KNOW I'VE PERFECTED MY TECHNIQUE WITH YEARS OF PRACTICE!

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WHATEVER WORKS... ZZZ

NANCY

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THAT NIGHT

ZE

SLIDE

WHY RESENTMENT IS GOOD AND YOU SHOULD FEEL IT

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"This beach has water in the cellar!"

Cryptoquote

A X Y D L B A A X R
I S L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes the length and formation of the words are all hints.

X A Y U C Q B X V N P Q U L A Y

R Y V H A V L U Z J A L, C Q B H V U

G V C L A Z U J G C Q B H V U ' L G V C

Z U S Y V N N Z M Y. — E Y U U C A V U

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FIREFLIES ARE STARS THAT COULD NOT JOURNEY TO THE SKY. — MICHAEL BASSEY JOHNSON

Bridge

By PHILIP ALDER

Herbert Beerbohm Tree, an English actor and theater manager who died in 1917, said, "A committee should consist of three men, two of whom are absent."

In this deal, how should the committee play in three no-trump after West leads the heart jack?

Most authorities recommend not using Stayman when responder has 4-3-3-3 distribution with a four-card major. And that will be right most of the time. However, when there is a 4-4 fit and opener has 4-4-3-2 distribution, the suit in which the partnership has only five cards could prove to be a fatal weakness. (Note that in this deal four spades has no chance, but if West had a second spade, it would be makable.)

South starts with eight top tricks: one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

His order of business is to collect a second spade trick. And there is a guaranteed line of play.

After taking the first trick, declarer should cash his spade ace. Here, the queen drops from West, so South continues with a spade to dummy's jack.

But if the ace collects only low cards, declarer still plays another spade and must eventually establish that second winner.

Note that initially playing a spade to the 10 is fatal here. The tempting finesse must be deleted from the agenda.

Finally, here is another question: Suppose South needs three spade tricks. What should he do? Now it

North		08-05-25	
♠ J 6 5 3			
♥ A K 3			
♦ 8 4 3			
♣ A 7 2			
West		East	
♠ Q		♠ K 9 8 4	
♥ J 10 9 7 6		♥ 4 2	
♦ Q 9 6 2		♦ J 10 7	
♣ J 8 5		♣ Q 10 9 4	
South			
♠ A 10 7 2			
♥ Q 8 5			
♦ A K 5			
♣ K 6 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ J			

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN WRITES A NATIONALLY SYNDICATED ADVICE COLUMN

Dear Abby: I am a 50-year-old single mom who is extremely close with my 20-year-old daughter, who is away at college. I haven't dated for 12 years, partly because I did not want distractions from parenting.

Recently, a young man has contacted me for a casual relationship. These are my issues: He's 21. My daughter would be disgusted, and I could never tell her. Six years ago, he was a student of mine. (I teach high school.) Nothing inappropriate happened when he was a student. In fact, he had such a rude attitude that I once met with his mother. I know this could never go anywhere, but I don't want anything to go anywhere.

At this point in my life, I would like to date casually. He lives several hours away so we would see each other only occasionally. I'm trying to decide whether my reluctance is justified and I should decline, or if I'm taking societal ideals too personally and I should have some fun but keep this secret from my daughter. — Uncertain In California

Dear Uncertain: Put the brakes on this while you still can and look for someone older to play with. Your daughter may be a college student, but she's no longer a child. Secrets like the one you are considering have a way of eventually coming out. Please think this through before jumping into anything that could cause you or your daughter potential embarrassment.

Dear Abby: My baby boy died unexpectedly, and for a long time, I was completely lost. I cried all the time. I couldn't stand to be around anyone or leave the house. With time and counseling, I'm starting to emerge again, but it's really hard.

One problem is, when I run into someone I haven't seen in a while, they ask how I am. They go on to say how sorry they were to hear about my son's passing, and then they want to tell me about someone they lost. I can't have this conversation without bursting into tears, sometimes sobbing hysterically. The outing is then ruined, and I have to go home again. How can I get people to not do this? I know they are trying to be caring, but I can't function if I have to keep having this conversation over and over. — Just Out For Groceries

Dear Just Out: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your precious baby boy. When people ask how you are doing, tell them you are "doing well under the circumstances and don't wish to discuss it further." Period! Change the subject and, if necessary, walk away.

For some unknown reason, when someone has lost a loved one, others feel it is "comforting" for the bereaved to know about similar cases. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** When people have suffered a loss, they are only **IRRITATED** by well-meaning friends who say, "I know exactly what you are going through. I experienced something similar."

Folks, when comforting the grieving, comparisons should be avoided.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dr. Roizen

Don't flip out over fat flip, just take 'right dose at right time'

By MIKE ROIZEN, M.D. and MEHMET OZ, M.D.

There's a lot of flap online about two fat flips. One is in a study in Cell Reports that's calling out a component of "super-healthy" olive oil — the omega-9 called oleic acid — for its fat-cell-building ability that can fuel obesity. Another study, from the American Society for Nutrition, says seed oils, long-targeted for links to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and Alzheimer's disease, may be a good way to reduce the risk for heart disease and diabetes and lower levels of inflammation biomarkers, including C-reactive protein and serum amyloid A.

At first glance, that seems nonsensical. But do you know the phrase "the right dose at the right time"?

Olive oil may lower the risk of cardiovascular disease, some cancers, and dementia in people who consume higher amounts of olive oil than those who use little or none. But new info reveals that getting too much oleic acid, even from olive oil, isn't healthy.

Ditto for seed oils, such as those from sunflower, safflower, and corn. They deliver the omega-6 called linoleic acid. In moderation, they have benefits. Unfortunately, Americans get 15 times more omega-6s than omega-3s (like the fat in salmon and avocados) — and that lopsided intake is related to increased risk of many chronic diseases. The ideal ratio is between 2:1 to 4:1, omega-6s to omega-3s. Then, linoleic acid has health benefits!

So, don't fry foods in seed oils. Don't soak salads in olive oil. For recipes to guide your balanced consumption, enjoy my "What to Cook When Cookbook."

Dr. Mike Roizen is the founder of www.longevityplaybook.com, and Dr. Mehmet Oz is global advisor to www.iHerb.com.

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7		1	2			6	4	
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		2		1			8	6
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	6	7			3	5		9
			7	6		4		

Previous puzzle solution

3	2	8	6	9	1	5	7	4
5	1	7	8	2	4	3	9	6
9	4	6	7	3	5	1	2	8
6	5	2	9	1	7	4	8	3
8	3	4	5	6	2	7	1	9
1	7	9	3	4	8	2	6	5
7	8	1	4	5	9	6	3	2
4	9	3	2	7	6	8	5	1
2	6	5	1	8	3	9	4	7

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1 Bachelor —

4 End-of-the-week cry

8 Appointment

12 “Birds — Feather”

13 Sunblock ingredient

14 Designer — Cassini

15 Cover with plastic, maybe

17 Chimed

18 Minerals

19 Disaster

21 Flower necklace

23 “A Boy Named —”

24 Game official

28 Big name in cheese

32 Down Under truck

33 Sea eagle (Var.)

34 Actress — West

35 Gene material

36 Sphere

39 City in the Sooner State

40 Diner patron

43 Climate

45 Perched

47 Color

48 Campaign funds (2 wds.)

52 Whip

56 Margarine

57 Resembling a heavenly body

59 Actor — Sharif

60 Drink to excess

61 “Live and Let —”

62 Flit

63 Simian animals

64 “— how!”

DOWN

1 Marco —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	W	O		S	A	W		P	R	I	M
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2 From a distance

3 Noblewoman

4 Sunbather's goal

5 Montana's — National Park

6 Jot

7 Touches

8 Roof projection

9 Jai —

10 Pavilion

11 Like a breakfast dish

16 Castaway's home

20 Diving bird

22 Before

24 Impolite

25 Sicilian volcano

26 Stunt

27 Sufficiently

29 Eastern servant

30 Lose energy

31 Split

37 Bureaucratic rules (2 wds.)

38 Cove

41 Bodyguard

42 “Go, team!”

44 Reveal

46 Seed coat

48 Kindling

49 — mater

50 Raise

51 Word in a telegram

53 Verdi opera

54 Peel

55 Attention

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NICOLE BUCKLEY,
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DEFENDANT.
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THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, MICHAEL DUTCHER, GREETINGS: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the attorney for Plaintiff, ANTHONY J. TEESDALE, at the address below, within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Sum-

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05JUV. 24-95
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Tara Mills is flanked by her children after winning the Predictor Mile July 30. Pictured, from left, Anna, who won the Predictor 400; Tara, Maddy, holding Mom’s trophy, and Max.

Mills family sweeps Predictor Races

FROM PRAIRIE STRIDERS RUNNING CLUB

Daughter Anna Mills and mom Tara Mills won the Prairie Striders Predictors races at the Brookings High School track July 30.

Anna was one of 10 entries in the 400-meter run. She predicted a time of 1:40 and ran the lap in 1:39.8. Finishing second was Jacob Demming, who predicted 1:33 and ran the lap in 1:34. Finishing third was Hudsyn Hegerfeld,

who predicted 1:40 and ran the lap in 1:38.4.

In the Predictor Mile, Tara Mills predicted a 7:20 mile and ran the four laps in 7:25.5. Finishing second was James Niehus, predicted a 6:50 mile and ran the four laps in 6:37.9. Finishing

third was Lisa Gibbons, who predicted an 8-minute mile and ran the four laps in 7:47.6.

The races followed the last session for Run4Fun—Brookings. Both events were directed by Kati Merkley.

Kerry Carpenter’s homer leads Tigers to 6-3 win over Twins

DETROIT (AP) — Kerry Carpenter homered in a three-run sixth inning and the Detroit Tigers rallied for a 6-3 win over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Wenceel Pérez and Dillon Dingler also homered for the Tigers, while Ryan Jeffers, Trevor Larnach and Matt Wallner had homers for Minnesota.

Detroit has won six of its last eight games since losing 12 of 13. The Twins have lost five of six.

Casey Mize (10-4) picked up the win, allowing three runs in six innings while Kyle Finnegan pitched the ninth for his second Tigers save. Noah Davis (0-2) took the loss in relief.

Minnesota only had two hits in the first five innings, but they were both long home runs. Jeffers hit one to the flag pole in center in the first, and Larnach hit a fifth-inning shot deep into the right-field stands.

Pérez tied the game with a two-run homer in the fifth, but Wallner made it 3-2 in the sixth with a homer into the shrubbery above the centerfield fence.

Javier Báez scored the



Detroit Tigers’ Kerry Carpenter tosses his bat after hitting a go-ahead two-run home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins on Monday in Detroit.

tying run in the bottom of the sixth and Carpenter followed with a 437-foot home run to right to make it 5-3. Dingler’s solo homer in the seventh gave the Tigers a three-run lead.

Twins opener Travis Adams held Detroit to one infield single in the first

four innings, but he allowed Pérez’s tying homer in the fifth.

Key stat
Minnesota’s three homers averaged 430.3 feet, with Larnach (434) and Wallner (437) each clearing 430 feet.

Up next
The teams play the second

of a three-game series on Tuesday night, with Tigers RHP Chris Paddack (4-9, 4.77 ERA) facing Minnesota RHP Zebby Matthews (2-3, 5.67). Paddack has started two Tigers-Twins games this season, losing both as a member of the Twins. He was traded to Detroit on July 28.

And then there were 6: Browns signing Tyler Huntley due to injuries at quarterback

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Browns’ crowded quarterback competition will add one more due to injuries.

The Browns are signing Tyler Huntley, a person close to the situation said Monday night.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the move has not been announced. The Browns will travel to Charlotte, North Carolina, on Tuesday to take part in joint workouts with the Carolina Panthers on Wednesday and a preseason game Friday night.

Huntley will become the sixth quarterback on the Browns roster. Joe Flacco is in the lead to start the Sept. 7 opener against the Cincinnati Bengals, but faces competition from Kenny Pickett, Dillon Gabriel and Shedeur Sanders. Deshaun Watson is on the physically unable to perform list, but was listed fifth on the first depth chart released on Monday. Watson is expected to miss the entire season due to two Achilles injuries.

However, the Browns are lacking healthy QBs at the moment. Pickett and Gabriel are dealing with hamstring

injuries while Sanders sat out the Aug. 2 practice due to a sore arm. Pickett and Gabriel participated in individual drills Monday, but are questionable to do any team drills the rest of the week.

Coach Kevin Stefanski would like to have Flacco go in the joint practice but sit him out of the preseason game. Barring any other injuries, that would make Sanders and Huntley the quarterbacks for Friday night’s game.

“Injuries are a part of this game. They’re frustrating from the standpoint of when you lose a guy for a good

amount of time you feel, that’s tough on the players. But the dealing with injuries, adjusting because injuries, that’s just part of the game,” Stefanski said before Monday’s practice.

Huntley was with the Browns during the preseason last year. He started five games for the Dolphins, including Week 17 at Cleveland when he was 22 of 26 for 225 yards and a touchdown in Miami’s 20-3 victory.

In five NFL seasons with Baltimore and Miami, Huntley has appeared in 25 games and made 14 starts.

Robert Saleh leads list of new coordinators for NFL contenders

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers went back to a familiar face when coach Kyle Shanahan looked to revive a defensive unit that had gone from dominant to mediocre in recent years.

The Niners brought back Robert Saleh for a second stint as coordinator in hopes that he could once again build back the defense in similar fashion to what he did in 2019 when San Francisco’s stingy defense helped carry the team to the Super Bowl.

“His commanding presence in defensive meetings is what we needed,” star defensive end Nick Bosa said.

The 49ers aren’t the only contender that made a change at play-caller on offense or defense headed into 2025. How all of those work out will go a long way to determining which teams are playing deep into January.

Some teams were forced to make changes they didn’t want to with Detroit needing to replace both coordinators after Ben Johnson and Aaron Glenn got head coaching jobs and Super Bowl champion Philadelphia needing to replace offensive coordinator Kellen Moore after he became Saints head coach.

Tampa Bay is in a similar boat for a second straight season after losing an offensive coordinator to a head coaching job with Liam Coen leaving for Jacksonville one year after Dave Canales left for Carolina.

Other teams such as Houston, Cincinnati and Seattle made changes in hopes of finding a spark.

Here’s a look at some of the key new coordinators around the NFL:

49ers DC Robert Saleh

The 49ers ranked 29th in the league in scoring defense last season, allowing 25.6 points per game, and were tied for the seventh-fewest takeaways with 17 as the unit looked nothing like the dominant ones under Saleh and DeMeco Ryans from 2019-22.

That led to Shanahan making another change at coordinator, bringing back Saleh after he was fired as head coach of the New York Jets to replace the fired Nick Sorensen.

During Saleh’s last two full seasons with the Jets in 2022-23, New York ranked first in yards passing allowed per game (178.9) and yards per play allowed (4.7), and second in total defense (301.7 yards per game).

The Niners are hoping similar results will get them back to the postseason after a 6-11 record in 2024.

Lions OC John Morton and DC Kelvin Sheppard

Detroit became the third team in the past 15 seasons to lose both coordinators to NFL head coaching jobs in the same offseason with it also happening to Philadelphia following the 2022 season and Cincinnati after 2013. Both those teams went back to the playoffs the following season, losing in the wild-card round.

The Lions have their sights set higher after making it to the NFC title game in 2023 and losing in the divisional round as the top seed last season. Whether that happens will depend heavily on if Morton can keep the offense in the top five in scoring for a

fourth straight season after Johnson helped make it one of the most dynamic in the league with his trick plays and schemes.

Morton has only one year of play-calling experience in the NFL in 2017 with the Jets, finishing in the bottom 10 in scoring with an offense that lacked the playmakers he has in Detroit.

Sheppard should be helped by getting star pass rusher Aidan Hutchinson back healthy after he missed the final 12 games last season with a broken leg.

Eagles OC Kevin Patullo

QB Jalen Hurts will have a fourth play-caller in as many years with Patullo getting promoted from passing game coordinator following Moore’s departure.

The offense improved under Moore in 2024 after stagnating the previous season when Brian Johnson replaced Shane Steichen as OC.

Patullo has plenty of talent with one of the top offensive lines, record-setting running back Saquon Barkley and two talented wideouts in A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith to support Hurts.

Buccaneers OC Josh Grizzard

Tampa Bay’s offense got even better last season when Coen replaced Canales with both the running game and screen passing showing major improvement.

Grizzard will try to build on that as he moves from passing game coordinator to OC. He was heavily involved with the third down offense last season when the Bucs led the NFL by converting 50.9%.

Texans OC Nick Caley

Coach DeMeco Ryans made a change after last season even though Houston made it back to the divisional round. That came in spite of the offense taking a big step back thanks in large part to shoddy line play that hindered the growth of QB C.J. Stroud.

Caley comes over after spending the past two seasons on Sean McVay’s staff with the Rams and is being counted on to bring some of Los Angeles’ successful wrinkles to Houston to help make Stroud’s job at quarterback easier. He will need to do it with an overhauled offensive line that lost stalwart Laremy Tunsil in the offseason.

Bengals DC AL Golden

The Bengals went to the college ranks to hire Golden away from Notre Dame to replace Lou Anarumo. Cincinnati reached the Super Bowl with Anarumo leading the defense in the 2021 season but regressed the past few years and were ranked in the bottom 10 in most categories last season.

Golden spent the 2020-21 seasons as linebackers coach for the Bengals and brings a man-heavy scheme to the NFL.

Seahawks OC Clint Kubiak

Seattle hired Kubiak to replace Ryan Grubb in hopes that his scheme heavy on zone blocking and play-action passing can help the Seahawks offensive line.

Kubiak was OC in New Orleans last season when the Saints got off to a fast start before injuries led to a downfall.

Sports Schedule

Local Slate		FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5		Amateur Baseball
College Soccer		Class A State Tournament in Aberdeen
Nebraska at SDSU, (Exhibition), 6 p.m.		Brookings vs. Yankton, 5:30 p.m.
		College Soccer
		Iowa Lakes CC at SDSU (Exhibition), 7 p.m.



SDSU Athletics

The South Dakota State football team was ranked third in the Stats FCS Preseason Poll on Monday afternoon.

SDSU ranked 3rd in Stats Poll

FROM SDSU SPORTS INFORMATION

CHICAGO — The South Dakota State football team will open the 2025 season ranked third in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Poll. The Jackrabbits, who completed the 2024 season with a 12-3 overall record after earning a share of their third consecutive Missouri Valley Football Conference title, have now appeared in the top 25 of 175 Stats Perform polls in

a row dating back to October 2012. SDSU, which has made 13 consecutive appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, held the top spot in the preseason poll in both 2023 and 2024 while coming off national championship seasons. SDSU is scheduled to face five teams ranked in the preseason top 25 during the upcoming 2025 season, starting with a home matchup against No. 15 Sacramento

State Aug. 30. The Jackrabbits will meet each of the other three teams in the top four of the preseason poll with a home game against defending national champion and No. 1 North Dakota State on Oct. 25, while traveling to second-ranked Montana State on Sept. 6 and fourth-ranked South Dakota on Nov. 8. The Jackrabbits' fifth and final game against a preseason-ranked opponent is a Nov. 15 home date against

sixth-ranked Illinois State. In addition, MVFC rivals Youngstown State and North Dakota are receiving votes in the initial poll of the season. North Dakota State collected 54 of the 56 first-place votes to tally 1,398 points while Montana State was awarded one first-place vote and finished with 1,335 points. SDSU was third with 1,266 points, followed by South Dakota with 1,227 points and the final first-place vote.

SDSU women release non-conference schedule

FROM SDSU SPORTS INFORMATION

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State women's basketball team released its 2025-26 non-conference schedule Wednesday. The Jackrabbits are slated for 14 regular-season, non-conference contests, five of which will be played at First Bank & Trust Arena. The full schedule includes eight NCAA Tournament qualifiers from last season. SDSU hosts Augustana in exhibition action October 29 at First Bank & Trust Arena before officially opening the season at Creighton on November 3 in Omaha. The Jackrabbits will play their home opener against Rice on November 7. The Jacks are also set to host Murray State November 11. SDSU will travel to Rapid City to take on Montana at the Monument on November 15, then returns to the east side of the state to play Gonzaga on November 20 at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls. In addition to South

Dakota State, the Cancun Challenge features three more 2025 NCAA Tournament teams in Columbia, Kansas State and North Carolina. The Jackrabbits will take on each of those teams in a to-be-determined order November 27-29. The Jackrabbits will return to Brookings to match up with Weber State December 3. SDSU will play at Northern Arizona December 6. Both contests are part of the Big Sky-Summit League Challenge. The final two road games of the non-conference slate will be at Northern Iowa (December 10) and at Duke (December 18). The final two home games will be against Ball State (December 14) and Texas (December 21). The Summit League's conference schedule has not yet been released. Season tickets for South Dakota State basketball are available at JackrabbitTickets.com.

No expansion of basketball tournaments beyond 68 teams this season

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments will not expand beyond 68 teams in 2026, but future growth remains on the radar. "Expanding the tournament fields is no longer being contemplated for the 2026 men's and women's basketball championships," Dan Gavitt, NCAA senior vice president of basketball, said in a statement on Monday. "However, the committees will continue conversations on whether to recommend expanding to 72 or 76 teams in advance of the 2027 championships." NCAA President Charlie Baker has said adding teams could add value to the tournament, and he said the NCAA already has had "good conversations" with TV partners CBS and Warner Bros., whose deal runs through 2032 at the cost of around \$1.1 billion a year. The NCAA Tournament expanded from 64 to 68 teams in 2011. The change introduced the First Four round, a set of pre-tournament games in which the four lowest-seeded at-large teams and four lowest-seeded conference champions compete for spots in the traditional 64-team bracket. Baker indicated in May that the current formula has flaws and said it would be beneficial to give more opportunities to worthy teams. "If you have a tournament that's got 64 or 68 teams in it, you're going to have a bunch of teams that are probably among what most people would consider to be the best 68 or 70 teams in the country that aren't going to make the

tournament, period," Baker said then. "The point behind going from 68 to 72 or 76 is to basically give some of those schools that were probably among the 72, 76, 68, 64 best teams in the country a way into the tournament." Coaches have expressed different opinions about an expanded bracket. Tom Izzo, Nate Oats and Dan Hurley have indicated they like the field at 68 but Texas coach Sean Miller told CBS Sports he wouldn't mind expansion. "Never before has the tournament felt more even, with few exceptions," Miller said. "On any given night in a 40-minute game, it's just amazing what can happen. I think adding depth to that will only make what's already good even better." SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said the league backs expansion "but you just don't jump into it." "So, if there are reasons from a broadcast point, a financial point, logistics point or competitive realities that don't support expansion, again, we're going to be fine," he said at SEC football media days last month. "But I think this is the right direction to at least explore."

Kansas coach Bill Self said fellow Big 12 coaches seem to favor an NCAA tourney expansion. The Big 12 had seven bids in 2025, half the total of the SEC. "There was a little bit that was brought forth and the consensus among the coaches, even though it was very little, would be in favor of that," he said earlier this year. "I don't know if you could make it where it was totally equitable all the way across the board for everybody."



Courtesy Photo

Back Row (left to right): Coach Luke Uecker, Cade Hauck, Ashton Warne, Luke Langland, Colton Hoeke and Coach Kashas Vander Wal. **Middle Row:** Parker Top, Teagan Moad, Damon Uecker, Deacon Kooima and Brendin Moe. **Front Row:** Jamison Tanderup, Harvey Hardt, Cooper Teske and Coy Niemann.

Volga to host VFW 14U State Baseball Tournament

FROM VOLGA BASEBALL

VOLGA – Volga Baseball will proudly welcome teams and fans from across the region as it hosts the VFW 14U State Tournament – Charlie Division, August 8-10 at Hoff Field. The tournament kicks off Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. with an opening ceremony featuring all six participating teams. Local legend Blaine Hoff, namesake of Hoff Field, will have the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at 10:00 a.m. Action will begin immediately following, with six pool play games scheduled

for Friday. Saturday will feature four bracket play matchups, leading up to Sunday's medal round. The championship game is set for Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Teams include Volga White, Baltic, Corsica/Stickney, Mount Vernon/Plankinton, Salem and Webster. Each day will include a patriotic presentation by Gary Olson and fellow VFW members, who will present the colors. Past and present members of the Sioux Valley High School choir will sing the national anthem each day as well. The Volga Baseball

Association is working hard to ensure a memorable tournament experience for all. In addition to the Volga Baseball concession stand, food trucks will be onsite to serve hungry fans. Shorty's Hotbox and Little Prairie Coffee Company will be available all three days, with the SDSU Ice Cream Truck making a special appearance on Saturday. Special thanks go out to Tanner and crew with Team Lodge for providing an air-conditioned space for umpires to rest and recharge between games. Volga Baseball also extends appreciation to the

many community members who have already stepped up to volunteer. Additional help is still needed—anyone willing to donate a couple of hours at the concession stand or admission gate is encouraged to email Volga.Baseball.Assoc@gmail.com or visit the Volga Baseball Association Facebook page to sign up. Stay connected for updates and behind-the-scenes content as the tournament approaches by following Volga Baseball on Facebook. This exciting weekend promises great baseball, good food, and even better community spirit.

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