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Attorney General Jackley announces DCI investigating Iroquois shooting incident

PIERRE — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley announced that the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating a Saturday night shooting incident in Iroquois that resulted in one person being injured and the other being arrested.

"DCI was requested by Kingsbury County officials to lead the investigation, and a thorough investigation will be conducted," said Attorney General Jackley. "There is no further danger to the public."

Saturday night's incident occurred at a home in Iroquois. An argument led to Ace Bordeaux, 40, of Iroquois shooting another man. Bordeaux

SHOOT — PAGE 3

'It's all the same motivation'

Wolsey-Wessington's Kendal Uttecht enjoys considerable success - on and off the playing field

BY BENJAMIN CHASE OF THE PLAINSMAN

WOLSEY — It's been a busy few weeks of accolades for Wolsey-Wessington senior Kendal Uttecht, capped off by her commitment to join the track and cross-country team next year at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

For many students, participating in one state competition in his/her high school career is a joy. Uttecht will participate in state-level events in three different areas, and the Lady Warbirds fell in a competitive SoDak 16 game, or it'd have been four! Kendal ran in the



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Above, Kendal Uttecht shows her jerseys and creative design with track medals for a senior picture. Right: Kendal sets a ball on the volleyball court for the Lady Warbirds.

State Cross Country meet on October 25 in Huron, sang in her fourth All-State Chorus and Orchestra concert on November 1 in Sioux Falls, and will compete December 5-6 at the State Oral Interp Festival in Watertown.

How does she maintain excellence in all

these diverse areas while also maintaining excellent grades, set to be the valedictorian of her class?

"If people think I've accomplished a lot in sports, I've accomplished just as much in the classroom and in other activities," Kendal said. "It's the same

motivation to get a good grade or to win a game."

In the fall, Kendal is one of a select number of athletes who is able to compete at an elite level in two sports during the same season. This season, while continuing excellent play in volleyball after being a second-team All-State member last year, Kendal capped off her cross country career with a 12th-place finish at the State Cross Country Meet. How does she keep her time sorted with two high-level sports in one season?

"It helps that my mom is the volleyball coach, so she knows my schedule very well," Kendal smiled. "She can accommodate me, so I'm not working too hard."

Kendal's mother, Lindy, has been her volleyball and track coach during high school, meaning her accom-

plishments have been quite a family affair.

"I'll have to be care-



ful how I word this," Kendal laughed. "I think we're both looking forward to next year when she can simply be in the stands."

UTTECHT — PAGE 3

City hears water and sewer rate study, defers vote

Approve tax district for hotel plan

BY BENJAMIN CHASE OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — The Huron City Commission heard from two representatives of Banner Engineering who updated the city's water and sewer rate study on Monday night. The last rate study was completed in 2020, so the primary focus was to update the study with current needs and rates.

After presenting multiple options for water and sewer rates and their suggested options, Banner noted that any option chosen as presented would continue to keep Huron around the median of similar-sized cities in South Dakota for rates.

Dakota Provisions representatives requested to review the adjusted special rates for Dakota Provisions East, and this led to a deferral of the vote on the rates to the Monday, December 1, meeting.

The commission heard from Ted Haeder of Greater Huron Development Corporation regarding Tax Increment financing District 8, which provides infrastructure funding for a hotel project in the Southtown development, just east of Iverson Auto. Haeder noted that the tax district also included part of the area between the Walmart parking lot and Highway 37 South, or Dakota Avenue. That property is being developed by the same developers who will be completing the hotel project.

After hearing Haeder's presentation, the commission voted unanimously to approve the tax district. The commission also voted to plat the land for the hotel as well.

The first item of business after consent items was to address the bids for the Huron Event Center Food and Beverage Management contract. The bid from 1 OAK Events, LLC, was approved with a three-year agreement beginning Jan. 1.

City engineer Brett Runge presented a change order in the amount of \$60,909.96 and a final payment of \$370,927.60 to Asphalt Paving & Materials Co. for street milling and overlay. Runge explained that the change order was due to additional streets that were completed, and he reminded commissioners that even with that adjustment, the project was under budget in 2025. This was approved.

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Kjellerson recognized as classified employee of the month

BY CAROLYNN OLSON OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — Buchanan K-1 Center Principal, Heather DeBoer, presented the Classified Employee of the month for November 2025 to Tasha Kjellerson, a para educator at Buchanan.

"There is no challenge that is too great for her," said DeBoer. "Tasha has gone above and beyond in her role as a paraeducator; her humility, dedication, and unwavering care make her an invaluable member of our school community and a truly deserving nominee for Classified Employee of the Year."

The Board made a motion to approve the consideration and approval of bills, new hires to the district, resignations, and one new con-

tract for an advertising agreement. The new hires include Brenda Nelson for a substitute teacher and para educator, Mary Liz Stotz for a substitute teacher, para-educator, and food service, Valerie Brodkorb for a Destination Imagination volunteer, Clare Mendel for a substitute driver, Kamryn Och-sner as an SLPA intern, and Jay Elwein for boys basketball activity volunteer. Resignations include Hannah Dickson, a para educator at the Middle School, effective December 31, and Josh Lien as head volleyball coach and Middle School track, effective at the end of the season. A contract for an advertising agreement for the Huron Arena with Bauman Agency for 2025-

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County reviews road maintenance software

BY BENJAMIN CHASE OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — The Beadle County Commission heard from a representative of Vialytics to open Tuesday morning's meeting, explaining the potential uses of an AI-based road maintenance software.

With 573 miles of road in the county, tracking each mile from signs to striping to potholes can be challenging. With Vialytics, county staff can simply place a provided iPhone in the windshield and record all aspects of the road at once and the information is immediately downloaded to allow staff to view any areas of concern in the county.

After the presentation, commissioners had some questions, but then tabled a decision on the purchase and implementation of the software.

The commission did approve RAIF applications from six townships in the county, with the projects combining for more than \$400,000 in work throughout the county.

Highway Supervisor Jason Fritzsche then presented updates on potential courthouse parking lot redesign.

The commission approved a resolution to adjust the 2025 budget for the Stop Violence Grant due to unexpected receipts from the state.

The commission meets next on Tuesday, December 9, at 9 a.m.

TODAY'S WEATHER

TODAY
Partly sunny and colder
28° 15°

THURSDAY
Times of clouds and sun
29° 15°

FRIDAY
Cold with snow
HIGH 26 / LOW 18

Deaths

DE SMET
Ruth Winter, 101

HARTFORD
Donna Davis, 75

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Buchanan paraeducator Tasha Kjellerson (left) receives the Classified Employee of the Month award from Buchanan Principal Heather DeBoer (right).

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OBITUARIES

Donna Davis

HARTFORD — Donna Mae (Nilson) Davis of Hartford peacefully passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at Dougherty Hospice in Sioux Falls, surrounded by her family. She was 75 years old.



Donna Davis

Donna Mae Brusse was born on May 8, 1950, in Huron, to Roy Realto and Alice Mildred (Folger) Brusse. She was raised in De Smet and graduated from De Smet High School in 1968. Following her graduation, Donna attended the Weaver Airline Personnel School in Kansas City, Mo.

On September 12, 1970, Donna married Oscar Dewey Nilson at the Methodist Church in De Smet. They were blessed with two sons, Shad and Shon. Oscar passed away in 2003. On June 9, 2005, Donna married Howard Lawrence Davis at the Hartford Methodist Church in Hartford. Through this union, she gained three stepdaughters and one stepson. Howard passed away in 2020.

Donna worked as a medical insurance specialist at Avera McKennan Hospital for two years and then at Sanford Hospital for 22 years. After spending 24 years in the medical insurance industry, she retired in June 2010. Donna also served as a meal coordinator for Active Generations, where she organized and served meals at the Hartford Senior Center.

In her spare time, Donna enjoyed a variety of music and flowers, loved entertaining guests, and traveled whenever possible. She volunteered her time at Hartford Elementary School and enjoyed attending her grandchildren's school and sporting events.

Donna was a member of Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls. She was also a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the International Red Hat Society, and part of the Red Hat Friends Group of Hartford. Additionally, she was a member of the Rolling Thunder in Sioux Falls.

Donna is survived by her sons, Shad (Lisa) Nilson of Hartford, and Shon (Emily) Nilson of Sioux Falls; her stepdaughters, Kristine (Mike) Riggert of O'Dell, Neb., Kim (Mike) Larson of Wentworth, and Lisa (Lenny) Heck of Apple Valley, Minn.; and her stepson, Larry (Sara) Davis of Hartford. Additionally, she is survived by six grandchildren, Jocelyn (Will), Ashtyn, Tayten, Dallas (Sydney), Paige, and Myah; nine step-grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; her sister, Jan (Lowell) Corbin of Madison; and special friend, Larry Englund of Hartford.

Donna was preceded in death by her husbands, Oscar Dewey Nilson and Howard L. Davis, and by her parents, Roy and Alice Brusse.

A visitation with family will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, November 28, at Miller Hartford Chapel, located at 600 S. Western Avenue, Hartford, SD 57033. A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, also at Miller Hartford Chapel. Interment will follow at the Hartford Cemetery in Hartford, with a lunch reception at Miller Hartford Chapel.

For additional information and the online guestbook, please visit www.MillerFH.com

Ruth Winter

DE SMET — Ruth Winter passed peacefully at the age of 101 on November 21, 2025, at the Good Samaritan Society in De Smet. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday, November 26, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Huron with burial following at Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Wednesday.

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FUNERALS

- **Ruth Winter** — 11 a.m., today, First Presbyterian Church, Huron.
- **Donna Davis** — 10 a.m., Saturday, November 29, Miller Hartford Chapel, Hartford.

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Friday, November 21
2:30 p.m. - Visitor to the department to report lost property.
5:01 p.m. - Accident with injury reported at the intersection of Lincoln Ave. NW and US Hwy. 14
5:33 p.m. - Ambulance call to 600 block of 21st St. SW.
5:46 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 400 block of 4th St. SW.
6:09 p.m. - Ambulance call to 100 block of 5th St. NE.
6:19 p.m. - Animal-related accident reported, rural Huron.
7:27 p.m. - Traffic complaint reported, rural Huron.
7:27 p.m. - Officer out to keep the peace, Wolsey.
8:46 p.m. - Alarm reported at 400 block of 4th St. SW.
9:18 p.m. - Theft from building reported at 2700 block of Dakota Ave. S.
9:37 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 1700 block of Old Hwy. 14 W.
9:58 p.m. - Drunk driver reported at the intersection of 7th St. SW and Kansas Ave.

Saturday, November 22
12:31 a.m. - Accident with injury reported, rural Huron.
1:23 a.m. - Arrest warrant reported at 400 block of 4th St. SW.
6:44 a.m. - Traffic complaint reported, rural Huron.
9:18 a.m. - Police escort requested at 600 block of Dakota Ave. S.
9:54 a.m. - Controlled burn reported, Iroquois.
11:02 a.m. - Police escort requested at 1300 block of Dakota Ave. S.
11:13 a.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 1100 block of 10th St. SW.
1:05 p.m. - Police escort requested at 1300 block of Dakota Ave. S.
1:38 p.m. - Ambulance call to Columbia Ave. NE.
3:01 p.m. - Grass fire reported, Arlington.
3:42 p.m. - Shoplifting reported at 2700 block of Dakota Ave. S.
4:33 p.m. - Parking complaint reported at intersection of Dakota Ave. S. and 3rd St.
4:33 p.m. - Suicide threat reported.
5:40 p.m. - Traffic complaint reported, rural Huron.
6:20 p.m. - Traffic complaint reported at intersection of 15th St. SE and Frank Ave.
6:28 p.m. - Animal-related accident reported, Wolsey.
7:12 p.m. - Protection order violation reported at 1900 block of Dakota Ave. S.
7:14 p.m. - Animal-related accident reported, rural Huron.
7:52 p.m. - Noise complaint reported at 600 block of Lawnridge Ave. SE.
9:36 p.m. - Officer out to keep the peace at 500 block of Wyoming Ave. SW.
10:57 p.m. - Ambulance call, De Smet.
11:23 p.m. - Aggravated assault reported, Iroquois.

Sunday, November 23
12:02 a.m. - Ambulance call, Miller.
2:27 a.m. - Medical alarm reported at 2100 block of Idaho Ave. SE.
3:12 a.m. - Ambulance call to 1300 block of Michigan Ave. SW.
8:44 a.m. - Controlled burn reported, Oldham.
10:15 a.m. - Ambulance call to 1300 block of Michigan Ave. SW.
10:19 a.m. - Hit and run accident reported at 900 block of 4th St. NE.
12:10 p.m. - Breaking and entering/burglary reported at 600 block of 14th St. SW.
1:45 p.m. - Welfare check requested, Wessington.
3:39 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 700 block of Michigan Ave. SW.
3:50 p.m. - Suicide threat reported.

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3:52 p.m. - Ambulance call to 200 block of 7th St. SW.
3:53 p.m. - Theft from building reported, Cavour.
4:00 p.m. - Traffic complaint reported at intersection of 9th St. SE and Simmons Ave.
4:01 p.m. - Visitor to the department to report found property.
4:39 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at the intersection of 5th St. SW and Nicollet Ave.
4:40 p.m. - Ambulance call, Wolsey.
4:51 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 700 block of Idaho Ave. SE.
5:24 p.m. - Officer out to keep the peace, rural Huron.
6:48 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 1700 block of Montana Ave. SW.
7:08 p.m. - Officer out to keep the peace at 100 block of 2nd St. SE.
7:58 p.m. - Ambulance call to 700 block of 3rd St. SE.
9:52 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported, Lane.
10:30 p.m. - Noise complaint reported at intersection of Lawnridge Ave. SE and 7th St.
10:44 p.m. - Non-injury accident reported, Yale.

Monday, November 24
2:23 a.m. - Noise complaint reported at 300 block of Iowa Ave. SE.
3:41 a.m. - Accident with injury reported at the intersection of 6th St. SW. and Minnesota Ave.
4:28 a.m. - Alarm reported at 1200 block of Minnesota Ave. SW.
6:52 a.m. - Ambulance call, De Smet.
7:35 a.m. - Ambulance call to 200 block of 20th St. SE.
8:31 a.m. - Ambulance call, De Smet.
10:38 a.m. - Controlled burn reported at 200 block of West Park Ave. NW.
10:41 a.m. - Police escort requested at 2000 block of Ohio Ave. SW.
11:06 a.m. - Controlled burn reported, Lake Preston.
11:39 a.m. - Controlled burn reported, De Smet.
12:01 p.m. - Controlled burn reported, Arlington.
1:28 p.m. - Animal neglect and abuse reported.
2:38 p.m. - Runaway reported, rural Huron.
2:56 p.m. - Controlled burn reported, rural Huron.
3:43 p.m. - Non-injury accident reported at 300 block of Dakota Ave. N.
5:01 p.m. - Ambulance call, Iroquois.
5:41 p.m. - Animal-related accident reported, De Smet.
5:43 p.m. - Noise complaint reported at 300 block of Iowa Ave. SE.
6:33 p.m. - Suicide reported.
7:05 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 700 block of Wisconsin Ave. SW.
9:13 p.m. - Ambulance call to 1500 block of Riverview Dr.
9:22 p.m. - Officer out to keep the peace at 300 block of 6th St. SE.
10:10 p.m. - Suspicious activity reported at 900 block of 15th St. SE.
11:14 p.m. - Welfare check requested at 900 block of Colorado Ave. SW.

Tuesday, November 25
3:32 a.m. - Ambulance call to 700 block of Illinois Ave. NW.
6:12 a.m. - Animal-related accident reported, rural Huron.
10:46 a.m. - Trespassing reported at 900 block of 4th St. NE.
11:14 a.m. - Ambulance call to 700 block of Illinois Ave. NW.
11:27 a.m. - Accident with injury reported, Miller.

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was arrested for Aggravated Assault and Possession of a Firearm while intoxicated.

The 47-year-old victim suffered gunshot wounds and was taken by ambulance to the Huron hospital. He is listed in serious, but stable condition.

DCI, assisted by the Kingsbury Sheriff's Office, is investigating the incident. The Kingsbury State's Attorney's Office will prosecute.

Bordeaux is being held in the Beadle County Jail in Huron. He is presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.

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Commissioners also:

- Acknowledged the full-time status of Ler Paw, Solid Waste Maintenance I, for completing his 1040-hour probationary period, effective Nov. 16, making him eligible for supplemental benefits, effective Dec. 1.

- Approved the part-time seasonal employment of Joshua Leachman as a skating attendant for the Parks and Recreation Department.

- Approved purchase of bale bags for the Solid Waste Department for a total cost of \$78,912.

- Approved a lease agreement between the City of Huron and Ben Dragt for the lease of the Broadland Creed Golf Course Clubhouse.

- Approved a liability waiver agreement with Northwestern Energy for installing holiday decorations on Northwestern streetlight poles.

- Approved Slide Hill lease agreement between John Derksen and the Parks and Rec Department for property located at 7th St. SE and Lawnridge Ave.

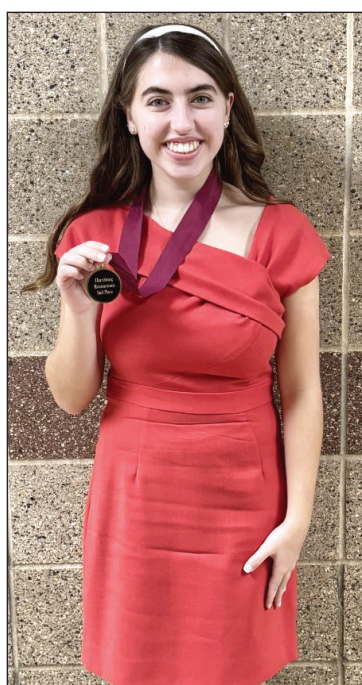
The Solid Waste holiday hours were then announced, with the rubble site closed on Thursday and Friday. Thursday and Friday garbage and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday.

City offices are closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

McGillvrey takes second in Harrisburg

HARRISBURG — Emmersyn McGillvrey placed second in dramatic reading at Harrisburg High School, Friday, November 21. After McGillvrey advanced to the finals, she competed against 5 other individuals where judges ranked the speakers 1-6.

The next event the HHS Speech and Debate team will attend will be the State Oral Interp Festival held in Watertown on December 5 and 6.



UTTECHT:

She pushed me harder than others. But it helped me a lot."

Lindy Uttecht had nothing but praise for her daughter.

"As a parent and a coach, I am so proud of what Kendal has accomplished during her high school career, academically and athletically," Lindy stated. "I am definitely going to miss seeing her on the court and on the track, but I am confident that she is prepared to compete at the collegiate level."

When identifying top moments in her high school career, the opportunity to play in a state volleyball tournament with two sisters brought the discussion back to family.

"Making it to state volleyball in my sophomore year. That was the team with all three of us," Uttecht expressed. "That meant so much to me and our community. That was a really fun experience."

"Playing with my sisters brings me so much joy," she continued. "The memories we made in sports are things we can talk about years down the line."

So where does father, Russ, fit into all of this fun?

"He's part of this whole sports world with us because he's a bus driver, so he basically gets paid to watch us play," Uttecht laughed. "He's glad to be in the stands and be a parent."

Kendal began her high school career attending the state tournament, as Wolsey-Wessington made the 2022 Class B volleyball tournament, finishing third, and the 2023 Class B basketball tournament, also finishing third, while Uttecht spent time on the bench as a freshman. Kendal believes that helped her to become a better leader.

"I think being on the bench at state volleyball and state basketball as a freshman allowed me to appreciate our bench players a lot more than I ever have," she re-



COURTESY PHOTO

Kendal runs in a cross country meet earlier this fall.

layed. "I'll always call out in the huddle to remind them that it'll take not just the six on the court, but every member of the team to win. I think they appreciate that."

Her leadership skills have also been honed by her various activities as well.

"Having to work with different groups of people has been so good for me," Uttecht said. "It's so much different leading a group on the quiz bowl team than leading a group on the court. It's different types of leadership styles."

Yes, you read that right. Beyond athletics, academics, All-State Chorus, and oral interp, Kendal also participates in multiple more activities, such as science quiz bowl and one-act play. She singled out oral interp among those as something that has really helped her develop personally.

"I love oral interp. Before I started oral interp, you would never catch me doing any public speaking ever," Uttecht noted. "As you have some success, it just gets easier. That's one thing I like about oral interp is that it's gotten me out of my shell."

Uttecht recently announced her commitment to run track at Northern State University. She expects to focus her time on the 400-meter and 800-meter runs.

"I'm really excited," she shared

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about her future plans. "Out of all the sports I do, track has my heart, really. Track's my mom's favorite sport, so I probably got that from her."

So why Northern?

"I've always liked their program for middle-distance runners," Kendal stated. "When I started reaching out to college coaches, they were one of the first to call back. Also, my sister goes there and says really good things about the school overall."

Uttecht plans to study nursing when she's not running, with a goal of becoming a labor and delivery nurse. "Bringing life into the world would be a very meaningful job," she explained. "I think I'd always enjoy it."

What is she looking forward to next year as she begins college?

"School, practice, and some social time," she rattled off quickly. "I'm looking forward to that extra time."

And, what will she miss about Wolsey-Wessington?

"I'll miss being able to do as many things as I do now," Uttecht remarked. "The community, even when we lose, people make sure to show support."

When Kendal looked back on her successes, she was asked which one meant the most to her personally. With all of her honors and awards, including exceeding 2,000 career assists (finishing with 2,217, a Lady Warbird record) and 1,000 career digs this volleyball season, she chose a different moment.

"It'd be at state track last year, when I placed fourth in the 800. I did not expect that at all," Uttecht reflected. "That season in general was so crazy that it brought my love of track to a new level."

"I remember coming off the podium and giving my mom a big hug," she continued. "That was a really cool moment."

SCHOOL:

2030 was also approved.

Superintendent Dr. Kraig Steinhoff extended congratulations to Tarryn, in the Administrative Activities Office, and her husband, Nate Tomczak, on the recent birth of their daughter, and to Jacob, a Middle School teacher, and his wife, Lucy Dschaak, a para educator at Madison, on the recent birth of their daughter. Steinhoff also congratulated the following football players who were selected to the 11AA All-State team: seniors Landon Hulst, running back; Oakley Anderson, linebacker; Riley Winegar, defensive back; and junior Anderson Porisch, who played quarterback and safety for the Tigers this season. Steinhoff also recognized football players senior Mason Jurgens and senior Charlie Martin, who were selected for 11AA All-State honorable mention.

Steinhoff also thanked all special education staff in observance of Special Education Day on December 2.

Principal DeBoer at Buchanan K-1 Center, Junior Kindergarten teachers Carolyn Westby and Brooke Cunard, and School Counselor at Buchanan K-1, Lacey Guy, gave the good news report to the Board. The junior kindergarten pro-

gram was approved last year by the Board.

"It's off to a really great start, thank you guys again for having the faith to let us get this off the ground running," said DeBoer.

The junior kindergartners are divided up into two classes, one taught by Mrs. Westby and the other taught by Mrs. Cundard. Both classes filled up quickly with 18 students in each classroom. Students are learning their routines and are showing noticeable growth in their early learning skills.

"We are excited to see these students then next year while in Kindergarten be role models and leaders as they start the school year," stated DeBoer.

Families have also shared some positive feedback about the program.

"We've heard that they, too, have seen their children become more confident, independent, and are better able to navigate peer interactions, just since the beginning of the school year," DeBoer added.

"Providing this additional year of support not only benefits individual students, but it strengthens the overall learning environment in our K-12 system," DeBoer said.

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Campus, will offer POLS 100, American Government, and Math 114, College Algebra, from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Huron High School juniors and seniors are eligible to take these course and the scholarships from the partnership with the Huron School District Foundation, Kiwanis, Lions, and Sertma's Clubs will be offered to the first 20 enrollees.

The Board approved August 19, 2026, as the first day of school for the 2026-2027 school year. They had their first reading over Policy GCA-23 Instructional Coach and Policy GCA-24 Literacy Coach; they will have their second and final reading at the next Board of Education meeting. Tim Van Berkum was selected as the Legislative Action Network Representative, and the Board voted and approved. Before the meeting adjourned, Dr. Stienhoff extended congratulations to Mrs. Pietz, the Board of Education, administrators, staff, and students on the outstanding data and continued improvement.

"All the staff are part of this overall picture, and that's why we are making gains, and we hope to continue," he stated.

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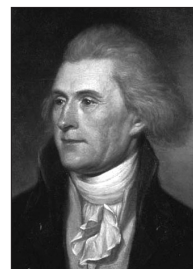
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Thomas Jefferson



Your Opinions

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To the editor:

I think that students shouldn't be given work unless they are allowed to do it in class. I say this because schools give assignments that the teacher says, "I'm going to give an assignment that you will have to work on outside of class," and gives little time to do it.

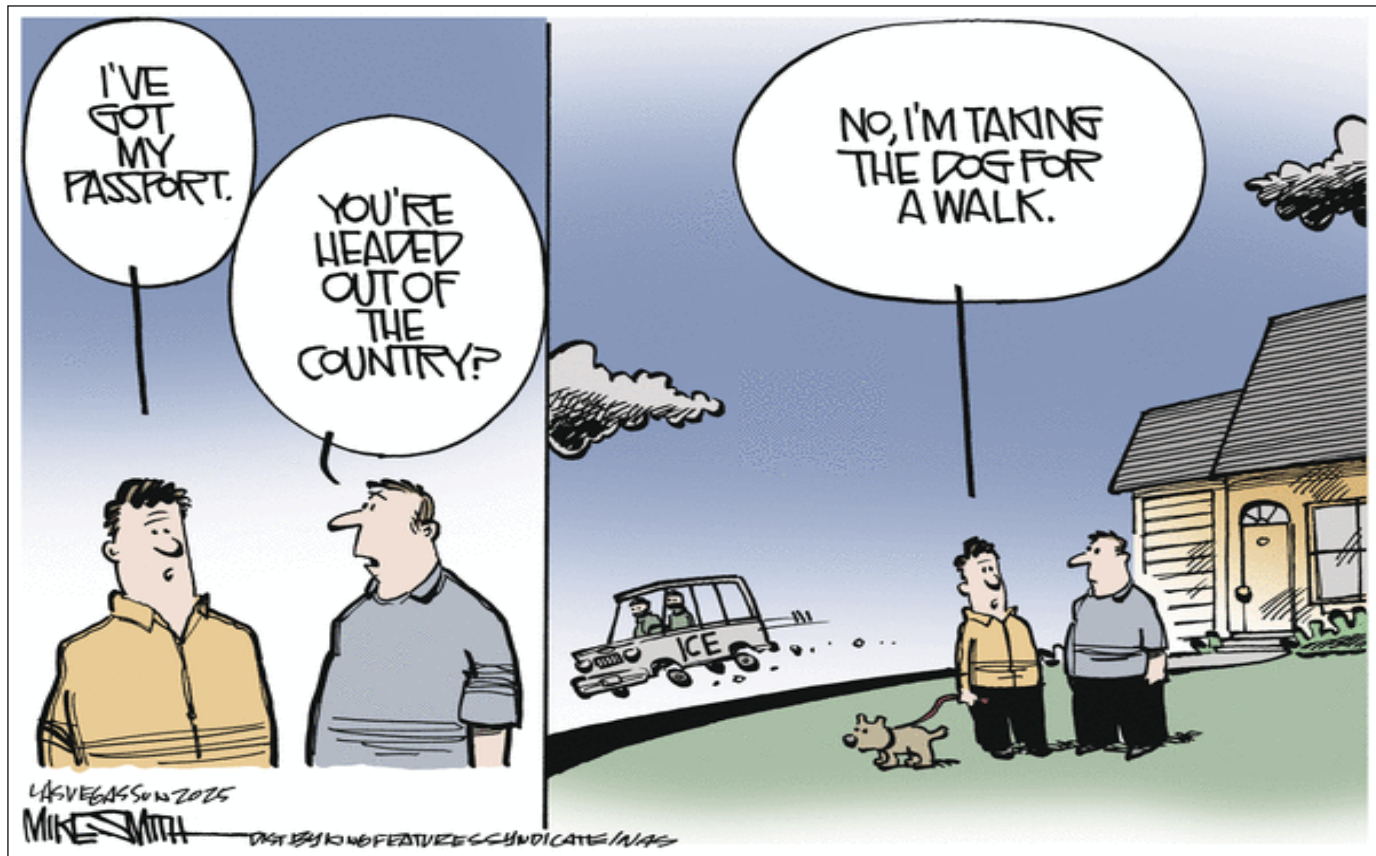
As a student, I feel that we should be allowed to do our own things outside of our classes. But teachers instruct that time outside of school is their time with their friends and family, also they don't want to be interrupted.

But I have friends and family, too. With them giving assignments outside of class it gets rid of my time to spend with people outside of school. Plus, we are constantly told as kids that we should enjoy our time as kids to do whatever we want while making mistakes and learning from them. We also have other students like me that are in activities. These outside assignments cause athletes to stress about it and make their grades drop.

Another bad thing that could come from this is the use of AI. A lot of people, not just athletes, tend to rely on AI because they lose time from the extra work. In my opinion, it may decrease the use of AI if we get rid of that work. They wouldn't feel the rush to get it done and they could take more time to actually think of the work that needs to be done.

Even though students may be intelligent and do well in school, I think that it can be good to give students homework as long as it is a reasonable amount of work for the time that is given to them, and they are also giving time in the class to do it.

Ian A. Larson
Huron



An American odyssey: Restoring a Constitutional presidency

An American Odyssey, undertaking the arduous journey to restore a constitutional presidency, will almost certainly face a series of daunting challenges worthy of Homer's exploration in his epic poem, The Odyssey, about the king's desperate effort to return to Ithaca, after the ten-year Trojan War. Whether our hero, like the Greek hero himself, can return to Ithaca, will determine the very fate of our republic, 250 years after the founders created it in writing the Declaration of Independence. Presidential Government, drenched in authoritarianism, is triumphant and its blatant disregard of the Constitution haunts American Constitutionalism. There is no way home for America, no return to Ithaca, until the presidency is saddled, bridled and bitted.

Under the Trump Presidency, the entrenchment of executive power is swollen beyond anything that the framers of the Constitution imagined as they worked to confine presidential authority at every turn. In Donald Trump's hands, the exercise of presidential powers—including those found within Article II and those illegall-

ly wielded in its name—has laid waste to the doctrines of separation of powers, checks and balances and enumeration of powers.

Trump's presidency represents a striking repudiation of the explicit structure of the Constitution itself. Article VI provides, emphatically, that the Constitution is the law of the land, and thus superior law to anything that the president might assert. The president takes an oath to defend the Constitution, and swears, in accordance with Article II, to take care to "faithfully" execute the laws. Trump's flagrant infidelity to the Constitution, the duties and responsibilities imposed by Article II, the laws of the United States, the rulings of federal courts and the ideals of the Declaration of Independence, has plunged our nation into an abyss.

In a brazen violation of the presidential oath of office, Trump has usurped the fundamental constitutional powers vested in Congress, including lawmaking, appropriations and warmaking, powers which the framers of the Constitution insisted, were legislative, not executive, in nature and required legislative determination "if"

the republic were to be maintained. Trump's ongoing assault on freedom of speech, press and assembly, moreover, betrays his presidential duty to defend these pillars of republicanism, each of which is central to government of, by and for, the people.

An oath of office, whether sworn by the president, member of Congress, or any officer of government, imposes a moral duty to obey the Constitution, unless and until it is amended. "There is an absolute duty to obey," the eminent constitutional scholar, Alexander Bickel, wrote 50 years ago, for "to disobey is to deny the idea of constitutionalism. To deny this idea is in the most fundamental sense to deny the idea of law itself." Thus, no president may decide to stay in office for six years, rather than four, or by virtue of the 22nd Amendment, to run for a third term.

Presidential transgression of the Constitution recalls James Madison's warning in Federalist No. 48, that "all power is of an encroaching nature, and that it ought to be effectually restrained from passing the limits assigned to it." Yes, of course, but how, and by what means is it possi-



We
The
People

By: David Adler

ble to restrain the assertion of executive power that defies the oath of office and the Constitution?

Is the remedy for presidential usurpation of power—the restoration of a constitutional presidency—to be found in the Constitution itself? There seems little wrong with the constitutional blueprint, as it pertains to the scope of executive authority, for the grant of presidential powers is lean and meager, particularly when compared to the capacious powers vested in Congress. The principal problem lies, rather, in the unwillingness of the men and women in positions of power, those at the helm, duly to perform their duties and responsibilities. And, it should be emphasized, if the constitutional arrangement were deficient, its violation by the president could hardly be justified in a nation which exalts the rule of

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Warm spots

In our household, my husband, Peter, and I have acquired nicknames which we imagine our cat, Felix, calls us by. To Felix, I am Mama and Peter is Mouse.

We came by these names because I spend more time cuddling with Felix—although he is not much of a cuddler. On the rare occasions when he decides he'd like to make biscuits (or whatever term you use for that endearing activity where a cat treats you like a loaf of bread and kneads you with his two front paws), I am the one he selects. But other than that, Mama has few redeeming qualities because it is Mouse who plays all the games, and Felix loves games.

Peter and Felix have string games and chase games and games in a box. They have surprise one another around the corner games and throw towels over Felix's head games. They have so many games in so many varieties that I do not try to keep track. Occasionally, I hear something fall to the ground (usually something that used to live on my nightstand) but, other than that, I don't pay much attention to the many games that Felix and Mouse play.

Mouse is also the one who dispenses the treats. This is because, according to Felix, Mouse knows where the treats are kept and he knows how to open a tuna can. There is no indication that Mama knows either of these things. Mama also does other things, things that Felix really does not like. Mama yells when Felix is on the table (Mouse pretends he does not see—). And—worst of all—Mama gets out the nail clippers and cuts Felix's beautiful curving claws. This is just plain awful and only barely compensated for when he then gets a special treat once the torture is complete. So Mama, it must be said, is rather useless when she is not outright annoying.

But lately, since the weather turned cold in



The
Post-
script

By: Carrie Classon

San Miguel, Mama has demonstrated a new, unexpected skill that has come in quite handy. Mama can find the warm spots.

In reality, I have two electric back heaters that I plug in and use to keep warm since the apartment has no heating. I keep one under my desk, under a towel, and the other on my side of the bed, under the sheets. I only turn them on when I plan to use them, and these mysterious warm spots are very appealing to Felix. But he's never sure where they are and when they will be warm.

This has given Mama a little unexpected clout as she locates the warm spots in the apartment, and Felix follows her around to see if she is hogging one of them so he can move in.

If she is sleeping on one of them, he slowly works his way over until he is under Mama's armpit. If there is one under her desk, she inconsiderately puts her feet on top of it, so Felix has to stretch himself right over the top of her feet to suck up the available warmth. Then she'll get up to fetch more coffee and return, only to shove her feet under him again. It is very bothersome.

But once Mama has a fresh cup of coffee and Felix is securely on top of her wool socks, life is pretty good. Mouse goes out for his hike. Mama stays put at her desk making "tappa-tappa-tapping" noises on the computer above, and Felix decides Mama is not entirely bad after all.

Till next time,
Carrie

To see photos, check out CarrieClassonAuthor on Facebook or visit CarrieClasson.com.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, November 26**, the 330th day of 2025. There are 35 days remaining in the year.
On this day in history:
43 BC - Second Triumvirate alliance of Roman leaders formed.
1778 - James Cook is the first to visit Maui.
1789 - First national Thanksgiving in the United States.
1791 - First US cabinet meeting held at Washington's home in Philadelphia.
1832 - First streetcar railway in America begins in New York City. Fare is 12 cents.
1842 - The University of Notre Dame is founded.

1865 - Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" is first published.
1867 - Refrigerated railroad car patented.
1922 - Archaeologist Howard Carter opens Tutankhamun's nearly intact tomb in Egypt.
1942 - "Casablanca" premieres at Hollywood Theater in New York City.
1948 - The first Polaroid camera was sold. The cost was \$89.75.
1956 - "The Price Is Right" debuts on NBC with Bill Cullen as host.
1960 - As they planned for a future move, the Minnesota baseball club takes the name Twins.

1968 - OJ Simpson wins the Heisman Trophy Award.
Historical birthdays: College benefactor John Harvard (1607), Medal of Honor honoree Mary Edwards Walker (1832), MLB Hall of Famer Hugh Duffy (1866), inventor Willis Carrier (1876), businessman Maurice McDonald (1902), MLB Hall of Famer Lefty Gomez (1908), cartoonist Charles M. Schulz (1922), actor Robert Goulet (1933), musician Tina Turner (1939).
Today's birthdays: Former NASCAR driver Dale Jarrett is 69, women's basketball Hall of Famer Sue Wicks is 59, musician DJ Khaled is 50, musician Rita Ora is 35.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fedora Presbyterian Church to provide Thanksgiving dinners

The Fedora Presbyterian Church is providing Thanksgiving meals at no charge. Diners can choose to have their meal delivered, pick it up, or come to the church on Thanksgiving Day at 11:45 a.m. to join in-person for a meal. Please call 605-520-3098 to reserve your meal.

Tribute Quartet to perform at James Valley Christian on December 6

Award-winning recording artist Tribute Quartet is performing on Saturday, December 6, at James Valley Christian School at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by Emmanuel Church of Doland. In an ever-changing musical climate, Tribute has remained steadfast in their goal to make music that is both timely and relevant to the current musical scene and their fanbase while propelling their mission to share the hope of the Gospel. A free will donation will be collected at the event.

Immanuel Lutheran youth donate food items to Salvation Army

On Nov. 19, youth members from Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Iroquois collected non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army food pantry. The youth, as well as their leader Jodi Burma, started at 5:15 p.m. by the Immanuel Lutheran Church and 70-plus miles later, they finished back at the church to unload all of the items. They had fun keeping track of every item that they picked up to earn scavenger hunt points, so they, as a group, can try and beat it again next year. 332 items and \$370 were collected for the Salvation Army Food pantry.

Reno awarded scholarship from Dr. Paul and Carol Hohm Healthcare Fund

HURON — Through the generosity of a family with a legacy of service to local health care, local students were recently awarded scholarships via the HRMC Foundation from the Dr. Paul and Carol Hohm Healthcare Fund at the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF).

The Dr. Paul and Carol Hohm Healthcare Fund was established at SDCF in 2018 by their daughter, Marilyn Hoyt, and sons, Dr. Robert Hohm and Dr. Richard Hohm.

Jillian Reno, who is enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Southeast Technical College in Huron, has received the 2025 scholarship award. Jillian Reno is the daughter of Katie and Jared Reno. She resides in Huron and was a 2025 graduate of Huron High School.

She participated in HOSA, Key Club, National Honor Society, Junior Prom Committee, Competitive Cheer and Dance, Football Cheer, Color Guard, Core Kinetics Studio Dance, piano lessons, HHS Concert Choir, All State Choir, Madrigals, and

CrossFit in high school. She worked part time at Center for Independence, Prime Time Tavern and coaches CrossFit at Solveig in Huron.

Reno's interest in the medical profession started when she worked at Center for Independence in Huron. She enjoyed helping the residents and making a difference in their lives and also spent time shadowing nurses at the HRMC Physicians Clinic. Her goal is to become a hospital nurse and contribute to the community by helping with the HHS Competitive Cheer/Dance team, teaching at Core Kinetics and coaching CrossFit.

HRMC Foundation scholarship applications are accepted each year from January 1 until March 15. Contact Mati Felderman, executive director of the HRMC Foundation, at



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Marilyn Hoyt (left) and Dr. Robert Hohm (right) present Jillian Reno with the Dr. Paul and Carol Hohm Healthcare Fund Scholarship.

605-353-6573 to learn how your gift can support local health care students.

Iroquois Peer Assistance Team joins with Iroquois Methodist for food pantry drives

The IPAT (Iroquois Peer Assistance Team) from Iroquois High School and the Iroquois Methodist Church team up for food pantry drives. In August, food was delivered to the Kingsbury County food pantry, collected both at the school and the church.

This week, IPAT and some members of the community middle school ministry group, GLOW (God Lights Our World) delivered a pallet full of food to the Salvation Army. Lt. Shannon Bluer gave a tour and explained many of the Salvation Army's programs. Many of the youth did not know there was so much more they offer than just the food pantry.

Avah Newman, a sophomore, said, "I think that the tour was very good and educational. It taught me that it doesn't matter who you are; there is always something you can do to help someone. I thought that the best part was learning how it started and where it's gone and how it has improved so much!"

Karen Bohlander, the advisor for IPAT, explained that the team's primary focus is community and school service and assisting oth-



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Students and advisors pose in front of the Salvation Army in Huron.

ers. "It's important for these kids to see and learn how important bringing a few cans of food to donate is".

"I thought the tour was really cool and fun to go to, and I learned a lot. The best part that I learned was probably learning how much they do for people when they need help," said Aiden Query, a junior at IHS.

GLOW met in October for a fun evening of collecting food in the community with a 1-hour scavenger hunt. They split into two teams, and food items had different point values. These students at-

tend Iroquois, DeSmet and Huron schools. Some were able to help deliver their items to the Salvation Army, also.

Zackary Almont, an 8th grader at IHS and a GLOW attendee, commented, "I liked learning that the Salvation Army is a church first and they have Bible studies during the week for everyone."

Darcy Miller is a co-leader for the youth group and assisted Bohlander with the delivery.

"The Iroquois Methodist Church has always had a good partnership with the school.

Our future is in those kids. We need to work together," she said. "The school knows if they need outerwear for kids, help with events, school supplies etc., they can ask us and we will do what we can. These kids were able to hear Lt. Shannon tell about the soup, soap and salvation beginnings of the Salvation Army as well as the numerous assistance programs they offer to the area people such as Angel Tree gifts, food boxes, clothing vouchers, after-school and summer help for kids, and more."



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During Sunday morning worship Pastor Allen Brakke blessed the collected food as well as those who collected the non-perishable items. From left are Pastor Allen Brakke, youth leader Jodi Burma, Rylan Parish, Ty Rigge and Madi Burma.

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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. Each week the code letters are different.

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Congressional candidate speaks to Beadle Democrats

HURON — The guest speaker at the recent Beadle County Democratic Forum was Nikki Gronli, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Gronli introduced herself as an Aurora native, who is now a small business owner and a rural Dell Rapids resident. She led USDA Rural Development in South Dakota from 2022 to 2025, overseeing millions of dollars in investments supporting rural housing, broadband, infrastructure, and community facilities. With nearly 30 years of experience in marketing, communications, and leadership, she has built a career on bringing people together to solve tough challenges.

Gronli has served her community and South Dakota in numerous leadership roles, including as a member of Dakota State University's Cyber Security Industry Advisory Board, as President of the Department of Defense STARBASE board, and appointee to the Minnehaha County Housing and Re-development Commission board.

When our current delegation refused to hold town hall meetings, she did. She has hosted 11 so far and republicans and democrats alike come to give their opinions on what is working and what is not and what they feel our representatives should be doing to support the state and the country.

"I present a report after each town hall to our representatives," Gronli said. "I tell them everything that was said and brought up so they know what our citizens think. Since they refuse to listen, I tell every community, Democrats are listening because we care about you and the problems you face."

Her goal is to improve South Dakota and smaller rural communities. "I am driven by the idea of do-



COURTESY PHOTO

At the recent Beadle County Democratic Forum, Nikki Gronli, center, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, was welcomed by Vice President Helen Clover and President Peggy Gibson.

ing things for our communities," she said. "The best job I've had was working for USDA Rural Development helping communities large and small find ways to find solutions to infrastructure, healthcare, small business start-ups and more."

Her top issues are the economy, healthcare, agri-

Message about new husband arrives anonymously

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to my husband for two months. I haven't told anyone I'm married except my close friends and family. Someone recently messaged me about my husband, stating that he has Asperger's. They know my name and have my phone number. I don't know who this person is or why they would tell me this now.



Dear Abby

By: Abigail Van Buren

not shocked, but this is eating me up inside. I can't sleep. I can't think. I recently lost my mom to cancer. Now I'm facing this. I previously dated a narcissist who used to lie regularly. But after all

that heartbreak and torment, I'm now with someone who lies to me again? I'm so confused and upset. I really do want to ask my husband to get assessed. I don't think I can trust him anymore. Do you have advice for me? -- LOSING AGAIN IN CANADA

DEAR LOSING: Let me point out that individuals who write anonymous letters usually are not trying to be helpful and

instead may be trying to cause trouble in your marriage. Before asking your husband to be assessed for Asperger's, go online and read as much information about it as you can. You might also consider contacting the Association for Autism and Neurodiversity (aane.org), which has been mentioned in my column before.

If what you learn from reliable resources indicates

that it could be your husband's problem, then by all means suggest he be assessed. He may not necessarily be "lying" to you as much

as being in denial. This does not have to destroy a marriage. Many successful people are on the spectrum.

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law, a principle that requires executive subordination to the Constitution and the laws of the nation. If the constitutional design is perceived to be inadequate, then the Amendatory Clause—Article V—supplies a remedy: Change the fundamental law and render it appropriate to the needs of the nation.

If constitutional change is not the remedy to restore a constitutional presidency, then, we ask, what is? Thus, we begin in this column in the weeks ahead our journey to return to Ithaca.

Horoscopes

Aries – Mar 21/Apr 20
Right now you are inspired to roll up your sleeves and clear away the clutter so you can focus on what counts, Aries. Your productivity soars this week.

Taurus – Apr 21/May 21
Your words will carry extra weight between this week and next, Taurus. Don't hold back on speaking about what is in your heart. You may navigate your way to romance.

Gemini – May 22/June 21
Gemini, this week you may feel energized to pursue new connections with family and friends. Plan a few long overdue catch-ups, and bask in that feeling of contentment.

Cancer – Jun 22/Jul 22
Some may call you timid, Cancer, but not this week. You put all of yourself out there the next few days, and others may be hanging on your every word.

Leo – Jul 23/Aug 23
Money is at the top of your priority list, Leo. You may be dreaming big or content to just make sense of finances that have gotten a bit off the rails.

Virgo – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, it's all about honesty this week and

letting others in. Don't sugarcoat things with the people you love. They will love you even if you're in need of some support.

Libra – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, release what is draining your energy, especially before the busy holiday season is in full force. Wrap up lingering projects and bow out of obligations that are stretching you too thin.

Scorpio – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you are selective about your social circle, but stay open to new friendships. New allies bring surprising opportunities if you simply let them in.

Sagittarius – Nov 23/Dec 21

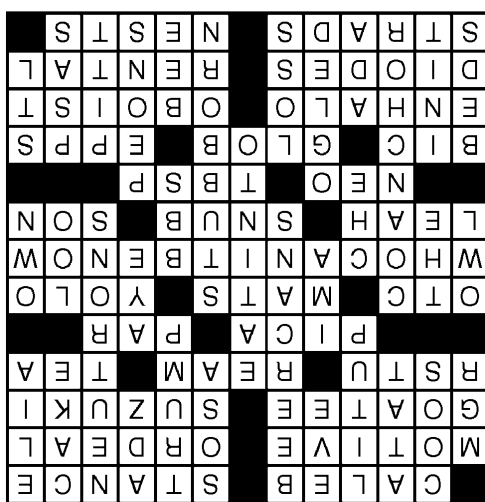
Your ambitious streak is on fire right now, Sagittarius. Partnerships and acquisitions are very much within reach, so start conversations now. It's time to network as much as possible.

Capricorn – Dec 22/Jan 20
You pride yourself on

telling it like it is, Capricorn. But candor can sometimes be costly. A measured approach in a delicate situation this week can serve you well.

Aquarius – Jan 21/Feb 18
Typically "what you see is what you get" is your mantra, Aquarius. Yet, this week you might hold something back to be a bit more mysterious. Others may not catch on right away.

Pisces – Feb 19/Mar 20
Relationships take center stage in your life, Pisces. Talks of further commitment could come up more often than in the past. This is an important time.



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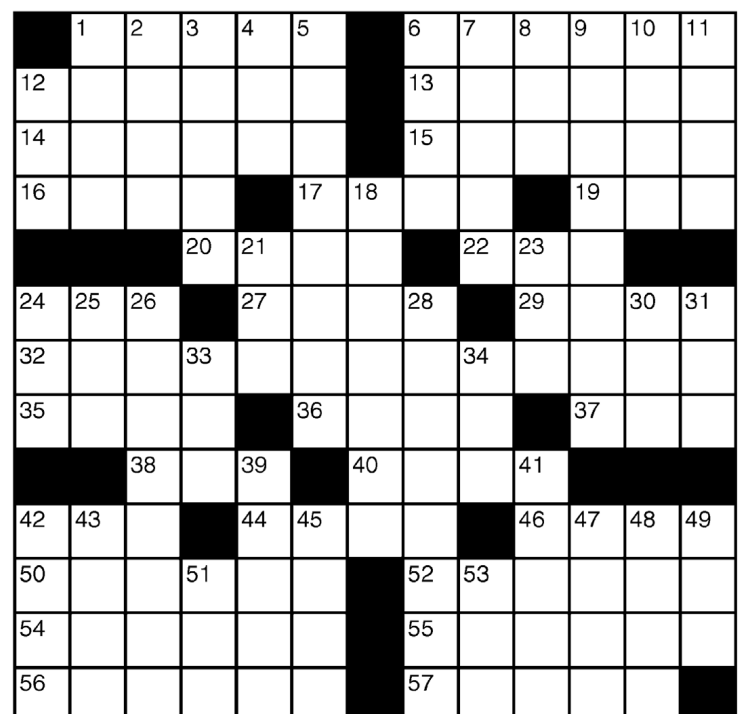
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR HURON

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny and colder	Increasing cloudiness	Times of clouds and sun	Cold with snow	A morning flurry; cold	Cold
HIGH: 28° RealFeel: 14°	LOW: 15° RealFeel: 8°	29° 15° RealFeel: 23°/11°	26° 18° RealFeel: 13°/3°	22° 6° RealFeel: 8°/-5°	17° 6° RealFeel: 7°/-1°

Shown is today's weather. Temperature are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Huron through 1 p.m. Tuesday

TEMPERATURES
High/low 40°/32°
Normal high/low 39°/18°
Record high 68 (1960)
Record low -17 (1985)

PRECIPITATION (inches)
24-hour total 0.06
Record for the date 0.29 (1959)
Month to date / normal 1.12 / 0.71
Record month 3.95 (2005)
Year to date / normal 22.87 / 22.55
Record year 37.30 (2019)

SNOWFALL (inches)
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Record for the date 3.9 (1959)
Month to date / normal 2.6 / 4.6
Record month 32.7 (1985)
Season to date / normal 2.6 / 6.0
Record season 89.6 (2000-2001)

PEAK WIND
Tuesday NNW at 35.7 mph

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	57 34 pc	60 38 s	Detroit	51 30 sh	35 26 sf
Atlanta	67 38 c	54 35 s	Duluth	27 18 sn	24 13 c
Atlantic City	63 41 sh	48 33 s	Evansville	44 29 s	40 24 s
Baltimore	72 39 sh	46 29 s	Helena	42 28 c	39 24 s
Birmingham	61 35 c	53 31 s	Honolulu	85 66 pc	85 69 s
Boise	48 34 c	52 34 pc	Indianapolis	39 25 pc	34 23 pc
Boston	60 42 sh	47 33 s	Jackson, MS	60 37 pc	60 33 s
Buffalo	55 33 sh	37 29 sf	Juneau	35 22 c	32 27 pc
Charleston, SC	77 45 t	61 37 s	Kansas City	42 25 s	43 27 c
Charlotte	75 37 c	54 30 s	Las Vegas	67 48 s	67 48 pc
Chicago	37 26 sf	34 22 s	Little Rock	56 38 s	57 36 s
Cheyenne	44 21 pc	44 31 pc	Los Angeles	83 62 s	80 50 pc
Cleveland	55 30 sh	36 30 sf	Miami	85 71 sh	83 64 t
Dallas	58 42 s	64 45 s	Milwaukee	36 28 sf	33 23 c
Denver	48 26 pc	52 33 pc	Minneapolis	29 21 c	27 17 pc

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Aberdeen	26 10 c	24 9 c	City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Ainsworth, NE	37 18 pc	40 23 c	Hulet, WY	34 23 c	37 23 c
Bismarck, ND	27 8 c	23 10 c	Jamestown, ND	25 12 c	23 7 pc
Bowman, ND	29 15 pc	32 20 c	Kearney, NE	41 20 s	44 28 c
Brookings	26 14 c	26 13 pc	Lincoln, NE	41 20 s	41 24 c
Canton	31 17 pc	33 18 pc	Madison, MN	28 16 c	27 12 c
Des Moines, IA	38 22 pc	35 19 s	Madison, SD	26 15 c	29 15 pc
Dickinson, ND	23 8 s	26 15 c	Marshall, MN	29 17 c	28 13 pc
Fargo, ND	26 14 c	24 8 pc	Milbank	26 15 c	26 8 c
Fergus Falls, MN	26 12 c	22 7 pc	Minot, ND	25 8 c	19 10 pc
Gillette, WY	36 25 c	41 25 c	Miles City, MT	34 18 pc	34 24 c
Glendive, ND	28 12 pc	28 20 c	Mitchell	29 17 pc	33 18 c
Grafton, ND	30 20 c	27 12 c	Mobridge	26 13 s	25 16 c
Grand Forks, ND	29 19 c	27 12 c	Morris, MN	26 13 c	22 4 pc
Grand Island, NE	40 20 pc	43 26 c	Norfolk, NE	37 19 pc	38 21 c
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 SD. Contact person: Karen
 Peterson 605-266-2793. Sunday
 Worship 9:30 am, Sunday
 School following service.

Carpenter Area
Carpenter United Methodist,
 Sunday Worship 9 am, Sunday
 School 10 am.

Prairie Bible Church
 40655 SD Hwy. 28, Carpenter,
 352-1946, 605-352-5974, Mark
 Underkofler, pastor. Sunday
 Worship 10:45 am & 6:30 pm.,
 Sunday School 9:45 am.

Esmond Area
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 Sunday School 10 am,
 Sunday Worship 9 am.

Highmore Area
 St. Mary Catholic, 311 Parker
 Ave., Highmore, 605-853-2207,
 Saturday Mass at 5:30 pm.

Hitchcock Area
Hitchcock Methodist, 39060
 SD Hwy 28, Hitchcock, SD.
 605-266-2135, Steve Behrens,
 pastor. Sunday School 9:15 AM,
 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM in-
 person and Facebook Live

Huron Area
Alfa y Omega, 311 Riverside
 Drive NE. Pastors: Elver &
 Veronica Arevalo. Tuesday-
 Martes 7:00 prayer service,
 Thursday-Jueves 7:00 pm Bible
 Study. Saturday- Sabados
 7:00 pm Associations. Sunday-
 Domingos 1:00 pm Evangelistic
 service. Everyone is welcome.
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 la Omega, principio y Fin,
 dice el sen or, el que es y que
 era y que ha de venir,
 El Todopoderoso.

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 Worship 9:30 am. KIJV
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 evening activities

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 Sunday Worship 11 am,
 Wed. Bible Study 7 pm.

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 605-352-7424, Pastor, Coalt
 Robinson. Sunday School 9:30
 am, Sunday Worship 10:30 am.
 Sunday evening services as
 announced, 6:30 pm. Classes for
 all ages every Wed. 7:00 pm -
 Oct. thru Apr.

Bethesda, Bethesda, 1530 Frank
 Ave. SE, 605-353-1403, Aaron
 Garza, Senior Pastor. Sunday:
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 Fellowship 9 am; Worship
 10 am; Youth at 1581 Simmons
 SE, 6:16 pm. Wednesday Prayer
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 September thru April, 6:20 pm.
 www.bethesdahuron.com

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 School 9:45 am, Sunday Worship
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 Study 7 pm. Independent Funda-
 mental. www.calvary baptistsd.
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 605-352-6848. Bible Study 10
 am, Sunday Worship 11 am,
 Wed. Bible Study 7 pm.

**Church of Jesus Christ of
 Latter-Day Saints,** 1450 Frank
 Ave. SE, Joel Borders, 605-661-
 0016, joel.borders@gmail.com.
 Sunday Worship, 10 am.

Church of the Nazarene, 2347
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 and Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Huron Area (continued)

Faith Alive, 2660 Dakota South,
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 fumc.org / text "bulletin" to
 605.352.8604.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran,
 1510 McClellan Dr. SW,
 605-352-9947. Worship Service
 Saturday 4:30 pm.

First Baptist. (ABC/USA), 1420
 McClellan Dr., 605-352-8862,
 Dwayne Williams, pastor.
 Sunday School 9:30 am,
 Sunday Worship 10:45 am.

First Congregational Church,
 505 California Ave. SW,
 P.O. Box 154, 605-352-5251.
 10:30 am Worship service.
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First Presbyterian,
 5th & Dakota S, 605-352-
 8789, fpchuron.com, Pastor
 Andrew Crandall. Sunday
 School 9:20am, Sunday Worship
 10:30am. Nursery available dur-
 ing worship service. Wednesday
 Youth Club 6:00pm.

Grace Episcopal, 16th &
 McClellan Dr., 605-352-3096,
 Rev. Jean Mornard, Sunday
 Worship 10:00 am, Sunday
 School 9:45 am. Wednesday
 "Episcopalooza" Youth Nights
 and Wednesday Family Fun
 Nights at 6:00 pm. Second
 Tuesday of each month:
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 - 6:00pm at Grace, Theology in
 the Wild - 7:00pm at the
 Scoreboard

Holy Trinity Catholic,
 425 21st St. SW, 605-352-3403,
 Father Larry Regynski.
 425 21st SW - parish. Saturday
 Mass 5 pm, Sunday Mass,
 8:30 am. Bilingual Mass at 7 pm.

Hope Lutheran, Lutheran
 Congregations in Mission for
 Christ (LCMC). 1667 Frank Ave
 SE, 605-554-1002. Mark Nassen,
 Pastor. Sunday Worship 9:30 am.
 Sunday School 10:45 am.
 www.hope.lutheranhuron.com

Huron Baptist (SBC), 9th St. &
 Lincoln Ave. SW, 605-352-5310,
 352-3060. Bible Study 9:45 am,
 Sunday Worship 11 am, Sunday
 Evening Worship 7 pm. Wed.
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 ily Night - All Ages 7 pm.

Huron Christian, 777 21st
 Street SE, 605-352-5073, Al Wa-
 ger, senior pastor. Brad Korell,
 family life minister. Luke Muller,
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 am, 10:30 am, nursery provided.
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 Club & youth groups Wed.
 nights 7:00-8:00 pm.

**Huron Church of the Open
 Bible,** 855 Utah Ave -SE,
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 10:30 am.

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 R. Horarios: Martes, Jueves,
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 • 2 pm.

James River, 17 5th Street SW,
 Pastor Jeff Mann, office
 605-352-9590, mobile
 605-350-6856. www.james
 riverchurch.com, Sunday
 Worship 10:30 am.

Living Hope Alliance,
 (A Community Church of The
 Christian and Missionary
 Alliance.) 18th St. & Frank Ave.
 SE, 605-352-9676, Chad Rose,
 pastor. Sunday School 9:10
 am, Sunday Worship 10:30 am.
 www.livinghopehuron.com

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 Ave. S., 605-352-7121. Sunday
 Worship 8 & 10:30 am. Sunday
 School & Adult Bible Class
 9:15am. Livestream: www.mt-
 calvary huron.org/livestream

Mount Olivet, 6th St. &
 Lincoln Ave. SW, 605-352-2293
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 pastor. Sunday School 9:30 am.
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Our Savior's Lutheran,
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Restoration Church,
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**Huron Riverview United
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 son, pastor. Sunday School 9:00
 am, Sunday Worship 10:00 am.

Seventh-day Adventist,
 1830 Simmons Ave. SE,
 605-350-0029, David Moench,
 pastor. Saturday Worship 11 am.

The Salvation Army, 237
 Illinois Ave. SW, 605-352-3438,
 Lt. Justin & Shannon Bluer.
 Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday
 Worship 11am, Mon. Bible
 Study 5:00pm, Mon. Men's and
 Women's fellowship 6pm. Tue
 Youth Group 4pm.

The Sanctuary,
 605-956-7078. Kirk Peters,
 Pastor. 290 7th St. SW - Dexter
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 Worship & the Word 3pm.
 Wednesday's Bible Study 7pm.

United Methodist,
 19951 Church St., Broadland,
 605-354-9437, Tim Vorlage, pas-
 tor. Sunday Worship 9:30 am.

Western Way Cowboy Church,
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 Holmes, pastor, 605-354-7682.
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 Third St. SW. Everyone is
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Prairie Have Mennonite, In
 Iroquois, Phil Penner, pastor.
 Worship 11 am.

Orthodox Presbyterian,
 Bancroft. 605-546-2051.
 Sunday Worship 11 am.

Prairie Lutheran Parish,
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 Iroquois; First Lutheran,
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 Carthage, have services on a
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 8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am. Please
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 rect service time. Pastor Allen
 Brakke.

Trinity United Methodist,
 Iroquois, Tia Felberg, pastor,
 Sunday School 10 am, Worship
 11 am. Follow on Facebook for
 youth ministry, women's unit and
 other events.

Miller Area

**Church of Jesus Christ of
 Latter-Day Saints,**
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 Branch President, dofci114@
 hotmail.com. Sunday Worship
 10:00 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am.

**Community Church of St.
 Lawrence,** 815 3rd St. NW,
 PO Box 65, St. Lawrence,
 605-853-3753. Jim Hofman,
 family life pastor, Jason Watson,
 teaching pastor, Abe Bielenberg,
 youth pastor. Sunday Worship,
 9:30 am, Sunday School,
 11:10 am.

First Baptist,
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 605-853-3989. Sunday School,
 9 am, Morning Worship 10 am.

First Presbyterian, 321 West
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 605-853-3386 or 605-853-2322,
 Robert Brooks, pastor. Sunday
 Worship 10 am, Sunday School
 10:50 am.

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 Miller, 605-853-3656, Allison
 Galbreath, pastor. Worship
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Freedom Church, 1123 E 3rd
 St., Miller, 605-853-2558.
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 pm. Rev. Spiehs 605-354-1771.

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 Sunday School 10:00 am,
 Sunday Worship 11:00 am.

Pleasant Valley, 21530 SD
 Hwy 45, Miller, 605-853-3925,
 Sunday School 9:30 am, Sunday
 Worship 10:30 am.

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 Fr. John Short & Msgr Charles
 Mangan 709 E. 4th St., Miller,
 605-853-2207, Sunday Mass at
 9:00 am.

Trinity Lutheran, 707 E. 1st
 Ave., Miller, 605-853-2446.
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 Wednesday Worship Service
 6 pm.

Polo Area
St. Liborius Catholic, 17985
 354th Ave., Polo, 605-472-2500,
 Sunday Mass at 11:00 am.

Virgil Area
Virgil United Methodist,
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Wessington Area
First Presbyterian, Wessington
 St., Wessington, 605-458-2304.
 Sunday Worship 9:30 am.

Wessington Springs Area
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 Ave. N., Wessington Springs,
 605-539-1240, Rev. Mike Easter,
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 am, Sunday School 11:00 am,
 Wed. AWANA 5:30-7:00 pm
 when school is in session.

Foothills Bible Fellowship,
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 pastor, Family worship 10:30
 am, Bible Study Tue 8:30 am
 Springs Inn, Wed. 5:30 pm
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Our Savior's Lutheran,
 215 N. Dunham Ave.,
 Wessington Springs,
 605-539-9632 or 539-1506,
 Rev. Nancy Rieke, pastor.
 Sunday School 9 am, Sunday
 Worship 10 am.

**Templeton United Church of
 Christ,** Wessington Springs.
 Email: templetonucc@gmail.
 com; Seasonal rotation of
 pastors. Sunday worship service
 at 10:30 AM.

Wessington Springs Methodist,
 110 Main St. W., Wessington
 Springs, 605-539-1567. Cheri
 VanGorp, pastor. Sunday
 Worship Service 11:00 am.

Zion Lutheran, 308 Barrett Ave.
 S, Wessington Springs.
 Rev. L. Scott Spiehs, pastor
 605-354-1771. Worship 8:30 am.

Wolsey Area

First Baptist, PO Box 310,
 Wolsey, 605-883-4613. Located
 at the southeast corner of Wolsey
 St. & Catalpa in Wolsey. Chip
 Holmes, pastor. Sunday Worship
 11 am, Sunday School 9:15 am,
 Wednesday night Bible Study is
 on Facebook. It is posted after
 6:30PM

First Presbyterian, 531 Maple
 Ave. SE, Wolsey, office hours,
 Thursdays 10am-4pm. Phone
 605-883-4477. Sunday Worship
 9am. Shirley Scotter, Pastor
 605-352-7407 or 350-0111.

St. John Lutheran (LCMS),
 241 Commercial Ave.,
 Wolsey, 605-883-4972,
 Rev. Scott Spiehs, pastor.
 Wednesday Worship Service
 7:00 pm. Sunday School & Adult
 Bible Class 9:00 am, Sunday
 Worship 10:30 am.

Woonsocket Area

**Mount Olive Lutheran
 (LCMS),** Woonsocket, Rev.
 Weeman, pastor. Sunday
 Worship 10:00 am.

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 Methodist,** Woonsocket.
 Sunday Worship 9:00 am.

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China soybean pledge lifts prices, but South Dakota farmers still nervous

BY JOSHUA HAIAR
SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

SIOUX FALLS — South Dakota soybean industry leaders said Monday that a new trade pledge with China is lifting prices but hasn't erased anxiety about how much farmers depend on a single foreign buyer.

"China's the number one buyer of soybeans out of the United States," said Tom Kersting, CEO of South Dakota Soybean Processors. "At times, they buy 60% of all the exported soybeans out of the U.S."

Kersting was one of the participants in a panel discussion about soybeans hosted by the Downtown Sioux Falls Rotary Club. South Dakota produced \$2.3 billion worth of soybeans last year, the ninth highest value in the nation.

Kersting said China has "quietly" stepped back into the U.S. soybean market since Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced the trade pledge in late October, after China had been boycotting purchases of U.S. soybeans in retaliation for tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump. Soybean prices at grain elevators were "right around \$9" per bushel before the news of the trade pledge, Kersting said, and are now "over \$10."

But farmers are not benefiting equally from the price bump. Some sold at lower prices before the trade pledge announcement.

"The prices really didn't appreciate till after harvest was pretty much complete," Kersting said. "The ones that had some beans stored, they'll see those gains."

By his rough estimate, a new \$500



PHOTO BY JOSHUA HAIAR/SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT
Lake Preston farmer Paul Casper discusses the impacts of President Donald Trump's tariffs on the South Dakota soybean market with an audience in Sioux Falls on Nov. 24, 2025.

million Mitchell soybean processing plant that opened in September has added 25 cents per bushel in value to local cash bids.

Lake Preston farmer Paul Casper said the price increase has pushed him "closer to break-even on beans," while Trump's tariffs have raised the price of farm inputs such as fertilizers.

Casper said Brazil has emerged as a rival to U.S. soybean farmers after years of infrastructure investment backed by China, which makes the future feel less certain. Yet Casper said he still has faith in Trump.

"I'm still thinking this dealmaker dude has got something up his sleeve," Casper said.

Kersting said the threat of tariffs nudged other buyers to the table, including Vietnam and Thailand, "who we sell a lot of soybean meal to."

Both men warned that long-term overreliance on China leaves U.S. agriculture vulnerable.

"At the end of the day, you should not be making deals with people you don't trust, and nobody trusts them," Kersting said.

Doug Sombke, president of the

South Dakota Farmers Union, did not appear on the panel, but said weeks ago after the trade pledge announcement that Trump is attempting to put out a fire he himself started, "and the building is already charred."

"We went backward from where we started, and we didn't need to do that," Sombke said. "This isn't a win. We've been played."

Sombke said the numbers he has heard regarding the trade agreement fall short of what producers were counting on. He said smaller and beginning farmers are being squeezed the hardest.

"Well-established farmers are just going to eat through some of their equity," he said. "But the younger farmer, the smaller guy, doesn't have that."

Sarah Sellars, an assistant professor and Extension specialist at South Dakota State University, told South Dakota Searchlight that the trade deal is "positive in a market that's been facing a lot of negative news lately," but said farmers "are still facing really tight crop margins."

"If we're not factoring in the money given by government programs or crop insurance, the cost of production is higher than what we're actually able to sell the crop for," she said.

On Monday, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said the Trump administration plans to announce a financial aid package for U.S. farmers and provide more details on the China trade deal within two weeks. The aid package is designed to compensate farmers with government payments for tariff-related losses.

Amid water pollution debate, report shows results of \$3 million river buffer program

BY JOSHUA HAIAR
SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

As a public debate begins about agriculture and water pollution in South Dakota, a new report shows the effects of a \$3 million effort to mitigate the problem.

South Dakota's top state Senate Republican and the governor sparred this week over whether the state should tighten agricultural regulations to address water pollution. Senate President Pro Tempore Chris Karr, R-Sioux Falls, told a legislative committee that with most monitored rivers and streams in the state too polluted to support at least some uses, such as swimming, fishing or boating, the state can no longer "dance around" the idea of more regulations on agriculture.

Gov. Larry Rhoden, a rancher, blasted those comments as "misinformation" made "out of ignorance" and said Karr would be "set straight."

Meanwhile, a final report quietly emerged about an effort to keep cattle waste out of lakes and streams and reduce chemical and sediment runoff from farms. Karr was the prime sponsor of the bill that created the 2021 initiative. The state Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources managed it. It paid \$3 million to help landowners contain livestock waste or plant grass and other vegetation along streambanks in the Big Sioux River watershed.

Jay Gilbertson, manager of the East Dakota Water Development District, said the enrolled vegetated strips, called buffers, filter pollution and stabilize stream banks. Livestock are required to be kept out of the areas for part of the year, except during limited times and circumstances



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
A section of Blue Dog Lake shoreline before and after the implementation of a South Dakota state government program paying for buffer strips to improve water quality. The program covered the Big Sioux River watershed.

when grazing and haying are allowed.

According to the report, 67 projects created 83 linear miles of buffers, protecting 1,219 acres. The project contracts last for 10 years. They prevent an estimated 1,484 pounds of phosphorus, 6,415 pounds of nitrogen and 953 tons of sediment from entering the Big Sioux River watershed each year.

Payments increased after low interest

The program started slowly. Nobody had signed up for it by January 2023, two years after it was approved.

"The feedback that we got back was that we're not paying enough to really move the needle," Hunter Roberts, secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, told lawmakers at the time.

So, the department began paying more.

DANR materials say that under the original cash-incentive program, a 50-foot, half-mile buffer under a minimum 10-year contract would have yielded a total payment of about \$5,000 for cropland and \$1,300 for pastureland over 10 years. Under a new formula Roberts outlined, the rates for the same examples increased to about \$13,000 for cropland and \$4,400 for pastureland.

Additionally, the department allowed the funds to be spent on livestock waste containment systems. Two of those were installed, involving 690 cattle. The department also allowed landowners to "stack" their program payments on top of payments from the federal government's Conservation Reserve Program, which pays landowners to take marginal land out of agricultural production. That meant landowners

could receive both federal and state payments for eligible acres, plus another incentive if those stacked acres are enrolled in a Game, Fish and Parks program that pays landowners to allow public access for hunters.

"Everybody seems to like free money or at least additional money," Gilbertson said. "And these activities got the ball rolling, and it turned out to be pretty popular."

Gilbertson credited lawmakers, including Karr, for launching the initiative.

"It was a great example of the Legislature stepping forward, stepping up and saying we need to invest in our natural resources here in South Dakota," he said.

Benefits and worries beyond 10 years

Sushant Mehan is an assistant professor and water resource engineer at South Dakota State University. He and

a team are quantifying how the buffer initiative changes vegetation and downstream water quality, in a project requested and funded by the East Dakota Water Development District.

He said buffers are often on flood-prone, low-yield acres, and the research already shows enrolled acres are more productive during the times when grazing and haying are allowed than they would be under year-round grazing.

"So, if people go that route, ultimately, it's a win-win situation for them," Mehan said.

Mehan frames the benefits of buffers as both direct for landowners and indirect for everyone paying a water bill. He said filtering out contaminants is a costly business for water systems, and those costs are passed along to customers.

Mehan said the next step is figuring out where buffers will do the most good. The team's ongoing work is about mapping which enrolled acres are "truly critical" to maximize water-quality gains.

Gilbertson worries that maintaining the buffers after the 10-year contracts expire could be difficult if landowners expect a similar payment.

Paul Lorenzen administers the state's watershed protection program for the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He said the program included cost-sharing for fencing and alternative water sources. He said once those investments are in place, landowners may choose to keep the buffers even after the checks stop.

Lorenzen said other programs with similar 10-year commitments have seen producers stick with the practices once they experience the benefits, and he hopes buffers will follow the same pattern.

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Tribal radio funding flows, but future remains uncertain after clawback of public media money

BY JOHN HULT
SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

PORCUPINE — For the past few weeks, Oitancan “Oi” Zephier has labored among piles of vinyl records nearly 2 feet high.

KILI-FM, the Porcupine-based tribal public broadcasting station Zephier manages, has gone digital and no longer needs the records.

The station is selling the records, because what it needs is cash.

That’s despite a last-minute deal brokered by South Dakota Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds to find funding for tribal stations when Congress voted in July to defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Like other public stations, KILI has typically been awarded money through the corporation.

“We were kind of planning for getting nothing, really, and that’s part of where the sale of the records came about,” Zephier said.

The July legislation, signed into law by President Donald Trump, rescinded \$1.1 billion in federal funding for the corporation and caused it to wind down operations. South Dakota Public Broadcasting, which received 20% of its budget from the corporation, laid off seven people, eliminated a locally produced show and reduced the output of two other local shows.

Rounds’ handshake deal with the White House included a promise to provide \$9.4 million for 38 tribal stations in highly rural areas, given the dearth of options for things like emergency alerts across remote swaths of tribal land.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indigenous Connectivity and Technology, award notices have gone out to KILI, as well as to KOYA in St. Francis, which serves the Rosebud Reservation, and KDKO in Lake Andes, serving the Yankton Sioux Reservation. A funding award is expected for KLND in McLaughlin, which offers programming for the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River reservations, according to a statement from the BIA.

In an email, Rounds told South Dakota Searchlight that future money can be requested on an annual basis, through the appropriations process instead of through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

“Our team continues to work with the administration to make certain these radio stations stay open and operational so they can continue to serve their communities for years to come,” Rounds said.

New process, old concerns

Earlier this month, speaking less than 24 hours after President Trump signed a bill to reopen the federal government after the longest shutdown in history, Zephier said he’s concerned about the reliability of annual awards from Congress.

“It’s a little more difficult,” Zephier said of the appropriations process.

He took over at KILI after years working in administrative roles for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and area schools, which also rely on federal funding.

Consternation over inadequate federal funding is a regular throughline for tribal nations in South Dakota. The Oglala Sioux Tribe has thrice sued the Interior Department over law enforcement

funding, most recently last month. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe won a case against the Indian Health Service after the agency closed the reservation’s only emergency room.

Zephier said the station’s BIA award funding could come as soon as this week. It matches the funding the station got through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 2025, which ended Sept. 30.

The \$235,000 won’t solve the station’s long-term funding problems, though. It covers about 70% of the station’s \$350,000 annual budget, the rest of which the station raises by underwriting and collecting fees from tribal programs that lease time for programming.

It’s enough to get by, as long as nothing goes wrong.

Zephier pointed to the station’s wind turbine, a three-blade machine with two functional blades, and to its solar panels, some of which are cracked and in need of repair. Both systems help power the station, located on a stretch of highway outside the village of Porcupine.

One of the station’s two computers is new, or at least new to Zephier. It’s a 2017 system, which he bought because fixing the 12-year-old computer he’d been using would’ve cost more than the replacement.

“We need new equipment,” Zephier said. “We need a new emergency alert system, and that’s going to cost us about \$170,000 alone.”

This year, future years

KILI was featured in a *New York Times* story that highlighted how important tribal stations are in their communities. Zephier grew up hearing Lakota speakers and powwow music on KILI, and it’s one of the area’s primary sources of information on tribal government, schools and community events.

KILI has raised \$80,000 in donations since the summer, and \$50,000 came from a single donor after the story ran in the *Times*.

John Miller, the longtime manager of KOYA in St. Francis, spoke to South Dakota Searchlight moments before a meeting about a middle school sports broadcast.

Miller got notice that KOYA would get federal funding for the current fiscal year a few months ago. He declined to say how much funding came through for the station, but did say “everything” it does is covered by federal dollars.

“We were one of the lucky ones,” Miller said, in that KOYA got its funding assurances before the government shutdown, which lasted from Oct. 1 to Nov. 12.

Not all stations have gotten notice of federal funding, according to a BIA spokesperson. In an email to South Dakota Searchlight, the agency declined to offer the dollar amounts awarded to individual stations. Previously, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting made a list of its awards publicly available.

The BIA said it is “working to accelerate the implementation of one-time funding to support 38 radio stations and one television station that provide emergency public safety information to tribal communities.”

The money for tribal public broadcasting came from “previously appropriated federal funds” to “support tribal communications infrastructure,” the agency said.

The email did not address questions about funding beyond 2025.

South Dakota retailers expect positive holiday season

BY JACKSON DIRCKS
SDPB

This week marks the typical beginning of the holiday gift giving season. Despite some economic uncertainty, some in South Dakota’s retail sector are optimistic.

The optimism stems from an early start to the holiday shopping season and consumer behaviors that indicate good things for small businesses.

Nathan Sanderson is the Executive Director of the South Dakota Retailers Association. He thinks consumers are going back to a trend the industry saw before the pandemic.

“An appreciation for high-quality, durable items. Things that are functional, but that maybe will have some staying power. I mean think of things like stainless steel cookware, or something like that. They’re maybe not looking for a Teflon pan like they had in the past. They’re looking for a stainless steel that they know is going to last them for the next decade plus,” Sanderson said. “I also think that people are heading back to the trend of looking for things that are highly unique. You know, they’re going to the boutique on Main Street that literally only has one of these kinds of items and nobody else in town has it.”

He said he’s heard from small, local retailers who’ve said that trend is continuing. That’s something he calls a benefit for mom-and-pop shops because they are able to offer more unique gifts and items.

Sanderson said some of the ongoing economic question marks are impacting consumer behaviors.

“I think that a lot of consumers started shopping a bit earlier this year. There’s been no question that there’s been some, you know, economic uncertainty out there whether that’s from tariffs, or the government shutdown, or inflation or those kinds of things,” Sanderson said. “And I think as a result of that people are being a bit more planful this holiday season.”

Sanderson added that consumers are shopping right now which is positive for retailers.

“And so definitely consumers are shifting what they’re looking for a little bit,” Sanderson said. “But thus far, things to be going pretty well for the 2025 holiday shopping season.”

He said the early start is good, because the holiday season doesn’t traditionally begin for retailers until Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.

Fire kills several animals at Rapid City’s Reptile Gardens

BY C.J. KEENE
SDPB

A structure fire claimed the lives of several animals at Rapid City’s Reptile Gardens. The zoo remains closed for now but leadership says the outpouring of support is palpable.

The fire was first reported between 12:30 and 1 Friday morning, and upon arrival firefighters had their hands full from the first alarm.

Pennington County fire administrator Jerome Harvey explained.

“Rockerville Volunteer Fire Department did respond to a reported structure fire at what’s commercially known as Reptile Gardens,” Harvey said. “They discovered a fire in an outbuilding. The building is known as the Lester or the Alligator shed, and the fire extended into the ceiling and roof assembly of the structure. Anytime you have a fire getting ahold of a building like that, that’s serious.”

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but now the management of Reptile Gardens are left to pick up the pieces. Terry Philip is the zoo’s general curator. He posted an update to the Reptile Gardens

Facebook page.

“Half of this building housed our African spur-type tortoises and our red-footed tortoises, the other half of our building housed American alligators that are in our alligator show,” Philip said. “Sadly, all of these animals were lost in the devastating fire. As you can imagine, the love and the life that our staff pour into the welfare and care of these magnificent animals knows no bounds.”

However, Philip added the response has already been moving in its own way.

“It has been amazing and so uplifting to see the outpouring of love from not just our wonderful community, but around the country and across the globe,” Philip said. “The heartbreak we have experienced is tragic, but the love, support and hundreds of offers of help and encouragement are what make this such a beautiful world. You all make this world shine just a little bit brighter on this very terrible day.”

He adds the surviving turtles and tortoises are teaching everyone at Reptile Gardens that it’s okay to take it slow for a day.

City of Presidents trail adds Trump statue to downtown Rapid City

BY C.J. KEENE
SDPB

A bronze, life-sized statue of President Donald Trump has a new home on a Rapid City street corner. It’s the first time a statue has been installed for a president while in office.

A few drill holes, a Bobcat forklift, and some screws were all it took for the president to find his new home, right in the heart of downtown Rapid City.

That prime real estate, on the corner between Block 5 and the Hotel Alex Johnson, means Trump has notable neighbors: George Washington, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter. Laurie Sutterer is the visit service manager for Visit Rapid City. She explained how placement of presidential statues is decided.

“Of course, Andrew Johnson was first put there, but he was moved when the Hyatt Place was first constructed, and Richard Nixon was on the other corner,” Sutterer said. “Now, that corner where Richard Nixon was, there’s not enough room for a president at this time. Now, when Biden does come out, there will have to be a decision – do we go further down on Main Street or do we go over onto Kansas City Street.”

Sutterer said the Biden statue is expected to be installed in the next two years. Additionally, Donald Trump will follow in the footsteps of Grover Cleveland, the only other president to serve two non-consecutive terms, and will only get a single statue.

“Our City of Presidents isn’t about politics folks, it’s about history as well as art,” Sutterer said.

That can be seen in the way the statues often define the legacy of their subjects. One key piece of the Trump puzzle has been his use of social media. On his statue’s podium is a smartphone with the Twitter logo.

“McKinley, I believe, has a phone to his ear – he took the first phone call in the White House,” Sutterer said. “Taft has a baseball behind his back – he did the first pitch of the MLB for a president. I think everyone, pro-Trump or not, can agree he was the first one to utilize social media to the extent of communicating with the general public.”

The unveiling event was low-key, considering the windstorm hitting the area. However, a handful of people and some tourists did brave the cold to watch the installation.



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Oitancan “Oi” Zephier, manager of KILI radio in Porcupine, South Dakota, works on the station’s 2026 budget on Nov. 13, 2025.



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City of Huron is requesting to annex a parcel of land legally described as: Tract 1 Stony Run Park, in the SW4/SE4 and NW4/SE4 of Section 13, T10N, R62W of the 5th P.M., Beadle County, South Dakota in an area zoned R-O (Large Lot Residential District) located in the Joint Jurisdictional Area.

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

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Searching for Savannah: Eight months and no answers since woman's disappearance

BY JOHN HULT, SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT, AND AMELIA SCHAFFER, ICT

There are rumors. About what's known and who knows it. About why what's known has never moved out of the realm of rumor and into the investigatory record.

Savannah Standing Bear's family and friends have plenty of rumors, but not many answers. It's been eight months since she disappeared from the Parmelee community on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, and the only thing that feels certain, they say, is the feeling that someone knows something.

There's also a nagging suspicion that something either won't be shared with authorities, or won't bring resolution if and when it's reported.

"The feeling around here is you can murder a Native woman and get away with it," said Hollis Flowers, a family friend who's helped lead the push to keep Savannah's story in the public eye as temperatures drop and another season of uncertainty begins.

There's still hope, though, that an answer will emerge — especially after a celebration last week in Parmelee meant to mark Savannah's 23rd birthday and keep her name on the tip of the community's tongue.

About a week before the event, Savannah's mother, Gayla Smith, said the eldest of her two daughters has a heart for those who suffer. It's

a personality trait that's been evident for as long as Smith can remember.

"She'd see people on the street, like when we would go to Rapid City," Smith said, referring to the homeless population. "She'd see people like that, she would always want to go and help them."

It's Smith who's suffered since March 24. That was the last day she heard from Savannah, setting off a police investigation and a series of searches that's continued into the fall.

60% of missing South Dakotans are Native Americans

Savannah is one of an unclear number of Native Americans who've gone missing or been killed in the state of South Dakota. Nationally and internationally, the movement to draw attention to Indigenous people who disappear or die under violent circumstances is commonly called Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

South Dakota has taken some steps to track the cases in recent years. The South Dakota Missing Persons Clearinghouse, which launched in 2020, lists the names of those whose disappearances have been reported to law enforcement locally and passed along to the South Dakota Attorney General's Office. On any given day, the list has at least 100 missing people, though the names shift in real time as people are found or go missing.

On Tuesday morning, Native Americans made up 60% of the 112 listed



PHOTO COURTESY OF STANDING BEAR FAMILY
A birthday cake for Savannah Standing Bear is displayed on Nov. 23, 2025, in Parmelee, South Dakota.

names. Of 59 missing females, 66% were Native American. The percentages, as compiled periodically by South Dakota Searchlight, typically fall in or near that range.

Around 8.5% of South Dakotans are Native American, according to census data.

Ten of the cases in the state missing persons clearinghouse as of Tuesday morning — Savannah's among them — came from the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Police Department. That's approximately 9% of current missing persons cases. Residents of the Rosebud Reservation represent less than 3% of South Dakota's total population.

A mother's warning

The last time she saw her daughter, Smith remembers warning her to stay at home and stay out of trouble.

"But when I got up, she wasn't in her room," Smith said.

In the days following, Smith said she heard dif-

ferent things from different family members. Some said that Savannah had ended up in the tribal jail and would be out later, but when Smith looked into it, her daughter hadn't been in jail.

So Smith went to check in with other relatives around the Rosebud Reservation. One relative in Parmelee said Savannah had "walked off" with a friend, Smith said, but it wasn't a friend she recognized.

'Truly a homebody'

Smith and Standing Bear are close. They've always been.

One of Savannah's distinguishing features, noted on the missing persons posters hung up around the Rosebud Reservation and posted to social media, is a tattoo of her mother's first name under her right eye.

It's now been eight months since Smith last heard from her daughter, since Savannah played with her nephew and since Savannah logged into the social media accounts where she loved to chat.

"She has a really big heart," Smith said. "She's my baby."

She loves to listen to music, take photos and just hang out, Smith said. Her absence has left a void for her family.

"She loved the sunset, taking pictures of it," Smith said. "It's really hard for me to see the sun go down without her go."

Tips don't yield results

Tips have yet to aid in the search for Savannah, the family said.

Early this year, reports that Savannah was sighted at a Maverik gas station on the north side of Rapid City — two and a half hours from where she was last seen — led investigators to switch

gears and focus on the Black Hills city.

Police spent days combing over footage from the gas station, only to find the "sighting" was a different Native American woman, tribal officials said.

"There's no proof she ever left," Flowers, the family friend, said in May.

More frightening tips have emerged, as well.

Once, the family heard that a body was found on the reservation. Family members jumped in to respond alongside law enforcement, but it turned out to be animal remains that had previously been reported and documented, according to officials with Rosebud Sioux Tribe Emergency Services.

Frustration grows

That all-for-naught excursion over animal bones was just one entry on a long list of disappointing searches for Savannah's father, Severt Standing Bear, who was among those to accompany police when the alleged human remains were discovered. He told South Dakota Searchlight this month that he's lost track of how many trips he's made through the areas he thinks Savannah might be. It's been that way since March.

"When I first heard it, my thought was, 'Let's go. We'll go find her,'" he said.

He's also passed along more tips than he can remember to the Rosebud Tribal Police and the detective assigned to Savannah's case.

"I can't say that I call them every day, but I bug the s— out of them," Severt said. "To no avail."

Rosebud Police Chief Waycee His Holy Horse did not reply to South Dakota Searchlight requests for an interview on Savannah's case this month.

Having spent as much time searching as he has, Severt said, he's come to understand the frustration felt by other families that go months, years or longer without knowing what happened to a missing loved one.

"These officials are always coming up and saying, 'We're doing these things,'" he said. "But I've learned and lived it now, and watched these other people that are missing their precious ones, too. They're having the same darn problem."

Communication, collaboration

Dolores "Totes" Waln,

a Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council member, said her experience helping the family has exposed gaps in communication between emergency managers, police and the volunteers who've pitched in.

"When they were going to drain the dam, nobody knew about it until we heard it live on the air from the tribal president," Waln said of a summer search effort from the tribe around a stock dam about 6 miles east of Parmelee, which was discussed on the radio. "And we're all like, 'What?'"

Shelby Lorenzo Homer, of the 4Corners K9 Search And Rescue non-profit, said collaboration and communication has been a struggle for months. Recently, however, she worked with agents from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs on a search in October.

"That's when we really started seeing some communication and some collaboration," Homer said.

In a statement, a BIA spokesperson said the agency is working closely with the FBI and Rosebud Sioux Department of Public Safety on Savannah's case, coordinating search operations, offering a \$5,000 reward through its Missing and Murdered Unit and "actively supporting Savannah's family during this difficult time."

After Savannah's birthday celebration and candlelight vigil in Parmelee over the weekend, the hope is that extra attention can be combined with improved collaboration to yield results.

The hope goes all the way to the top in Rosebud. Tips sometimes land in the inbox of Rosebud Sioux Tribal President Kathleen Wooden Knife. When that happens, the president said, she passes them along to police.

Then, like everyone else, she waits.

"And my hope is that 'OK, this time will be the time we're going to find her,'" Wooden Knife said. "It hasn't happened yet."

The BIA's \$5,000 reward is open to anyone with information that can lead authorities to Savannah. The BIA can be reached at (833) 560-2065, by email at OJS_MMU@bia.gov, or by texting keyword BIAMMU and a tip to 847411.

GRONLI:

culture, and education.

The economy should benefit and support the working family, not big business. Gronli believes in setting policies that strengthen the working and middle class. They are what makes the economy strong. "No member of Congress should abdicate their duty to set fair tax policy," she said. "And yes, tariffs are a tax."

Healthcare is a human right. In South Dakota, many small businesses can't afford to provide health insurance to their employees, leaving families vulnerable to one bad accident or illness. Farmers and ranchers have few affordable health coverage options.

We are a stronger, more financially secure state when people have access to the healthcare they need. When people can access preventative care, it reduces healthcare costs for everyone.

In the agricultural community there is too much uncertainty. Gronli emphasized, "Farming and ranching aren't just occupations; they are a way of life. It's part of what makes our

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state an amazing place to raise a family. We are continuing to lose family farms as consolidation becomes more and more prevalent."

The uncertainty of tariffs, vanishing markets, frozen grants, and drastic program changes present further challenges. The damages are already taking effect with low commodity prices and a lack of trade partners that may leave soybeans stored in piles on the ground.

Gronli also believes we should invest in every child. "We know what works," she said. "Children do better when they have the nutrition to fuel their minds and bodies. They thrive when they have access to preschool, giving them a strong start that lasts a lifetime." She pointed out that included in the U.S. House budget is an \$18 million cut to education in South Dakota. "Contact your representatives and tell them this will not help their constituents," she told the assembly.

For more information, go to www.nikkigfordsd.com.

CYCLONES:

The first set started strong for the Cyclones as Shelby Begeman and Eliza Larson each recorded kills as the Cyclones jumped out to a 3-0 lead. The teams then played fairly even, but after the Cavs had closed it to 5-4 CWL, the Cyclones went on a three-point run, capped by an ace from Peyton Lee. Down 8-4, St. Thomas More coach Mikayla Philipsen called timeout.

The Cavaliers rallied back and after a Lauren Poppel cross court kill gave STM an 18-15 lead, Betty McGraw called timeout to gather her Cyclone team.

The Cyclones came out strong from the timeout, going on a 6-1 run to claim a 21-19 lead and drawing another Cav timeout. The Cavaliers sent the first attack out of the timeout out of bounds, but then the star middle hitter for St. Thomas More, Leighton Scherr, really took over

the net, with a pair of kills and then a tremendous block at set point to force extra time. After the teams went back and forth, back to back kills by Ella Sass and the final slam down by Kelsey Hofer sealed the first set, 27-25, for the Cyclones.

After a trio of Cyclone hitting errors, the Cavs had an early 6-2 lead in set two, but as would happen all day, the teams would have mini rallies, and a three-point streak for Clark/Willow Lake drew a timeout from the Cavaliers at 14-12.

The timeout didn't slow the momentum, and only a service error by the Cyclones ended an 8-0 run, giving them a 19-13 lead.

The Cavaliers as a team then picked up their front-row blocking, something they'd keep up the rest of the set, and after St. Thomas More closed within 23-22, McGraw called a

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timeout. The front line of the Cavs would get a kill and a block to get them to set point at 24-23, but again the teams would go into extra scoring, where a pair of hitting errors by the Cavaliers gave the Cyclones a 26-24 set victory and a 2-0 lead in the match.

The third set started out with a pair of short rallies, with the Cavs grabbing a 4-1 lead, but then the hitting of Begeman and Zoe Nichols' serving brought the Cyclones within 4-5.

Unfortunately, that was really the end of the set result in question. St. Thomas More would go on a 6-1 run to draw a timeout, but with the rotation with Begeman on the bench, the Cavaliers would capitalize to run off an 8-1 run to draw McGraw's second timeout at 19-6.

A service error by the Cavaliers got Begeman back in the game, and she took over at the net, recording a block and three kills the rest of the way, but the Cyclones could only play even from the timeout to the end of the game, dropping the third set, 25-12.

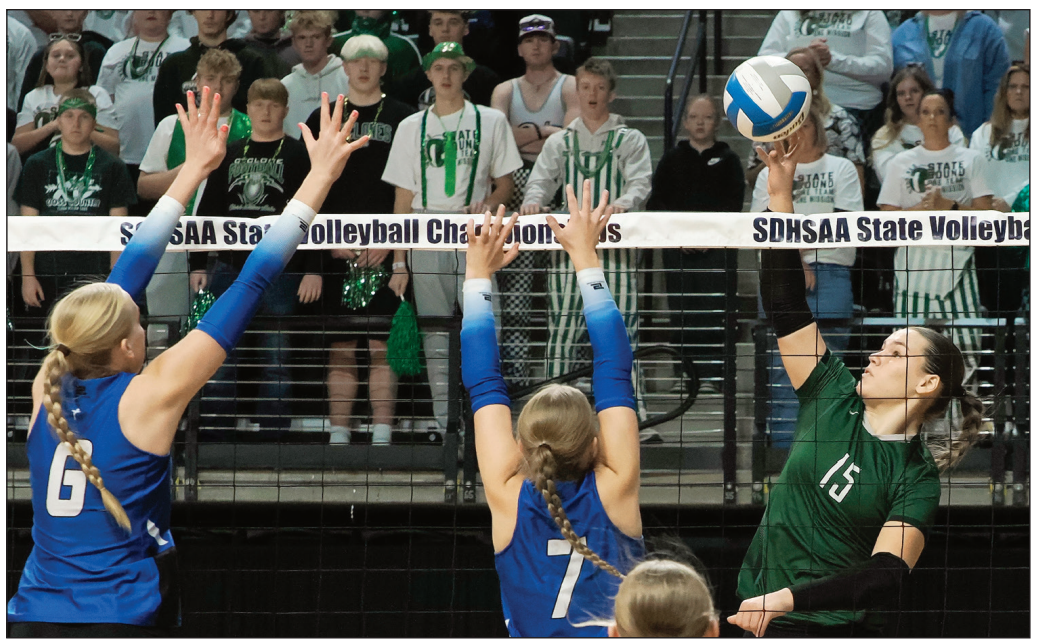
Begeman opened the fourth set with a well-placed kill, and then a controversial call gave a kill to Kesley Benda of the Cavs. A Scherr kill and an ace for STM got the Cavs an early 3-1 lead.

Scherr's hitting would pace the Cavaliers early, but Begeman was right there with her, recording her third kill of the set to break a 7-7 tie, and then added two more kills in a 6-1 Cyclone run that drew a Cavalier timeout at 13-8.

The Cavs quickly got within 13-12, but the Cyclones used strong serving to put the Cavaliers out of system and build a 17-13 lead.

That's when Scherr simply took over the front line. She recorded five kills and a block among the next six points scored as St. Thomas More took a 19-18 lead.

The Cyclones rallied at that point for three



COURTESY OF SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC BROADCASTING
Clark/Willow Lake's Eliza Larson tips the ball at the net against Enna Henry (7) and Leighton Scherr of St. Thomas More during the consolation championship match of the Class A State Volleyball Tournament on Saturday at the Monument in Rapid City.

quick points, drawing the Cavaliers' final timeout with Clark/Willow Lake up 21-19.

The timeout worked well for the Cavs, as they went on a quick 4-1 run, capped off by an ace from Mara Wilkening, and they regained the lead at 23-22, drawing a Cyclone timeout.

Begeman had one of her smartest hits, tipping the ball right over the aggressive Cavalier block, and then Eliza Larson sent a cross-court tip just inside the boundary to give Clark/Willow Lake match point. Hofer then sealed the match with a service ace, giving the Cyclones the 25-23 set win and the 3-1-match victory.

The Cyclones finish the year with a 27-2 record. Begeman led the attack with 19 kills. Hofer added 12 kills and picked up 18 digs, one of four Cyclone players with double-digit digs.

Nichols had 37 set assists and 12 digs, while Kadee Frankfurth led the defense with 21 digs.



COURTESY OF SDPB
Shelby Begeman of Clark/Willow Lake spikes the ball as teammate Kelsey Hofer (2) looks on during Saturday's match.

The Cavaliers finish the season with a 30-11 record. Scherr went toe-to-toe with Begeman, totaling 19 kills.

Enna Henry set up the Cav offense with 44 assists, and Kaitlin Strain

led the defense with 23 digs.

Begeman and Hofer were each named to the all-tournament team.



COURTESY OF SDPB
Clark/Willow Lake's Zoe Nichols plays a volley during Saturday's match.

ALL-STARS:

goal of the third period. Mason Hunter scored on a pass from Crosby Hartman with 6:41 remaining in the game.

The Lakers would get an insurance goal late in the third period. Boston Butler scored with Jack Elshere earning the assist.

Watertown finished with 35 shots on goal, compared to 16 for the All-Stars.

Kohl Nygaard earned the win in the net for the Arrows. Jace Gerber was in the net for Huron.

The All-Stars opened the season with a 10-1 setback against Yankton on Friday in Yankton.

The Bucks outshot Huron 44-11 in the game.

Kylen O'Connor, Tucker Renken, Kaden Hunhoff and Anders Van Olson each had two goals for Yankton. Jack Pedersen and Rylan Murphy each added a goal.

Pedersen and Brayden Burykeland each had four assists for the Bucks, while Easton Vellek had two assists. Also earning an assist each were Renken, Tanner Ondell, Cooper Larsen and Grady Van Cleave.

Luke Moeller recorded the win in the net for Yankton, while Kaleb Rashaad tended the net for Huron.

Jace Bales had the lone goal for the All-Stars on an unassisted shot with 4:09 to play in the final period.

Huron (0-2) travels to play Mitchell at 8 p.m. Friday and then will play at Brookings on 8 p.m. Saturday.

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Junior Varsity
The Huron junior varsity opened the season with a pair of victories.

The All-Stars claimed a 7-3 win Friday against Yankton to open the season.

Jace Gerber had 45 saves to record the win in the net for Huron.

Mason Hunter earned the hat trick for the All-Stars with four goals. Also scoring goals were Alex Timm, Jace Bales and Benjamin Mattke.

Recording assists for Huron were Phineas Bucklin, Bales and Timm

Scoring goals for Yankton were Cooper Larsen, Kobe Koletzky and Dawns Thoms. Maxwell Weisenburger and Elijah Larson had assists.

Seven different players scored to help Huron to a 9-1 victory against Watertown on Saturday.

Oaklee Schnabel and Bales each had a pair of goals for the All-Stars. Also scoring goals were Hartman, Bogh, Ian Larson, Jaxon Greenfield and Quincy Rashaad.

Greenfield had a pair of assists for Huron, while Rashaad, Mattke, Konrad Frankfurth and Hartman each had an assist.

Kaleb Rashaad had 25 saves to earn the win in the net for the All-Stars, who improved to 2-0.

Jayven McNamara had the lone goal for Watertown, with Trey Stricherz earning the assist.

Cooper Thompson faced 28 shots in the net for the Lakers.

STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Saturday scores		Fifth place	
Class AA		Clark/Willow Lake def. St. Thomas More 27-25, 26-24, 25-23	
Championship Harrisburg def. O'Gorman 25-16, 25-16, 25-13		Seventh place Rapid City Christian def. Wagner 25-16, 25-14, 25-12	
Third place Brandon Valley def. Watertown 25-15, 25-19, 25-21		Class B	
Fifth place Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Sioux Falls Washington 20-25, 26-24, 25-22, 25-20		Championship Chester def. Warner 25-23, 25-16, 25-18	
Seventh place Sioux Falls Jefferson def. Mitchell 25-22, 25-12, 25-10		Third place Northwestern def. Bennett County 25-20, 25-19, 25-12	
Class A		Fifth place Gayville-Volin def. Parkston 25-8, 26-24, 25-21	
Championship Dakota Valley def. Dell Rapids 26-24, 26-24, 24-26, 25-22		Seventh place Herreid/Selby Area def. Harding County 23-25, 23-25, 25-21, 25-13, 15-12	
Third place Sioux Falls Christian def. Hamlin 25-19, 25-15, 25-18			

CHRISTMAS

in the

HEARTLAND



Let's talk turkey ...

Kindergarten and first-grade students at Hitchcock-Tulare School were asked to share their recipes for cooking your Thanksgiving turkey. Each student answered questions about how to prepare the bird. Pull a chair up to the table and whet your appetite for a child's understanding of this feathered holiday favorite:

Kindergarten:

• **Jack:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Go get it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 82 degrees for 100 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Eat it

You should eat turkey with: Corn and ice cream

• **Sam:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Shoot it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 68 degrees for 68 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Let it cool

You should eat turkey with: Corn and mashed potatoes

• **Aria:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Goosh (?)

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Thaw it

(Aria continues)

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 51

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Making the season bright

BY CRYSTAL PUGSLEY FOR THE PLAINSMAN

If everything stays on track this holiday season, there will be close to 500 names on the three Salvation Army Angel Trees that will be set up at Walmart, Runnings and Coborn's Foods.

That means Santa will need lots of holiday helpers to fulfill each child's Christmas wish.

"Everyone can be Santa Claus," said Lt. Justin Bluer of the Salvation Army. Bluer, who serves with his wife, Lt. Shannon Bluer, said they use Angel Tree software that assigns a number to each family and a letter of the alphabet for each child. "People can pick up a tag then return the gifts to that same location or bring them directly to the Salvation Army by Dec. 15. That way we can get everything set up and get the toys for the families to come in and get them."

Over the past few months, Bluer said traffic has picked up at the Salvation Army as twice as many people have come in for food to help feed their families.

"It's been a very busy Christmas season so far, especially since we opened our soup kitchen every night," he said. "It's only hot soup and a sandwich. It's very simple. We get from 12 to 20 each night. People come here for many different reasons, lonely, it's not just for food."

"We also have kid's breakfast bags, a little bag of food for children to take home," Bluer added. "We'll see how long we keep it going. We wanted to help people through the uncertainties with the shutdown."

There are two major fundraisers that help the Salvation Army meet the changing needs of this region throughout the year. The Red Kettle campaign, which features volunteers ringing bells at Red Kettles that are set up at Coborn's, Runnings, Walmart and Lewis Drug, and the annual Christmas Basket Program that begins on Monday.

To volunteer to ring bells, visit registertoring.com to sign up, or stop at the Salvation Army.

To make donations easier in today's nearly cashless society, QR codes are printed on signs posted at each Red Kettle so people can make donations online.

The real bell-ringer of the Christmas season is the Salvation Army Christmas Basket program.

It started 77 years ago in Huron with a donation of potatoes that were distributed to those in need. Since then, the Salvation Army Christmas Basket program has brought in well over a million dollars in pledges to help the less fortunate.

This year's Christmas Bas-



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Cheri Bjorke, left, holds a plush highland cow to be auctioned off during the upcoming Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program, and Cara Green Osier, holds this year's poster with the lineup of performances. They are co-chairs of the Christmas Basket program. Final numbers for this year's applicants are up from last year, with close to 500 children on the Angel Trees.

77th annual Christmas Basket Program

Monday, December 1

6:30Huron High School Concert Choir
6:55Huron High School Madrigals
7:20Huron High School Concert Band
7:45Huron High School Symphonic Band
8:10Huron High School Jazz Band

Tuesday, December 2

6:30Huron Schools Faculty Chorus
6:55James Valley Christian Choir
7:20James Valley Christian Band
7:45Huron City Band
8:10Fair City Brass Band

Wednesday, December 3

6:30Holy Trinity Choir of Angels
6:55Riverview Methodist Church Choir
7:20Huron Faith Alive Church Choir
7:45Huron Faith Alive Praise Team
8:10Bethesda Praise Team
8:15Andrea Fredrichsen - handbell solos

Thursday, December 4

6:30Huron High School Orchestra
6:55Huron Middle School Orchestra
7:20Huron Middle School Band
7:55Huron Middle School Choir

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degrees for 2 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Eat it

You should eat turkey with: Corn and ice cream

• **Myla:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Stuff it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 61 degrees for 71 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Cut it

You should eat turkey with: Stuffing and pie

• **Chandler:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Take the bone out

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 68 degrees for 50 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Eat it

You should eat turkey with: Corn and ice cream

• **Stran:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Coborns

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Cut the feathers off

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 43 degrees for 3 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Cool it

You should eat turkey with: Rice salad and corn

• **Kimberly:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Put it in a pan

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 45 degrees for 50 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Cut it

You should eat turkey with: Mashed potatoes and corn

• **Millie:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Dollar Store

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Put it in a pan

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 100 degrees for 34 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Eat it

You should eat turkey with: Buns and pumpkin pie

• **Blair:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Cut it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 100 degrees for 5 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Eat it

You should eat turkey with: Corn and pizza

• **Lukes:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: The market

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Salt it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 500 degrees for 100 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Cut it

You should eat turkey with: Corn and pie

• **Kip:**

First you need to buy a turkey from: Coborns

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Put it in a pan

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 517 degrees for 5 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Cut it

You should eat turkey with: Potato and pumpkin pie

Sylvia:

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Salt it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 15 degrees for 18 minutes

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Let it cool

You should eat turkey with: Stuffing and pie

Ryder:

First you need to buy a turkey from: Walmart

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Cut it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 18 degrees for 15 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Let it cool

You should eat turkey with: Potatoes and corn

Harper:

First you need to buy a turkey from: Store

Before you cook the turkey, you need to: Shoot it

Cook the turkey: In the oven at 54 degrees for 47 hours

After the turkey is cooked, you need to: Cut it

You should eat turkey with: Pota-

toes and ice cream

First grade:

• **Amaya:**

Where do you get your turkey from? The lake

How much does it weigh? 400 pounds

How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Season it

Do you put anything inside the turkey? No

How do you cook it? In the oven

At what temperature? Warm

For how long: 400 hours

What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mini turkey

• **Cade:**

Where do you get your turkey from? The store

How much does it weigh? 100,000 pound

How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Kill it

Do you put anything inside the turkey? Seasoning

How do you cook it? In the oven

At what temperature? 100,000

For how long? 67 hours

What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Jell-O

• **Brayden:**

Where do you get your turkey from? The store

How much does it weigh? 1,000,000 pounds

How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Take the feathers off

Do you put anything inside the turkey? No

How do you cook it? In the oven

At what temperature? 104.65

For how long? 400 hours

What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Sweet potatoes

• **Maren:**

Where do you get your turkey from? My house

How much does it weigh? 1,064 pounds

How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? I season it

Do you put anything inside the turkey? No

How do you cook it? Burn it

At what temperature? 500 degrees

For how long? 100 hours

What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mashed potatoes

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TURKEY TALK: From Page 2B

- **Dixie:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? Walmart
 How much does it weigh? 30 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Cut up meat
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? Stuffing
 How do you cook it? In the crock pot
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 16 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mashed potatoes and corn
- **Piper:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? The woods
 How much does it weigh? 12 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Kill it
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? Vegetables
 How do you cook it? Put it in the oven
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 1,000,000 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mashed potatoes and pumpkin juice
- **Roslynn:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? The store
 How much does it weigh? 12 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Put stuffing in
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? Stuffing
 How do you cook it? Put it in the oven
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 2 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mashed potatoes
- **Waylon:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? Hunt it
 How much does it weigh? 1,000

- pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Kill it
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? Sugar
 How do you cook it? Put it in the oven
 At what temperature? 2,000,000 degrees
 For how long? 1,000,000 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Pumpkin pie
- **Kord:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? The woods
 How much does it weigh? 39 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Get the feathers off
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? A knife
 How do you cook it? On the grill
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 8 minutes
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Corn
- **Caleb:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? The trees
 How much does it weigh? 34 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Skin it
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? More turkey meat
 How do you cook it? With a grill
 At what temperature? 600 degrees
 For how long? 30 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Potatoes
- **Braxton:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? Walmart
 How much does it weigh? 400 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Stuff it
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? Stuffing
 How do you cook it? In the oven
 At what temperature? 500 degrees

- For how long? 1 minute
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Corn
- **Jameson:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? The woods
 How much does it weigh? 10,000 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Stuff it
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? No
 How do you cook it? On the grill
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 400 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Corn
- **Owen:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? The woods
 How much does it weigh? 10,000 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Stuff it
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? No
 How do you cook it? The oven
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 7 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mashed potatoes
- **Layla:**
 Where do you get your turkey from? Runnings
 How much does it weigh? 37 pounds
 How do you get the turkey ready to be cooked? Take the beak off
 Do you put anything inside the turkey? A thermometer
 How do you cook it? In the oven
 At what temperature? 400 degrees
 For how long? 6 hours
 What else do you eat on Thanksgiving? Mashed potatoes

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The holiday season is often a time of joy, connection and celebration. For millions of families across the country, however, it is also a season of uncertainty, wondering how to put food on the table or meet other essential needs. According to the USDA, more than 47.4 million people in the United States experience food insecurity each year.

That's why, each holiday season, thousands of Charles Schwab employees come together to fight hunger and strengthen the communities where they live and work. Through employee meal-packing events and nonprofit grants, volunteers and partners help families access nutritious meals and vital support during the holidays and beyond.

"As we gather with loved ones this season, it's important to remember that not all of our neighbors have that security," said Kristine Dixon, managing director of Charles Schwab Community Affairs. "By working side-by-side with local hunger relief organizations, we're helping ensure more families can share in the joy of a holiday meal and the peace of knowing they are supported."

As you prepare for the holidays, here are a few ways you can help address hunger relief and support your neighbors.

Donate to a Local Food Bank

Food banks and pantries are at the heart of efforts to make nutritious food accessible for all. Inflation and rising costs of living have stretched budgets thin, making it harder for families to afford groceries. Nonperishable donations such as canned goods, pasta and rice are always in high demand. Monetary donations often go even further, giving food banks the ability to purchase exactly what is needed most.

Volunteer Your Time

The gift of time is just as valuable as food donations. Food banks and hunger relief nonprofits rely on volunteers to sort, pack and distribute meals. Even a few hours can make a meaningful difference, adding up to thousands of volunteer hours to help nonprofits meet urgent needs during the holiday season and year-round.

Support Community Partnerships

No single organization can solve hunger alone. Collective action from neighbors, companies, nonprofits and others is what creates lasting impact. This year, Schwab employees will join forces with partners like Harvest Pack to pack more than 1 million nutritious meals for families across the country. Supporting these types of efforts, whether through donations, volunteering or spreading awareness, can expand the impact.

Hunger is about more than food; it's about stability and opportunity. By giving, volunteering and partnering with organizations that serve families in need, you can make the holiday season brighter for millions of Americans. (*Family Features*)

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ket program will begin Monday, Dec. 1, and conclude Thursday, Dec. 4, with nightly performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Huron High School Auditorium. People are invited to watch performances live at the school.

For Christmas Basket co-chairmen Cara Green Osier and Cheri Bjorke, the annual event represents the culmination of months of calling and scheduling entertainment, setting up volunteers to answer the phone lines each night (a bank of four phones donated by Midco), and working with HTN (Huron Tiger Network) to air the nightly programs on Midco cable channel 6.

Each night's program is also aired on KIJV 1340 AM and 95.3 FM, and can be found on the website, Christmasbasket.us.

Emcees will be Ben Halbkat and Kelly Henrich, both teachers at Huron High School. Each year, they usually receive one or two large or unique stuffed animals that are auctioned to the highest bidder at the end of the program.

Getting the different entertainment groups lined up has been fairly simple, said Osier, who has been involved in the program for the past 25 years.

"The schools are very generous to me, the teachers in the area are very good to me," Osier said. "They want to show what their kids are doing, show how hard they work and show their talents"

"Grandparents and friends of the groups will watch and send pledges on the internet," she said. "We've had pledges from across the pond and states all over."

Osier said the community has always been very supportive.

"As far as the Huron community, we have been very blessed," she said. "I hope we can make it a good year for everybody. The Huron community is very supportive of this. They can understand the need."



Avoid common pet hazards this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for cozy gatherings with loved ones to share gratitude, crisp adventures, festive decor and, oftentimes, delicious food. However, many traditions associated with giving thanks, including the feast, can pose risks to your furry family members.

Even with the best-laid plans, accidents can happen. From tempting table scraps to the crackling fire and festive decor, it's important to take steps to prevent seasonal hazards from ruining the celebration for your pets. However, should those unforeseen moments occur, participating VCA Animal Hospitals Emergency Care locations offer access to world-class emergency medicine, 50% off an ER exam for all pet owners and free ER exams for CareClub members.

For added peace of mind, taking these extra precautions during the festivities can help keep your furry friends safe and healthy:

Skip the Table Scraps

While pleading eyes can be hard to resist when you're gathered around the table, remember - and remind little ones - many Thanksgiving foods can make pets sick. Avoid feeding pets turkey skin, which can trigger pancreatitis, or bones, which could splinter and lead to choking or internal injuries, and pack away any leftovers quickly to keep curious pets at bay. Similarly, beware of ingredients like onions, garlic and chives, which are common in

stuffing and casseroles, and are toxic to both dogs and cats.

If you want to include your four-legged family members in the celebration, plain turkey breast, unseasoned green beans or pumpkin puree are safe for most pets to consume. However, many other seasonal desserts contain chocolate, raisins, grapes or the sugar substitute xylitol, which can also be harmful. Be sure to keep beverages out of reach as well, as pets can quickly absorb alcohol, which may lead to alcohol poisoning.

Mind the Decorations

Seasonal decor can make your home feel welcoming, but pets are curious by nature and often attracted to new items in their living spaces. Help keep your furry friends safe by sitting or hanging decorations out of paws' reach and unplugging extra cords and string lights when not in use as they pose a chewing — and shock — risk to pets.

Beware of Open Flames

Heat sources, such as fireplaces and wood stoves, can be enticing with their warm embers and golden hue, but they also pose serious fire and burn risks should wagging tails or chilly noses get too close. Keep pets a safe distance from open flames by placing a guard around the flame and, similarly, keep lit candles out of pets' reach.

Prepare for Cool-Weather Walks

If you live in an area with snow

and ice, be cautious of weather conditions when sending pets outside to play or use the bathroom, and consider a pet sweater or jacket and booties to protect them from the cold. When going out for walks, particularly during the early morning and late evening hours, use a non-retractable leash to keep furry family members close, wear high-visibility gear and avoid paths, roads and trails with limited lighting.

Visit vcaholiday.com to find a location near you in case of emergency and more tips to keep your pets happy and healthy this Thanksgiving.

Emergency Situations That Require Immediate Attention

During the holidays — or any other time or year — accidents can happen. Should your pet be involved in any of these situations, they likely require emergency veterinary attention:

- Severe accident or trauma
 - Vomiting or diarrhea that goes on for an extended time
 - Severe fever or malaise
 - Birthing problems
 - Broken bones
 - Getting hit by a car
 - Seizures
 - Shock
 - Uncontrolled bleeding
 - Attack by another animal
 - Known or suspected toxin ingestion
 - Difficulty breathing or severe coughing
- (*Family Features*)

How to honor loved ones' memories during the holidays

The holiday season can be a time of joy and connection, but it can also bring intense feelings of loss and sadness for those grieving the death of a loved one.

To help families honor memories while caring for their emotional well-being, the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) recognizes the unique challenges of this season and offers these resources and tips.

Embrace Your Feelings

Grief is unique to each person, and emotions during the holidays can vary widely - from sadness and longing to moments of joy and peace. Give yourself permission to feel whatever arises without judgment. Allow space for tears or quiet reflection and remember it's OK to experience mixed emotions. Acknowledging your feelings honestly can help you move through the season with greater self-compassion.

Create New Traditions

While old holiday traditions often hold treasured memories, creating new rituals can help you honor your loved one in a personal way.

"Keep as many traditions as you can keep, but we always encourage families to create a new tradition to remember that loved one who's been lost," said Tim Schramm, owner of Howe-Peterson Funeral Homes.

Lighting a candle in their memory, sharing stories that celebrate their life or setting up a special display of photos or keepsakes are small acts that can bring comfort. Some people find meaning in donating to a charity in their honor or volunteering together with family or friends to celebrate the spirit of giving.

Lean on Your Support System

Having trusted people around you can offer solace. Whether through family gatherings, friends, support groups or counseling, reaching out helps bridge feelings of loneliness. Being with others who understand your grief or sharing your memories can provide reassurance and companionship during times that might feel isolating.

Set Boundaries to Protect Your Well-Being

It's important to do what feels right for you, even if that means saying no to events or stepping away from overwhelming situations. Setting limits helps protect your emotional health and allows you to navigate the holidays at your own pace.

"As funeral directors, we often remind families that caring for yourself is just as important as honoring your loved one," said Dr. Camelia Clarke, owner and licensed funeral director at Paradise Memorial. "Setting boundaries isn't selfish — it's an act of compassion that allows you to truly be present in the moments that matter most."

Communicate honestly with loved ones about your needs as they will likely appreciate your openness.

Prioritize Self-Care

Grief can be emotionally and physically tiring, especially around the holidays. Take care of yourself through adequate rest, comforting meals, finding a new hobby or buying yourself a gift. Simple mindfulness practices, such as journaling or breathing exercises, can also help manage stress and bring moments of calm.

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November 27 Through January 1

November 11/27

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 11/28

East River Nursery Christmas Open House
8:30 am - East River Nursery

Parade of Lights
7 pm - Market Street to 21st Street

Salvation Army Angel Tree Program
Runnings Nov 28 - Dec 15 & Walmart Dec 1 - Dec 15

Naughty or Nice Shop Huron & Win Campaign
Nov 21 to Dec 24 – All Huron Businesses

November 11/29

Shop Small Saturday Spread Holiday Cheer
Huron Small Businesses
Don't Spill The Beans
Come Meet Santa, 10 am to 2 pm

December 12/01

Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program
6:30 pm - Huron High School

December 12/02

Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program
6:30 pm - Huron High School

December 12/03

Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program
6:30 pm - Huron High School

December 12/04

Peaceful Pines Jingle and Mingle
6:30 pm to 8 pm - Peaceful Pines

Salvation Army Christmas Basket Program
6:30 pm - Huron High School

December 12/06

American Lutheran Church Advent Brunch
10 am to 12 pm - American Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity School Christmas Bingo
6 pm to 8 pm - Holy Trinity School

December 12/07

Little Blossom Christmas Program
5 pm - Faith Alive Church

December 12/13

Huron Farmers' Market Holiday Bazaar
10 am to 2 pm - Central Plaza

American Legion Visit Sant and Mrs. Claus
1 pm to 3 pm - American Legion

December 12/16

Peaceful Pines Holiday Open House
2 pm to 4 pm - Peaceful Pines

December 12/17

Deck The Hall With The Jesse Christen Band
7 pm - Huron High School

December 12/18

1st Stop Insurance Christmas Open House
10 am to 4 pm - 1st Stop

December 12/20

Santa and Live Reindeer
1 pm to 3 pm, Huron Public Library

December 12/25

Merry Christmas!

December 12/29

Holiday Classic Basketball 2025
Dec 29 & December 30 - Huron Arena

December 12/31

New Years Eve

January 1/1

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Happy Holidays

Healthy Holidays:

Finding balance, joy and movement

The holiday season brings sparkling lights, family gatherings and plenty of opportunities to slow down and savor meaningful moments.

It also brings full calendars, frosty weather and indulgent treats at every turn. According to Kundana Neelam, MD, internal medicine physician at HRMC Physicians Clinic, maintaining your well-being during December doesn't have to mean missing out on the fun — it's all about balance.

"The holidays are a wonderful time to connect, celebrate and reflect," Dr. Neelam shared. "With a few mindful habits, you can enjoy the season while still taking care of your health."



Kundana Neelam, MD

quiet moment each day to reset. A calmer mind leads to a more joyful season.

Savor Seasonal Treats In Moderation

Cookies, cocoa and holiday feasts are part of the magic, but so is feeling your best. Dr. Neelam encourages enjoying holiday favorites with intention.

"You don't have to avoid treats entirely," she said. "Just be mindful of portion sizes, stay consistent with your regular meals and aim to fill half your plate with fruits or vegetables when possible."

By staying hydrated, eating protein throughout the day and avoiding skipping meals, you're less likely to overeat once the party starts.

Enjoy the Season with a Healthy Mindset

The most important tip? Be kind to yourself. The goal isn't perfection, but balance.

"Give yourself grace, enjoy the traditions you love and make small choices that support your health," Dr. Neelam encouraged. "That combination helps you feel your best so you can truly enjoy the holiday season."

From movement to mindfulness and everything in between, taking intentional steps now can help you head into the new year feeling strong, calm and refreshed.

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Remember with Compassion
Honoring your loved one's memory is a personal journey. You might choose to share stories, write letters, observe moments of silence or engage in creative expressions like art or music. Embracing these acts with kindness and patience fosters healing and helps keep their spirit alive.
The holiday season often brings both challenges and opportunities for healing. By embracing your emotions, leaning on support, creating meaningful rituals, and caring for yourself, you can honor your loved ones in ways that feel right for you. Remember, you don't have to face this time alone. Resources like journey cards from RememberingALife.com and other ways to keep memories alive are available to provide guidance and comfort as needed. — (Family Features)

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