

### Milbank Museums to Open for Visits by Appointment

The members of the Grant County Historical Society board announced this week a change in operations and accessibility to the Milbank museums the organization oversees. This summer, the museums will be accessible by appointment only, rather than on set days and times, as had been the case for years.

Milbank museums include the Grant County Historical Museum, Dolan-Justice Memorial Museum, Historical House and Amsden Country School. The historical society also oversees the Ag Museum, Tractor Museum and Buggy Museum in Stockholm and the rural Brown Earth Indian Church.

To arrange visits to the Milbank museums, call Gloria Cooley, 605-445-1555; Marsha Lundberg, 605-676-2478, or Deb Cuyle, 208-512-1035. The board members hope for improved attendance by going to the new format to meet the needs of the public while preserving the area's history.

### Brookings-Deuel Water System Earns Award

The Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System and the system's operations specialists have been awarded a Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR).

"Consistent success is a true measure of excellence," said Hunter Roberts, DANR secretary. "With more than 17 years of consecutive compliance, the Brookings-Deuel Rural Water System has demonstrated its commitment to providing its customers with safe and reliable drinking water."

To qualify for the award, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the compliance monitoring and reporting requirements, drinking water standards, and certification requirements for 10 consecutive years or more.

### Review Staffers Nab Awards State Newspaper Contest

The Grant County Review received five awards for outstanding work during the annual South Dakota Newspaper Association convention, which was staged jointly with the North Dakota Newspaper Association. The event was in Devil's Lake, ND, May 12 and 13.

The Grant County Review competes in the division for weekly newspapers with more than 1,300 subscribers. Ashlie Schweitzer, an eight-year employee of the Review, earned five awards for her advertising design. She earned first place in the best two-column ad contest with the Corona St.

Patrick's Day ad; second place for the best business directory page or signature ad with the monthly page promoting locally-owned businesses; second place with best single ad idea for the UPI Petroleum ad thanking farmers for their dedication, and best use of local photography in a UPI Petroleum ad.

Deb Cuyle, who writes feature stories for the Review, earned a second place award for the story about former Milbank resident, Mike Webb, who solved a cold case in Sioux Falls. The article was published in November 2022.



Jorja Whempner



Mary Kate Minder

### Summit School to Graduate 13 Seniors on Saturday

The 13 members of Summit High School's senior class will graduate on Saturday, May 20. The commencement ceremony will be conducted in the school gymnasium beginning at 2 p.m.

Jorja Whempner has been named as the valedictorian and Mary Kate Minder is the salutatorian.

Graduating with honors are Veronica Belva Brown, Cierra S. Fonder, Kathryn LaVonne Karst, Brady Joseph Lindholm, Mary Kate Minder, Damon N. Opdahl, and Jorja Lee Whempner. The class also includes Brock Stephen

Faeth, Kellen C. Jaques, Jonathan A. Johnston, Teryn E. Menning, Simon Lee Pies and Hunter J. Zubke.

Junior escorts for the ceremony will be Ava Breske and Madelyn Hinkelman while Renee Feather and McKenzie Moe are the eighth grade ushers.

The class of 2023 chose red, black and white for the class colors and red alstroemeria as the class flower. The motto the members chose is a quote by fictional character Captain Jack Sparrow, "Did everyone see that? Because I will not be doing it again."



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**SIGNING THE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION** designating May 26 as National Poppy Day in Big Stone City is Big Stone City mayor Steve Brown, center. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary #229 are with Brown. They are front row, left to right, Margaret Kuefler, Sue Harmening, president Gloria Arndt, Brown, first vice president Doris Scheff and Phyllis Lieb. Back row, Dawn Barnhardt, Sandy Rice, Sue Christensen, Linda Brandt, Janice Hinders, second vice president Patty Bolsta and Paulette Webb. Poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to the fallen and the future of living veterans and service members. They encourage all citizens, residents and visitors in Big Stone City, to join in observing this day to honor every service member who has died in the name of liberty, freedom and democracy, while also showing their support for living veterans, service members and their families.

### Community Events

**Buggy Museum Opens**

The Buggy Museum in Stockholm will open for the season at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. The public is invited to attend for buggy rides and barbecue from the Hill-top Smoke Shack.

**Knights of Columbus Meal**

The community is invited to the Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, May 21, at the St. Lawrence Parish Center. The fundraiser meal will be served from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

**County Senior Citizens Group**

Area seniors are invited to a meeting of the Grant County Senior Citizens Group from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Milbank Visitor Center on Wednesday, May 24. Refreshments will be served.



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**HONORING** Caitlyn Graf, second from right, as South Dakota's region one Teacher of the Year were South Dakota Secretary of Education Joe Graves, second from left, and Amanda Hargreaves, right, from the South Dakota Department of Education (DOE), with Milbank School District superintendent Justin Downes, left.

### Caitlyn Graf Recognized as Regional Teacher of the Year

Milbank High School math teacher Caitlyn Graf was presented with recognition as Teacher of the Year for region one in South Dakota on Wednesday, May 10.

Joe Graves, South Dakota secretary of education, and Amanda Hargreaves from the South Dakota Department of Education (DOE) visited the high school on Wednesday morning to present Graf with the award during her junior and senior pre-calculus class. Although Graf had been given advance notice of the award and visit, it was a welcome surprise for her students and peers.

"I feel incredibly honored and grateful," said Graf. "I am just so blessed that I get to work in the amazing district that I grew up in with incredible coworkers. Growing up, I had the best teachers and they inspired me to become a teacher myself. I hope they know how much of a positive impact they had on my life. You can't receive an award like this without your students, and I am so very thankful for and proud of them."

High school principal Dan Snaza commends Graf on her commitment to her students. "When it comes to teaching, Mrs. Graf is all in – emotionally, physically and academically. Her satisfaction comes from the success her students experience. She has created strong relationships with her students. We are fortunate to have numerous teachers in our district

who feel the same way," said Snaza.

Graf was named Milbank teacher of the year in February. The statewide teacher of the year will be announced at a banquet on Thursday, September 28, in Mitchell.

There are five regions in South Dakota. The other regional teachers of the year are George Hawkins,

social studies, Jefferson High School in Sioux Falls (region two); Valerie Nelson, kindergarten, Chamberlain Elementary (region three); Lindsey Bachman, third grade, Mobridge-Pollock Upper Elementary (region four) and Alyssa Walters, English language arts, Spearfish High School (region five).

–Emelia Enquist



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**EARNING** the Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is Gabriel Beckman of Milbank. The award is the highest offered by the BSA. He will be presented with the award on Sunday, May 21.

### Beckman to Receive Eagle Scout Award

Gabriel Beckman of Milbank has earned the Eagle Scout Award, the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers Scouts. He will be recognized in a ceremony at Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank on Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Beckman is a member of Troop 45, chartered by American Lutheran Church and in its 78th chartered year. He is one of approximately six percent of all Boy Scouts of America who attain the Eagle Scout rank, according to Scoutmaster Jeff Loutsch.

Upon earning Life Rank, each candidate must have earned 21 merit badges, 14 of which are Eagle merit badges, and successfully lead and complete a community, church, or synagogue-related

service project to earn his Eagle. Beckman designed and built a campfire pit at Living Word Lutheran Church to provide an outdoor space for gathering and fellowship.

Beckman has served as quartermaster, patrol leader, scribe and assistant senior patrol leader in his troop. Beckman is also a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, BSA's honor society. He has also completed National Youth Leadership Training.

Beckman is a member of Living Word Lutheran Church and is active in the church's youth group, trap team and archery. He attends Milbank High School, where he will be a senior.

Beckman is the son of Rhonda Beckman of Milbank.



# Grassland Conservation Reserve Program Signup

Officials with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can begin signing up for the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) through May 26.

Among CRP enrollment opportunities, grassland CRP is a unique working lands program, allowing producers and landowners to continue grazing and haying practices while conserving grasslands and promoting plant and animal biodiversity as well as healthier soil.

Landowners and producers interested in grassland CRP, or any other CRP enrollment option, should contact their local USDA service center to learn more or to apply for the program before the deadlines.

Producers with expiring CRP acres can enroll in the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), which incentivizes producers who sell or enter into a long-term lease with a beginning, veteran, or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher who plans to sustainably farm or ranch the land.

Under continuous CRP, producers and landowners can enroll throughout the year. Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements, and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Continuous CRP includes a climate-smart practice incentive to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by helping producers and landowners establish trees and permanent grasses, enhance wildlife habitat and restore wetlands.

FSA offers several additional enrollment opportunities within

continuous CRP, including the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative, the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Also available is the Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR30) initiative, which was originally piloted in twelve states but has since been expanded nationwide, giving producers and landowners across the country the opportunity to enroll in 30-year CRP contracts for water quality practices.

## Summer Reading Program Slated at Big Stone Library

The Big Stone Library will host a free six-week summer reading program, conducted each Wednesday beginning June 7 and continuing through July 19. Sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.

All Together Now! is the reading program's theme. Planned activities include origami, dot art, gardening, fossils, telescopes and bingo. On the last day, there will be root beer floats by the Big Stone City Horizon Committee, reading awards and prizes.

Reading program registration will be open from Wednesday, May 17, through Wednesday, May 31. Children going into grades kindergarten through fifth grade may be signed up. Families interested in signing their children up may stop at the library during regular hours, noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. There will be special treats and a treasure box toy for each child signed up during the designated registration time. Summer reading program bags and library program folders will be given to parents when they register. Reading time can start to be recorded starting Wednesday, June 7.

Contact Janelle Kelly, branch librarian, with questions during normal library hours or by email at [bsclibrary12@hotmail.com](mailto:bsclibrary12@hotmail.com).



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**THE GRADUATION CEREMONY** for the Waverly-South Shore class of 2023 will be Saturday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym at Waverly. The valedictorian is Jedi Buting and salutatorian is Sophia Dalton. The class includes, back row, Bridget Eschen, Abby Ekern, Aleethia Carlson, Myles Pekelder, Wyatt Endres, Gavyn Jorgensen, Emma Hanson and Jedi Buting. Second row, Janessa Husmann, Kaden Molengraaf, Lily Revalee,

Sophie Dalton, Nicolay Jakhelln, Owen Gilmour, Gavin Meadors and Troy Kneeland. Front, Grant Holman, Cody Liebaert, Kolby Ries, Chloe Lee, Evan Comes, Dan Dalton and Landon Maag. The class chose a quote from Dr. Seuss as its motto: "You never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

## One Defendant Sentenced in Third Circuit Court Here

During the Third Circuit Court proceedings in Milbank on Tuesday, May 9, Judge Dawn Elshere sentenced one defendant.

On a charge of ingestion of a controlled substance in schedules I or II, Benjamin Sessler was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary, but the time is suspended if he meets conditions. The maximum sentence for the class five felony is five years imprisonment and an additional potential fine of \$10,000.

Sessler had pled not guilty to the charge during the January 31 court session. On May 9, he changed his plea to guilty and waived the presentence investigation.

According to Jackson Schwandt, Grant County state's attorney, while Sessler was on parole, he was taken into custody on a different charge. Under those conditions, he was required to provide a urine sample. Analysis of the sample confirmed the presence of methamphetamine in Sessler's system, violating state law.

The conditions Sessler must abide by for the sentence to remain suspended include that he will be subject to the rules of the Board of Pardon and Parole, pay all costs, including court-appointed attorney fees, and reimburse for the urinary analysis and complete the Project Turnabout Program.

David Nitz pled not guilty to aggravated assault—serious bodily injury, a class three felony. The maximum sentence is 15 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary. An additional fine of \$30,000 may be imposed. A jury trial for the case is tentatively set for Tuesday, August 10.

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Courtesy Wastewater Treatment Plant



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**GRADUATES** of Learning Time Preschool are back row, left to right, Ryder Mastel, Jonah Ibarra and Maura Berg. Front, Kyson Madsen, Isla Kelly and Scout Fieber. The program was conducted on Friday, May 12. Their teacher is Paula Wieting.



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**PRESENTING** the \$500 Tanner Schwagel Memorial Scholarship to graduating senior Tice Mursu is junior Brooke Schwagel, Tanner's sister. The scholarship presentation was one of many during awards day at the high school on Wednesday, May 10.

Find a full story about senior scholarships and recognitions elsewhere in this issue.

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## MAY IS MILITARY Appreciation Month

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# Seniors Earn \$1 Million-plus in Scholarships

Members of the Milbank High School graduating class were recognized for earning \$1.18 million in scholarship funds during the awards day presentation at the high school on Wednesday, May 10.

High school principal Dan Snaza led the ceremony, with community members presenting scholarships and Snaza presenting awards for academic honors and attendance.

Scholarship recipients and their awards included the following:

Luis Berrones – Milbank Education Foundation (MEF) Les Bloem \$2,500; Green Math Contest Scholarship NSU, \$476; WolfPact Scholarship, \$9,000; MEF First Generation, \$2,500; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Dylan Bohn – MEF Stengel Family, \$2,500; Andrew Schmidt Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Kylene Bowen – SD National Guard Federal Tuition, \$8,000; Grant County Rural Water, \$500.

Harley Davis – MEF Valley Queen, \$2,500.00; NSU WolfPact, \$9,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500; MEA, \$200; American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, \$250; Milbank VFW, \$2,500.

Jenna Dexter – Menze/Veen Family Scholarship, \$1,500; MEF Carol Aden, \$5,000; Snow Queen, \$250; Milbank Area Hospital, \$1,000.

Averie Engebretson – Red Cross Scholarship, \$500; DSU Merit Champion Scholarship, \$10,000; DSU Track, \$500; MEF Valley Queen, \$2,500; MEF Lindquist Class of 79, \$1,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Mallory Falk – Milbank Opportunity VQ Charitable Foundation, \$2,000.

Adelynn Farrell – USD Leadership, \$2,000; USD Dual Credit Scholarship, \$150; MEF Flittie, \$4,000; MEF Upton, \$2,500; SD Op-

portunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Sammy Femling – MEF Carol Aden, \$5,000; Dakota Build Scholarship, \$21,092.

Aidan Foell – First Bank and Trust, \$1,000; Boys State Scholarship, \$1,000; Dual Credit Scholarship, \$1,600; Coyote Commitment Heritage Scholarship, \$12,000; MEF Patridge Brisco, \$9,400; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Marianna Fonder – Grant County ARC, \$500; Milbank Opportunity VQ Charitable Foundation: \$2,000.

Laney Forrette – Yellow and Blue Scholarship, \$4,000; MEF Campbell, \$2,500; Milbank VFW, \$2,500, Milbank Bowling, \$1,000.

Jorge Franco – Milbank Opportunity VQ Charitable Foundation, \$2,000.

Sawyer Gauer – MEF Kiwanis, \$2,5000; SDSU Yellow and Blue, \$4,000.

Eli Johnson – MEF Madsen, \$2,500; NDSU Bison Guarantee, \$8,000; Wheaton Masonic Lodge Scholarship, \$1,000; MEF Smith, \$1,250.

Laura Johnson – WolfPact, \$4,000; Atkins Elem Ed, \$2,000; National Wild Turkey Federation - Whetstone Gobblers, \$500; National Wild Turkey Federation – SD, \$500; Milbank Opportunity VQ Charitable Foundation, \$2,000.

Merik Junker – MEF Kiwanis, \$2,500; Valley City State University President's Scholarship, \$16,000; MEF Flynn, \$5,000.

Isaiah Korstjens – MEF Kline \$2,500; Augustana Presidential Scholarship, \$92,000; Augustana SD Impact Scholarship, \$4,000; Augustana YT Johnson Science, \$4,000; Augustana Family Tuition, \$2,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship/Match, \$10,400; MEF Buri, \$5,000.

Tyler Lee – MEF Carol Aden, \$5,000.

Ian Liebe – NSU Sanford Dean Scholarship, \$1,000; NSU Music, \$4,000.

Maxwell Lightfield – First Bank and Trust, \$1,000; United State Senate Youth Program, \$10,000; Samsung American Legion Boys State, \$1,250; MEF Engebretson, \$26,000; Harvard, \$248,200.

Sage Locke – ND Aiguard Tuition, \$67,864.

Madilyn Loeschke – MEF Kiwanis, \$2,500.

Aiden Ludvigson – MEF Tschetter, \$2,500; Clarence and Phyllis Justice, \$2,500; SDSU: SD Freedom, \$5,000; Yellow and Blue, \$8,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Tice Mursu – Yellow and Blue, \$12,000; Jackrabbit Now Boys State Officer Scholarship, \$1,000; College of Ag, Food and Environmental Science Dean's Excellence Scholarship, \$3,000; Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, \$500; MEF Buri, \$5,000; MEF Modin, \$2,500; Tanner Schwagel Memorial Scholarship, \$500; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Elizabeth Neugebauer – NDSU, \$12,000; MEF Flynn, \$5,000; MEF Buri Student Selection, \$2,500; Justin and Hannah Maass Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; Arlen Conrad Memorial Scholarship, \$500.

Ashlyn O'Farrell – MEF Munson, \$2,500; MEF Emanuel, \$2,500; USD Dual Credit Scholarship, \$1,100; USD Coyote Commitment, \$4,000; Snow Queen, \$150.

Justus Osborn – American Legion Post 9, \$500; Milbank Bowling, \$1,000; Milbank Opportunity VQ Charitable Foundation, \$2,000.

Rylie Overby – Red Cross Scholarship, \$500; MEF Valley Queen, \$2,500; NDSU Development Foundation Honor Scholarship, \$1,000; NDSU Provost Award, \$6,000.

Carter Phinney – MEF Buri, \$2,500; MEF SA, \$2,500; Clarence

and Ruth Forman Family Scholarship, \$500; Hardrocker Scholar, \$4,000; Whetstone Valley Electric Coop Scholar, \$1,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Nathan Pillatzki – Clarence and Phyllis Justice, \$2,500; Grant County Rural Water, \$500.

Barrett Schneck – Milbank Wrestling Booster Club and Justin Maass Memorial Scholarship, \$500; NDSU Presidential Honor Award, \$8,000; MEF Valley Queen, \$2,500.

Nadia Schneck – MEF VanLith, \$2,500.

Hallie Schulte – MEF Kuper Family, \$3,000; Kristen Bakke Diederich Scholarship NDSU, \$6,000; NDSU Development Foundation Honor Scholarship, \$1,000; NDSU Presidential Award, \$12,000; MEF Scott Family, \$2,500.

Cassidy Schwagel – MEF Anderson, \$2,500; American Legion Post 9, \$1,000; Ortonville VFW, \$1,000; SDSU Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, \$1,000; Yellow & Blue, \$8,000; MEF Mohs Family, \$5,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500; Snow Queen, \$500; David and Nancy Kruger Agricultural Scholarship, \$2,000; Milbank Chamber Ag, \$500.

Casside Seezs – NSU Dual Credit Scholarship, \$500; WolfPact, \$8,000; NSU Atkins, \$6,000; MEF Valley Queen, \$2,500.

Elsie Seffrood – Montana State's Achievement Award Scholarship, \$56,000; MEF Linda's Fashions, \$5,000; MEF Gruenwald, \$2,500.

Jacob Shelstad – Yellow and Blue, \$4,000; Jackrabbit Now, \$1,000; SDSU Music Scholarship, \$1,900; MEF Valley Queen, \$2,500; MEF Van Sambeek, \$1,000.

Jasmine Smith – Build Dakota – Brown Clinic – Nursing, \$14,003; Red Cross Scholarship, \$500; MEF Ostlie, \$2,500.

Will Snaza – MEF Whetstone



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**AWARDED the Milbank Opportunity Scholarship from the Valley Queen Charitable Foundation was Marianna Fonder. Randy Twistol, the company's vice president of human resources, was one of many presenting awards in a ceremony in the high school theatre on Wednesday, May 10. Other recipients of the foundation's \$2,500 scholarship were Mallory Falk, Jorge Franco, Laura Johnson and Justus Osborn.**

Nursing Home, \$2,500; MEF Meyer, \$2,500; Yellow and Blue, \$4,000.

Gauge Stengel – Red Cross Scholarship, \$500; SDSU Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, \$500; SDSU Yellow and Blue Scholarship, \$8,000; MEF Stengel Family, \$2,500; MEF Class of 1956, \$1,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Maurina Street – Coyote Commitment Excellence Scholarship USD, \$16,000; USD Housing Scholarship, \$8,908; USD Dual Credit Scholarship, \$1,100; MEF Engebretson, \$26,000; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500.

Madison Tesch – Sanford Health Network Scholarship, \$2,000; MEF Bracht, \$2,500.

Keara Vanhoorn – Berens Market Scholarship, \$500.

Avery Whitesitt – MEF Carol Aden, \$5,000.

Camryn Wiese – MEF Sam Grorud, \$5,000; SDSU Yellow and Blue, \$6,000; MEF Strege, \$2,500; David and Nancy Kruger Creative Arts Scholarship, \$2,000.

Julia Wiik – MEF Patridge Brisco, \$9,400; Ortonville VFW, \$1,000; Red Cross Scholarship, \$500; Augustana University Presidential Scholarship, \$22,000; Augustana Y.T. Johnson Science Scholarship, \$1,000.

Emily Jo Wollschlager – WolfPact \$9,000; Sanford Dean's Scholarship, \$1,000; Northern's Dual Credit Scholarship, \$1,000; ITC Telecom and Dean Anderson Scholarship, \$700; MEF Patridge Brisco, \$9,400; SD Opportunity Scholarship, \$6,500; Spirit of the Cats Foundation Scholarship, \$3,000.

## Grant County Circuit Court

In each of the following cases, the defendants were ordered to pay fines and costs, and shall not commit any federal, state or local crimes for a period of one year. Other conditions applied are listed.

Trey Robert Bagauss, Milbank; possession controlled substance in schedules III or IV; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: \$483.50; court costs: \$50; surcharges: \$66.50; sentenced to penitentiary two years. In lieu of two years state penitentiary time, defendant is to serve 30 days in Grant County jail.

Conditions: the defendant shall be imprisoned in the county detention center for a period of 30 days; the defendant shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of two years and shall obey all terms and conditions of probation established by their court service officer; the defendant shall not consume or possess alcoholic beverages and shall not be present in any establishment where alcohol is the primary item of revenue; the defendant shall, without necessity of probable cause or warrant, and at the request of any court service officer or law enforcement agency during the term of probation, voluntarily submit to a search and seizure of his/her person, personal effects, vehicle and residence; the defendant shall be monitored by court services and shall obey all terms and conditions of monitoring established by their court service officer for a period of two years; the defendant shall be granted the privilege of work release, subject to the rules and regulations of the detention center; the defendant shall reimburse the county for the costs of detention at the rate of \$25 per day and the county shall have a lien against the defendant for the costs of detention; the defendant shall be given credit for pretrial detention of 30 days; the defendant shall, without the necessity of probable cause or warrant, and at the request of any court service officer during the term of probation, voluntarily give a sample of his/her bodily substances for testing purposes and pay the costs thereof; the defendant completes any after-care that is recommended, all at the defendant's own expense.

Peter Leroy Nelson, Revillo; traffic in/substitute plates; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: \$100; court costs: \$50; surcharges: \$46.50; sentenced to jail 10 days, suspended 10 days.

Conditions: the defendant shall reimburse the county for the cost of the defendant's court-appointed attorney and the county shall have a lien against the defendant for that amount.

Tanner James Gardner, Milbank; driving under influence—first offense; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: \$400; susp. fine: \$165; court costs: \$265; surcharges: \$46.50.

Conditions: the defendant shall be suspended upon the condition that the defendant reimburse the county for the costs of the blood test and analysis and the county shall have a lien against the defendant for that amount.

Anne Marie Schulte, Milbank; driving under influence—first offense; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: 400; susp. fine: \$165; court costs: \$265; surcharges: \$46.50.

Conditions: the defendant shall reimburse the county for the cost of the defendant's court-appointed attorney and the county shall have a lien against the defendant for that amount; that \$165 of said fine shall be suspended upon the condition that the defendant reimburse the county for the costs of the blood test and analysis.

David Lowell Zeek, Big Stone City; reckless driving; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: \$300; susp. fine: \$165; court costs: \$215; surcharges: \$46.50; sentenced to jail 30 days, suspended 30 days.

Conditions: that \$165 of said fine shall be suspended upon the condition that the defendant reimburse the county for the costs of the blood test and analysis.

Crystal I. Spragis, Saint Paul, NE; driving under influence—first offense; disposition: suspended imposition of sentence; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: \$400; susp. fine: \$165; court costs: \$265; surcharges: \$46.50.

Conditions: that \$165 of said fine shall be suspended upon the condition that the defendant reimburse the county for the costs of the blood test and analysis; the defendant shall reimburse the county for the cost of the defendant's court-appointed attorney and the county shall have a lien against the defendant for that amount.

Michael J. Anderson, Ortonville, MN; driving under influence—first offense; plea: guilty; issued by state's attorney; fine: \$400; susp. fine: \$165; court costs: \$265; surcharges: \$46.50; license revoked for 30 days; sentenced to jail 30 days, suspended 30 days.

Conditions: the defendant shall complete a chemical/alcohol dependency evaluation within 30 days of release from detention and thereafter successfully complete any recommended and approved treatment at the direction of their court service officer, all at the defendant's own expense within 90 days; that \$165 of said fine shall be suspended upon the condition that the defendant reimburse the county for the costs of the blood test and analysis.



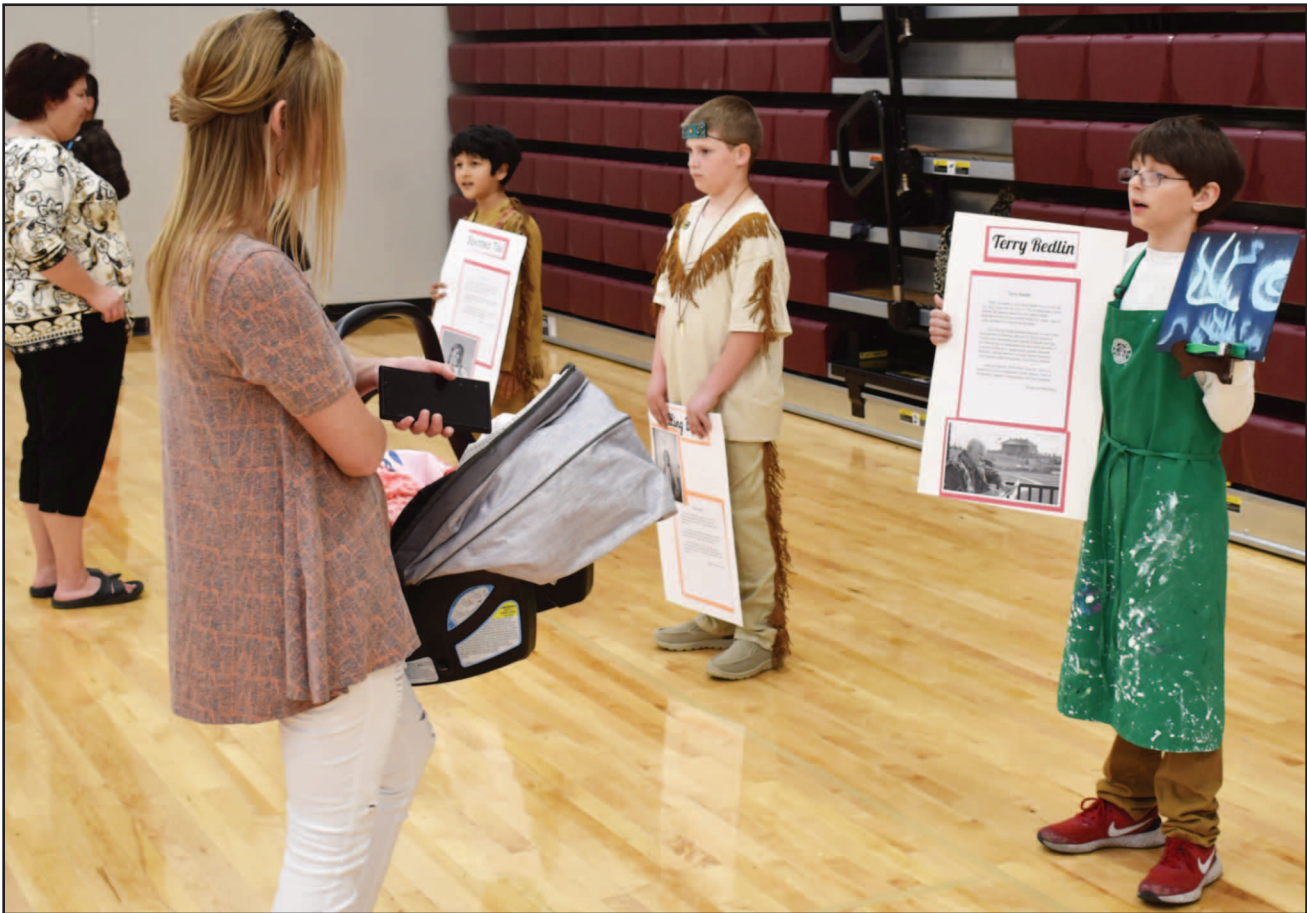
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**Milbank Museums**

- Historical Museum
- Historical House
- Amsden Country School
- Dolan-Justice Memorial Museum

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**FOURTH GRADERS** showcased famous South Dakotans like Spotted Tail, Sitting Bull and Terry Redlin at their wax museum on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 10, in the Milbank Elementary School gym.

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The Bright Spot

by Holli Seehafer



If you read Jennifer Seehafer’s travel column in this issue, you’ll see that she and I made a relatively quick trip to Dripping Springs, TX, in April. It was great to step away from work for a couple of days because it’s been pretty intense here for several months.

What Jen didn’t tell you in her column is that I am a lucky charm of sorts. Let me tell you, I don’t travel much, but when I travel to the desert, it rains!

Step back in time with me ... Christmas 2022: my husband Jeff, Jen and I flew to Phoenix, AZ, to spend a few days with our older daughter Jessica. She was on a nursing contract at a nearby hospital and couldn’t come home for Christmas.

Because her living arrangement was cramped and not private, Jeff, Jen and I booked an Airbnb with a swimming pool (not uncommon in Arizona). Looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a pool-side picnic, we flew out of Sioux Falls on an icy December day and touched down in the land of sun and sand.

We (the four of us) did a lot of hiking on a 70-degree day, ate some scrumptious local fare and planned to do more outdoor activities for the next two days. We awoke the next morning to the sound of pouring rain. I gazed longingly at the pool while the others searched the Internet for indoor activities. “It has to stop soon,” I suggested.

It didn’t. It rained for two full days. Here’s the thing: Phoenix gets “some kind of precipitation” 33 days out of the year. Thirty-three, and we hit two solid days of downpours. Not cool, but whatever — right?

Just before plunging into the potential stress, turmoil and long hours associated with my purchase of Debbie Hemmer’s portion of the Grant County Review, I took a week off (vacation). The real driving force for this vacation was that, as a result of a canceled flight on the Phoenix adventure, Jeff and I had travel vouchers that were nearing their expiration. Use it or lose it! So we boarded a plane to Las Vegas to enjoy hiking and driving excursions. We did just that for a couple of days, but on the third morning, I was awakened by thunder, lightning and rain.

In Vegas, most rainfall occurs from December to February; in those months, there may be three rainy days per month. It was September. In a drought. Oh, well.

Now, on the trip with Jen, we were in the Hill County of Texas, not technically desert, but there was a lot of rock, sand and cactus. We arrived on Thursday afternoon, enjoyed supper and settled in for the night. Our sleeping arrangements had many windows, providing a wonderful view of the massive thunderstorm system that spawned tornadoes near Austin.

Showers continued until mid-morning, but we headed out for hiking despite that. That evening was beautiful, and we were treated to a stunning sunset. We awoke at 5 a.m. and drove an hour in the rain to Austin, where we boarded our flight to sunny Sioux Falls.

If you live in the desert and need to break a dry spell, send me an airline ticket — I think I must be a good luck charm. If I ever get tired of the newspaper business, I can hire out as a rainmaker. And there’s the bright spot!

Hills & Valleys

by Emelia Enquist



There is so much so-called great literature I haven’t read. I’ve made attempts! Look:

I checked out *Demons* by Dostoevsky and carted it around until I realized my library fine would be equal to the cost of owning the book.

I own several of the Brönte sisters’ greatest hits.

My eyes have seen Jane Austen’s work and I’ve thought, “I should read this,” and instead, I’ve read a blog post about something I don’t agree with, written by someone I do not like.

I do love to read, and it’s because of that love that I procrastinate on reading a lot of things. You only get one crack at *Wuthering Heights* for the first time, whereas you can sow down a bunch of modern tomes about women not having it together and each one is a joyful nugget of “... and there’s more where that came from!” (Although I hope that in 100 years, someone teaching high school English adds *My Year of Rest and Relaxation* by Ottessa Moshfegh to the syllabus because it is a pinnacle of the genre and an ode to the salty beauty of an unlikable narrator.)

There’s an entire suitcase of books in the backseat of my car, and I was digging around in there at noon today because I wanted to

unearth *Wuthering Heights* and *The Professor*. First I had to move a bunch of scarves, and then I had to chuck a Polish cookbook and a thick tome about Poland in World War II across the car, having apparently entered the Polish section of the mobile lending library. After that, I thought, mostly to myself, “Whose dream woman am I right now? Certainly someone’s!”

I bet there’s a great way to elegantly transition from that to something else, and if you can think of it, please pretend you’re reading it right now.

The week ahead promises to be exciting. It provides few specifics about its promises, but the promises are there. If I knew specifics, the excitement would perhaps cease. See, that element of mystery has to exist, or else it’s just *Groundhog Day*.

... and, look, about *Wuthering Heights*: I know the Kate Bush song. That should suffice until I actually crack the book, not? *Heathcliff, it’s me, I’m Cathy / I’ve come home, I’m so cold / Let me in your window*, et cetera, et cetera ... the great thing about great literature is that it translates effortlessly through media.

Happy haunting! (This would be way more thematically appropriate if it were Halloween, which it isn’t.)



REVIEWing the Past

10 Years Ago  
May 15, 2013

Milbank seniors, Isaac Lindquist and Rachel Johannsen, were selected as speakers at the Milbank High School graduation ceremony.

Barrett Loehrer, valedictorian, and Jolynn Adler, salutatorian, were top senior students at Grant-Deuel High School in Revillo.

Logan O’Farrell was named the Summit High School valedictorian and Presley O’Farrell and Matthew Zirbel, salutatorians.

Phyllis and Clarence Justice, owners of the Grant County Review, donated \$200,000 to the Grant County Historical Society to be used towards the construction of a new facility to house exhibits.

Don Anderson, employee of Dakota Granite in Milbank, retired after 29 years with the company.

Kaitlyn Plut was named student of the month at Grant-Deuel School.

Milbank students selected to attend the American Legion Boys State were Sean Pinkert, Ryker Reil, William Hins, Alex Humpton, Brock Tillman, Jimmy Lusk and Tyler Pahl.

Birch-Miller Legion Auxiliary Girls State candidates were Jenna Dockett, Megan Thomas, Maddie Foss, Rebecca Leddy and Emily Pil-latzki.

Chase Pinkert placed first in the junior division of the compound with sights-release class at the state 4-H Shooting Sports archery shoot. Sean Pinkert and Tucker McKernan received purple ribbons in the senior division of the same category.

Courtney Trapp and Andy Buchele were named female and male athletes of the year at the annual Milbank High School athletic banquet.

Bulldog golfer, Megan Schliesman, won the Northeast Conference and Region 1A individual golf titles. Milbank won the NEC team title. Other team members were Audrey Souza, Amber Schuelke, Morgan Jones and Jessica Dornbusch.

25 Years Ago  
May 13, 1998

Steve Wiener was sworn in as city councilman of Ward 1. He replaced Marcy Smith who had resigned to join the Milbank Police Department.

Diann Dauwen was named the new business manager for the Milbank School District. She replaced Gary Grimley, who retired.

Sleepy Hollow Millwork of Milbank announced the closing of its mill in Milbank.

Senior speakers at the Grant-Deuel High School graduation were Josh Beutler, valedictorian, and Hannah Anderson.

Cindy Hanssen was the Summit High School senior valedictorian.

A new granite monument was installed on the front lawn of the Grant County Museum in Milbank. It replaced an old, wooden sign which had hung on the stair railing at the museum.

Greg Bohn was elected president of the Milbank FFA Chapter. Other officers were Matt Reiners, vice president; Elizabeth Boos, secretary; Dawn Bowen, treasurer; Stacey Strube, reporter; Louis Schwandt, sentinel, and Lavyne Wieting, student advisor.

Grant-Deuel School fourth graders and their teacher, Shirley Robish, toured the Stage Coach House near Troy.

Roger Briggs of Milbank was elected to a two-year term as president of the North Central Chapter of the Electrical Apparatus Service Association.

Top award winners at the annual Milbank Women’s City Bowling Association banquet were Karen Jaquet, high average; Carole Walford, high scratch game, and Lila Dornbusch, high scratch series.

Bob Hirsch, Milbank wrestling coach, was selected to coach a team of South Dakota AAU wrestlers at the Disney Duals in Florida.

Milbank golfers Erin Radermacher and Alison Roehr qualified for the state Class A tournament.

Betty Richardt, a cafeteria cook at State Auto Insurance in Milbank, retired after 21 years of service with the company.

50 Years Ago  
May 16, 1973

Carol Van Sambeek was named Milbank High School student of the month.

Henry Konshak was hired as deputy sheriff for Grant County.

Susan Benting, a junior at Corona High School, was named to the All State staff of the South Dakota High School Press Association.

Senior speakers at the Grant-Deuel High School graduation ceremony were Edward Limberg, valedictorian, and Susan Hoffman, salutatorian.

Fred Oslund was named the valedictorian at Summit High School and DeLaine Johnson, salutatorian.

Lynell DeBoer was the salutatorian at Corona High School and Marilyn Hublou, valedictorian.

Milbank athletes earning medals at the Special Olympics event in Sioux Falls were Bradley LaRoche, Bruce Homan, Warren Mueller, Barbara Hall, Gladys Hall, Frank Mongold, Warren Smith and Debbie Hughes.

At the annual Women’s City Bowling Association awards event Mary Gravelle won the high series honors, 638, and Lorna Moore, high game, 266.

Bulldog Nancy Weber won the shot put and discus at the Northeast Conference track and field meet. She also won the discus at the Region 1A meet with a record-setting toss of 97’6”. Mary Gravelle won the 100-yard dash at the region meet, setting a new mark with her time of 12.0 seconds. Weber and Gravelle qualified for the state tournament as did the Milbank 440-yard relay team. Members of the squad were Gravelle, Dixie Frickson, Sheryl Tiesing and Lori Hoffers.

Bulldog Gordon Wibbens won the 100-, 220- and 440-yard dashes at the Northeast Conference meet.

75 Years Ago  
May 13, 1948

The Flanery Sausage Co. of Milbank was expanding. They added an addition to the front of its building for offices and an enclosed loading dock. On the west side of the building, the company was erecting a 28x63 feet addition with basement for coolers and a shipping room.

Top Milbank High School seniors were Joan Miller, valedictorian, and Marjorie Miller, salutatorian.

Darwin Glasier of Milbank was the winner of the VFW marble tournament.

Members of the Strandburg High School graduating class were Nellie Lou Downes, Marlys Nord, Carol Berg, Marlyn Johnson, Ramona Pekelder, Elmo Swenson, Raymond Hanson, James Krupp and Elroy Lundborg.

Excavation work got under way for the new American Legion hall and business block in Milbank.

Four male Milbank athletes qualified for the state track meet. They were (first names not provided) Judge (220-yard dash), Remund (100-yard dash), Hamilton (mile run) and Gary Croymans (880-yard run).

Births reported at St. Bernard Hospital in Milbank were a boy to Mrs. Merritt Pochardt, Milbank; boy, Mrs. Herbert Ferber, Milbank; girl, Mrs. Erwin Annett, Milbank; boy, Mrs. Milton Benting, Twin Brooks, and boy, Mrs. Marcus Fischer, Milbank.

Dr. J. A. Jacotet closed his office in the Bouck building on Main Street in Milbank the first of the month and opened an office in his home. He planned to continue to practice on a limited scale.

Work began on the new Community Oil Co. station at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Third Street.

The new brick parsonage of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Milbank was under construction.

Summit High School’s top seniors were Melvin Binde, valedictorian, and Anita Corr, salutatorian.

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Life Matters

“To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.” Elbert Hubbard’s one-liner is “tongue in cheek” because no matter how much we may try to stay out of anything controversial, our action (or inaction) will give us away. If we see our neighbor’s house is on fire and we “do nothing” we become complicit in their suffering. If another is being unfairly defamed and we “say nothing” we are in agreement. If we endeavor to “be nothing” we may be partly right because apart from what Jesus our Savior does in us we really are nothing. But (and this is a life-changing “but”) with Christ in us the hope of glory (Col. 1:27) we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us. (Phil. 4:13) With Christ in us we can take part in the “all things” of saving souls, by speaking the Truth and thus be as a “city set on a hill that cannot be hid.” (Matthew 5:13) “Who lighteth a candle and putteth it under a bushel?” (basket), Jesus asks and then continues, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) But in doing so we are not to be man-conscious, but God-conscious, as Jesus continues to instruct us farther on in the same sermon, recorded for us in Matthew chapters 5-7. To deny the power of Christ is to deny Him and will have eternal consequences. (II Timothy 3)

Truth is in jeopardy these days. Alan Bloom saw it and wrote *The Closing of the American Mind*, published in 1987. Dave Breese saw it and gave us the history of the dismantling and continual discarding of truth as objective reality in *Seven Men Who Rule the World* from the Grave, published in 1990. From the befuddled brain of Soren Kierkegaard came thoughts about truth that were so befuddled that they befuddled even him though he went on to write those thoughts that have gone on to befuddle higher education curriculums years later, until now we hear expressions such as “my truth” “his truth” “your truth” and so on as though truth has a fluidity subjective to one’s thoughts and reasonings about it. Truth is objective in that it has an object, a higher law that determines what it is and what it is not. Soren Kierkegaard himself admitted his own confusion, so it does seem as if those following his doctrine would rather stay confused, because the truth is too uncomfortable. But the truth about falsehood will eventually overtake even the most comfortable and relaxed in it as the unbelieving, with the fearful, the abominable, the murderers, the whoremongers, the sorcerers, the idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Rev. 21:8)

We don’t know for sure what (except some sort of belt) that men used back in the day when men wore robes (before such a thing as Levis or Khakis etc.) to “gird up thy loins now as a man” as God challenged Job (Job 40:7) or depicted as a part of the spiritual armor in Eph. Ch. 6 (... “having your loins girt about with truth.”) but we do know that such a girdle, belt or whatever, was used to gather up and tighten robes snugly on the men when preparing for work or battle. That belt may not seem as important for war in comparison to the sword, the shield, the breastplate, the helmet, or the shoes but if the warrior in hand-to-hand combat only tripped over himself (his loose robe) one time it could cost him his head no matter his skill in wielding everything else. And so it is that before we take up anything else we need our “lions girt about with truth” (Ephesians 6:14) We need spiritual defenses, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith quenching the fiery darts of the wicked; we need the weapons of offence, our spiritual feet shod and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, the truth we also need our loins girt about with. “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind...” (I Peter 1:13) Lest we trip over ourselves. And lose our heads. The enemy has declared full scale war on truth. Stay girded for it. **Life Matters!**

For the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I (Jesus) have overcome the world.

John 16:33

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Emanuel for the Lapps



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SQUAD GOALS – Participants in Unity’s soccer program charge down the chilly field on Tuesday, April 25. The spring season began on Tuesday, April 11, and concluded on Thursday, May 11.

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Sunday, May 21  
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Joanne Schmig

Joanne Schmig, age 80, of Stockholm died on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

Funeral services will Friday, May 19, at 11 a.m. at Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank. Visitation will be Thursday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mundwiler Funeral Home and continue at the church one hour before the service. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery at Stockholm.

Casket bearers will be Isaac Larson, Wade Falk, Monte Quade, Dan Thyen, Cole Frazee and Jairek Frazee. Honorary bearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

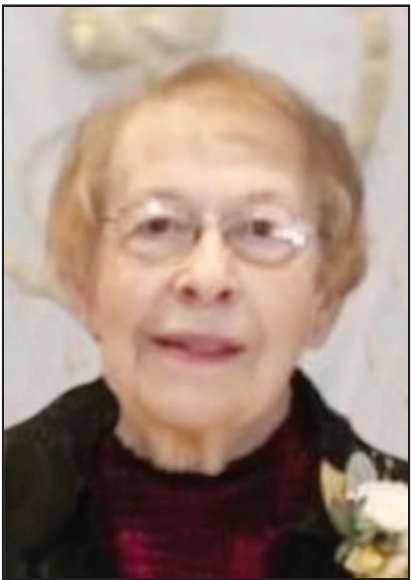
Joanne Frieda (Veen) Schmig was born on January 2, 1943, in Milbank. She was the daughter of John and Mabel (Dockter) Veen. Joanne grew up on the family farm north of Milbank and attended rural school at Melrose #3. She graduated from Milbank High School.

Joanne was united in marriage with Stanley Boone. They traveled the area and lived in several locations as Stanley worked road construction. They had three sons, Bob, Leslie and Roy.

Joanne settled in Milbank and began her career at Milbank Mutual Insurance Company. She started working as a clerk and was proud to have been promoted to the first woman agent for the company.

Joanne married Dennis Schmig on July 12, 1982, and gained four children, Denise, Nathan, Becky and Theresa. Joanne supported Dennis with his cattle business by working on the farm, driving four-wheeler, attending cattle shows and keeping the books.

Family was very important to Joanne, and she treated all children like they were her own, giving them loving care and attention. Joanne was adept at fixing things



and seldom needed help repairing things. She enjoyed cooking and playing board games and cards with her grandchildren and neighbors.

Joanne was a member of Living Word Lutheran Church and was active with Bible studies and as a Sunday school teacher.

Joanne is survived by her daughters-in-law, Toni Boone of Twin Brooks and Karla Boone of Blomkest, MN; children, Denise (Troy) Kluess of Shakopee, MN; Nathan (Cherri) Schmig of Minneota, MN, and Becky (Greg) Mourse of Minneota, MN; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings, Charles (Nadine) Veen of Twin Brooks; Harold Veen of Milbank; Arnold (Carol) Veen of Milbank, and James (Sherry) Veen of Milbank; brother-in-law, David Hammer of Milbank; sister-in-law, Vivian Sagness of Sioux Falls, and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanley; infant son, Leslie; sons, Bob Boone and Roy Boone; husband, Dennis; daughter, Theresa; sister, Joyce Hammer, and brother, Martin Veen.

Sharon Steltz

Sharon Steltz, age 80, of Big Stone City died on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at a Milbank care center.

Sharon Rae (Sigler) Steltz was born on November 13, 1942, in Clinton, MN. She was the daughter of Alvin and Fern (Schlimme) Sigler. Sharon grew up in Clinton and graduated from high school there. During this time, Sharon worked for her uncle as a baler and waited tables to save money to attend cosmetology school in the Twin Cities. After working for a short time in the Cities, Sharon returned to the Clinton area.

Sharon married Robert Steltz on November 8, 1968. Together, they had five children.

Sharon worked in beauty shops at various times in Clinton, Ortonville and Big Stone City. She also worked in telemarketing and the making of computer parts.

Gardening and flowers were Sharon's hobbies. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting and crafting. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sharon is survived by her husband; daughter, Julie Steltz of Milbank; sons, Todd (Tara) Steltz of Big Stone City, Doug Steltz of Miller, Joel Steltz of Milbank and Michael (Melissa) Steltz of Brandon; sisters, Karen Ann Espelien,



Arloa Ronglien, Leta Herberg and Kathy Stattelman; brothers, Wayne Sigler, Randy Sigler, Ricky Sigler and Terry Sigler; 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Maggie; brothers, Wallace "Butch" Sigler and Todd Sigler, and sister, Jill Hoxtell.

Funeral services were Monday, May 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN. Rev. Larry Johnson officiated the service and interment was at Greenwood Cemetery in Big Stone City.



EXPLORING the Milbank High School art students' creations are, left to right, Jimena Achiaga, Jerrico Jones and Max Schuelke. Student artwork and career and technical education projects were on display in the high school commons before the spring concert on Tuesday, May 9.

Real Estate Transfers

Kenneth Wiseman, Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald V. Wiseman TO Galen N. Zemlicka and Janet K. Zemlicka – the South half of Lot 4, Block 2, Bartlett's First Addition, except 8 feet deeded to the City of Milbank for Alley purposes

Timothy I. Miller and Sheila R. Miller TO Timothy I. Miller and Sheila R. Miller – Lots 1 and 7, and the NW1/4NW1/4, and the E1/2NW1/4, of 9-121-48

Renee F. Osborne, trustee of the Ian Madsen Special Needs Trust dated February 13, 2019 TO Renee F. Osborne – Lot 3, Block 8, West End Addition, Milbank

Thomas W. Pagel TO Justin Siderewicz and Amber Siderewicz – Lot 8 of the Subdivision of Lot 7 in Block 10, of the Subdivision of Outlot "A," South Side Addition, Milbank

Barbra S. Bateman and Lynda M. Dow TO Joshua Fonder and Elizabeth Hennen – Lot 8, Block 4, Henze's Subdivision located in the NE1/4 of 8-120-48

Barbra S. Bateman and Lynda M. Dow TO Joshua Fonder and Elizabeth Hennen – Lot 11, Block 4, Henze's Subdivision located in the NE1/4 of 8-120-48

Kimberly S. Stein TO Jason Bomkamp and Stacy Bomkamp – Lot 5, Block 9, Residence Park Addition, Milbank

Christopher R. Zubke and Natasha M. Zubke TO CN Zubke Limited Partnership – S1/2SE1/4 of 10-121-47; E1/2SW1/4 of 16-121-47; S1/2NW1/4, Government Lots 3 and 4, except Lot 1, Rethke

Farms Inc., Subdivision of 2-120-49; Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A, and the 60 foot Street Right of Way directly south of Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A in the Plat of Lots 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A 9A and 1A0A, Shaw's Addition located in the SW1/4 of 3-120-49

Kenneth J. Hermans and Julee K. Hermans TO Stacy J. Maddax, Robin K. Quade, Shawn C. Hermans, or their issue per stirpes – the west 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 7, Bartlett's First Addition, Milbank; the west 50 feet of the south 6 feet of Lot 2, Block 7, Bartlett's First Addition, Milbank; The east 25 feet of the south Half of Lot 4, Block 7, Bartlett's First Addition, Milbank; the west 30 feet of the East 55 feet of the south half of Lot 4, Block 7, Bartlett's First Addition, Milbank

Laurie J. Settje TO Christopher M. Settje, Craig E. Settje, Catherine A. Hanten, or their issue per stirpes – the north 1.342 feet of the NW1/4 of 34-121-48, except railroad right of way

Renee F. Osborne AND Kurt D. Flaig and Jean H. Flaig – Lot 3, Block 8, West End Addition, Milbank – Short Form Contract for Deed

Kevin L. Bjordahl a/k/a Kevin Bjordahl and Mary Bjordahl TO Kevin L. and Mary J. Bjordahl Family Trust U/D/T 05/04/2023 – E1/2SW1/4, except Lot "A" of the SE1/4SW1/4 of 12-121-48; Lot 1, Mueller's Addition in SW1/4, except Lot H-1 of 12-121-48

Joann B. McMahon TO Adam L. McMahon – SW1/4 and SE1/4 of 25-120-50

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The Investigator & Dark Angel  
John Sandford

I am back to John Sandford, one of our own Midwestern writers based out of Minneapolis. There have been 32 books in his Prey (Lucas Davenport) series, four in his Kidd series, 12 in his Virgil Flowers series, three in his Michele Cook series and now two in his new Letty Davenport series. These are accompanied by a handful of other stand-alone fiction and nonfiction reads, along with several short stories; this guy is one prolific writer.

At some point in his crime-fighting Prey series, Lucas crosses paths with an industrious and resilient young girl who has endured a rough life in the wilds of northern Minnesota, ending up an orphan in need of a home. The two bond, and Lucas and his wife adopt Letty, who finishes growing up in an upper-class family in Minneapolis, complete with a top-notch college education, after which Letty discovers she is inclined toward crime fighting like her adopted father, Lucas. Of course, the survivalist skills gleaned through her formative years assist in preparing her for this career endeavor.

In *The Investigator*, Letty is bored and ready to quit a desk job with an esteemed U.S. Senator who, impressed with her skills, gets her appointed to investigative work in conjunction with The Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Several suspect oil company thefts in Texas with ties to a militia group has her traveling to the border to follow the money and unearth their intentions along with assigned partner, John, a seasoned DHS investigator.

The case quickly turns deadly with explosive militia plans in the making that Letty and John must infiltrate and stop with a ticking clock behind their efforts. Letty's quick wit and bravery, along with John's experience and mentorship, make for a great crime-fighting partnership. This is a quick-moving read that keeps the reader on the edge of their seat until the end.

Through her first investigative job, Letty has picked up a reputation working with firearms among several branches of government making her the ideal candidate to sleuth out a group of west coast hackers whose efforts seem geared toward taking on international espionage in *Dark Angel*. Letty and her new partner, a reluctant young

NSA operative, pose as a free-spirited couple doing programming for hire.

As part of their cover, they travel to California together in an effort to infiltrate a hacker group known as Ordinary People. While uncovering their plans, they cross paths with another group of dangerous foreign operatives attempting to stop the efforts of Ordinary People.

With guidance from the upper echelon of government, Letty and her partner convince members of Ordinary People to let them support and protect the group as they infiltrate the Russian rail system diverting war supplies to Ukraine before the other group of operatives on their heels can stop them. It all culminates in a high-stakes shoot-out in a mountain resort outside of LA where programmers are diligently working to finish hacking and infiltrating the Russian rail system.

Again, this is a fast-paced, high stakes and timely read. I highly recommend both these new John Sandford books in his new Letty Davenport series and hope there are many more such reads to come.

*The Investigator* is available in the Grant County Public Library in both large print and fiction. It is also available as an ebook or audiobook through the Libby app, free to all Grant County Public Library cardholders. *Dark Angel* will soon join the new bookshelf with the other new books arriving in May.

Julie Jegela

Julie Jegela, age 73, of Moorhead, MN, formerly of Milbank, died on Monday, May 15, 2023, at a medical center in Fargo, ND.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted on Friday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank. Visitation will be at the church on Thursday, June 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. with a Rosary service starting at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday one hour prior to the funeral Mass. Fr. Gary DeRouchey will celebrate the Mass, and a private family inurnment will take place at St. Charles Cemetery in rural Big Stone City.

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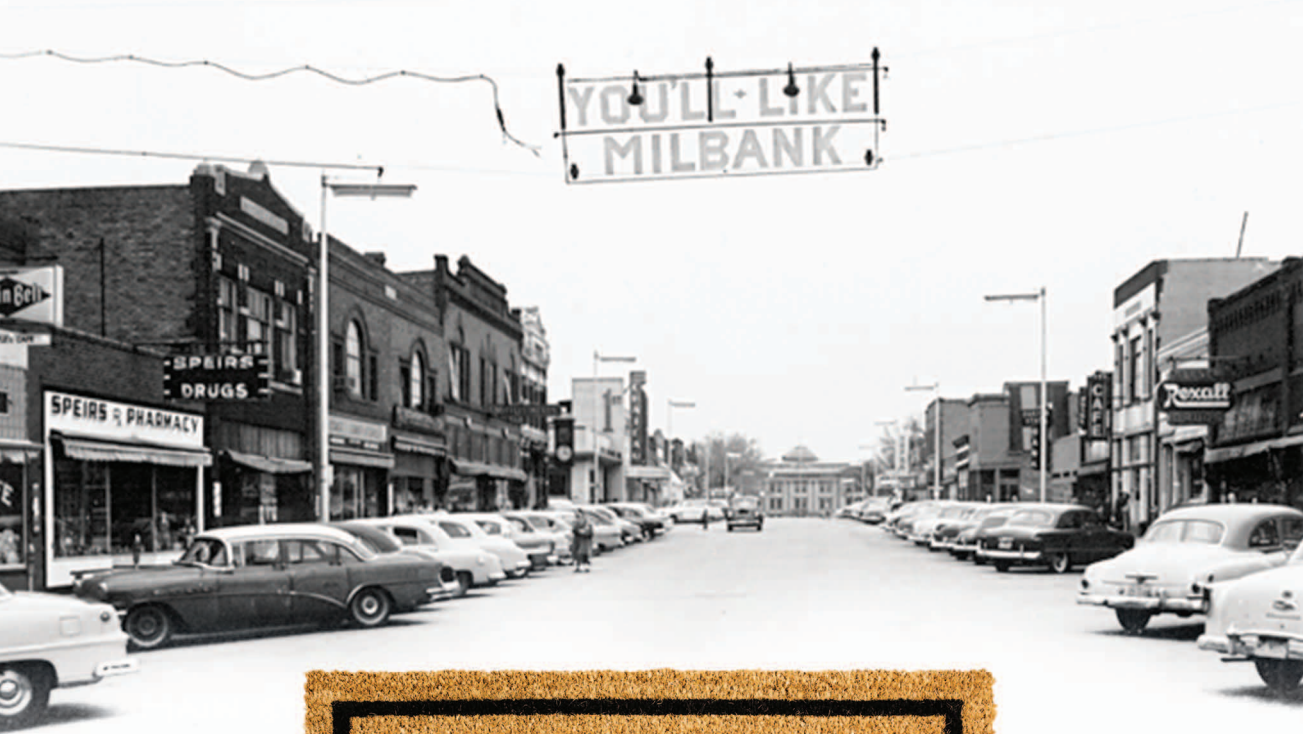
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THE STUDENTS of Kristi Seehafer presented their spring piano recitals on Sunday, April 30, at Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank. All in attendance enjoyed an ice cream social after the performances. Performing at 1 p.m. were, back row, left to right, Kinleigh Brandenburger, Kaitlyn Brandenburger, Kyler Brandenburger, Dylan Meister, Trinity Brehmer, Tatum Brehmer, Stella Pulling and Brody Ninneman. Front, Keyon Brandenburger, Jaxon Bear, Jalen Bear, Kylyn Anderson, Lydia Novy, Wren Pulling and Graham Pulling.



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DURING A MID-AFTERNOON RECITAL piano students under the instruction of Kristi Seehafer presented their spring recital. Showing their talents were, back row, left to right, Brielle Grabow, Camryn Sovell, Kolsyn Gortmaker, Justus Gortmaker, Leighton Rabe and Sophia Bass. Front, Laney Andrews, Callie Myrum, Crosby Bass, Elliott Sovell, Vivian Mathiason and Archer Mathiason.

# Mixing Memories

by Rachel Hendricks



**Anniversaries and Chocolate Chip Cookies**  
Anniversaries have a way of sneaking up on me. As I looked at the calendar earlier today, I realized it's an anniversary day for my husband and me. Not our wedding anniversary. But it has been 20 years since my husband and I realized we wanted to be more than pen pals.

Our aunts had been trying to set us up for nearly two years and had only succeeded in getting us to write letters to each other. I loved the letters he wrote. Hearing about how his week had been going, or how well (or not well) his green pick-up truck was running, made my day. I had really grown to love checking my post office box. Writing to him felt natural. There wasn't any pressure to act or be anything other than myself with him as we wrote. Initially, we weren't really interested in trying to date, as we lived nearly five hours apart, and neither of us wanted to be in a long-distance relationship. But on that particular sunny afternoon, everything changed.

My aunt had invited me over for the day. They had quite a few people coming over for a gun shooting competition. I didn't compete, but Shawn did. It was one of those days where the weather was gorgeous, and we were surrounded with great people, good conversations and plenty of laughter. As the sun set and everyone started making their way home, we found ourselves alone in my aunt's kitchen. I'd been surrounded with family and friends most of the day. For as comfortable as I was writing to him, I'd found it much more nerve-wracking to actually talk to him face to face. I felt a sort of nervousness when I was near him. My heart would pound harder and my cheeks would flush much more easily than I liked. It felt like I had butterflies fluttering around in my stomach!

The moment I realized we were alone, I felt an overwhelming urge to say my farewells and flee for home. I'm fairly certain he knew what I was thinking. He grinned at me like a cat who'd caught the canary, sat down at the table and asked something like how my day had been, or how work was going. The casual conversation helped me relax. As we grew more at ease, he surprised me as he reached over and touched my hand and asked me if I wanted to play a board game, or maybe a game of chess. I'd never played chess before. But he didn't seem deterred by the information. He tried valiantly to teach me how to play. As we played the board game together, we came to realize we were going to be more than just friends. I felt even back then, that he was going to be important to me.

Twenty years later, and I still haven't mastered the game of chess. Figuring out how all of the little pieces move or function goes right over my head. But our son, Jackson loves playing the game with his dad. Watching them sit down at the table, pull out the chess game and play together always makes me smile and remember that evening all those years ago.

So, upon realizing the importance of today, I decided I wanted to do something special for Shawn. I've thought about making the foods we ate on our first date. But

20 years is a long time and I honestly don't remember what we ate that day. So I moved onto thinking about making a favorite dinner or dessert. I've considered making tacos, jambalaya, or barbecue pulled-pork. Any of those options would make him happy. But what about dessert? There are really only a few choices if I want to really wow him. First would be a cheesecake. However his cheesecakes always turn out better than mine do! He has a gift when it comes to baking them. (I'm hoping he'll make a sugar-free cheesecake for my birthday later this summer.) The second option would be a pecan pie, but it's usually something I reserve for autumn or around Thanksgiving. The third option would be chocolate chip cookies. I know it sounds basic. But he loves them! (Really loves them!)

I used to always use the recipe on the back of the chocolate chip package to make my chocolate chip cookies. But last year I was watching a YouTube video called "Professional Baker Teaches You How To Make CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES!" (I know, long title.) The channel name was "Oh Yum with Anna Olson." Oh goodness, there isn't any going back for me. I love how these cookies turned out! They were soft, and reminded me more of a bakery cookie than any of the homemade cookies I'd ever managed to make before.

**Chocolate Chip Cookies from Anna Olson's YouTube Channel**  
Wet ingredients:  
½ cup butter, room temperature  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 egg, room temperature  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Dry ingredients:  
1 ¼ cup flour  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 ½ cup chocolate chips (I like to use an equal mix of milk chocolate, and semi-sweet. Shawn likes the semi-sweet while I always preferred the milk chocolate, so it's kind of a compromise to combine the two.)

Making these was super easy. You just cream the wet ingredients together by hand with a whisk. In a separate bowl, mix together the dry ingredients and then combine them by hand with a wooden spoon or a rubber spatula. Then stir in the chocolate chips.

Roll the dough into balls roughly two tablespoons in size and chill them in the fridge for an hour before baking them at 325 degrees for between 15 to 18 minutes. These cookies are by far my husband's favorites. He loves them best, just out of the oven.

Now for those of you who love

chocolate chip cookies, but can't have them because of a gluten intolerance, I found another recipe for you. I baked a batch of them this week and have been told that they were really great! The one bite I allowed myself to have more than convinced me. This recipe came from the website Meaningful Eats.

**The Best Gluten-free Chocolate Chip Cookies**  
½ cup butter  
1 tablespoon milk or almond milk  
¾ cup brown sugar  
¼ cup white sugar  
1 large egg, room temperature  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 1/3 cups gluten-free all-purpose baking mix flour  
¼ cup almond flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup chocolate chips


Making these went a little differently than I was used to. You start by mixing together the dry ingredients in one bowl and then melting the butter in a small pot over medium heat and whisking it until it begins to brown. But be careful not to burn it. When it's ready, pour it into a bowl and add in the other wet ingredients. Whisk it until its creamy. Then slowly mix in the dry ingredients by hand, and finally stir in the chocolate chips. Let the dough sit covered for about half an hour before scooping them onto the cookies sheets, into roughly two tablespoon sized balls, and baking them at 350 degrees for 10 to 11 minutes. Allow them to cool for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to finish cooling the rest of the way.

I sure hope you all are having another fantastic week and as always, happy baking!

*Rachel Hendricks is a stay-at-home mom to four children. She and her husband, Shawn, live at Hartford Beach State Park, where Rachel enjoys baking, hiking, visiting with the campers and raising her family.*



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The couple was united in holy matrimony at a double ring ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Rosen in 1973.



## Card Shower Requested for Jerry Schafer

The family of Jerry Schafer requests a card shower in honor of his 75th birthday. He will celebrate the milestone on Saturday, May 20. Cards may be sent to Jerry at 302 E. Lagoon Ln., Revillo, SD 57259. 1tp

## Thue Awarded at South Dakota State University

Taylor Thue of Milbank received the Schultz-Werth Award at South Dakota State University's annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Day on Thursday, April 20. The event was organized by the university's Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College.

*Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.*

~ Nathaniel Hawthorne



## Open House Slated for Olson's 90th Birthday

The public is invited to an open house celebrating Clayton Olson's 90th birthday. The open house will be Sunday, May 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. at American Lutheran Church in Milbank. 51t2p



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**THE PIANO STUDENTS** of Carol Ydstie presented their spring recital at the Abbey of the Hills on Friday, May 5. Several students played duets and pieces from nations around the world. Performing were, standing, left to right, Adrienne Korth, Rylie Metz, Nuria Rodriguez, Tristan Hooth, Kaylee Wipf, Alana Wipf and Carol Ydstie. Seated are Ryen Metz, Harper Harstad and Kelsey Wipf.

## Dingsor Piano Students Give Spring Recital

The piano students of Sandy Dingsor presented their spring recital at the Hope Lutheran Church in Summit on Sunday, May 7. Music by the masters, along with contemporary pieces, were performed.

Those performing were Avery Bronson, Marcus Dingsor, Raelie Ellingson, Palmer Holscher, Hannah Linke, Kielee Linke, Grant Pearson, Hannah Pearson, Vincent Pies, Amy Pike, London Rauen, Allie Rickard, Jordan Rickard, Lucas Saraceni, Elsie Seffrood, Peyton Sumner, Brooklyn Waldner, Maria Waldner, Rachel Wipf, Addyson Wollman and Sophia Wollman. Unable to attend were Hailey Butler and Hilton Butler.

Student of the year was Sophia Wollman. Students of the month were Rachel Wipf, Sophia Wollman, Hailey Butler and Raelie Ellingson. Elsie Seffrood, a graduating senior, was honored with a gift. She had taken piano lessons for 12 and one-half years.

Refreshments were served after the recital.



Emelia Enquist | Grant County Review

**THROWING HANDS** – Cruz Prasnicki and Zahid Domenech face off in a rock, paper, scissors race during the Milbank Elementary School field day on the morning of Friday, May 12. Field day was organized by Milbank Parents Promoting Education (PPE) in two sessions on Friday, each with approximately 50 parent and student volunteers.

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**DYNAMIC DUO** – Grant County Sheriff's Deputy Wesley Bowsher and Tango, a two-and-a-half-year-old Belgian Malinois, are working to keep drugs out of the county.

## Narcotics Detection Dog Joins County Sheriff's Department

Grant County sheriff's deputy Wesley Bowsher is working to eradicate the flow of narcotics in and through the county with his new partner, a two-and-a-half-year-old Belgian Malinois dog named Tango.

"We have a horrible drug problem here in Grant County," said Bowsher. "I wouldn't say it's worse in Grant County than it is other places in the state. I think a lot of places are blind to their drug problem. I would say we have about the same amount of drugs per capita as anywhere throughout the state."

Narcotics have been the primary focus of Bowsher's work. Bowsher, a Milbank native, joined the Grant County sheriff's department in April 2021. He previously worked locally with the Milbank Police Department.

Bowsher proposed the idea of handling a narcotics dog for the county sheriff's department and received quick approval. "Our sheriff apparently has always wanted a dog. He'd never had a deputy interested in actually handling the dog because it's a lot of added responsibility at home. So I brought it to him and he brought it to the commissioners and it got approved," Bowsher said.

Bowsher noted that the funding process was simple in comparison to other sheriffs' or police departments' attempts to purchase a narcotics dog. "For us, it was a lot easier than most places. Our county commissioners just budgeted for it, so we just paid for it. We didn't have to do any fundraising, so it was really just a matter of commissioner approval and purchasing the dog and equipment."

In January, the sheriff's department purchased Tango for \$8,000 from Kasseburg Canine Training

Center in New Market, AL. "It's the main kennel that South Dakota [law enforcement] gets their dogs from," explained Bowsher. According to Bowsher, the kennel's dogs are specifically sourced and come to the United States trained in basic commands.

"[The kennel owner] goes over to Europe and does what's called selection testing. She does simple things like play fetch with the dog and she can tell if it's going to be a good narcotics dog, a good apprehension dog," said Bowsher.

Soon after Tango's arrival in South Dakota in January, she and Bowsher attended a six-week narcotics training in Sioux Falls with four dogs. They returned home at the end of March and got to work.

"We'll assist other surrounding counties. We'll assist the police department with her on traffic stops and search warrants. Today, we did a sniff at the school," said Bowsher. "I work the interstate and Highway 12 a lot, so a lot of people aren't really surprised to see her."

Originally from Croatia in southern Europe, Tango is energetic, intelligent and highly focused. Each trait is innate in her breed. "The Belgian Malinois very naturally has high hunt drives and high prey drives, which are the two drives you're looking for in a narcotics dog," explained Bowsher.

Tango lets Bowsher know when she's detected drugs, but not in the way people might expect. "Every-

one thinks we're looking for the indication, which is the sit, lay or stand and stare. That is not what we're looking for. That's not what gives us probable cause to search a car," said Bowsher.

In reality, Tango gives a more nuanced, subtle alert. "It's an untrained behavior. It's a head check, a breathing change or a posture change. That's what allows us to search the car. After that, she'll indicate," explained Bowsher. "It's not just as simple as watching your dog and waiting for them to sit, because I think that's what a lot of people think it is."

Although Tango is with Bowsher all the time, she and Bowsher's personal dog live different and separate lives. "She isn't a house dog," said Bowsher. "You want to keep them excited to go to work, otherwise they'll be like, 'Nah, laying on the couch is better' and they won't work when they're at work."

According to Bowsher, Tango loves what she does. "Every time I let her out and grab her harness, she gets excited because she knows she's going to work," said Bowsher.

Many Belgian Malinois dogs are at work in the South Dakota Highway Patrol's Police Service Dog unit. The Roberts County Sheriff's Office also uses a Belgian Malinois, Beau, who partners with Zach Angerhofer of Milbank.

—Emelia Enquist

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MULCHING around the trees in front of Milbank High School are  
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## Ag Students Continue Hands-on Learning

Sara Colombe, Milbank High School agriculture instructor, reports that during April and May, advanced animal science students learned about animal nutrition, livestock health, livestock diseases, biosecurity, veterinarian equipment and tools. Dr. Jaclyn Carlson attended the class to teach students about vet equipment and tools. Southeast Technical Institute personnel Zoomed with the class and educated the students about the veterinarian technician program.

Metal fabrication students finished their individual welding projects or project for the cancer walk.

Greenhouse management students learned about pesticides, greenhouse environment controls,

energy conservation, environmental effects on plant growth, growth regulation, interior layout, containers and watering techniques.

Horticulture students studied landscape design and turf grass management.

Bill Steinlicht visited the class and educated the students about maple syrup tapping and processing. Karen Behrens assisted the students in learning to make bowl arrangements for the FFA banquet.

Eighth grade agriculture, food and natural resources students have learned about livestock terms, beef production, beef breeds, and beef products. Next, students will learn about the horse, swine, and sheep industries.



## Summit School Soaring Eagles

The staff of Summit School District chose three students to honor as the Soaring Eagles for April. From the high school students, junior Jillian Bauer, left, was chosen. She is the daughter of Wade Bauer and Katrina and Shawn Boyum. Paisley Maag, center, is the representative for the junior high. A fifth grader, she is the daughter of Jeremy and Traci Maag. Emery Christofferson, the daughter of Steve and Kaitlyn Christofferson, was selected from among the grade school students. The students were nominated by staff members on the basis of displaying the characteristics of positive citizenship through respectfulness, responsibility and reliability. Teacher Megan Okroi is the Soaring Eagle staff member of the month.

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Richard R. Mielitz, Big Stone City; issued by sheriff's office; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$19

### VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Matthew Allen Moxness, Kent, MN; issued by highway patrol eCitation; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$104

### SPEEDING ON OTHER ROADWAYS

Wilson Noe Euceda Reyes, Chicago, IL; issued by highway patrol eCitation; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$59

Trevor Robert Lacek, Milbank; issued by police department; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$39

### USE OR POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Amy Elizabeth McCarty, Mazeppa, MN; issued by police department; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$204

### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF HIGHWAY

Scott Burdette Floback, Fergus Falls, MN; issued by highway patrol eCitation; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$154

Kartikkumar Bhalaji Chauhan, Airdrie, AB; issued by highway patrol eCitation; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$154

### FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Tosheena Honey Wanna, Watertown; issued by sheriff's office; plea: guilty; fine \$59; license suspended for 30 days

Conditions: defendant not operate a motor vehicle until she has a valid driver's license.

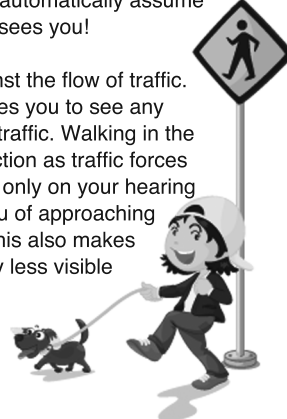
### FAILURE TO MAKE PROPER STOP AT STOP INTERSECTION

Hector Valentin Mesner Guillen, Milbank; issued by police department; plea: guilty by POA; fine \$54

## Street Smarts for pedestrians

Pedestrians may have the "right-of-way," but never automatically assume any driver sees you!

Walk against the flow of traffic. This enables you to see any oncoming traffic. Walking in the same direction as traffic forces you to rely only on your hearing to warn you of approaching vehicles. This also makes you slightly less visible to drivers.



## Support STARTS HERE Community Meetings

AA MEETINGS every Monday at 8:30 a.m., Big Stone Community Center, 400 Washington Street, Big Stone City; Tuesday at 8 p.m., Ortonville Community Center (use side entrance), 200 Monroe Avenue, Ortonville, MN; Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Emanuel Lutheran Church, 701 S. 1st Street, Milbank; Friday at 8 p.m., 300 2nd Street SE, Ortonville, MN. All meetings are open to everyone with addiction/alcohol problems.

ALANON MEETINGS every Tuesday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Ortonville, MN, community center (use side entrance) and Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Emanuel Lutheran Church, Milbank. Friends and family who are troubled by someone else's drinking are invited.



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LEARNING ENGLISH from Ann Tuscherer are Hispanic members of the Milbank community on Wednesday, April 12. The program, a partnership between the Grant County Public Library, Valley Queen Cheese Factory and United Hardware, gives Hispanic adults the ability to learn English from qualified teachers at no cost.

## English Language Classes Focus on Grammar, Clarity

A series of free English language classes is underway at the Grant County Public Library (GCPL), providing instruction to adult Hispanic learners living and working in the community.

According to Tammy Wollschlager, library director, Joan Sacrison wrote an application and received the Digital Literacy Grant from AT&T and the American Library Association to conduct English classes at the library in fall 2022. The GCPL was the only library in South Dakota to receive the grant, according to Colleen Natalie, current language instructor and former instructor in Northern State University's Intensive English Program.

Approximately 30 students enrolled in the first session of grant-funded classes. After the grant's term had concluded, Wollschlager approached United Hardware and Valley Queen and proposed that they partner to fund and continue the program. "They agreed because they see an improvement in [their employees'] confidence and speaking skills, and they thought it was a very reasonable good deal," explained Natalie. Current classes are offered to two groups, beginners and more advanced learners. Ann Tuscherer teaches classes on Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Natalie teaches classes on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday at 6 p.m. Students in afternoon beginner classes are able to attend as part of their workday.

According to Wollschlager, 63

people signed up for the spring session, which began in mid-March and will conclude in late May or early June, depending on library facility availability.

Classes are conducted entirely in English. "It's been a challenge for me because I don't know any Spanish, so I can't translate, but I was told by native speakers that it's better for them not to be with someone who can speak Spanish," said instructor Ann Tuscherer, a former English teacher.

"When I'm teaching grammar, they are working hard," Natalie said about her more advanced learners. "They are in it, and they are grappling and struggling in a good way. They are right there with me. They are involved and engaged in a very hard understanding of English. They hang tough, and I have to commend them on their willingness to work hard."

"We've been working on all aspects of English speaking, which includes not only the speaking, but the writing and the listening," said Tuscherer about her beginning language learners. "With this group, I started out with consonants and vowels. Their [Spanish] alphabet is very similar to ours, but they make the same sound for their vowels and we make many sounds for our vowels."

Tuscherer and Natalie both stress precision in their classes. "I demand excellence from them, and I think they know that," said Natalie. "I want you to get it absolutely right because you're going to feel better about yourself and

everyone's going to understand you, and that's going to make your relationships better and you're going to feel better about yourself. And they're willing to do the work on it."

"One night, I thought we were finishing at 10 after 7 p.m. and we finished at 10 to 8 p.m. because they wanted to keep going," said Tuscherer. "It was fine with me. They were interested and had questions, and I was glad to be able to answer those questions."

No upcoming sessions have been announced. "If we were to continue, it would be in the fall," said Tuscherer. "I would imagine it would be contingent on whether or not Tammy can get the funds. She did it once, she can probably do it again."

—Emelia Enquist

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[www.milbankcentral.org](http://www.milbankcentral.org)  
email: [office@milbankcentral.org](mailto:office@milbankcentral.org)  
**Wednesday:** Church and office closed until 1 p.m.  
7 p.m. Men's Bible study  
7 p.m. Church council meeting  
**Thursday:** Noon Koch Care Center worship  
6 p.m. Evangelism committee meeting  
**Sunday:** Confirmation Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Traditional worship service  
9:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Reception for the confirmands  
11 a.m. Blended worship service  
Noon Waymaker group book study  
7 p.m. The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak study  
**Tuesday:** 1:30 p.m. Staff meeting  
4:30 p.m. Life Quest  
**Wednesday:** 6:45 a.m. Men's study  
7 p.m. Men's Bible study

Thom Bowsher, lead pastor  
Kristy Liebe, pastoral care pastor/  
children's minister  
Levi Waddell, youth coordinator

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Missouri Synod • Revillo  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Divine service  
**Wednesday:** 6:45 p.m. Devotional vespers  
7 p.m. Pfotenhauer league continues  
Communion is usually offered the first and third Sundays of the month.  
Pastor Nathan Neugebauer

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)**  
6 miles east, 1 1/2 miles south, Milbank  
**Sunday:** 8:15 a.m. Divine service  
Communion is usually offered the first and third Sundays of the month.  
Pastor Nathan Neugebauer

**ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC**  
113 S 6th St, Milbank • 605-432-9122  
[www.stlawrencemilbank.org](http://www.stlawrencemilbank.org)  
**Friday:** 8:30 a.m. Mass  
**Saturday:** 4 p.m. Confessions  
5 p.m. Mass  
7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish with Father David Garza  
**Sunday:** 7:15 a.m. Confessions  
8 and 9:30 Mass  
Father Gary DeRouchev

**ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
301 West 5th Street, Revillo  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Mass  
**Wednesday:** 5 p.m. Mass  
Fr. David Garza  
Rectory, 605-862-8485

**BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
307 S. 5th Street, Milbank  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Sunday school, all ages  
11 a.m. Preaching  
**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. Bible study  
Pastor Rocky Shanks, 417-955-8058  
[rocksbabyray@gmail.com](mailto:rocksbabyray@gmail.com)

**WILMOT LUTHERAN** • Wilmot, SD  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Divine service  
Reverend Sheila R. Pohl

**ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC**  
106 Third Avenue, Big Stone City  
**Saturday:** 5 p.m. Mass  
7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass in Milbank  
**Sunday:** 8 a.m. Mass  
Fr. David Garza  
Rectory: 605-862-8485

**ELIM EVANGELICAL MISSION CHURCH**  
of Stockholm  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship service  
10:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship  
7 p.m. Family league, third Wed. of month

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
201 S 4th Street, Milbank  
<http://characterologically.webstarts.com/index.html>  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Worship/Eucharist

**TRINITY LUTHERAN ELCA** • Revillo  
**ZOAR LUTHERAN ELCA** • Rural Revillo  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Worship (Zoar)  
11 a.m. Worship (Trinity)  
Alternating, except when five Sundays, services will be for both churches at 9 a.m. service.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
WALTER TWSP. LCMS • Bellingham, MN  
**Saturday:** 7 p.m. Divine service  
Pastor Nathaniel Brown

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** • Wilmot  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10 a.m. Fellowship/coffee  
10:30 a.m. Worship service  
Pastor Peter Reynen, pastor/moderator

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC**  
Wilmot  
**Saturday:** 7:30 p.m. Mass  
Father Gary DeRouchev

**ORTLEY FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
P.O. Box 6, Ortley  
**Sunday:** 11 a.m. Worship with social distancing; also available on Facebook.  
Rev. Ken Flaten

**MILBANK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
111 West Fifth Street, Milbank  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Service  
Pastor A.J. Gingrich, 320-297-0188

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
MISSOURI SYNOD • Corona  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Divine service/LS  
11:30 a.m. Bible study  
Pastor Arthur Drehman  
260-739-2594

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN**  
MISSOURI SYNOD • Wilmot  
**Wednesday:** 4 p.m. Confirmation  
**Sunday:** 8:15 a.m. Bible study  
9 a.m. Confirmation service/LS  
Pastor Arthur Drehman  
260-739-2594

**ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN – WELS**  
45704 163rd St, Summit  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Worship, livestreamed on Facebook at SaintJohnsMazeppa  
Pastor Albert Meier, Phone 517-581-3692  
[stjohn.mazeppa@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn.mazeppa@gmail.com)

**ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
502 4th Avenue, Wilmot  
[www.zionccwilmot.com](http://www.zionccwilmot.com)  
e-mail [zion@tnics.com](mailto:zion@tnics.com)  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. AWANA  
Pastor KC Smith  
Phone 605-440-0511 or 605-440-1930

**PARKVIEW UNITED METHODIST**  
1101 S 2nd Street • Milbank • 432-6718  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Worship service with Gideons  
**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. Bible study  
Pastor Barbara McKewin

**TABOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Big Stone City  
**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Worship service with Gideons, honoring of Graduates  
**Monday:** 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
Pastor Barbara McKewin

**TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Strandburg  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Sunday school/coffee  
10 a.m. Worship with Enquist installation  
Elmer Brinkman, pastor  
Emelia Enquist, synod authorized minister

**COUNTRYSIDE COVENANT CHURCH**  
47639 SD Hwy. 20, Milbank  
[www.countrysidecovenant.org](http://www.countrysidecovenant.org)  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Coffee fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
John DePalma, Pastor

**CALVARY CHURCH**  
[www.themilbankchurch.com](http://www.themilbankchurch.com)  
[facebook.com/calvarychurchmilbank](https://facebook.com/calvarychurchmilbank)  
Phone 605-432-4769  
**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. Youth group  
**Thursday:** 7 p.m. Bible study  
**Friday:** 9 a.m. Women's Bible study  
6:30 p.m. Spanish-speaking service  
**Sunday:** 8 a.m. Open prayer  
9 a.m. Worship service  
**Monday:** 7 p.m. Bible study  
Daniel Lopez, Lead Pastor  
Phone 701-720-8271

**VALLEY BAPTIST**  
409 West 6th Ave., Milbank, SD  
**Wednesday:** 4:30 p.m. Prayer  
5 p.m. Supper  
**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls  
9 a.m. Sunday school  
10 a.m. Worship service (also on Facebook)  
**Wednesday:** 4:30 p.m. Prayer  
5 p.m. Supper  
Pastor Brian McFaden, 972-838-5487

**PEACE EV. LUTHERAN WELS**  
1501 Aspen Drive, Milbank  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Worship, livestreamed on Facebook at PeaceInMilbank  
Communion first and third Sunday of month.  
Pastor Albert Meier, Phone 517-581-3692  
[peace.milbank@gmail.com](mailto:peace.milbank@gmail.com)

**AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**  
401 S Flynn Drive • Milbank • 605-432-5566  
[www.americanlutheran.com](http://www.americanlutheran.com)  
**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. Bible study  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation  
Noon – 6 p.m. Red Cross blood drive  
**Thursday:** 8 a.m. Men's group  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Fellowship hour  
**Monday:** Noon Staff meeting  
2 p.m. Book club 1  
5 p.m. Book club 2  
7 p.m. Scouts  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Quilting  
**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. Bible study  
6 p.m. HS youth group  
Pastor Justin Neugebauer

**LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lutheran Congregations  
in Mission for Christ  
101 Northridge Avenue • Milbank  
605-438-9672  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m. Coffee fellowship  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Coffee fellowship  
9 a.m. June servant team meets  
10 a.m. Worship  
2:30 p.m. St. William's worship service  
3:15 p.m. Park Place worship service  
4 p.m. Avantara worship service  
5 p.m. Gabe Beckman Eagle Scout ceremony  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Quilting  
Interim Pastor Melanie Reiners

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN – Missouri Synod**  
701 S 1st Street • Milbank • 605-432-9555  
e-mail: [elc@itcmilbank.com](mailto:elc@itcmilbank.com)  
[www.elcmilbank.org](http://www.elcmilbank.org)  
**Wednesday:** 2 p.m. Midweek service  
5:30 p.m. Handbell choir  
7 p.m. Ascension Eve service, ice cream social following service  
**Thursday:** 1 p.m. Bible study  
6 p.m. Cub scouts  
**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Service of the Word with Holy Communion  
10:15 a.m. Brief council meeting before adult Bible study  
**Monday:** 6 p.m. New member class  
**Wednesday:** 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Pastor Davis office hours  
2 p.m. Midweek service with Communion  
7 p.m. Book reading Bible study  
Pastor Chris Davis

**Taco Chicken Bowls**  
1 1/2 lbs. chicken breasts  
1 16oz. jar salsa  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 15oz. can black beans  
1/2 lb. frozen corn  
1 Tbsp chili powder  
1/2 Tbsp ground cumin  
1/2 tsp dried oregano  
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper  
Freshly cracked black pepper  
6 cups cooked rice  
8 oz. shredded cheddar  
3 green onions, sliced  
(or fresh cilantro)  
Place the chicken breasts in the bottom of a 5 quart or larger slow cooker. Drain the black beans and add them to the slow cooker along with the salsa and corn. Add 1/4 cup water, plus the minced garlic, chili powder, cumin, oregano, cayenne, some freshly cracked pepper (about 10-15 cranks of a pepper mill).  
Give the ingredients a brief stir to distribute the spices. Secure the lid on your slow cooker and cook on low for eight hours or high for four hours. After eight hours on low or four hours on high, carefully remove the lid of the slow cooker. Stir with a fork to shred the chicken (it should be very tender and will shred easily). Taste the chicken mixture and add salt if needed.  
To build the bowls, place one cup of rice in the bottom of a bowl and top with 1 cup of the shredded chicken mixture. Top with a little cheddar cheese and a sprinkle of sliced green onions.

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"The Lord's my Shepherd, I shall not be in want..."

By Pastor Albert Meier  
Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Milbank and St. John Ev. Lutheran, Summit



Psalm 23 is easily the most familiar chapter of the Bible. You'll see it framed and hung on the wall in many houses. It is often read at a Christian funeral. With beautiful words it describes the way the Lord tenderly and lovingly takes care of us. Of course people love Psalm 23!

But if you think more carefully about its main metaphor, maybe you won't be as happy. Because if the Lord's my shepherd, what does that make me? A sheep? Is that a comparison I want made at my expense?

Because while lambs are soft and fuzzy and perfectly adorable, sheep are another matter. There's no polite way to say it—sheep are dumb. They do stupid things and get them-

selves into scrapes. They get caught in fences, wedged in tight spots, and wander off and can't find their way back. Moreover, sheep are helpless. Other animals have horns and hooves that make predators think twice or can run or hide from things trying to eat them. Not sheep. They are the easiest of pickings.

Being compared to a sheep isn't flattering, but is it accurate? Truth be told, I am far more like a sheep than I want to be. Too often I wander away from the Lord. I think I know what I'm doing, that I've found a safe path to tread. But how often do I suddenly find myself in trouble, stuck in some sin, plagued by some guilt, and unable to free myself? I'm easy pickings for the devil who prowls like a ferocious lion. Left to myself I'd be gobbled up in an instant.

But the Lord is my Shepherd... Sheep are helpless on their own, so a good owner never leaves them on their own. A good shepherd watches over his flock. He sees to it they are

fed and watered. He rescues them from trouble, brings them back when they stray and protects them for any dangers.

That is what the Lord does for you. As your shepherd, he has protected you from the fierce predators who would like to harm you. He laid down his life in the struggle against sin and has made you safe from the devil, death and hell. When we wander off, he calls us back because he wants us to remain safe in his care. He provides what we need daily through his Word where we are fed and watered by his enduring promise of forgiveness. He guides our paths, teaching us what is right and wrong that we may remain near him throughout our lives.

The Lord is my Shepherd. That may make me a sheep, but I'm one of the Lord's sheep. What a joy to follow the one who loves you and cares for you so well. We have no reason to be afraid. We are being cared for by the Good Shepherd.

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**The Gift of Kidney Donation**  
By Jill Kruse, D.O.

The first successful organ transplant was a kidney transplant in 1954. The donor was the identical twin of the recipient. The new kidney worked for 11 months. This was long before any anti-rejection medications were available. Cyclosporine, the first anti-rejection medication, was approved for use in 1983. The use of anti-rejection medications has significantly increased how long transplanted organs will function.

A transplanted kidney from a living donor will last on average 12-20

years. A kidney from a deceased donor lasts 8-12 years on average. Amazingly, the longest reported kidney transplant lasted 60 years.

Most people who have kidney transplants for end stage kidney disease are first treated with kidney dialysis. Since dialysis is an option treatment for end stage kidney disease, people may wonder why kidney transplants are needed at all.

Dialysis is not ideal as it only can do about 10-15% of the work that a healthy kidney dose. Dialysis is also very costly and time consuming for the patient. The average life expectancy of a patient on dialysis is

5-10 years. Thus, dialysis is commonly used as a bridge to kidney transplants, and not a replacement for transplant.

Kidney and liver transplants are unique because they can be done with living donors. For the kidney donor, once a kidney is removed, the remaining one will increase in size to adjust for the lost kidney. The portion of the liver that is donated can regrow rapidly and the donor's liver will be back to normal size and function in a few months after the donation. Donation of a kidney or part of a liver does not shorten the donor's life expectancy.

Per the National Organ Transplant Act, neither living nor deceased donors are compensated for organ donations. This is truly a gift of life that is given to the recipient. However, organ recipients may pay for their living donor's travel, lodging and lost wages in connection with the donation. The donor's surgery is often billed to the recipient's health insurance. The National Living Donor Assistance Center also helps eligible donors financially when they cannot have their expenses covered by the donor, the donor's insurance company, or state programs.

Since 1954 over one million organ transplants have taken place in the United States. The Organ Procurement and Transplant Network reported that more than 42,800 organ transplants were done in 2022. Last year, 6,466 people became living organ donors. Thanks to organ donors, transplant recipients can live longer and healthier lives. Consider checking the organ donor box next time you are at the DMV. One day, it may lead to the gift needed for someone else to stay healthy out there.

Jill Kruse, D.O., is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices as a hospitalist in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust, streaming live on Facebook and SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. Central.



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STUDENTS from Milbank Elementary School classes visited the fourth graders' wax museum of famous South Dakotans in the elementary school gym on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 10. Here, author Laura Ingalls Wilder, portrayed by TyLynn Wellnitz, shares her story.

## Show Your Loved Ones You Care!

Celebrate their birthday and anniversary, congratulate them or say thank you for all you do!  
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CARD OF THANKS  
The family of Russell Hicks would like to thank everyone for their cards, meals, flowers and memories. We are blessed to have wonderful friends and family. We sincerely thank St. William's Care Center staff for caring for our father. A special thank you to Drake Honors, Zion Community Church, and the Grant County Review for the help and support.

Happy 7th  
Birthday  
Trinity & Tatum!

HAPPY 50th  
Anniversary  
Thursday, July 18th

Congratulations  
JESSICA!  
We are so proud of you!

Card Shower to  
Honor Corinne Kuper  
on Her 90th Birthday  
The children of Corinne Kuper request a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on Saturday, April 4th. Cards may be sent to 304-440-4-870. Warm love to all!

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The Grant County Sheriff's Office has an opening for a

Part-time Jail and Sheriff's Office Attendant

We are hiring! The Grant County Sheriff's office has an opening for a part time jail and Sheriff's office attendant. Shift hours include mainly over-nights with a minimum of 24 hours each week. Responsibilities include answering phone calls and directing them to the correct official, video monitoring inmates, completing and filing paperwork. Excellent communication and public relation skills are desired in the candidate. No prior experience required. Candidates must be over the age of 18, pass a background check and drug screen. This position includes full benefits including health insurance, state retirement plan, vacation and sick leave.

Starting wage is \$17.85 per hour with a \$.45 night shift differential.

Applications can be picked up at the Grant County Sheriff's Office, 225 E. 5th Avenue, Milbank. Contact Sheriff Kevin Owen at 605-432-5853 for further information about this opening.

This position will be open until filled.

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May 17

May 24

POSITION OPENING

FULL-TIME BLADE /HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION: Duties include the operation of a motor grader or other heavy equipment to maintain county gravel roads and all other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS: Valid South Dakota driver's license. A valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or the ability to obtain one within six months. High school diploma or GED and one year maintenance experience preferred, or any such combination of education, training and experience. Must be able to lift a minimum of 25 pounds.

Forty hours per week with full benefits of health insurance, vision insurance, retirement with an employer match, vacation, sick leave and 11 paid holidays.

Applications are available online at www.grantcounty.sd.gov or at the Grant County Highway Office, 47789 151st Street, Milbank, SD 57252.

Position is open until filled. Grant County is an equal opportunity employer.

May 10

May 17

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POSITION OPENING

FULL-TIME LIGHT EQUIPMENT/ TRUCK DRIVER

JOB DESCRIPTION: Performs a variety of construction, maintenance and repair work involving the operation of various types of light equipment. Duties include the operation of a truck, snow blower and other equipment to maintain county roads and all other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS: Valid South Dakota driver's license. A valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or the ability to obtain one within six months. High school diploma or GED and one year maintenance experience preferred, or any such combination of education, training and experience. Must be able to lift a minimum of 25 pounds.

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Technical degree or bachelor's degree in GIS, electrical, electronics or computers or equivalent experience

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- Ability to time plan and meet deadlines

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# Milbank Area Posts Softball Victories Over Sisseton

The Milbank Area girls fast-pitch softball team got its first taste of victory with wins over Sisseton in doubleheader action on Friday, May 12 in Milbank. “The first win and wins in program history is a big deal,” said Coach Nancy Hoeke. “It’s quite a thrill to get those victories and be part of the team that did it.”

Milbank took the first 22-7 and posted a 24-9 victory in game two.

Both games were called in the fourth inning on the mercy rule.

**Milbank Area 22, Sisseton 7**

Milbank gave up early runs, then settled down to post a 22-7 victory in the first game of the doubleheader against Sisseton.

“We continue to improve at making defensive plays that look good,” said Hoeke. “Players, coaches and fans all need to be patient with the process because it doesn’t come natural yet. When the girls do the

things we practice and it actually works out in a game, it is so fun, satisfying and encouraging.”

Sisseton tallied six runs in its first at-bat, but Milbank took control of the game from that point. They scored 13 runs in the bottom of the first inning thanks to numerous walks and wild pitches. Abigail Pillatzki opened the inning with a single and Kennedy Saylor and Kaia Tillotson also had singles during the scoring frenzy. With bases loaded, Allie Meyer blasted a triple to bring the runners home. It was the first triple of the season for the Bulldogs. Milbank led 13-6 after the first inning.

The Bulldogs added another run in the second inning and two in the third. Pillatzki hit another single in the third inning and eventually scored.

Sisseton pushed across a run in the top of the fourth inning, but Milbank added six in its at-bat to bring the game to a close. Most of the runs came courtesy of walks by the Sisseton pitcher.

Pillatzki and Saylor had two hits each and Meyer a triple to pace Milbank.

Lamp was the winning pitcher. She struck out eight batters and walked just three batters in four innings of work.

Box Score:				
	AB	R	H	
Abigail Pillatzki, c	3	4	2	
Addisyn Krause, 1b	3	2	0	
Ashlynn Lamp, p	3	3	0	
Allie Meyer, ss	3	2	1	
Josie Riveland, cf	2	3	0	
Jocelyn Kettwig, 3b	1	1	0	
Kennedi Saylor, lf	3	2	2	
Kaia Tillotson, rf	3	2	1	
Macyn Dunnihoo, 2b	0	3	0	
TOTALS	21	22	6	
			R	
Sisseton	6	0	1	x x x 7
Milbank Area	13	1	2	6 x x x 22
Milbank Area 24, Sisseton 9				
The Bulldogs broke away from a				

4-4 first-inning tie to earn a commanding 24-9 win over Sisseton in game two on Friday.

Lamp handled the pitching duties again and delivered seven strikeouts and five walks. “She did a great job pitching. The conditions in the rain were less than ideal to start with and she, or anyone, never complained about being out there playing our games,” said Hoeke. “Here’s proof of Ashlynn’s ability to go the distance. In the last inning of the second game, seven batters came to the plate, and all three outs were strikeouts by Ashlynn. I know she was tired and mentally ready to be done, but she finished strong. I’m proud of her.”

The visitors brought in four runners in the first inning, but Milbank tied the game in the bottom of the inning. Addisyn Krause and Josie Riveland hit singles to help the cause.

The Bulldogs widened the gap to 10-4 in the second inning. Pillatzki slammed a triple to score a run and Riveland hit a single for an RBI. Balls that got past the catcher also resulted in runs.

Sisseton added three runs in the third inning, but the Bulldogs did more damage in their at-bat, almost going through the batting line-up twice. Pillatzki, Pollock and Hallee Green had singles during the run. The Sisseton pitcher issued many walks to put runners on base.

The visitors scored two runs in the top of the fourth, but Milbank’s three runs in the bottom finished off the game. Walks, wild pitches and a single by Lamp brought the runs in.

Pillatzki, Riveland and Pollock finished with two hits each. Milbank delivered nine hits, the most so far this season.

Box Score:				
	AB	R	H	
Abigail Pillatzki, c	4	2	2	
Addisyn Krause, 1b	1	5	1	
Ashlynn Lamp, p	2	5	1	
Allie Meyer, ss	0	3	0	
Josie Riveland, cf	3	3	2	
Jocelyn Kettwig, 3b	2	1	0	
Kennedi Saylor, lf	1	0	0	
Hayden Montag, lf	0	1	0	



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**HANDLING THE PITCH DUTIES** for Milbank, Ashlynn Lamp fires off a pitch during doubleheader action against Sisseton on Friday, May 12, in Milbank. The Bulldogs won both games with Lamp picking up the wins on the mound.

Shelbi Pollock, rf	3	1	2
Macyn Dunnihoo, 2b	0	1	0
Hallee Green, 2b	2	1	1
Kaia Tillotson, cr	0	1	0
TOTALS	18	24	9

Post-season play begins on Tuesday, May 23, with the top 16 teams entering the SoDak 16 games. According to Hoeke, Milbank is currently in the No. 16 spot. “We won’t know for certain if we hold onto that spot until after Saturday’s games when everyone around the state will finish up the regular season,” she said. “If we have a game, we play at our opponent’s home field.”

Sisseton	4	0	3	2	x
Milbank Area	4	6	11	3	x
Upcoming Schedule					
Milbank traveled to Arlington Tuesday, May 16, to play against Arlington and Coleman-Egan. They will finish the regular season with a doubleheader against Castlewood in Milbank on Friday, May 19.					

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# Bulldog Boys Win Seventh Straight NEC Track Title

The Milbank Area boys track and field won its seventh consecutive Northeast Conference team title on Thursday, May 11, in Groton. Milbank accumulated 166 points, well ahead of second-place Webster Area with 131 points.

Other team scores were Aberdeen Roncalli, 109; Groton Area, 74; Deuel, 72; Hamlin, 58; Clark/Willow Lake, 41; Britton-Hecla, 27; Redfield and Sisseton, 24, and Tiospa Zina, six.

“The boys have had a great run of conference team titles,” said Eric Townsend, coach. “The 2023 version really showed the depth of the boys team as we only won two events in the meet. There were a ton of top eight finishes to bring the team the title.”

James Batchelor won the only individual title, claiming first in the 3200-meter run. He also ran the first leg of the 3200-meter relay race which the Bulldogs won. Other team members on the relay

squad were Liam Heller, Bryan Meyer and Payton Brown.

Results of the Milbank athletes were as follows:

100-meter dash – 4. Garrett Mertens, :12.35

200-meter dash – 7. Mertens, :24.65; Braylen Bowsher, :25.47; Weber, :26.25

400-meter dash – 3. Mertens, :53.22; 6. Bryan Meyer, :55.25; 7. Grant Van Peurse, :56.33

800-meter run – 2. Payton Brown, 1:59.64; 3. Meyer, 2:08.69; 6. Liam Heller, 2:18.66

1600-meter run – 2. Brown, 4:44.86; 3. James Batchelor, 4:51.75; 4. Heller, 5:01.89

3200-meter run – 1. Batchelor, 10:48.47; 2. Isaac Graham, 11:06.06

110-meter hurdles – 2. Max Lightfield, :16.25; 4. Emmett Hanson, :16.96; 5. Sammy Femling, :18.47

300-meter hurdles – 5. M. Lightfield, :45.33; 6. Femling, :45.51; 8. Graham Lightfield, :45.78

400-meter relay – 5. Milbank (Foell, Sam Rick, G. Lightfield, M. Lightfield), :48.37

800-meter relay – 6. Milbank (Jayden Johnson, Foell, G. Lightfield, M. Lightfield), 1:39.52

Bulldog (1600-meter) relay – 3. Milbank (Brown, Joe French, Van Peurse, Meyer), 3:38.11

3200-meter relay – 1. Milbank (Batchelor, Heller, Meyer, Brown) 8:49.88

1600-meter sprint medley – 2. Milbank (J. Johnson, Foell, Hanson, French), 4:00.77

Shot put – Lucas Johnson, 35’25”; Tice Mursu, 33’4.75”; Oliver Korth, 32’10’

Discus – 6. Korth, 119’8”; Moises Luna Sanchez, 94’0”; Luis Berrones, 87’3”

High jump – 3. Yohana Ajwanga, 5’5” 4. Mertens, 5’5”; Van Peurse, 4’11”

Pole vault – 2. J. Johnson, 13’6”; 6. Rick, 11’0”; Parker Grabow, 9’6”

Long jump – 7. Ajwanga, 17’6.5”; Bowsher, 16’9.5” Rick, 15’8”

Triple jump – 3. Rick, 37’8.5”; 4. Bowsher, 36’5.25”; Layten Osowski, 33’2”

## Upcoming Schedule

The Bulldogs will be back in Groton on Thursday, May 18, to compete in the Region 1A track and field meet. To qualify for the state meet, an athlete must have a top 24 performance in an event during the season. “Both teams have a number of marks that put them in the top 24,” noted Townsend. “Both teams are in a great position to have a great end to the season.”

# Milbank Girls Contend with Rough Golf Course at NEC Meet

The Milbank Area girls golf team competed in the Northeast Conference meet at Valley View Country Club in Sisseton on Monday, May 15.

“Weather-wise it was probably the best day I’ve had in Sisseton, but I wish I could say the same for the course,” said Mark Keeton, coach. “Valley View Golf Course was in rough shape for the golfers. The rough has not been touched all year and much of the day was spent looking for any ball that strayed off the fairway.”

The Bulldogs recorded a team score of 508. Shaylee Schuchard was Milbank’s top golfer with a 111. Other sores were Jaclyn Wiik, 120; Camila Monroy, 136; Mia Van-Lith, 141, and Sophia Homrighausen, 151.

Claire Crawford of Aberdeen Roncalli was the individual winner with a 101 and Roncalli won the event, shooting a 432. Groton Area shot a 463. Sisseton and Tiospa Zina also had golfers in the meet, but did not field complete teams.

## Madison Invitational

Three Milbank golfers participated in the Madison Invitational on Thursday, May 11. Schuchard carded a 103 ; Wiik, 113, and Van-Lith, 130.

“The girls were treated to some great weather at the meet and the course was in good shape,” observed Keeton. “I’m very happy with the scores and the improvement I’m seeing. To lower the scores more, we need to avoid the big number. If we can avoid those big numbers and keep improving



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**BULLDOG Jaclyn Wiik recorded the second-highest score for Milbank at the Northeast Conference meet in Sisseton on Monday, May 15.**

from 50 yards and in, you will see a big drop in scores.”

Sioux Falls Christian won the meet with a 380, and Abby Greenhoff of Dell Rapids claimed the individual title with an 86.

## Upcoming Schedule

The Bulldogs will compete in the Sisseton Invitational on Thursday, May 18, and will be in Groton on Monday, May 22, for competition.

## Bulldogs of the Week

### Shelbi Pollock Softball



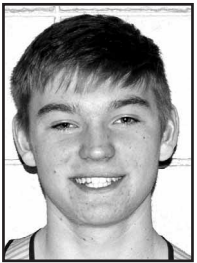
Shelbi, a sophomore, hit two singles, had a walk and scored once in Milbank’s softball win over Sisseton. She also had a nice catch in right field. “Shelbi gives her best to be a great teammate each day,” said Coach Nancy Hoeke. “In the rain at last week’s game, Shelbi still went to her coaches and teammates with a smile and high fives. She makes it a point to connect with her teammates and keep a positive vibe going.” Shelbi is the daughter of Chad and Tory Pollock and Kristi Johnson.



### Jaclyn Wiik Golf

A junior, Jaclyn is off to a solid start this spring for the Bulldog golf team. “She is doing a great job working hard at practice as we have been making a couple swing changes,” noted Coach Mark Keeton. “These changes have helped her shoot a personal tournament low 101 in Aberdeen and an impressive ninth place finish at the NEC in Sisseton.” Jaclyn is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Wiik.

### Bryan Meyer Boys Track



Bryan, a sophomore, placed in all four of his races at the Northeast Conference meet in Groton. He ran a leg on the winning 3200-meter relay team and the third place 1600-meter relay team. He also placed sixth in the 400-meter dash and third in the 800-meter run. “Bryan has developed into one of the top runners and point getters for the boys team,” said Coach Eric Townsend. “He has become a really good middle distance runner who seems to get better each meet and each season. Bryan has a bright track career ahead of him and will continue to be relied upon to help the boys team.” He is the son of Bobbi Meyer-Hanson and Ryan Hanson.

### Jacy Dexter Girls Track



Jacy, a freshman, won the pole vault at the Northeast Conference meet in Groton. She also ran a leg on the winning 400-meter relay team, placed fourth in the 100-meter dash and fifth in the 200-meter dash. “Jacy has been a top sprinter and vaulter for the girls team the past two seasons,” said Coach Townsend. “She is a much stronger vaulter and sprinter than a year ago. She can help the girls team in a number of different events. We are excited to watch Jacy continue to improve and finish out a strong freshman season.” She is the daughter of Brandon and Hilary Dexter.

## Racing Results

Bob and Dustin Holtquist of Holtquist Racing of Milbank competed at race tracks in Minnesota recently.

Dustin won his heat at the Granite City Motor Park on Sunday, May 14. He did not finish the feature race.

Dustin won the feature race and placed first in his heat at the North Central Speedway in Brainerd on Saturday, May 13. Bob was first in his heat, but did not finish the feature because of a flat tire.

Bob won the feature race at Princeton, MN, on Friday, May 12, and was second in his heat. Dustin finished second in the feature race and first in his heat.

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# Lady Bulldogs Repeat as NEC Track and Field Champs

The Lady Bulldog track and field team repeated as Northeast Conference champions on Thursday, May 11, in Groton. It was Milbank’s third consecutive title, and they have won four out of the last five NEC meets.

Milbank easily outdistanced the field with 186 points. Other team scores were Clark/Willow Lake, 114; Groton Area, 90; Hamlin, 74; Redfield, 62; Webster Area, 58; Aberdeen Roncalli, 55; Deuel, 47; Britton-Hecla, 30, and Sisseton, 25.

“Similar to the boys, the depth of the girls team showed up with us winning four events,” said Eric Townsend, coach. “The top eight finishes were plentiful and allowed the team to bring home the title. Overall both teams achieved 28 total season bests, which is a really good total for this time of year.”

Nadia Thue, 300-meter hurdles, and Jacy Dexter, pole vault, were individual winners for Milbank.

The Bulldogs also won the 400- and 800-meter relays. Running the

400-meter event were Laney Forrette, Gemma Street, Dexter and Siera Wenzl. The 800-meter squad members were Forrette, Isabella Anderson, G. Street and Maurina Street.

Results of the Milbank athletes were as follows:

100-meter dash – 2. Siera Wenzl, :13.52; 3. Laney Forrette, :13.87; 4. Jacy Dexter, :13.91

200-meter dash – 2. Wenzl, :27.96; 3. Forrette, :28.57; 5. Dexter, :28.77

400-meter dash – 2. Wenzl, 1:01.00; 3. Isabella Anderson, 1:03.68

800-meter run – 3. Ellie Neugebauer, 2:38.85; 5. Maurina Street, 2:44.85; Kynlee Speidel, 2:55.60

1600-meter run – 3. Bianca Berry, 5:43.59; 6. Stella Wendland, 6:03.13; 7. Tyra Berry, 6:14.89

3200-meter run – 2. B. Berry, 13:10.02; 5. T. Berry, 14:03.08; 6. Wendland, 14:03.35

100-meter hurdles – 4. Claire Snaza, :19.25; 6. Nadia Thue, :19.50; 8. Ashlyn O’Farrell, :20.86

300-meter hurdles – 1. Thue, :52.69; Snaza, :58.44; O’Farrell, 1:01.68

400-meter relay – 1. Milbank (Forrette, Gemma Street, Dexter, Wenzl), :52.80

800-meter relay – 1. Milbank (Forrette, Anderson, G. Street, M. Street), 1:51.66

Bulldog (1600-meter) relay – 2. Milbank (M. Street, Zayda Townsend, Anderson, E. Neugebauer), 4:27.48

3200-meter relay – 2. Milbank (Townsend, Ashlynn Batchelor, E. Neugebauer, M. Street), 10:24.24

1600-meter sprint medley – 4. Milbank (G. Street, Ella Sandvig, Oliva Foell, Townsend ), 4:57.18

Shot put – 4. Averie Engebretson, 33’8”; 8. Amelia Pederson, 28’8”; Emily Wollschlager, 27’10.5”

Discus – 3. Engebretson, 100’7”; 6. Wollschlager, 89’11”; 7. Pederson, 89’3”

High jump – G. Street, 4’1”

Pole vault – 1. Dexter, 9’6”; 2. Maggie Kruger, 9’0”; 7. Rylee Scouler, 7’6”

Long jump – Anna Neugebauer, 13’1”; Sandvig, 12’9.5”

Triple jump – 7. A. Neugebauer, 30’3.75”; E. Neugebauer, 29’11.5”; Sandvig, 28’10.75”

## Upcoming Schedule

The Bulldogs will compete in the Region 1A track and field meet on Thursday, May 18, at Groton. “Like I have said for a number of weeks, both teams are in a great position to have a great end to the season with season bests, top places, and hopefully qualifying a number of athletes to the state meet,” said Townsend.



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# Grizzlies, Coyotes Win Events at Conference Track Meet

Jayven Maag of Dakota Hills and Brady Eschen of Waverly-South Shore won individual events at the Eastern Coteau Conference track and field meet on Tuesday, May 9, in Webster. The Grizzlies’ 400-meter relay squad also claimed a first-place finish.

Dakota Hills placed third in the boys division with 88 points, and third in the girls division with 74 points. Waverly-South Shore tallied 45 points in the boys division, but did not claim team points in the girls division. Great Plains Lutheran won the girls and boys divisions with 245 and 174 points, respectively.

Eschen won the discus with a throw of 130’01”.

Maag won the boys 3200-meter run in a time of 11:56.11. It was a new team record. The squad is a cooperative between Wilmot, Summit and Waubay. He had held the old record of 11:57.4. Maag also set

## Dakota Hills Hosts Waubay Legion Meet

Athletes from Dakota Hills and Waverly-South Shore competed in the Waubay Legion Invitational on Friday, May 12, in Webster. Dakota Hills hosted the event.

Dakota Hills placed fourth in the boys division with 54 points and Waverly-South Shore was ninth with 13 points.

Great Plains Lutheran won the team title with 94 points. Other team scores were Frederick Area, 68; Northwestern, 64; Tri-State, and Sisseton, 52; Florence-Henry and Langford Area, 44, and Tiospa Zina and Webster Area, six.

Dakota Hills tallied 45.83 points in the girls division for fifth place. Waverly-South Shore had competitors in the girls division but did not place anyone to earn team points.

Great Plains easily outdistanced the pack with 184 points. Other scores were Northwestern, 79; Frederick Area, 53.67; Florence-Henry, 51.5; Sisseton, 42.5; Tri-State, 39; Webster Area, 26; Langford Area, seven, and Tiospa Zina, 1.5.

Madison Zirbel won the girls 3200-meter race to lead Dakota Hills. Brady Eschen was the Coyotes’ top performer with a third place finish in the boys shot put.

Results of the local athletes were as follows:

**Dakota Hills Boys Division**

100-meter dash – 8. Tigh Gaikowski, :12.3; Maddux Foss, :12.6; Kolt Mendenhall, :12.9

200-meter dash – Foss, :26.0

400-meter dash – 6. Ethan Schwenn, :59.4; 7. Linken Niles, 1:00.8; Cooper Ebsen, 1:03.4

800-meter run – Ebsen, 2:34.1; Teegan Gaikowski, 2:40.7; Newton Campbell, 2:45.3

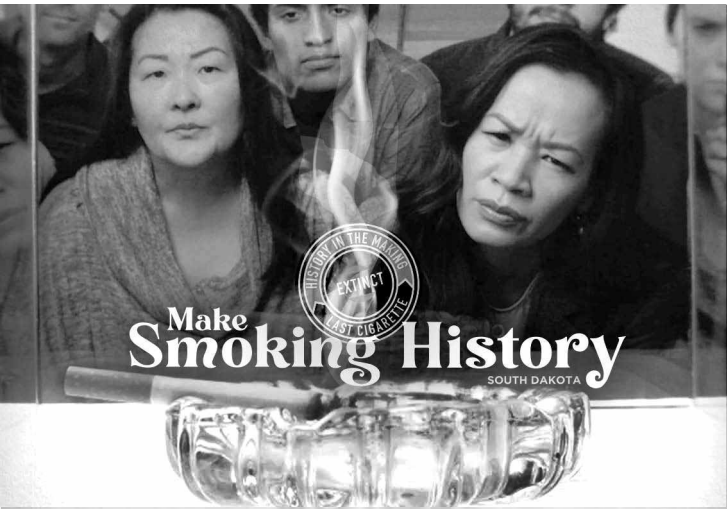
1600-meter run – 3. Jayven Maag, 5:21; 6. Te. Gaikowski, 5:25.3; Campbell, 5:50.7; Nolan Thuringer, 5:51.9; Caleb Weyh, 6:08.0

3200-meter run – 3. Maag, 12:35.3; 5. Thuringer, 12:48.4

400-meter relay – 2. Dakota Hills (Ti. Gaikowski, Mendenhall, Jaxen Dockter, Kolby Haubris), :49.0

800-meter relay – 2. Dakota Hills (Ti. Gaikowski, Mendenhall, Dockter, Haubris), 1:41.7

1600-meter relay – 6. Dakota Hills (Niles, Schwenn, Ebsen, Foss), 3:58.0



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a new team record in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:17.77. He also held the old mark of 5:18.91.

Two Dakota Hills relay squads set new team records as well. In the boys 400-meter relay, the Grizzlies placed first and cruised the track in a time of :47.75 for a new mark. Team members were Tigh Gaikowski, Kolt Mendenhall, Jaxen Dockter and Kolby Haubris. This was the second time the team had broken the record this season.

Aubrey Strang, Brianna Lindholm, Addison Heinje and Jada Cameron ran the 400-meter relay in the girls division and set a new team mark of :57.71. The old mark of :59.43 was set in 2019.

Results of the local athletes were as follows:

**Dakota Hills Boys Division**

100-meter dash – 5. Tigh Gaikowski, :11.93; 7. Kolt Menden-

3200-meter relay – 2. Dakota Hills (Maag, Thuringer, Weyh, Schwenn), 9:32.9

1600-meter sprint medley – 2. Dakota Hills (Ti. Gaikowski, Mendenhall, Niles, Maag), 4:12.3

Shot put – Caleb Miller, 30’9”; Levi Whempner, 25’6”

High jump – 3. Haubris, 5’2”

Triple jump – 5. Dockter, 37’4”

**Girls Division**

100-meter dash – 6. Nikki Hoeger, :14.3; Brianna Lindholm, :14.6; Reese Rudebusch, :16.2

400-meter dash – 3. Aubrey Strang, 1:09.8

800-meter run – Bethany Anderson, 3:32.9

1600-meter run – 4. Madison Zirbel, 5:55.2; 8. Eva Benike, 6:32.0; Julia Anderson, 6:41.3; Bethany Anderson, 7:31.4

3200-meter run – 1. Zirbel, 12:39.7

100-meter hurdles – 2. Addison Heinje, :17.4

400-meter relay – 4. Dakota Hills (Strang, Lindholm, A. Heinje, Jada Cameron), :58.9

800-meter relay – 4. Dakota Hills (Strang, Lindholm, Cameron, Mya Heinje), 2:05.1

Discus – 7. Katie Snyder, 72’1”; Hoeger, 66’9”; Ryley Jorgenson, 53’2”

High jump – 3. Benike, 4’6”; 5. Ava Breske, 4’2”; 8. Cameron, 4’0”

Long jump – 7. Cameron, 13’5.5”; Breske, 12’10”; M. Heinje, 12’6.75”

Triple jump – 7. Breske, 28’7”

**Waverly-South Shore Boys Division**

100-meter dash – Bryan Ramirez, :13.2; Wyatt Taecker, :14.9

200-meter dash – Kolby Ries, :27.0; Taecker, :29.8

400-meter dash – Cody Thompson, 1:01.7

800-meter run – Monty Thompson, 2:43.2

400-meter relay – 8. Waverly-South Shore (M. Thompson, Ramirez, Kyle Kneeland, Zach Ries), :55.0

Shot put – 3. Brady Eschen, 37’4.5”; 4. Ramirez, 36’6.25”; Kneeland, 33’6”; Garrett Taecker, 26’9”

High jump – 4. Z. Ries, 5’2”

**Girls Division**

1600-meter run – Chloe Lee, 8:06.5

Discus – 8. Gypsy Carlson, 70’4”

hall, :12.17; 8. Maddux Foss, :12.26; Kolby Haubris, :12.28

200-meter dash – 8. Foss, :25.84

400-meter dash – 3. Ethan Schwenn, :57.12; 5. Linken Niles, :57.66; Cooper Ebsen, 1:05.63; Newton Campbell, 1:09.25

800-meter run – 6. Schwenn, 2:27.34; Caleb Weyh, 2:34.05; Nolan Thuringer, 2:35.64; Teegan Gaikowski, 2:35.97; Ebsen, 2:37.66; Campbell, 2:38.33

1600-meter run – 2. Jayven Maag, 5:17.77; 4. Thuringer, 5:32.91; 6. Te. Gaikowski, 5:35.15; 8. Campbell, 5:45.70; Weyh, 5:52.60

3200-meter run – 1. Maag, 11:56.11; 5. Thuringer, 13:20.94; 6. Weyh, 13:59.14

400-meter relay – 1. Dakota Hills (Ti. Gaikowski, Mendenhall, Jaxen Dockter, Haubris), :47.75

800-meter relay – 2. Dakota Hills (Ti. Gaikowski, Mendenhall, Dockter, Haubris), 1:39.99

1600-meter relay – 5. Dakota Hills (Niles, Schwenn, Ebsen, Campbell), 4:15.12

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1600-meter sprint medley – 2. Dakota Hills (Ti. Gaikowski, Mendenhall, Niles, Maag), 4:11.93

Shot put – Micah Pelzel, 28’8”; Caleb Miller, 28’4”; Levi Whempner, 25’8.25”

Discus – 7. Miller, 85’7”; Pelzel, 63’6”; Whempner, 63’

High jump – 6. Haubris, 5’6”; 7. Te. Gaikowski, 5’0”

Long jump – 3. Dockter, 18’7”

Triple jump – 2. Dockter, 36’1.25”

**Girls Division**

100-meter dash – Brianna Lindholm, :14.68; Reese Rudebusch, :15.82; Katie Snyder, :16.26

200-meter dash – 8. Lindholm, :30.21; Rudebusch, :33.56

400-meter dash – Bethany Anderson, 1:29.16

800-meter run – 3. Julia Anderson, 2:55.60; 8. Eva Benike, 3:09.35; B. Anderson, 3:25.39

1600-meter run – 3. Madison Zirbel, 5:48.30; 6. Benike, 6:48.20; 7. J. Anderson, 6:57.21; 8. B. Anderson, 7:40.10



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3200-meter run – 2. Zirbel, 12:51.13

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400-meter relay – 4. Dakota Hills (Aubrey Strang, Lindholm, A. Heinje, Jada Cameron), :57.71

800-meter relay – 6. Dakota Hills (Strang, Nikki Hoeger, Cameron, Mya Heinje), 2:10.73

1600-meter relay – 5. Dakota Hills (Strang, J. Anderson, M. Heinje, Benike), 5:05.65

1600-meter sprint medley – 3. Dakota Hills (Strang, A. Heinje, Ava Breske, Zirbel), 4:47.50

Shot put – 3. Hoeger, 28’11”; Ryley Jorgenson, 24’6.75”; Katie Snyder, 18’4”

Discus – 5. Snyder, 71’7”; 6. Hoeger, 71’2”; Jorgenson, 54’10”

High jump – 2. Benike, 4’6”; 4. Cameron, 4’4”

Long jump – M. Heinje, 13’2.25”; Breske, 13’7.5”; Cameron, 12’11.5”

Triple jump – 6. Breske, 27’10”

**Waverly-South Shore Boys Division**

100-meter dash – Monty Thompson, :13.13; Wyatt Taecker, :14.33

200-meter dash – Kolby Ries, :27.31; Taecker, :30.49

400-meter dash – 8. Cody Thompson, :59.30

800-meter relay – 6. Waverly-South Shore (M. Thompson, Taecker, K. Ries, Zach Ries), 1:51.37

Shot put – 2. Brady Eschen, 39’5.5”; 3. Bryan Ramirez, 39’1.75”; 6. Kyle Kneeland, 34’2.25”

Discus – 1. Eschen, 130’1”; 3. Z. Ries, 107’1”

High jump – 4. Z. Ries, 5’6”; 7. C. Thompson, 5’0”

Long jump – 4. C. Thompson, 17’7.75”; K. Ries, 15’11”; M. Thompson, 15’5.25”

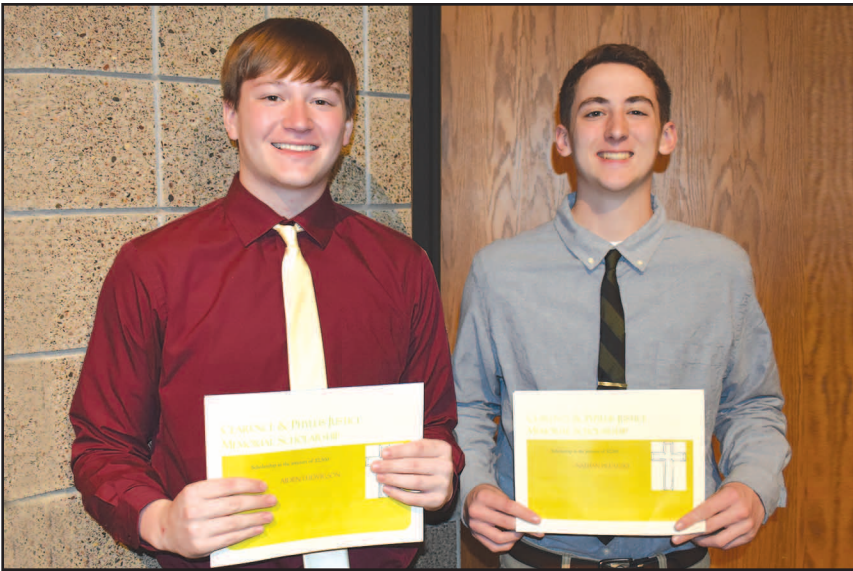
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## Ramblings with Cody

by Cody Seehafer



Hello again everyone! I’m glad you came back to see what I had to say today. Before I get to the good stuff, let’s do a weather check. Here in Watertown, it has been pretty nice. I enjoy going outside and sitting on the patio – it is nice to have some alone time but it is also nice to visit with other tenants when they come outside as well. We have had some rain, which is good because it cleans everything off after winter and helps green things up. I love seeing everything come alive after a harsh winter.

Okay, so now here comes the heavy stuff. The thing I want to talk about is hobbies. What is a hobby? A hobby is an activity you do in your free time. Many of us have them. I enjoy a lot of different hobbies such as reading, going to events such as concerts, crocheting, playing with my cat Harley, socializing, working out, shooting, baking, dehydrating, hunting, fishing and so many other things.

One hobby I have been enjoying lately is target shooting. I am not the best shot by far, but it has really fun to go to the shooting range and just shoot for fun. If you have not shot a gun before, I would suggest seeking out some training and giving it a try. One of my favorite guns to shoot is a .22 caliber handgun. The reason I bought this gun is that it has a minimal amount of recoil. I have been around guns my whole life and have been taught how to safely handle them. Before my brain surgery, I shot higher caliber guns that had more recoil and I am comfortable shooting these guns again, but here is how I did it.

Several years after my brain surgery, I decided I wanted to get back to shooting guns. I was not comfortable shooting my .243 deer rifle right away, so I bought a smaller caliber handgun. I did this

when I lived in Minnesota and, out of pure luck, I met a friend shortly after who lived on a farm. We only went out shooting at his farm once before I moved to Watertown, but as a side note, it’s kinda scary how things happen at strange times for a reason. I found an outdoor range on the edge of Watertown I go to often with different friends and family. Through shooting my smaller .22, I have regained my confidence so I feel comfortable shooting the “bigger guns” again. I made it work for me and I hope you do the same in your own hobbies.

I do a lot of other fun things as well—things like woodworking or metal work that you would not think someone in a wheelchair would do. I would encourage anyone with a disability to ignore that negative stereotype and do whatever makes you happy. I have had to modify things to make them work for me and that only adds to the enjoyment. I have gotten very good at modifying things to make them work for me. For example, I like to work out. I do not like to work out alone. To help solve that problem, I joined a class so I have several workout partners. Doing it this way also holds me accountable. Sometimes I go to a personal trainer as well.

I am sure that you also have many unique hobbies. Next time you’re enjoying that hobby, take a few minutes to think how you can modify that task to include someone with a disability.

**Cody Seehafer is a 2012 graduate of Milbank High School and now lives independently in Watertown. Born with spina bifida, Cody has faced many challenges in his lifetime. By authoring this column, he hopes to enlighten the public about what it is like to live with disabilities and the changes that can be made to help others.**



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# Peery Retires After 25 Years with 740th

For more than 25 years, Milbank native Brandon Peery has dedicated his career to serving this country as a member of the National Guard. Last month, he retired from that full-time vocation and began the next phase of his life as a real estate agent.

Peery joined the 740th Transportation Company, South Dakota Army National Guard unit headquartered in Milbank in 1998. “I am very patriotic,” Peery said. “I also wanted to go to college, so I joined the Army. It was a win/win.”

Peery was well on the way to a bachelor’s degree, but during his last semester of college in February 2003, the 740th deployed to Iraq; it was an event that changed his life. For the next 18 months, Peery and his colleagues from the unit were among the more than 300,000 National Guard men and women to serve in Iraq.

“There were 150 soldiers deployed out of our unit; 80 from Milbank and another 70 from Brookings,” Peery said. During those long months away from home, he developed lifetime friendships with the other soldiers. “Some of the best friends I ever made were while we spent that time in Iraq. Adversity can really bring people together,” Peery explained.

All the soldiers from Milbank and Brookings safely returned home in July 2004. It wasn’t long before Peery took his career to the next level. By the next June, he began full-time as the Training Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) and was promoted to Readiness NCO in October 2008. Peery remained active in that position until his recent retirement.

A Readiness NCO demonstrates

that a unit is in the “ready” state by verifying all the required training requirements are completed and that all the medical preparations are up to date. The NCO also manages the pay for all soldiers in the unit and coordinates missions to assist other units in the state and country. The Readiness NCO in Milbank manages the full-time staff, which is comprised of Barry Whipkey, Training NCO; Nick Boerger, administrator NCO; the Supply NCO position, which is open to applicants already in the National Guard and Aaron Tvinnereim, the detachment Readiness NCO in Aberdeen.

One of those lifelong friends Peery made while serving in Iraq, Patrick Buttke, has been named to succeed Peery as the Readiness NCO. Buttke, also a Milbank native, enlisted in the National Guard in 2001, shortly after 9/11. He started serving on active duty in 2019, the last year he was working out of Watertown. Buttke then returned to Milbank as the Supply NCO, a position he held until his promotion to Readiness NCO.

Buttke has spent 21 and one-half years in the National Guard and is excited to take on the new role. “I am excited, but I have big shoes to fill as Sergeant Peery has done a phenomenal job in this position,” Buttke said. He is confident Peery will do great in his subsequent career as a real estate agent because, as Buttke noted, “He has always tried to take care of others and would go out of his way to help in any way possible.”

Peery and Buttke became close comrades early in their military careers and have remained so ever since. “We still talk on the phone almost every day,” said Buttke.

“Brandon will definitely be missed in the office as he always kept it light-hearted, from some of the songs he would sing (or rap) to always caring about our personal lives, he was a great boss and is a great friend,” said Buttke.

One of the fondest memories Buttke offers from the time the unit was stationed in Iraq was Peery’s vital role in helping create a “gun truck” for the crew. “We didn’t have any armed vehicles when we arrived in Iraq. So pretty soon, one of the semi-trucks was converted to a gun truck,” Buttke explained. The men built the gun truck, and then they became known as the Gun Truck Crew. “It was a three-man crew, and we took turns driving, riding and running the turret. We took the back window out of the semi so we could climb in and out while we were going down the road,” Peery said.

To convert the semi, the soldiers used one-quarter-inch-thick metal to build the turret on top of the semi-truck. The soldiers would enter the gun truck from the back and then climb up into the cab and the turret. “A few guys would be in the truck, and they would hand ammunition and communicate with the man in the turret,” explained Buttke. The turret had an M19 Grenade Launcher and an M249 semi-automatic machine gun mounted on top. Their improvised gun truck was featured in the German Magazine *Tankograd American Special No. 3002 Armored/Gun Trucks of the United States Army in Iraq* (by Carl Schulze and Ralph Zwilling, 2005).

When the soldiers left Iraq to return home, all the equipment remained there to be used by the next unit.

In 2012 the 740th in Milbank had the nation’s highest weapons qualification rate. The unit has received the honorable Pershing Award trophy twice, that being the second time in six years. The local National Guard members’ collective qualification rate was 99.4 percent, with



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**TAKING ON THE ROLE** of Readiness NCO with the 740th Transportation Company, South Dakota Army National Guard is Patrick Buttke, left. He succeeds Brandon Peery, who retired from the position after 15 years and with 25 years serving in the Guard. Peery’s last day was April 13, when he was congratulated by fellow Guard NCOs Barry Whipkey, Aaron Tvinnereim and Nick Boerger.

64 experts, 75 sharpshooters and 30 marksmen in the unit. Only about 20 percent of the soldiers will be ranked as expert shooters. A sharpshooter is highly proficient at accurately firing firearms or other projectile weapons. A marksman is skilled in precision shooting using projectile weapons such as a long gun or a sniper rifle.

“The Pershing award marked the best marksmanship in the entire National Guard, and we received the superior unit award five times while I was Readiness NCO,” said Peery. The National Guard superior unit award was also presented to the 740th as a result of its excellence in enforcing military standards in personnel, training and readiness. Currently, the 740th unit

in Milbank has about 145 soldiers and now includes soldiers from Aberdeen.

“I am going to miss going on the road and seeing all the parts of the US I would never have seen if I hadn’t joined. I have been to Canada and 40 of the 48 states in the continental US because of being in the guards,” Peery said. He also expects that in his retirement, he will miss the people and the interaction with the other soldiers but is looking forward to spending more time with his family. “I didn’t get to spend as much time with my oldest two sons, Chandler and Christian, as I would have liked because of work, so I am really going to enjoy spending more time with my family going forward,” he said. Peery has been married to Kelsey Peery for more than 20 years. She has been the secretary at the Milbank Elementary School for the last 10 years.

The couple’s sons, Chandler,

Christian, Charlie and Cooper, also look forward to spending quality time with their father. “I’d like to thank my wife and kids for their love and support over the years. Although they don’t wear the uniform, the family serves right alongside the soldier,” Peery said.

Peery has a degree in finance, which will be beneficial in his new position as a real estate agent for Exit Realty in Milbank. He also loves to go hunting and fishing. “One of my favorite fishing spots is Big Stone Lake. I love chasing mule deer out West River and plan on going on an archery elk hunt in Montana this fall,” said Peery.

“When Brandon was little, he always loved to hunt and spend time outdoors. When he joined the Guards, it really didn’t surprise me. I’m very proud of Brandon for his 25 years of service to God and his country,” said his mother, Rosie Peery.

~Deb Cuyle



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**MEMBERS of the Gun Truck Crew stand beside the modified semi tractor they retrofitted to serve a need in Iraq.**



## Medical School Journey

By Samantha Darnall-Werlinger, M.D.

It has been nine years since my medical school acceptance. I can describe my personal process in two words: arduous and lengthy. Now, this may not be the case for all people that apply to medical school. A few individuals may be able to apply directly out of undergrad and be accepted. I’ll speak from my experience, which had a few more detours involved.

I am the first person in my family to become a physician. This added unique challenges while applying to medical school—I essentially had to blaze my own trail. The journey starts during undergraduate education. Many students major in the sciences and take the courses to build a strong foundation for the coming years. Regardless of major, your GPA plays a role in medical school acceptance. Surround yourself with like-minded individuals that will help you succeed in your goal.

The application and acceptance process is a dynamic one. The initial hurdle is the MCAT (Medical College Acceptance Test). After my first MCAT, I realized I needed a structured approach and direction to succeed. I highly recommend an in-person class or an online study group that offers insight into test taking strategies and practice exams. These resources will be worth the investment. My score drastically improved and made my application much more competitive.

Unfortunately, the number of medical school applicants is staggering in comparison to the limited number of seats available. This is where building and personalizing your application comes into play. Inquire admission committees on how to bolster yourself on paper. Many highly recommend experiences in patient care. These can come in the form of volunteerism or employment at local hospitals or nursing homes. Some individuals do research, shadow physicians, become scribes, or work other skill-building jobs in the field. I decided to work at a local hospital providing direct patient care. Through this, I gained the experience I needed to stand out. The patients you meet along the way will teach you more than you realize.

I also furthered my education with a master’s degree, focusing on human anatomy and physiology. This gave me the opportunity to teach undergrad students and gain even more foundational knowledge.

The perseverance and experience paid off. I was accepted to Ross University School of Medicine in 2014, spent two years in Chicago, graduated with Highest Honors, and was matched into my first choice residency program for Family Medicine. I graduated in June 2021.

There is no wrong way to go about getting into medical school but there are more efficient routes. Have a mentor. Utilize appropriate resources. Stay focused and on track.

## Silver & Small: What’s New on the Screen?

by Lars Andersen



In the Midwest, there’s always seemed to be an attitude of “function over fashion.” We need to be tougher and work harder, not just because the struggles of life out here demand it, but because we are, invariably, cut from a tougher cloth. When you work as hard and as long as South Dakotans so often do, it can be easy (and in some ways, even necessary) to set aside self-care, appearance, self-love, and mental health for the sake of doing one’s job and living one’s life. Survival, in short, can often take precedence over living, and that’s not something we’re meant to do for our entire lives. In a show that may come off a bit flamboyant at first, before making more than evident that taking care of ourselves and our spaces and our lives is the first and foremost duty of all successful adults, *Queer Eye’s* new season is back and better than ever.

The Fab Five, which is to say five friends who travel and work and live together, go to people in need of a makeover, and do so with unmatched flair and gusto. The five all have their own talents and focuses, and share them with the recipient of the makeover in each episode, which runs for about an hour. Antoni focuses on food, teaching the person how to better fuel their body and share the experience of culinary arts with their families. Bobby focuses more on interior design, remaking a house’s decor and tailoring the experience of living in a space to the person, rather than making a home just

somewhere to lay one’s hat. Jonathan is a personal groomer, and focuses on making the person feel more attractive and comfortable in their own skin. Tan focuses on fashion and wardrobe, and Karamo specializes in self-care and a more healthy relationship with one’s self. In short, five gay men make it abundantly clear to whoever they’re helping that it is more than okay to live and love yourself; it should; in fact; be celebrated.

*Queer Eye* may not be for every audience. You may read the title and immediately assume it’s not for you, and that’s okay. If the concept strikes you as interesting, if not a little over the top, I implore you to give it a try. The very first episode of the first season focuses on a grizzled trucker, one that you would expect to see looking back at you on I-29 while you pass. Watch it, and try to tell anyone that it didn’t move you. Loving yourself is an essential part of living a full and rich life. One cannot pour from an empty cup. *Queer Eye* is indeed “more than a makeover,” it’s a lesson in living, rather than just getting by. It can be viewed (all seven seasons) with a Netflix subscription.

**Lars Andersen grew up in Stockholm. He attended Milbank schools and was an active member of the forensics teams. He now attends the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), where he writes for the college newspaper and hosts a radio show.**

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THE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS season closed on Sunday, May 7, with an awards celebration. Participants included, front row, left to right, Brayden Twedt, Braden Mueller, Drayven Olson, Justus Gortmaker and Callie Myrum. Second row, Tyler Elbert, Ariana Prisinger, Clint Marko, Paxten Anderson, Liam Koepke, Alesana Olson, Adriana Mckillip, Kolsyn Gortmaker, Riley Krause and Thomas Hicks. Third row, Zach Cramer, William Wyant, Megan Marko, Taylor Anderson, Jackson Marko, Mackenzie Mueller, Wesley Magedanz and Simon Hicks. Fourth row, Ron Marko, Wayne Meyer, Brooke Mumbauer, Brooklynn Twedt, Bryton Blauert, Devon Mueller, Kyra Tostenson, Andrew Mumbauer, Isabella Hicks, Dave Hicks, Eric Mueller and Pat Blauert.

# 4-H Spring Shooting Sports Season Concludes with Awards

The 2023 Grant County 4-H spring shooting sports season closed on Sunday, May 7. Participants and their families gathered for an end of the season party and celebrated spring season successes.

“Over the course of 14 weeks, 96 youth participated in shooting sports to learn safety and shooting techniques,” said Sara Koepke, Grant County 4-H youth program advisor. “This year was a positive transition moving all spring shooting sports disciplines underneath one roof. In addition, the program was led and managed by 4-H volunteer Wayne Meyer as the county’s shooting sports coordinator.”

Koepke added that the skills participants learn during the activity serve them and the community longterm. “Shooting sports works towards developing skills youth need to be productive and positive adults. Decision-making, teamwork, problem solving and being responsible and safe are a few of the many skills youth gain from participating in shooting sports,” said Koepke.

In 2023, a shooting sports scholarship was developed for graduating senior youth. Youth must complete a scholarship application, attend practices and demonstrate leadership and sportsmanship. Casside Seezs was selected as this year’s shooting

sports scholarship recipient.

End of the season county awards were presented, including:

Beginner BB Gun: Riley Krause, most improved; Brayden Twedt, top score; Junior BB Gun: Abigail Porter, most improved; Brock Sime, top score; Senior BB Gun: Zane Kilde, most improved; Brooke Mumbauer, top score.

Beginner Air Rifle: William Wyant, most improved; Zayne Frerichs, top score; Junior Air Rifle: Wesley Magedanz, most improved; Kyra Tostenson, top score; Senior Air Rifle: Devon Mueller, most improved and top score.

Beginner Air Pistol: Braden Mueller, most improved; Zayne Frerichs, top score; Junior Air Pistol: Kyra Tostenson, most improved and top score.

Beginner Archery: Hudson Mueller, most improved; Simon Hicks, top score; Junior Archery: Cooper Mueller, most improved; Mackenzie Mueller, top score; Senior Archery: Devon Mueller, top score.

Sportsmanship Awards: Beginner Air Gun, Clint Marko; Junior Air Gun, Callie Myrum; Beginner Archery, Liam Koepke; Junior Archery, Brock Sime; Senior Archery, Laura Eilers.

The shooting sports program is made possible with volunteers who help youth define their skills in archery, air pistol, air rifle and bb gun disciplines. Certified



RECEIVING the 4-H shooting sports scholarship is Casside Seezs. Seezs has been involved in the shooting sports program for eight years and will pursue an education degree.

coaches must complete in-depth training and complete volunteer requirements. Certified coaches for the spring season were Chely Wellnitz, Eric Mueller, Bill Steinlicht, Ron Marko, Pat Blauert, Joel Steltz, Wayne Meyer, Donnie Eilers, Denny Amberg, David Cizaldo, Blake Swanson, Dave Hicks, Justin Mathiason, Josh Karels, Steve Whitlow, and Zach Cramer. In addition, Sophia Whitlow served in a certified youth instructor capacity.



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NEARLY TWO DOZEN first responders, officials and emergency management directors from the counties of Grant, Roberts, Deuel, Day, Marshall, Brown, Sprink, Codington, Clark and Hamlin attended a regional gathering in Milbank on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 and 12. Milbank was chosen as one of several host sites across the state and all the groups trained in the statewide emergency operation center (EOC) preparedness exercise simultaneously. Participants got experience in a scenario of severe storms leading to flooding and associated hazards. They learned how to utilize interagency resources when large-scale incidents occur that would exhaust local resources. “I would like to say thanks to area public officials for taking time to prepare and plan with the state and neighboring emergency management teams. Every incident starts with local officials and ends local. It takes a great deal of resources to make things click,” said Kevin Schuelke, Grant County emergency management director.

## 4-H Club News

**Young Explorers Club**

The members of the Young Explorers 4-H Club met on Sunday, April 16, at the Grant County 4-H complex, hosted by the Greg and Andrea Bohn family. The meeting was called to order by president Dylan Bohn.

Bri Hicks led the American flag salute and Marnie VanLith led the 4-H Pledge. The roll call topic was favorite summer activity.

Vice president Mia VanLith took roll call, president Dylan Bohn gave the secretary’s report and Marnie VanLith gave the treasurer’s report.

Club leader Andrea Bohn announced members are to enter animals online and Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) must be completed by Thursday, June 1. There are YLL sessions on Thursday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 31, at the 4-H complex building.

Performing arts camp and 4-H camp were discussed.

Fashion review will be on Thursday, June 29, and special foods day will be on Wednesday, June 30.

New business: Leader’s meeting update was given by Greg Bohn and the club will be serving at the Malt Wagon on Tuesday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Club members wanting to design a club T-shirt should bring their ideas to the next meeting to vote on.

After the meeting adjourned, demonstrations were given by Tenley Bohn on dog obedience and agility and Marnie VanLith on how to make clay.

Refreshments were served and the club made three tie blankets to donate.

The next meeting will be Sunday, May 21, at 1 p.m. The Tostenson and Tomac families will host.



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## Farm Wife Life

by Mikayla Fonder



The last week I have put on at least a thousand miles: traveling to the cities and back twice to visit family and deliver meat, going to Sioux Falls with two of my sisters-in-law for a break and to do some shopping, and I also got to work with my dad for two days semen testing bulls over in Minnesota.

The kids got to enjoy being at Grandma and Grandpa’s house during the day and were lucky enough to get to stay overnight too! We are blessed to have both of our parents close by and that they are willing to watch the grandkids. It is nice being able to work together as family during busy days when we need an extra hand or when they need help with bigger jobs as well. With being gone so many days, the housework has piled up – a lot of laundry, dishes and vacuuming to complete.

We are officially done planting small grains for the spring! We planted some straight oats, a mixture of oats, peas and barley, and we also underseeded some alfalfa. This will start growing after combining the grain and baling the straw is done. It was a couple long days there, but the kids and I were able to help fill the drill with seed a couple times. Thankfully I only needed to make two parts runs to fix equipment.

Hopefully within the next week we will get our gardens worked and planted! I have two different gardens, a small one in the middle of our yard and a bigger one north of our house. In the past, I have planted tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, and rhubarb in the smaller garden. The larger garden will hold carrots, cucumbers, beets, pumpkins, watermelon, cantaloupe, sweet corn, as well as our strawberry and raspberry patches. It does make for a lot of work, weeding and watering, but it

is fun to see everything start growing and producing food.


Lately it has been nice weather for letting our dairy cows outside after milking in the morning and at night. The kids and I will continue to help feed grain in the barn before we let the cows in to be milked. Samuel and I will tie them in their stalls for milking while the kids are playing outside with their trucks. Each cow has a nametag for their own stall, this makes it easier to remember which cow goes in which spot. Soon we will be letting the cows out to the pasture during the day and night to graze on the grass and alfalfa. We have the pasture divided into paddocks. This helps with maximizing the amount of alfalfa consumed to increase the pounds of milk produced.

This week, we also got a surprise! We went outside to start getting cows in and there was a set of twin

calves running around out in the dry cows’ pen. Dry cows are cows that are not milking and in their third “trimester” of pregnancy. Ruby has had twin heifers now, two years in a row! Last year we named them Glass and Slippers, but this year I am thinking maybe we will go with Opal and Sapphire or Quartz.


This is a glimpse into life on County Line Farm.

*Mikayla and her husband, Samuel, are native to the Milbank area. Samuel is an organic dairy farmer and Mikayla is a stay-at-home mom who helps outside on the farm. They milk 50 Holstein and crossbred cows, raise and sell organic beef, raise chickens and farm 350 acres to grow the crops to feed their animals. They have three preschool-aged children, Jerica, Levi and Dallas, along with their dog, Tasha.*



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MILBANK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS receiving their FFA chapter degree certificates are, left to right, Sebastian Hooth, Joe French, Veronica Fonder, Ashlee Van Hoorn, Carlos Olivares Zungia and Bergen Nolting. Not pictured, Jacob Bublitz, Rylen Frerichs, Emmett Hanson, Trey Reil, Logan Robinson and Luke Schneck.

# Milbank FFA Members Honored in Spring Semester Banquet

The Milbank FFA chapter celebrated participating students with a banquet on Wednesday, May 3, in the Milbank High School lunchroom. Middle and high school students received awards and were recognized for their leadership in the program.

Members receiving discovery degrees were Kayla Schweer, Hallee Green, Bailey Schwagel, Estelle Schweer, Macy Mueller and Alexis Meyer.

Members receiving greenhand degrees were Allie Meyer, Kenzie Koomia, Ashlynn Lamp, Michael Janseen, Megan Wiese, Yanderyn Olivares Zungia, Kalli Grong, Hunter Reede, Jonathan DeBoer, Lucas DeBoer, Nathan Fonder, Carter Jensen, Lucas Johnson, Zane Kilde, Leah Meyer, Addison Morton, James Nelson, Xander Sperry and Caden Veen.

Members receiving their chapter degrees were Sebastian Hooth, Joe French, Veronica Fonder, Ashlee Van Hoorn, Carlos Olivares Zungia, Bergen Nolting, Jacob Bublitz, Rylen Frerichs, Emmett Hanson, Trey Reil, Logan Robinson and Luke Schneck.

Award winners included Raul Berrones with the Star in Agricul-



RETIRING officers from Milbank's FFA chapter include, left to right, Tice Mursu, Luis Berrones and Keara Van Hoorn.

ture Placement award, Van Hoorn with the Seize the Moment award, K. Schweer with the Outstanding Middle School FFA Member award and Grong with the Star Green-hand award.

L. Berrones, Van Hoorn and Tice Mursu were recognized as retiring officers.

Officers for the 2023-2024 school year will be V. Fonder, president; Wiese, vice-president; R. Berrones, treasurer; Grong, secretary; Lamp, reporter; Kooima, sentinel; N. Fonder, parliamentarian, and Abigail Pillatzki, student advisor.



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THE SKYWARN weather spotter training class conducted in Milbank on Thursday, April 27, was attended by 47 area residents. During the two-hour session, instructor Kelly Serr from the National Weather Service educated the participants on how thunderstorms form, ways to stay safe during severe weather and how to become a citizen scientist and reporter of the weather. The event was co-sponsored by the Grant County emergency management department.



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SIX PIANO STUDENTS of Sheila Dailie performed various length programs for the National Guild auditions judged by Maria Grant in Brookings on Friday, May 12. All students received superior and superior plus ratings. Participants were, left to right, Isabelle Karels, district winner, three years; Kaci Zinter, hobbyist winner, two years; Maci Mueller, state winner, four years; Lydia Gall, district winner, one year; Natalie Thaden, district winner, four years, and Klynn Schwandt, local winner, one year.

## Tag Along Through The Time Zones

by Jen Seehafer



My latest excursion: a mother-daughter trip to Texas. That's right; I stole your favorite newspaper owner away for a few days and took her to Dripping Springs, TX, with me. In the hill country of Texas, Dripping Springs is a small town of just under 6,000 people. It is situated about an hour west of Austin, TX, in the southern portion of the state, and is the site of some stunning countryside.

My mom and I left Sioux Falls in the afternoon of a 35-degree rainy day. We arrived just three short hours later and basked in the 70-degree sunniness of Austin. Getting our rental car took almost longer than the flight, but with some patience and good company, we were just fine. We had put incredibly little planning into this trip, with the sole goal of relaxing. After an hour of driving the winding roads to Dripping Springs, we got all set up at our spa and yoga retreat. Our Airbnb was quaint and simple but had a beautiful view and access to any amenities we might need. Yoga and meditation classes were offered daily, and there were 13 acres of land to go hiking through. When we had settled in, we decided to enjoy some fresh seafood and found a little seafood shack nearby. The food was phenomenal, serving fried crawdads, shrimp and oysters. By the time we finished eating, we were stuffed, happy and exhausted. We made our way back to the Airbnb and watched the radiant sunset before falling asleep for the night.

The following day, we woke up to captivating blue skies and beautiful temperatures. We got our hiking

gear ready and ventured out to Pedernales State Park. While the hike itself wasn't incredibly challenging, the sites are beyond unique. The park is known for its giant limestone slabs that contain a tranquil set up of freshwater pools. The pools have formed from thousands of years of turbulent water coursing over the limestone, creating deep pockets in the rock. The water is a vibrant blue and home to several types of fish, including sunfish, carp, catfish and bass. The trails were stunning this time of year, with thousands of blooming wildflowers of all colors and varieties along the paths. It was gecko galore in the park, too, so there were tiny lizards all over the place. The geckos were always small, maybe three to four inches, and blended phenomenally with the sandy trails. Usually, we would only spot them once we got too close, and the lizards would take off running at the speed of light. We ventured further into the park to drip our toes in the water but decided to try something else when we heard the people beside us running away from a water moccasin. We spent most of the day at the park, and when it got too warm for us, we found some ice cream. We stopped by a local grocery store and bought some supplies for what might have very well been the most incredible grilled supper I've ever had. Our Airbnb had a cozy outdoor area where we spent hours with my uncle Chris from Austin. He joined us for steaks, and we enjoyed the peaceful evening out in the sun.

The next day we woke up and started the morning with some

yoga and stretching. We soon left and ventured on a two-hour drive to a small farm on the south side of San Antonio. We stopped by downtown San Antonio on our way, making sure to get some more delicious seafood and walk the infamous boardwalk. Shops line both sides of the river, with restaurants of all kinds and tons of outdoor seating. Ferries are constantly passing by, with historic narrations continually going. From there, we continued through the city and reached Rockberry Ranch. The ranch is a family-owned farm with over five acres of flowers, fresh berries and lavender, all available for picking. Rockberry Ranch had even more to offer, though, with a petting zoo, multiple photo ops, and live music and concessions. We strolled the flower beds and picked out a bouquet of multicolored zinnias, and walked the rest of the farm, taking in the sites. Once we had our fill of the Texan countryside, we returned to Dripping Springs to enjoy our last evening of relaxation by watching the sunset from the hammocks outside our room.

The next day, we woke up around five a.m. for our morning flight. We made it back to Austin without delay and caught our flight with time to spare. Overall, I had fantastic company, stunning views, and phenomenal weather. Not much I can complain about on that front. I am one lucky kid to have a mom that will let me drag her around the countryside and put up with me for days on end. Sadly, she won't be on my next flight. I'll be headed to Colorado next. Stay tuned :)

### Super Fudgy Brownies

12 Tbsp butter (salted)  
2 Tbsp cooking oil  
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 1/4 cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
1/4 tsp salt  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Melt the butter in a large bowl in the microwave (or in a saucepot and then transfer to a bowl). Add the cooking oil and cocoa powder to the melted butter and whisk until smooth.

Whisk the sugar into the chocolate mixture until evenly incorporated, then whisk in the eggs, vanilla extract, and salt. Stir in the flour until it forms a thick batter. Finally, fold in the chocolate chips.

Prepare an 8x8-inch baking dish by coating it with butter or non-stick spray, then laying in a piece of parchment paper (the paper does not need to cover all sides of the dish). Add the brownie batter to the prepared dish, then spread it out evenly.

Bake the brownies in the preheated oven for 40 minutes. The brownies will be quite soft and moist, even when fully baked. Remove the brownies from the oven and let them cool for 10 minutes before lifting them out of the baking dish. Slice into nine pieces and serve.

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# Milbank City Council Proceedings

May 8, 2023  
Call to Order - The City Council met in regular session on May 8, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Visitor Center, 1001 East Fourth Avenue, Mayor Raffety presiding.

Roll Call - Mayor Raffety. Councilmembers: Roger Briggs, Mike Hanson (telephonically), Mindy Rogers, Craig Weinberg, John Weyh and Josh Karels.

Staff Present: Attorney Mark Reedstrom, Darin Thiele, Dick Poppen, Scott Meyer, Donald Settle, Dan Keyes, Cynthia Schumacher, John Forman, Corey Hooth, Ron Krause and Kevin Schuelke.

Public Present: Dan Sorenson, Holli Seehafer, Nathan Watson, Kathy Ward, Mike Mach, Amy Sis and Teresa Skaarer.

Public Comments – Teresa Skaarer addressed the council regarding property standards ordinances and enforcement.

Amy Sis, Grant County Conservation District Manager, explained services and inventory her office can provide to the city and area residents.

Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda – A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Approve Lake Farley Campground Policy

2. Approve Visitor Center Community Room Rental Policy

3. Approve hiring of Dylan Veen, part-time police officer, \$19.16, 5/8/23

4. Ratify hiring Unity staff: Ashton Loken–lifeguard–\$14.51 hr–3/5/23. McKenzie Mertens–fitness instructor–\$13.69 hr–1/30/23.

5. Ratify hiring of summer recreation staff: Addisyn Krause, Charlie Peery, Tyra Berry, Mason Meister–rec instructors–\$11.49 hr–5/1/23.

6. Ratify hiring of summer park maintenance staff: Dave Heidemann–\$15.80–4/17/23. Sam Femling–park maintenance–\$12.27, Karson Weber–\$12.80, Justus Osborne–\$12.27, Nick Batchelor–\$12.27.

7. Approve First Interstate Bank Customer Appreciation Picnic, 7/13/23, 11 a.m. to 1p.m., close parking lot behind bank on 2nd Street/3rd Avenue.

Malt Beverage & SD Wine License Applications – A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Malt Beverage & SD Wine License renewal applications. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Triple C Bar, 220 East Second Avenue, Lot 18, Block 6, Original Townsite of Milbank, Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD farm wine.

2. Comes Investments Inc., Pizza Hut, 1201 East Milbank Avenue, Lot 3, Eslinger's Addition, City of Milbank, Retail (on-off) alt beverage & SD farm wine.

3. The Pump 2.0 LLC, 205 South Main Street, Lots 15 and 16, Block 6, Original Townsite of Milbank, Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD farm wine.

4. DCDS LLC, Top Hat Lanes, 314 West Fourth Avenue, Lots 3-6, Block 4, West End Addition to the City of Milbank, Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD farm wine.

5. Berens Market, LLC, 1506 Morningside Drive, Lot 1, except Lot 101 a part of Lot 1, Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 3, Morningside Addition to the City of Milbank, Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD farm wine.

6. 15 Hotel Group Inc., Grandstay Hotel & Suites, 1005 S Dakota St, Lot 1 of Grandstay Addition to the City of Milbank, Retail (on-off) malt beverage & SD farm wine.

Department Reports  
Water – Councilman Briggs reported the water service to the sprinklers and the splash pad at Hurley Park have been installed. Crews will begin painting the above ground storage tank as weather permits. The City is averaging 61% spring water.

Housing & Development – Councilman reported \$481,950 will be transferred to the Housing Opportunity Fund. The funds are a result of sales tax paid on the Valley Queen Cheese construction project.

Wastewater – Chlorination began May first with no issues. The control system needs upgrades at an estimated cost of \$280,000. A rate increase may need to be reviewed.

Planning & Zoning – A motion was made and seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 847 – Rezoning of Block 2, Hunts Addition from an A1, agricultural district to an R2, general residential district. Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

April Permits  
Building: Berens Market–1612 Morningside Dr–fuel canopy. Chris Lewis/Lewis Process Piping-906 S Madison St–commercial accessory structure. JAG Development-1013 Adams Dr–house/garage. Adler Housing LLC–1101 Adams Dr–house/garage. Troy & Abby Gilbertson-803 S Viola St–detached accessory structure.  
Demo: Valley Queen–221 W 3rd Avenue/house/garage.  
Sign: Berens Market–1612 Morningside Dr.  
Fence: Sage Griffin–520 S Grant St-chain link.  
Event: Milbank Area Chamber–Cinco de Mayo–Lake Farley 5/6/23. Milbank Area Chamber–Farley Fest–Lake Farley–7/27-7/30/23. It Only Takes a Spark-cancer walk/picnic-Lake Farley–6/9-6/10/23.

GCDC & Chamber – Councilman Weinberg reported the Cinco de Mayo event was well attended despite the weather-related last-minute move indoors.  
A motion was made and seconded to accept a \$15,000 grant through the Infrastructure First Project at the GOED to supplement the cost associated with

a five-year capital improvement plan. The grant funds will be matched by the city. ISG Engineering will develop, outline, prioritize to recommend a capital improvement project list for the next five years. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel – The Mayor discussed the idea of seeking outside assistance to conduct a wage study. Administrator Forman was directed to seek quotes for a wage study.

Lake Farley – The Council thanked the Flynn Estate for a \$250,000 donation to the American Legion Baseball project.

The Mayor announced that Valley Queen Charitable Foundation has committed to a donation match of 2023 donations, up to \$300,000, made to the American Legion Baseball project.

Administrator Forman reported the road around the campground was paved. No bids were received for the backstop, he is working to obtain quotes.

Property Standards – Property standard inspections will be done, and notices sent out.

Police – Interviews for the vacant patrol officer position have been scheduled. Law enforcement agencies conducted a mock traffic accident at the high school. Several area K-9 units assisted with a sweep of the school and parking lot.

Park & Cemetery – Several items at Pribyl Park were vandalized. Water service has been restored to the parks and cemetery.

A motion was made and seconded to declare the skate park equipment surplus, appraise and dispose. Motion carried 6-0. Park board development committee members appraised the current equipment at \$25.

Unity Health & Fitness – A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendments to the 24/7 facility use guidelines. The amendments included 1. The lap pool will be available to patrons ages 18 years of age and older during designated times. 2. Members ages 16 and over will be able to purchase 24/7 access. 3. Members under 16 can use the facility during 24/7 operations with direct supervision by parent or adult guardian. Following discussion, motion carried 6-0.

Fire – A motion was made and seconded to accept a \$9,400 grant received from the US Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service. The grant funds will be matched by the city to purchase SCBA voice amps and protective gear. Motion carried 6-0.

The council discussed the continued use of the fire sirens and the confusion between the fire siren and weather siren.

Rubble Site – Residents are encouraged to take advantage of extended rubble site hours May 12–May 20, 2023. Streets – Councilman Weyh gave the monthly report.

Airport – No report.  
Finance – A motion was made and seconded to approve the April Treasurer's report. Moton carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills list. Motion carried, 6-0.

CLAIMS: 5/8/2023  
Advanced Technologies Inc, shipping/display boards, \$551.81; All Flags LLC, flags, \$384.43; Alternative HR, LLC, HR support, \$271.25; Amazon, supplies/parts, \$352.07; Associated Supply Co., supplies, \$4,198.74; AT&T, cell phone, \$511.81; Auto Value Parts Store, parts/supplies, \$89.96; AutoMaxx CDJR Inc., vehicle repairs, \$278.29; Banner Associates, engineering, \$37,841.50; BIB, background checks, \$14.42; Big State Industrial Supply, safety supplies, \$946.36; Brewster Building Center, lumber, \$104.39; BNS Sports, supplies, \$20.00; Card Pointe, card fees, \$499.22; Chappell Central Inc., HVAC equipment inspection, \$1,320.00; City of Milbank, deposit to final bill, \$19.62; Cole Papers, building supplies, \$1,185.06; Corporate Technology, service agreement/computers, \$4,943.59; Eastside Car Wash, truck wash usage/manlift rental, \$263.86; Energy Laboratories, testing, \$3,201.00; FAcCe-Propay, transaction fees, \$10.15; Fastenal Co., parts, \$450.95; Feld Fire, function test, \$1,449.15; Flower Shoppe, memorial, \$66.50; Folk, Jake, travel expense, \$166.00; Food-N-Fuel, gas, \$212.24; Google/YouTube, membership fees, \$12.77; GR Emergency Vehicle Outfitters, install equipment, \$1,550.00;

## LaBolt Town Council Proceedings

The LaBolt Town Council met May 2, 2023, at the LaBolt Hall. Present were Jon Wold, Kenneth Wold, John Wollenberg, Larry Erp, Tiffany Leonard and Barb Ellingson.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Financial report was given and approved.

The following bills were approved for payment from the general fund: Ottertail Power (street lights) \$247.82; Ottertail Power (fire hall) \$203.15; Ottertail Power (sign) \$9.10; Brookings Deuel Water \$30.00; Northwestern Energy \$10.00; Sioux Valley Co-op \$56.00; Grant County Review \$167.35; Grant Co. Administration (Flag) \$24.36.  
Clean up day at the park is May 13, 2023, at 9 a.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Barb Ellingson  
Finance Officer  
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Grant County Auditor, county services, \$1,000.00; Grant County Development Corp, housing fund, \$481,950.00; Grant County Review, publications, \$468.89; Hach Co., testing supplies, \$193.00; Hawkins Inc., chemicals, \$11,119.25; Hinneberg, Cory, deposit refund, \$80.38; Homan Metal Fab LLC, blade repair, \$2,625.00; Hooth, Corey, badges, \$360.23; Issacson, Justin, uniforms, \$164.97; ITC, telephone/internet service, \$1,552.06;J&J Earthworks Inc., snow removal, \$1,767.50; John Deere Financial, parts/repairs, \$675.71; Landmark, Julie, repair shower, \$494.95; Larson Elevator Co., maintenance agreement, \$89.34; Leins, Adam, clothing allowance, \$100.00; Les Mills, spin class virtual bundle, \$299.00; Lewis Drug Stores, supplies, \$9.98; Linde Gas & Equipment, air maint. system, \$50.64; Manning Environmental, parts, \$1,221.76; Milbank Ford & Mercury, vehicle repairs, \$188.83; Milbank Glass & More, install door/keys/rent, \$4,797.02; Milbank Winwater Co., parts, \$17,730.90; MnB Cleaning Services LLC, cleaning service, \$4,800.00; NAPA Auto Parts, parts/supplies, \$146.06; Norton, Don & Brenda, dance program, \$497.40; NW Energy, natural gas, \$3,601.47; Otter Tail Power, electric, \$21,838.00; Petty Cash, postage/recording fee, \$61.54; Reedstrom, Mark, retainer fee, \$1,000.00; Reimche Airspray LLC, FBO Contract, \$1,500.00; Ricarie Software, software license, \$105.00; Roger's Electric Motor, parts, \$218.40; Running's Supply, Inc., supplies/parts, \$1,423.04; Schaeffer's Mfg. Co., oil, \$559.20; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax, \$4,185.87; SD Health Lab, testing, \$172.00; Share Corp., supplies, \$1,400.48; SiteOne Landscape Supply, fertilizer, \$512.38; South Dakota 811, Feb one calls, \$8.40; Spotify, subscription, \$10.64; Star Laundry & Cleaners, laundry service, \$483.98; Street Graphex Inc., staff shirt/name plate, \$122.18; The Ortonville Independent, advertising exp/flyers, \$630.41; Thomas L. Price Inc., evaluation, \$2,400.00; Time Clock Plus, over license fee; \$180.00; Titan Machinery, repair tractor, \$8,522.81; Twin Valley Tire, tires/service, \$1,777.81; UPI, gas, \$5,138.92; US Postal Service, billing expense, \$440.00; USA Bluebook, parts/supplies, \$601.90; Valley Office Products, supplies, \$67.46; Valley Rental & Recycling, recycling agreement, \$650.00; Vessco, parts, \$905.53; West Central Communications Inc., radio system programming, \$4,057.00; Westermeyer, Susan, program fee refund, \$105.00; Whetstone Home Center, supplies/lumber, \$853.13; Whetstone Sanitation, garbage service, \$589.00; Whetstone Valley Electric, parts, \$149.00; WM Corporate Services, garbage service, \$336.77; Xerox Corporation, copier lease \$447.55; Zoom Video Communications Inc, subscription, \$112.88. \$ 658,465.76

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2022 annual report as submitted. Motion carried 6-0. The annual report will be submitted to the SD Department of Legislative Audit and Eide Bailly auditors.

April salaries: Mayor/Council \$1,600; Finance \$19,418; Police \$31,041 Fire \$1,751; Street \$13,280; Rubble Site \$794; Recreation \$24,120; Park \$10,565; Water \$5,512; Wastewater \$15,021.

Executive Session–A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1-25-2(1). Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Raffety called the council out of executive session.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request of Ted Bray for an unpaid leave of absence, April 26–May 5, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the position and job description of Public Works Coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve advertising for the position of public works coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn – The next regular meeting is June 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/ Pat Raffety, Mayor  
ATTEST  
/s/ Cynthia Schumacher,  
Finance Officer  
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## Town of Twin Brooks Council Proceedings

The Town of Twin Brooks had its monthly meeting May 9, 2023, with Wiseman, Larsen and Ecker in attendance. Wiseman called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by Wiseman and seconded by Larsen to approve Finance Report.

Wash-out streets damage by flooding, mowing and culverts were brought up for discussion.

Bills to be paid: Grant/Roberts Rural Water 63.00, Ottertail 262.68, ITC 84.08, Border Lake Ins 4,036.00, J & J Earthworks 535.72, Grant County Review 8.99 and Schwandt Law 62.50.

Meeting was adjourned and seconded. Next meeting is set for June 13, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Paul T. Spolar  
Finance Officer  
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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF MILBANK AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS–MODIFIED CASH BASIS			
	General Fund	Tax Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance	1,734,596.05	58,036.61	2,144,586.77
Revenues and Other Sources:			
Taxes:			
Property Taxes	951,876.44		951,876.44
General Sales and Use Taxes	3,416,593.23	143,689.06	3,560,282.29
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,361.86		1,361.86
Licenses and Permits	78,266.86		78,266.86
Intergovernmental Revenues:			
Federal Grants	34,824.75		34,824.75
State Grants	4,995.75		4,995.75
State Shared Revenue	163,173.81		163,173.81
County Shared Revenue	19,467.68		19,467.68
Other Intergovernmental Revenue (railroad)	7,500.00		7,500.00
Charges for Goods and Services:			
General Government	4,218.60		4,218.60
Public Safety	5,690.74		5,690.74
Sanitation	111,604.72		111,604.72
Culture and Recreation	475,273.73		475,273.73
Cemetery	18,000.00		18,000.00
Fines and Forfeits:			
Court Fines and Forfeits	72.80		72.80
Animal Control Fines	299.00		299.00
Other	979.83		979.83
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:			
Investment Earnings	28,866.07	425.90	31,024.88
Rentals	13,965.19		13,965.19
Contributions and Donations from Private Sources	79,525.00	741,802.92	821,327.92
Other Revenues (cable & airport)	88,127.35		88,127.35
Compensation for Loss or Damage to Capital Assets	4,000.00		4,000.00
Long Term Debt Issued	5,928,500.40	50,000.00	5,978,500.40
Total Revenue and Other Sources	11,437,183.81	194,114.96	12,374,834.60
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
Legislative	48,273.01		48,273.01
Elections	1,088.46		1,088.46
Financial Administration	392,627.75		392,627.75
Police	653,333.33		653,333.33
Fire	209,731.05		209,731.05
Highways and Streets	936,848.81		936,848.81
Sanitation	35,648.95		35,648.95
Airport	65,194.73		65,194.73
Recreation	1,163,094.12		1,163,094.12
Parks	3,095,794.02		3,095,794.02
Urban Redevelopment and Housing (TIF #3)	67,378.82		67,378.82
Economic Development and Assistance		141,328.56	141,328.56
Debt Service	515,292.54		515,292.54
Other Expenditures		360.11	360.11
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	7,184,305.59	141,328.56	7,325,994.26

Transfers In (Out)			
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	4,727,674.89	52,786.40	4,916,390.83
Ending Balance:			
Restricted for promotion		110,823.01	598,706.66
Assigned (for infrastructure)	296,000.00		296,000.00
Unassigned	6,166,270.94		6,166,270.94
Total Ending Fund Balance	6,462,270.94	110,823.01	7,060,977.60

Governmental Long-Term Debt			7,580,000.00
Beginning Balance			
Revenues			
Expenses			
Transfers In (Out)			
Ending Balance:			
Restricted for:			
Revenue Bond Debt Service	394,952.49	0.00	
Unrestricted	1,770,277.60	679,859.54	
Enterprise Long-term Debt			1,335,230.15

The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the municipal finance officer at 432-9575.

Municipal funds are deposited as follows:

Depository	Amount
First Bank & Trust (gift fund)	488,063.65
First Bank & Trust (savings/Intra Fi)	9,347,848.75
First Bank & Trust (checking)	5,000.00
First Bank & Trust (Unity)	5,000.00
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NOTICE	
The Evergreen Cemetery Association will conduct its annual meeting Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Elim Mission Church in Stockholm.	
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ORDINANCE #847	
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, an ordinance to amend Section 17.03.01 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Milbank.	
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Milbank, South Dakota that Section 17.03.01 of the Milbank Municipal Code, be amended by Ordinance 847, to classify the following property: Hunt Addition Block 2 W 858.21' x 652.73' (east of Fair Street, north of Fairgrounds Addition) to the City of Milbank to R2 (General Residential District) from A (Agricultural District).	
Passed and adopted this eighth day of May, 2023.	/s/ Pat Raffety, Mayor
ATTEST	
/s/ Cynthia Schumacher, Finance Officer	
First Reading: April 10, 2023	
Second Reading: May 8, 2023	
Published May 17, 2023, and May 24, 2023	
Effective: June 12, 2023	
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS—MODIFIED CASH BASIS				
	General Fund	Tax Fund	222 - Gift Fund	Total Governmental Funds
	1,734,596.05	58,036.61	351,954.11	2,144,586.77
	951,876.44			951,876.44
	3,416,593.23	143,689.06		3,560,282.29
	1,361.86			1,361.86
	78,266.86			78,266.86
	34,824.75			34,824.75
	4,995.75			4,995.75
	163,173.81			163,173.81
	19,467.68			19,467.68
ailroad)	7,500.00			7,500.00
	4,218.60			4,218.60
	5,690.74			5,690.74
	111,604.72			111,604.72
	475,273.73			475,273.73
	18,000.00			18,000.00
	72.80			72.80
	299.00			299.00
	979.83			979.83
rces:	28,866.07	425.90	1,732.91	31,024.88
	13,965.19			13,965.19
	79,525.00		741,802.92	821,327.92
	88,127.35			88,127.35
	4,000.00			4,000.00
	5,928,500.40	50,000.00		5,978,500.40
	11,437,183.81	194,114.96	743,535.83	12,374,834.60
	48,273.01			48,273.01
	1,088.46			1,088.46
	392,627.75			392,627.75
	653,333.33			653,333.33
	209,731.05			209,731.05
	936,848.81			936,848.81
	35,648.95			35,648.95
	65,194.73			65,194.73
	1,163,094.12			1,163,094.12
	3,095,794.02			3,095,794.02
	67,378.82			67,378.82
	515,292.54	141,328.56		141,328.56
			360.11	360.11
	7,184,305.59	141,328.56	360.11	7,325,994.26
	474,796.67		(607,246.18)	(132,449.51)
	4,727,674.89	52,786.40	135,929.54	4,916,390.83
	296,000.00	110,823.01	487,883.65	598,706.66
	6,166,270.94			296,000.00
	6,462,270.94	110,823.01	487,883.65	6,166,270.94
				7,060,977.60
				7,580,000.00



25186
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>EMC PROPERTY &amp; CASUALTY COMPANY</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: 717 MULBERRY ST, DES MOINES, IA 50309-3872
MAIL ADDRESS: PO BOX 712, DES MOINES, IA 50306-0712
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$29,409,222.00
Stocks .....\$1,815,901.00
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$404,280.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$-
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$347,247.00
Other Assets .....\$546,886.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$32,523,536.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$-
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$-
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$20,430.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$-
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$115,516.00
Unearned Premiums.....\$-
All Other Liabilities .....\$19,604.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$155,550.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$-
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$3,300,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$2,146,542.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$26,921,444.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$32,367,986.00
TOTAL .....\$32,523,536.00
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>
Direct Premiums Written.....\$2,339,083.00
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$1,992,874.00
Direct Losses Paid .....\$543,269.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$223,158.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the EMC Property & Casualty Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

25666
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY OF AMERICA</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
MAIL ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$508,283,979.00
Stocks .....\$-
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$71,546,042.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$60,123,773.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$6,656,111.00
Other Assets .....\$84,885,109.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$731,495,014.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$290,785,263.00
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$61,732,023.00
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$4,698,231.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$2,764,729.00
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$-
Unearned Premiums.....\$112,233,385.00
All Other Liabilities .....\$75,541,094.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$547,754,724.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$315,989.00
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$5,250,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$47,400,000.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$130,774,301.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$183,740,290.00
TOTAL .....\$731,495,014.00
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>
Direct Premiums Written.....\$5,300,583.00
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$5,528,985.00
Direct Losses Paid .....\$6,942,823.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$4,788,866.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the The Travelers Indemnity Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

25240
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>NAU INSURANCE COMPANY</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: ONE QBE WAY, SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53596
MAIL ADDRESS: ONE QBE WAY, SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53596
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$513,457,458.00
Stocks .....\$-
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$4,836,022.00
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$121,012,522.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$204,141,275.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$3,786,498.00
Other Assets .....\$561,148,296.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$1,408,382,071.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$360,102,200.00
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$69,000,450.00
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$2,835,588.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$2,208,437.00
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$-
Unearned Premiums.....\$220,570,221.00
All Other Liabilities .....\$434,630,047.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$1,109,346,943.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$-
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$280,870,000.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$15,165,128.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$299,035,128.00
TOTAL .....\$1,408,382,071.00
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>
Direct Premiums Written.....\$225,082,589.00
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$215,654,618.00
Direct Losses Paid .....\$180,673,722.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$186,951,734.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the NAU Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

25674
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY COMPANY OF AMERICA</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
MAIL ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$623,798,595.00
Stocks .....\$-
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$1,340,509.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$28,109,816.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$9,885,108.00
Other Assets .....\$362,070,771.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$1,025,204,799.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$135,951,551.00
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$28,861,725.00
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$2,258,937.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$1,292,601.00
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$455,200.00
Unearned Premiums.....\$52,472,751.00
All Other Liabilities .....\$335,430,265.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$556,723,030.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$147,735.00
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$5,040,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$378,052,652.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$85,241,382.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$468,841,769.00
TOTAL .....\$1,025,204,799.00

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022**  
Direct Premiums Written.....\$17,332,210.00  
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$15,865,273.00  
Direct Losses Paid .....\$9,283,074.00  
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$12,907,592.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Travelers Property Casualty Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

25453
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>NATIONWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD, COLUMBUS, OH, 43215-2220
MAIL ADDRESS: ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD, 1-99-FIN7, COLUMBUS, OH, 43215-2220
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$426,331,692.00
Stocks .....\$-
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$23,181,687.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$512,157,713.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$2,864,321.00
Other Assets .....\$164,048,657.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$1,128,584,070.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$140,348,226.00
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$32,121,613.00
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$2,099,160.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$1,403,207.00
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$-
Unearned Premiums.....\$89,060,156.00
All Other Liabilities .....\$629,832,739.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$894,865,101.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$-
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$3,500,010.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$207,891,382.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$22,327,577.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$233,718,969.00
TOTAL .....\$1,128,584,070.00
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>
Direct Premiums Written.....\$11,004.07
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$92,336.00
Direct Losses Paid .....\$2,229.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$2,841.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Nationwide Insurance Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Ohio, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

25682
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
MAIL ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$1,023,245,684.00
Stocks .....\$-
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$10,969,133.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$106,973,466.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$9,541,257.00
Other Assets .....\$136,536,071.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$1,287,265,556.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$517,371,181.00
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$109,834,899.00
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$8,368,379.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$4,919,066.00
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$71,100.00
Unearned Premiums.....\$199,687,970.00
All Other Liabilities .....\$117,708,819.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$957,961,414.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$562,214.00
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$5,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$4,862,470.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$318,879,458.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$329,304,142.00
TOTAL .....\$1,287,265,556.00
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>
Direct Premiums Written.....\$4,709,500.00
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$4,274,633.00
Direct Losses Paid .....\$1,147,001.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$2,965,658.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the The Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 26, 27, 23B  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>THE CHARTER OAK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
MAIL ADDRESS: ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$881,354,022.00
Stocks .....\$-
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate .....\$-
Real Estate Owned.....\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits .....\$30,519,433.00
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums.....\$99,165,184.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued .....\$8,628,767.00
Other Assets .....\$110,566,430.00
TOTAL ASSETS .....\$1,130,233,836.00
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>
Reserve for Losses .....\$479,606,861.00
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses .....\$101,817,753.00
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees).....\$7,743,809.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes).....\$4,560,009.00
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes .....\$1,044,822.00
Unearned Premiums.....\$185,112,206.00
All Other Liabilities .....\$98,734,551.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....\$878,620,011.00
Special Surplus Funds.....\$521,176.00
Capital Paid Up or
Statutory Deposit .....\$4,200,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus .....\$80,200,080.00
Unassigned Surplus .....\$1,626,931,801.00
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders .....\$251,613,825.00
TOTAL .....\$1,130,233,836.00
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022</b>
Direct Premiums Written.....\$3,902,893.00
Direct Premiums Earned .....\$4,011,996.00
Direct Losses Paid .....\$2,409,451.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....\$7,660,264.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the The Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 26, 27  
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in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

25712
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
<b>ESURANCE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: 3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062
MAIL ADDRESS: 3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062
<b>ASSETS:</b>
Bonds .....\$105,896,764.00
Stocks .....\$36,947,983.00
Mortgage Loans on







Meet the  
GRADUATES

Class of 2023  
Summit High School



Veronica Brown\*



Brock Faeth



Cierra Fonder\*



Kellen Jaques



Jonathan Johnston



Kathryn Karst\*



Brady Lindholm\*



Teryn Menning



Mary Minder\*



Damon Opdahl\*



Simon Pies



Jorja Whempner



Hunter Zubke

## The Best & The Brightest Graduation Wishes

**Class Colors:** Red, Black and White

**Class Flower:** Red Alstroemeria

**Class Motto:** “Did everyone see that? Because I will NOT be doing it again.” ~ Captain Jack Sparrow

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Avera Medical Group Milbank  
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Berkner Excavating  
Bien Pharmacy  
Big Stone Chiropractic Health Center  
Big Stone Therapies, Inc. - Milbank Office  
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Bjordahl Dental Care - Dr. Travis Bjordahl  
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Casey's General Stores  
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Coldspring - 125th Anniversary "The Legacy Continues"  
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Milbank Winwater  
Millstone Family Restaurant  
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