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Faulkton School Shows Talent at Elementary Spring concert



Faulkton Elementary Concert for K-5 grade



Maureen Wernsmann New CNP at Avera Missouri River Health Center

By Molly McRoberts, Potter County News/Gettysburg

The new Certified Nurse Practitioner at the Avera Missouri River Health Center grew up just down the road near Polo, SD, and is now bringing her years of health care experience to Gettysburg.

Maureen Wernsmann started her education at a county school in Polo until high school, when she said she “had to transfer to the “city” of Faulkton.” After graduation from Faulkton High School, she headed to college in Brookings. Wernsmann said she wanted to be a pediatrician when she “grew up,” so obtained a bachelor’s degree in Biology/Premed at SDSU.

Her college years brought her a range of experiences. She was

a member of the women’s rugby team, boxing team, Tri Beta honor society, and served as a three-year senator. “I was also blessed with daughter, Lily,” she said.

From there, she did what many young college grads do, and moved to Sioux Falls to get a job. “I worked at Sanford just as they were transitioning from Sioux Valley and worked both on the MedSurg floor as a patient tech and then in the lab as a phlebotomist and lab technician,” she said.

Her daughter started school there, but they would often go “home, home” on the weekends to the family farm near Polo. One weekend after her daughter crying because they had to go back “home” to Sioux Falls,

Wernsmann decided it was time to come “home, home” and they moved back to Polo. After working in a few different jobs, she returned to her first love of healthcare.

She enrolled in the Nursing program in Pierre through USD, alternating classes and work at Avera in Miller, SD, until graduating in 2016, when she took a job at the hospital in Faulkton. She has been a hospital nurse in Faulkton and Miller full-time for the last 10 years.

She said that it almost feels like nursing is in her genetics. Her grandmother went back to school to become a nurse when she was 55, which is where Wernsmann learned it’s never too late to chase a dream. Two older sisters and several close relatives are also nurses, and a close friend returned to school for her Nurse Practitioner degree through Morningside College; her friend convinced her to apply and “it was off to the races.”

Her love for her home town helped her understand the importance of giving back. Her passion for healthcare helped drive that. “I first joined the Faulk County Ambulance while I was in College at SDSU in

2004/2005. I saw the struggle rural health care systems faced when trying to provide emergency care to friends and family members in my community and wanted to help,” she said. “It took me a while to get back to what I started, but I am so grateful that I did.”

Much of her clinical hours were spent in family medicine, with a semester in OB/GYN and another in Pediatrics. She said she loves working with people of all ages, and has always loved Avera’s faith based approach to healthcare. “I loved my time in Miller’s Avera facility and was lucky that Gettysburg had an opening for me,” she said, adding, “Another God moment for sure!”

She and her husband, Rusty, grew up on the same gravel road near Polo. Their family includes Lily, 24, eight-year-old Ralph, and Hazel, who is six. In addition to time spent with family, she stays busy in lots of other ways, too. “I love to coach tee ball in Orient, SD. I grew up playing ball there and helping little kids fall in love with the game is so amazing,” she said. She helps her mom with catering gigs when needed, which means she gets to go to all the fun weddings in the Tri

county area. She also helps on her husband and in-laws farms as much as possible, too. In addition to that, she has been active in Catholic Daughters for 25 years and Farmers Union for over a decade.

But along with that, she also appreciates her short 40-minute commute across the South Dakota prairie, which gives her time to listen to podcasts on the way to work and listen to silence on the way home to de-stress.

“My mother and father worked very hard and it taught me that nothing was too difficult if you really wanted it, and I really wanted to make a difference through service” she said. “I also learned it is never too late to chase a dream.”

Mostly, she never wanted to live anywhere else but here in rural South Dakota, where people are always the best part of her job. “I love getting to meet new people and am humbled when they trust me to help. I think that making a difference, even in a small way, has a ripple effect that pushes outward and touches so much more than you can imagine.”

To make an appointment with Maureen Wernsmann, CNP, contact the Avera Gettysburg clinic at 605-765-2273.



Community Wide Effort Ensures Dentist Office Will Remain Open in Faulkton!

A community-wide effort, led by the Faulkton Area Economic Development Corporation will ensure that Faulkton's dental practice will continue to serve patients as a satellite office of Aberdeen Dental.

"Supporting rural areas with high-quality dental care is important because it helps close a real and persistent gap in access to healthcare. Many rural residents face long travel distances, limited provider availability, and fewer opportunities for preventative care. When those barriers exist, small issues can quickly become serious health problems," said Aberdeen Dental owner Dr. Kristin Teigen.

Improving Rural Healthcare Access

Making sure dental services remain in Faulkton included

participation in the South Dakota Department of Health's Recruitment Assistance Program (RAP).

Designed to attract talented physicians to communities with populations of 10,000 or less, RAP offers healthcare professionals financial incentives in return for a three-year commitment to practice in designated rural areas. These incentives are essential to breaking down barriers that draw health care providers to larger urban areas. The state will cover 75% of the incentive—\$192,630—while the community will fund the remainder.

The Faulkton Area Economic Development Board, through their 501(c)(3) Snake Creek Development Corporation has launched the "Give a Little, Smile a Lot" campaign with a goal of raising the remaining 25%, \$64,210, through grants, corporate contributions, and individual donations.

The effort wholly embraces the economic development corporation's motto, "We Believe In Possible!"

Incredibly Meaningful Rewards

Operating a dental practice in a rural area comes with a unique set of challenges: recruiting and retaining qualified staff, managing higher operating costs, and having limited access to nearby specialists for referrals can be tough to overcome.

"These factors can make it more difficult to provide care efficiently and require thoughtful planning to ensure patients

still receive comprehensive treatment close to home," said Dr. Teigen.

After more than 30 years of caring for patients in Aberdeen, she never imagined expanding beyond a single practice. But when the opportunity arose to mentor the next generation of dentists—while also helping to ensure a small rural community could retain its local dental office—she saw it as an opportunity to give back.

"Rural dentistry allows for strong personal connections with patients and the opportunity to build long-lasting relationships with families over generations," said Dr. Teigen. "There is a deep sense of pride and fulfillment in serving a local population and making a tangible difference in their overall health."

Meet Our New Dentist, Dr. Katherine Erickson!

The Faulkton office will be run by RAP recipient Dr. Katherine Erickson.

Dr. Erickson graduated from South Dakota State University with a BS in Human Biology, with additional distinction from the Fishback Honors College.

She earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Creighton University School of Dentistry, where she was recognized for scholarship, character, and professionalism. During her time there, she was inducted into the prestigious national dental honor society Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU).

When not in the office, Dr. Erickson enjoys hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, spending time at the lake,

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Important voter ballot information for the 2026

Primary Election

• The South Dakota Republican Primary is open to only registered Republicans. Faulk County **DOES** have a ballot for the 2026 Republican Primary. (**Ballot includes federal, state and local races**)

• Faulk County **DOES** also have a Republican Federal Only ballot open to Republican Federal only voters for the 2026 Republican Primary. (**Ballot includes federal races only**)

• The South Dakota Democratic Primary is open to registered Democrats and Independents/No Party Affiliation voters, but not Republicans. Faulk County **DOES NOT** have a ballot for the 2026 Democratic Primary.

The South Dakota Libertarian Primary is open to voters registered as Libertarian, Independent or No Party Affiliation. Faulk County **DOES NOT** have a ballot for the 2026 Libertarian Primary.

and any activities involving her two golden retrievers Finn and Bart. She is currently looking for housing in Faulkton and is excited to join our community this summer.

"I'm thrilled to serve the Faulkton community and am dedicated to providing compassionate, individualized care in a comfortable and welcoming environment. My goal is to build long-lasting relationships with patients and help people of all ages achieve their dental goals," said Dr. Erickson.

A Full Range of Dental Services

Dr. Erickson will begin seeing patients this summer, providing a full range of services:

- Preventative care such as routine exams and cleanings
- Fluoride treatments
- Dental sealants to help maintain long-term oral health
- Fillings, crowns, bridges, full and partial dentures
- Periodontal (gum) therapy
- Digital X-rays and intraoral scanning
- Cosmetic services such as clear aligners, teeth whitening, aesthetic composite bonding, and veneers will also be available.

"By investing in rural dental care, we're not just treating teeth, we're improving overall health, supporting families, and strengthening the Faulkton community," said Dr. Teigen.

The dentist will be located at 102 8th Avenue in Faulkton.

Facts at a Glance . . .

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How Long Does It Take to Close on a Home After You're Under Contract

By Tiffany Paul, Licensed Realtor with eXp Realty

One of the most common questions buyers and sellers ask is, "How long will it take to actually close once we're under contract?"

The short answer is that it depends. However, there are some clear timelines you can generally expect based on the type of offer.

Cash Offers: Fast, But Not Instant

Cash deals are often the quickest path to the closing table. Without a lender involved, you eliminate a large portion of the process.

That said, quick does not mean overnight. You still need time for title work, paperwork, and coordination between all parties. A realistic expectation is about 2 to 3 weeks, with 3 weeks being a safe standard to allow the title company to do things properly.

Financed Offers: A Bit More Involved

When a loan is involved, things naturally take longer. There are more moving parts, including lenders, underwriters, and appraisers, and each step must be completed and verified before closing.

For most conventional loans, a typical timeline is around 30 days from contract to close.

FHA and VA Loans: Plan for Extra Time

Government backed loans such as FHA and VA can take a bit longer due to stricter guidelines and additional requirements.

A safe expectation is 30 to 45 days, depending on how smoothly the process goes.

Why 30 to 45 Days Matters

That 30 to 45 day window is not arbitrary. It serves an important purpose. It allows:

The title company to complete a thorough title search

The lender to collect, verify, and approve all financial documents

The appraisal to be ordered, completed, and reviewed

The attorney, where applicable, to clear any title issues

Time to resolve unexpected problems without derailing the deal

Real estate transactions rarely go exactly as planned. Having enough time built into the contract can be the difference between a smooth closing and a stressful one.

While every transaction is unique, here is a simple rule of thumb:

Cash deals: about 3 weeks

Conventional loans: about 30 days

FHA and VA loans: 30 to 45 days

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Registration for Archaeology Camp 2026 to open May 1

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society's Historic Preservation Office, supported by South Dakota Archaeological Research Center, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be hosting their annual Archaeology Camp in Pierre June 9th -11th for students going into grades 4-6 for the 2026/2027 school year.

Archaeology Camp provides

students with an active, outdoor experience located on an archaeological site near the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area north of Fort Pierre. Students should be prepared to hike and to work in the dirt alongside professional archaeologists. At Archaeology Camp, campers will be introduced to the field of archaeology. They will learn the purpose of archaeological digs and the stories that artifacts can tell people about the past.

In addition to excavations at the site, other rewarding and fun activities will include processing artifacts, practicing with atlatls (ancient weapons that preceded the bow and arrow), and touring historic sites around town.

Camp dates are June 9th - 11th, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CT. The program is structured for students to attend all three days. The registration fee per camper is \$50.

Registration will open Friday, May 1, at 8 a.m. CT and will close when the camp is full or on Sunday, May 3, whichever comes first. Due to the popularity of the camp, registration is first-come first-serve for 20 applicants who have not previously attended. Prior participants may apply, but their names will be added

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to a waitlist and only considered if there are less than 20 new campers. No walk-in campers will be accepted on camp days.

Registration information is available at <https://history.sd.gov/preservation/ArchaeologyCamp.aspx>.

For more information on the Archaeology Camp, please contact Katie Wasley with the historic preservation office at (605) 773-2906 or at Katie.Wasley@state.sd.us.

About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing, and administrative offices. For questions or memberships, call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.

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Record Notes

Weather

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Tues., April 21 ...	78	40	
Wed., April 22 ...	91	56	
Thurs., April 23 ...	74	40	.07
Fri., April 24 ...	60	32	
Sat., April 25 ...	44	40	.04
Sun., April 26 ...	46	38	
Mon., April 27 ...	42	36	.49

Scott Armstrong, Observer
The total amount of moisture in 2026 is 3.41 and ended 2025 with 3.22.

Faulkton Area Coming Events

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April 29: Autumn Leaves will meet at 12:30 at the Senior Center.

April 30: 10:00 am Golf meet in Aberdeen, Rolling Hills course; 12:00 pm National Honor Society Blood Drive in Auxiliary Gym; 11:00 am Track meet in Lyman, bus departs @ 7:30 am; 6:00 pm 3rd and 4th grade volleyball scrimmage; 6:00 pm 5th volleyball vs Miller.

May 1: Yearbooks for the school year 2025-2026 are due today. Middle School/High School Eligibility Posting; 3:30 pm FCCLA Local Officer Applications are due. 6:00 pm Pops Concert in Main Gym.

May 2: 10:00 am Track meet in Eureka, bus departs at 8:45 am.

May 4: FFA Banquet starting at 6 pm in Auxiliary Gym.

May 5: Track meet in Miller starting at 10 am.

May 6: 3rd Grade Open House starting at 2 pm.

May 7: Golf meet at Lakeside Country Club in Faulkton CSDC starting at 10 am.

May 8: FFA Petting Zoo starting at 9:30 am

May 9: MS/HS track meet in Gettysburg starting at 10 am.

Faulkton Legion Post #102 - Monthly meeting is the **FIRST Monday** of the month at 7 pm at the Legion Hall!

Buttercup phone number! To Order your drink call **605-850-1763**. **Buttercup SPRING HOURS open Tues - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Every Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.** + If the easel is out, STOP IN!

Angel Among Us Daycare and FFA are collecting POP TOPS for the Ronald McDonald House to help families stay for free with loved ones while in the hospital.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA/NA) is now back in session at Our Savior Lutheran Church, every Thursday at 8 p.m. If needed you may contact 605-216-5142. Cresbard Cemetery Board is seeking donations to meet expenses. They can be sent to the board c/o Ashley Kretschmar, PO Box 42, Cresbard, SD 57435.

The Faulk County Cancer Support Group is available to provide information and assistance to those with cancer in Faulk Co. and surrounding area. For more information, or to find out meeting dates and times, please contact April Sorensen at 605-598-1147.

There is help: food pantry available at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1013 Court Street, in Faulkton, sponsored by the Faulk Co. Ministerial Assoc. phone 605-598-6590, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. thru Thurs.

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Obituaries

Harvey Schraeder

Harvey Schraeder, 81, of Faulkton, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Faulkton Area Medical Center. Burial will take place in Faulkton Cemetery. Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton has been entrusted with Harvey's arrangements. (www.luceluzereck.com)

Jeffrey L. Hutchinson

Jeffrey L. Hutchinson, 66, of Faulkton, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at his home. Burial will be 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton. Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton has been entrusted with Jeff's arrangements. (www.luceluzereck.com)

Leura B. Lewis

Leura B. Lewis, 93, of Faulkton passed away Friday, April 17, 2026, at Faulkton Senior Living. Burial will be 11:00 a.m. MDT, Friday, May 15, 2026, at Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis alongside her husband Donald "Buck" Lewis. Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton has been entrusted with Leura's arrangements. (www.luceluzereck.com)

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Douglas (Doug) Raethz

Douglas (Doug) Raethz passed away peacefully at his son's home in Montgomery, IL, surrounded by his family, on August 19, 2025. He was 67 years old.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 11:30 AM at the United Methodist Church, Cresbard, SD.

A luncheon and fellowship will follow the service at the church.

A private family interment will be held at Cresbard Cemetery following the lunch.

Doug was born in Faulkton, SD on September 20, 1957, to Kenneth and Helen Raethz (Bisbee). He attended school in both Faulkton and Cresbard, SD.

Doug was deeply involved in his children's lives, always coaching, volunteering, and offering his support whenever he could. He rarely missed a sporting event or competition, cheering proudly for his children and grandchildren from the sidelines. Doug's kindness and loyalty made him a close friend to many, and he cared deeply for both friends

and family. Most people who met him quickly became his friend, a testament to the warmth and generosity he carried throughout his life.

Doug dedicated more than 30 years to FedEx in the Chicagoland area, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and easy friendships with coworkers, before returning to South Dakota in 2010. He enjoyed music, playing cribbage, and hunting, and will be remembered for the joy he found in simple traditions and the time he spent sharing them with family and friends. Charity was important to Doug, and he regularly supported causes close to his heart, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

He is survived by his children Jim (Jen) Raethz, Michelle (Bryan) Shelley, Christopher (Kristee) Raethz, and Marisa (Nate) Raethz; seven grandchildren, Olivia, Brianna, Grayson, Austin, Logan, Layla, and Mickayla; and his former wife, Kim (Jim) Smuda. He is also survived by his siblings: Ron (Francine) Raethz, Roger (Janet) Raethz, Cindy (Tom) Myslewic, Thomas (Betty)



Raethz, Kristi Young, Mike (Pete Austin) Raethz, and brother-in-law, Dave Ortmeier, as well as many nieces and nephews with whom he was very close.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ken and Helen Raethz, his sister Judy Ortmeier, and his brother-in-law John Young.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Dunn Family Funeral Home, Oswego, IL with assistance from Luce Funeral Home of Faulkton, SD.

Brian Curtis Petersen

Funeral Service for Brian Curtis Petersen is 10:30 AM, Thursday, April 30, 2026, Cresbard Methodist Church, Cresbard, SD with Pastor Tom Summers officiating. Interment will be in the Cresbard Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Service. Family and friends are invited to the Cresbard Community Center following the interment for a time of lunch and fellowship.

Visitation is 5:00 to 6:30 PM, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Schriver Funeral Home, 720 N. 6th Street, Ipswich, SD. A Prayer Service will follow the Visitation with a time of sharing.

Brian (Buzz) Curtis Petersen was born on November 5, 1982, in Ipswich, SD to Mark and Peggy Petersen. Born with Down Syndrome, he had to work harder for everything, but he did it all with a happy, resilient demeanor. He was raised on the family farm northeast of Cresbard and attended school in Cresbard, SD. He graduated from Cresbard High School in 2002 where he was active in Chorus and the Special Olympics.

After graduation, Brian moved to Aberdeen. He started out in a group home and quickly moved to an apartment after realizing he liked his own space. He spent his days with peers and working at the Adjustment Training Center

(now Aspire). Brian held other jobs around Aberdeen throughout the years, such as cleaning tables in the food court and vacuuming at Herberger's in the mall, folding laundry at the AmericInn, working as a cashier at the Family Dollar store and washing dishes at Kessler's. Brian took a lot of pride in his work and despite never having an alarm clock, he always made it to work.

When he was not at work, you could often find Brian riding his tricycle to the nearest gas station to buy a pop or watching professional wrestling on television. Brian enjoyed bowling and lifting weights until he got "too old," as he would say. He also found joy in attending stockcar races with his dad. He loved spending time with family and seeing people he knew, and he was always ready to go out to eat. Brian was a bright light that taught everyone around him the true meaning of unconditional love and connection.

Brian died Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD.

Brian is survived by his father Mark Petersen of Cresbard, his mother Peggy Petersen of Aberdeen, his brother Brett Petersen of Cresbard, his sister Darcie (Mark) Ranum of Gardner, ND, and his brother



Jered Petersen of Cresbard; three nieces, Ellen and Aspen Ranum and Maggie Petersen, whom he adored; his grandmother Ellen Petersen of Cresbard and a large circle of family and friends that will miss him deeply.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Wendell Petersen of Cresbard and his grandparents Willis and Beverly Lien of Veblen.

There is no dress code, but guests are welcome to wear blue and yellow—or mismatched socks—in honor of the Down Syndrome community.

Schriver Funeral Home, 720 N. 6th Street, Ipswich, SD, is honored to serve the Petersen family.

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Faulkton Senior Living News

by Joyce Kalkman

We finally did get some rain and looks like more is coming. God is good. Our residents are feeling good and enjoy watching this rainy day as they happily do their exercise. The 2 lb. weights work good for strengthening the upper body muscles. Just follow Janet's directions and you will have more pep and ready to bat the balloon around with the foam rubber bat. The afternoon fun is usually bingo and nobody wants to miss it. Carl Bauman enjoys being our bingo caller and Joyce says we need a couple of free numbers so we came up with 17 and 66. Wow, the temp this day was 66 and the wind was blowing 17 mph. Patty Hansen and Jon Rhoden are always happy to assist our bingo players. The game is more fun if you can be a winner. Just ask these folks: Bonnie Anderson, Glenda Meister, Duane Martchinske and Shirley Genzler. A good snack afterwards was chocolate pie, juice and coffee. Some of our residents and tenants got to go shopping this nice afternoon. Cecelia Schmidt, Beth Witte, Patty Hansen and Marlene Hammond enjoyed their trip to the store and around town with Janet in the van.

Tuesday morning Janet started the exercise routine off with giving everyone a soft ball. They used the ball to draw circles with and to squeeze under their arms and between the knees. Then they were ready to kick two large balls around for the leg exercise. In the afternoon it was time to play the famous game of Left Right and Center. The

residents had a good time even if nobody won! Sometimes this happens but the game is still good for the mind. The snack afterwards was the best part. It was different kinds of chips, cheese puffs and cheetos to go with their drinks.

Janet started off Wednesday morning with giving each resident a 2 lb.wt to lift up, down and around while still doing some deep breathing exercises. They also did ankle exercises then kicked the large balls around. Soon it was time for the Catholics to be in the chapel saying the rosary with Deb Weinrich before Father Brian arrived to say Mass. Today Father's homily was on the Gospel of John 6:35-40. Jesus said "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst. Jesus help me to find in you the fulfillment of my longing for eternal life with you. "Lord, give me this Bread always!"

In the afternoon the residents were all smiles when they saw the energetic Methodist ladies walk in with their fun game of the month! It was called picture bingo. These gals assisted the players while Pastor Bennett was at the helm calling out the bingo

pictures. The winners received a cool prize and everyone enjoyed the scrumptious dessert of eggnog cake and chocolate ice cream oreo cookie dessert. Yum! What a hard decision to make.

Thursday morning everybody is up and ready for exercise with Janet, who gave each one a soft ball to strengthen their muscles and then they were ready to kick two large balls across the floor. Later Pastor Bennett held communion service for the Methodists and Lutherans and others who wished to attend. It was a quiet time in the afternoon that soon got livened up when Joyce says "Lets play card bingo". Several residents gathered around the tables and were ready to win. It was the first time for Duane Martchinske to play and he really enjoyed having three of his great grand kids here to assist him. It turned out he won the most games and Albert Cummins and Sharon Rezek were not too far behind. Snack for the afternoon was brownies with fudge frosting, juice and coffee.

Friday was bingo and root beer float time with Joyce, Pip, and Carl Bauman running the game and the floats. We decided on 4 and

24 for the bingo free numbers. The 4 was for April and 24 was the day's date and also Jon Rhoden's birthday who is one of our h a n d y helpers! Lucky bingo winners were Shirley Genzler, Darlene Sabin, Ronalee Isack and Charlie Keller. Joyce and Pip made sure everyone got an ice cream float. Then joined the fun at the Meadows where the tenants were having Happy Hour.

Arleta Spangler is our employee of the year. She has been employed here for over 21 years and will receive her award from the Accura company this Monday in Iowa.

Pastor Bennett Clough held Worship Service Sunday in the chapel.

Marlene Hammond assisted at the organ for the hymns, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us". Pastor's homily was on the Gospel John 10:1-10. Jesus said: Amen Amen I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The shepherd calls the sheep and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. "Good Shepherd, I want to follow you all the days of my life!" Closing hymn was "Lead On, O King Eternal". After the service Pastor and the residents all enjoyed oatmeal raisin cookies, juice and coffee while visiting.

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Thursday, Apr. 30

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Friday, May 1

Tuna salad sandwich, California blend, fruit.

Monday, May 4

Taco salad with chips, Mexican rice with beans, fruit, biscuit.

Tuesday, May 5

Hot turkey combination, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, peaches.

Wednesday, May 6

Kielbasa with mac and cheese, California blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.



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Wed., Apr. 29 thru Wed., May 6
Wednesday, Apr. 29

Cheeseburger on WG bun, craving chicken salad, MS/HS pepperoni pizza, glazed carrots, fruit and veggie bar.

Thursday, Apr. 30

Roast beef, turkey and cheese sandwich, MS/HS turkey and gravy, bread stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, fruit and veggie bar.

Friday, May 1

Beef stroganoff, ham and cheese flatbread munch-able, MS/HS chicken fried steak sandwich, roasted broccoli, fruit and veggie bar.

Monday, May 4

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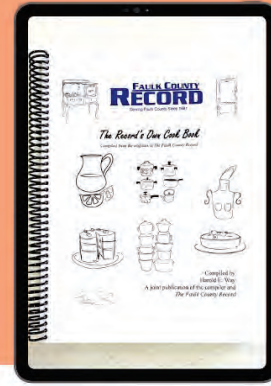
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DSU student designs inventory software for Hadrick Ranch

Senior Austin Kaiser solved problem for regional business MADISON, S.D. – When cyber operations major Austin Kaiser was home one weekend in Faulkton, South Dakota, he overheard his parents and their friends, Troy and Stacy Hadrick, discussing a concern with their ranch-to-table business.

Hadrick Ranch, a fifth-generation ranching operation led by Troy and Stacy, has several restaurant partners in South Dakota that feature Hadrick Ranch beef on the menu and ships direct to consumers. Their premium angus beef is built on cattle genetics translating to elite eating experiences.

As business has grown, however, a problem arose with inventory management. Specifically, Stacy stressed the difficulty of keeping track what was available for their partners to feature in restaurants. Kaiser quickly mentioned an interest in helping solve the problem and requested to visit the ranch.

Stacy showed Kaiser around their freezers and talked to him about how the ranch was trying to track its meat quantities, and where it was stored. At the time, they were manually tracking inventory, which led to inefficient handling of customer orders and invoices. Kaiser then developed technical solutions for their needs.

“We talked about what devices they wanted it on and how they wanted it to work,” he said. “And I built them a very simple version of the app, and they really loved it.”

Kaiser spent about seven months completing the project, which required him to learn Apple development tools and programming languages. To do this, he purchased a MacBook and taught himself independently through online resources.

It took Kaiser about four to five months to build the Mac version, less than a month to integrate cloud functionality, and some additional time to develop the iPhone application. He accomplished this all while balancing four senior-level undergraduate courses, one master’s course, and teaching responsibilities as an adjunct instructor.

“We handed Austin a real-world problem and he gave us a solution that perfectly met our needs,” Troy said.

Since then, he’s continued to meet with the Hadricks to learn about features they would like added to update the app.

The application tracks inventory for meat cuts, weights, and freezer locations, has real-time database filtering and search capabilities on mobile, tracks transaction and customer order records, and has automatic PDF invoice

generation for customers.

Prior to the application, Hadrick Ranch wrote out customer receipts, but after adding the PDF invoice auto-generation, he saved Troy and Stacy even more time.

“He called me, and he said, ‘This is my favorite thing you’ve ever done, and it was a really great moment for me,’” Kaiser shared.

“It’s been a very fun process working with them and getting that started,” Kaiser said.

This project enabled Kaiser to apply the core concepts of classes he’s taken, such as data structures, computer science, and web development.

“Being able to work for a real company, work for a family friend, and solve real-world problems that save them time, is a huge thing for me,” he said. “I think that’s very fulfilling. It makes me extremely happy thinking about the time I’m saving them.”

Kaiser hopes to expand the system to help other farmers or small businesses manage inventory and operations.

He is currently in his senior year of a cyber operations degree, while also in the process of earning his master’s degree in artificial intelligence, and working as an adjunct instructor.

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Faulkton Area, Hitchcock-Tulare, Tri-Valley & Wessington Springs FFA Chapters Qualify for Farm Safety Quiz Bowl Championships

By Lura Roti for South Dakota Farmers Union

FFA members from across the state put their farm safety knowledge to the test competing in the South Dakota Farmers Union Farm Safety Quiz Bowl held during the 2026 South Dakota State FFA Convention held in Brookings on the campus of South Dakota State University April 20-22.

Four FFA Chapter teams qualified for the Farmers Union Farm Safety Quiz Bowl Championships held during Farmers Union day at the South Dakota State Fair, September 5: **Faulkton Area**, Hitchcock-Tulare, Tri-Valley and Wessington Springs. Team members include **Faulkton-Area FFA Chapter: Landon Coyle, Sean Roseland, Kamryn Rhodes and Foster Bode;** Hitchcock-Tulare FFA Chapter: Sawyer Miller, Cash Chaplin, David Bixler and Tucker Gilbert; Tri-Valley FFA Chapter: Kendall McAreavey, Lincoln Kirstein, McKayla Dow and Taylor Nelson; Wessington Springs FFA Chapter: Ella Fagerhaug, Remie Roduner, Lily Roesler and Wyatt Arhart.

“Farms and ranches are wonderful places to raise families, but they are also full of situations that can be unsafe if individuals are not aware of how to stay safe. The Farm Safety Quiz Bowl is designed to get teens thinking about farm safety,” explained Karla Hofhenke, Executive Director of South Dakota Farmers Union.

Farm safety is something teens should think about more, explained Landon Coyle, a member of the Faulkton Area team. “I have been on the scene when a farm accident happened.

And it was preventable,” explained the high school Junior who raises cattle with his dad, Anthony and brother, Paton.

Kendall McAreavey agreed. The Tri-Valley FFA president said her dad talks to her quite a bit about staying safe on the family farm. “On the farm we deal with a lot of dangerous situations – we drive large machinery or work with large animals. Staying safe to the best of our ability is important so that no one gets hurt.”

Even though she thinks about general farm safety when she is on her grandparent’s Wessington Springs farm, Ella Fagerhaug said that studying for the Farm Safety Quiz Bowl made her think of how to stay safe in situations she never thought much about. “I never thought much about grain bin safety, but there are many accidents that happen in grain bins so it is important to know to be extra cautious when I’m working around grain bins.”

As the teens look forward to

the Farm Safety Quiz Bowl championships during the State Fair, many say they plan to study up on farm safety to prepare. This is not something Hitchcock-Tulare FFA member David Bixler would typically do over the summer, but the idea of winning the title and cash prize is appealing.

“And thinking about farm safety a bit more than usual is a good idea because we are out on the farm working in the summer,” Bixler said.

Farm safety education is a year-round focus for Farmers Union

In addition to the Farm Safety Quiz Bowl for FFA members, South Dakota Farmers Union educates youth and families about farm safety through hands-on activities that are part of their Farm Safety Trailer that they take to schools, fairs and other community events throughout the year. The organization also hosts youth camps where farm safety is discussed.

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Faulkton FFA Attends State Convention

By: Jessica Hadrick
 From April 20-23, 20 Faulkton FFA members attended the South Dakota State FFA Convention, competing in a variety of events and participating in various activities. State Career Development Events were held, and Faulkton had 12 members participate in a contest. Additionally, Faulkton had a quiz bowl team, consisting of Kamryn Rhodes, Landon Coyle, Foster Bode, and Sean Roseland. The team was successful, placing in the top four, meaning they will compete at the South Dakota State Fair in September. Finally, five senior members (Aida Anderson, Tristen Baloun, Jessica Hadrick, Spencer Melius, and Shaye Senn) received their state degrees, honoring their years of commitment to FFA.

CDE results
 Ag Business Management- Jessica Hadrick (18th)
 Poultry Evaluation- Sean Roseland (27th), Allison Simons (50th), Riley Simons (61st), Seth Roseland (107th); Team- 13th
 Veterinary Science- Chloe Sime (29th), Aida Anderson (75th), Naomi Epp (139th), Erin Dorris (150th); Team- 23rd
 Milk Quality and Products- Dezilyn Mestas (140th)
 Livestock Evaluation- Cash Edgar (150th)
 Horse Evaluation- Hadley Edgar (DNP)
 Group Photo of FFA members on page 16.

FHS Track Results for: Ipswich Middle School Meet April 20, 2026

MS Girls: 400 Run Blake Bowman 8th 1:14.68; 800 Run Blake Bowman 4th 2:53.24; 1600 Run Lola McCamly 7th 6:548.86; 100 Hurdles Joey Edgar 5th 21.13; Discus Tiah



Olivia Kast

Baloun 6th 61' 11"; 1600 Relay 5th 5:15.57 (Sydni Bisbee, Raya Cotton, Blake Bowman, Anna Martinmaas); 800 Medley Relay 7th 2:26.98 (Syndi Bisbee, Raya Cotton, Landry Remily, Joey Edgar).

MS Boys: 400 Dash Kaden Kaup 3rd 1:02.20; Waylon Adams 5th 1:03.93; Long Jump Waylon Adams 3rd 15' 8"; 800 Relay 5th 2:00.09 (Henry Homan, Kaden Kaup, Waylon Adams, Everett Miller); 1600 Relay 5th 4:49.73 (Kaden Kaup, Waylon Adams, Henry Homam, Kashton Stark).

Coach Spicer's Comments:
 We had a very good day in Ipswich. We had good weather and some really good competition. Our boys and girls competed hard, and we had many personal bests set this day.

Blake Bowman placed in three events: the 400, 800, and ran on the 1600 relay team with Sydni Bisbee, Raya Cotton, and Anna Martinmass. On the boy's side Waylon Adams placed in four events; the 400, long jump, on the 800 relay team with Henry Homan, Kaden Kaup, and Everett Miller, and the 1600 relay team team with Kaden, Henry, and Kashton Stark. Kaden Kaup placed in three events; the 400, and was part of the 800 and 1600 relay teams. We some other individuals who placed in events also.

We have had two good meets, but we still have much to work on. In our field events, we just need to continue to work on the fundamentals of each of those events. We are getting stronger in our running events but need to continue to work on endurance. Overall, again, we had a very good day.

FHS Track Results for: Sully Buttes Invitational Meet April 21, 2026

Girls: 400 Dash Austina Sorensen 4th 1:06.56; 3200 Run



Drake Mueller

Austina Sorensen 2nd 12:58.29; 300 Hurdles Presleigh Martinmaas 7th 53.45; Long Jump Brooklyn Mueller 6th 15' 0.25; Austina Sorensen 7th 14' 9.5"; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 2nd 31' 11.5"; Discus Anika Mueller 5th 96' 9".

Boys: 400 Dash Max Martinmaas 3rd 55.44, Cole Noon 3rd 55.44, Logan Niederbaumer 5th 55.63; 3200 Run Korbin Stark 2nd 10:41.95; 110 Hurdles Spencer Schulte 6th 18.45; 300 Hurdles Spencer Schulte 6th 47.30; Shot Put Weston Senn 4th 42' 3.25"; Discus Weston Senn 1st 133' 2"; Javelin Weston Senn 1st 155' 5.25"; 400 Relay 7th 50.33 (Legend Geist, Tate Bray, Colton Jungemann, Marken Cazeau); 1600 Relay 6th 3:59.04 (Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Tate Bray); 3200 Relay 1st 8:46.62 (Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Korbin Stark).

Coach Spicer's Comments:
 It was a nice day to compete. Sully Buttes is always a well-ran meet with some tough competition. We get to compete against not only teams from around our area, but also teams from out west that we don't get to usually see. I thought that we had a good meet. There were some personal bests that were set during this meet. Out of 20 teams, our boys placed third and the girls placed tenth.

Both our running and field events did well. Weston Senn placed first in the javelin and discus, and fourth in the shot put. Brooklyn placed second in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump. We also had Austina Sorensen and Anika Mueller placing in the long jump and discus, respectively. Our boy's 3200 relay team consisting of Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, and Korbin Stark placed first and knocked another eight seconds off their time. We had quite a few personal bests set during



Ruby Kopecky

this meet in both our running and field events.

We have done better at each meet, but there is quite a bit of the year left. We need to continue to work on getting that endurance and speed work for our runners. Handoffs is something else we need to continue to work on to improve our relay times. Our field events need to continue to work on fundamentals so that we can jump farther or higher, or throw further. Overall, as a coaches we are happy with how our kids competed and look forward to the coming meets to see what we can accomplish.

FHS Track Results for: Warner Field Events Only Meet April 23, 2026

Girls: Javelin Tiah Baloun 4th 73' 11"; High Jump Maggie Bautzmann 4th 4' 5"; Rhyann Roseland 6th 4' 1"; Long Jump Brooklyn Mueller 6th 14' 3.5"; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 1st 32' 0".

Boys: Discus Weston Senn 6th 109' 5"; Shot Put Weston Senn 5th 40' 7.5"; Long Jump Marken Cazeau 8th 16' 5.75".

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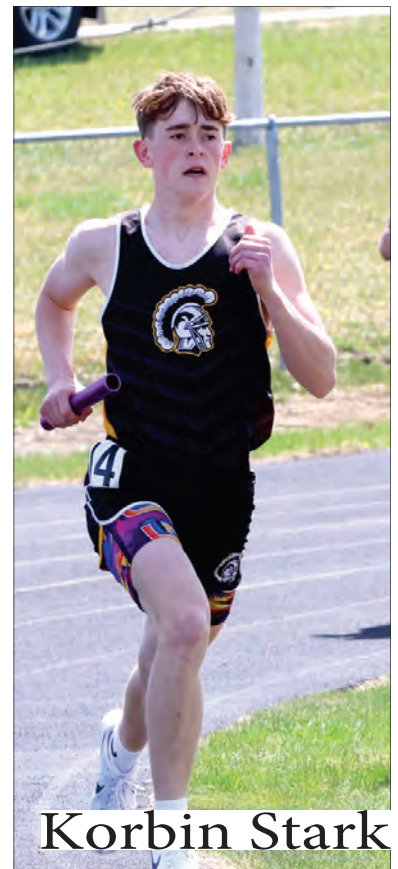


Maggie Bautzman

A field events only track meet is a great idea! This meet allows all of our athletes who are involved in field events to compete against athletes from other teams who are involved in field events. There are meets that we go to where we are limited in the amount of athletes we can have compete in each event. This competition allowed all of our athletes involved in field events to compete.

I thought, overall, that our athletes did a good job despite the weather conditions. The wind and the cold really did effect our distances that we threw and jumped. I know we wanted to have better distances, but those will come. We had some individuals who placed at this meet. Weston Senn placed in both the shot put and discus. Brooklyn Mueller placed in both the long and triple jumps. Maggie Bautzmann and Rhyann Roseland placed in the high jump. Marken Cazeau placed in the long jump and Tiah Baloun placed in the javelin.

We will continue to work hard in practice focusing on the fundamentals of each of these



Korbin Stark

field events. Hopefully, we will get some better days to jump and throw in the upcoming meets. We have some really good talent in our field events, so hopefully that will get to showcase that in our meets.

**FHS Track Results for:
Tiger Relays Meet
April 25, 2026**

Girls: 800 Run Austina Sorensen 3rd 2:30.24; Rhyann Roseland 6th 2:48.65; 100 Hurdles Hadley Edgar 5th 18.03; Presleigh Martinmaas 7th 18.12; 300 Hurdles Presleigh Martinmaas 7th 54.61; High Jump Maggie Bautzmann 4th 4' 5"; Rhyann Roseland 7th 4' 1"; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 3rd 31' 7.75"; Long Jump Brooklyn Mueller 8th 14' 10.75".

Boys: 1600 Run Korbin Stark 2nd 4:52.67; 110 Hurdles Spencer Schulte 6th 19.18; 300 Hurdles Spencer Schulte 5th 49.11; Shot Put Weston Senn 5th 41' 5"; Tristen Baloun 7th 39' 10"; Discus Weston Senn 5th 124' 7"; 1600 Relay 4th 3:51.15 (Logan Niederbaumer, Cole Noon, Korbin Stark, Spencer Schulte); 3200 Relay 1st 9:16.61 (Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Simeon Sime); Medley Relay 4th 4:03.20 (Marken Cazeau, Tristen Baloun, Cole Noon, Logan Niederbaumer).

Coach Spicer's Comments:

It was not a great day for a track meet weatherwise. The wind wasn't a factor, but it was not a warm day. This will always affect times and

distances as our athletes compete. As always when we go to the Tiger Relays, we face tough competition from both the A and B levels.

I thought our kids had a good day. We had quite a few individual events that placed. We also had a few relays that placed. Our boys 3200 relay consisting of Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, and Simeon Sime placed first once again. The boy's 1600 and medley relays also placed. Our field events have continued to do well as we placed quite a few athletes in both the jumps and throws.

Overall, I am happy with how the kids competed. We still have much to work on to keep on improving in our events. We have some good competitions coming up and we are looking forward to going out and giving our best effort and improving in our events.

Next meet: Miller Invitational 5-5 Miller 10 AM
CSDC (MS and HS) Meet 5-9 Gettysburg 10 AM
LRC (MS and HS) Meet 5-12 Ipswich 10:30 AM

Faulkton Golf Builds Momentum

By: Raegan Geditz

The Faulkton Trojans golf teams turned in an impressive week of competition, highlighted by strong finishes and individual medalists at both their home invitational and the

Ipswich Invite.

Head coach Cunningham emphasized the team's success across both events. "The Trojans competed in two events last week. One, our home invitational and the other was the Ipswich invite," Cunningham said.

At their home meet, the boys' team delivered a standout performance, tying for second place alongside a talented Edmunds Central team. They were narrowly edged out by Philip, who claimed the top spot. Individually, Drake Mueller led the Trojans, finishing just one stroke behind Shae Weber of Philip. Henry Bossly also earned recognition, placing in a tie for fifth.

On the girls' side, the Lady Trojans secured a second-place

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finish, also behind Philip. Brooklyn Kast paced the team with a seventh-place finish, while Anika Mueller added another top-10 performance, placing eighth to earn a medal.

The momentum carried into Saturday as the teams traveled to Ipswich for another competitive outing. The boys placed fourth overall, while the girls took third. Despite the tough field, Faulkton's golfers continued to shine individually.

"Individually we had two place winners. Both Anika Mueller and Henry Bossly won titles," Cunningham said.

Mueller's victory came in dramatic fashion, as she sealed the title in a playoff. "Anika won

in a playoff by sticking her tee shot 12 feet from the pin on the first playoff hole, eventually tapping in for par," Cunningham added.

Bossly continued his strong season with another first-place finish. "Sophomore, Henry Bossly won his second tournament of the season by shooting even par for a one-shot victory," Cunningham said.

With consistent team performances and multiple individual champions, the Trojans are building momentum early in the season and proving themselves as strong contenders in every meet they enter.

Election Reminder

This is a primary election
Only registered Republicans can vote!

MAY 18 - DEADLINE FOR VOTER
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Medical Minutes by April Sorensen, RDN
The Nutrient Most Families Are Missing

When families think about healthy eating, they often focus on protein, vitamins, or cutting sugar. But there's one nutrient quietly missing from most plates: fiber. Fiber is found in plant foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts, and seeds. Unlike other carbohydrates, fiber isn't fully digested. Instead, it supports digestive health, helps regulate blood sugar, lowers cholesterol, and keeps us feeling full longer. It also feeds the beneficial bacteria in our gut, which play a role in immunity and overall health.

Despite these benefits, most Americans fall short. Adults generally need about 25-38 grams of fiber per day, depending on age and sex. Children need their age plus about 5-10 grams as a simple guideline (for example, a 10-year-old may need around 15-20 grams daily). Yet many families consume only half of the recommended amount. Why the gap? Highly processed foods have replaced many naturally fiber-rich options. White bread instead of whole grain. Chips instead of popcorn. Juice instead of whole fruit. These swaps may seem small, but they significantly reduce fiber intake. The good news is that boosting fiber doesn't require a complete diet overhaul. Start with simple changes:

- Choose whole grain bread, pasta, and cereal.
- Add beans to soups, tacos, or salads.
- Leave the skin on fruits and vegetables when possible.
- Offer popcorn, nuts, or roasted chickpeas for snacks.
- Include a fruit or vegetable at every meal.

Increase fiber gradually and encourage drinking plenty of water to avoid digestive discomfort. Fiber may not be flashy, but it's powerful. By making small, consistent shifts toward more plant-based, whole foods, families can support better digestion, steadier energy, and long-term heart health. Sometimes the most overlooked nutrient is the one that makes the biggest difference.

Please bring your insurance and identification information to your appointment

April 29th

ER: 24/7
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm
Echo-cardiograms

April 30th

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Ultrasounds
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May 1st

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May 4th

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Kids: color stuff in!

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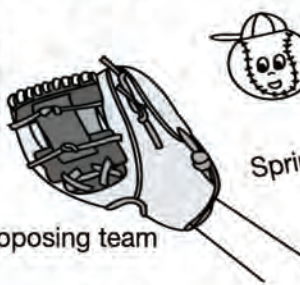
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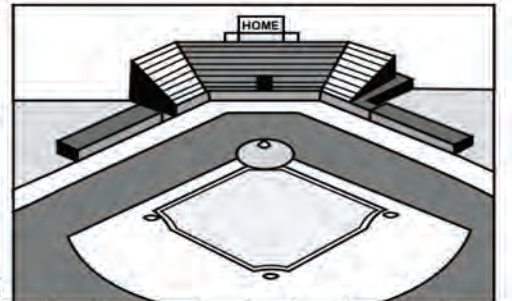
Yay! The baseball season has started. Grab your gloves, bats and baseballs and head for the yard, park or field. Let everyone join in playing this great game!



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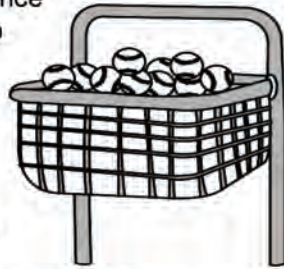
Little League

Spring Training



Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- playing the game with a good attitude toward your team and the opposing team
- large wall in the stadium that records the points of each team
- when a ball hit by the batter flies too far to the right or the left
- sphere covered in white leather
- to hit the ball lightly so that it rolls only a short distance
- a place next to the ballfield where pitchers warm up
- the runner steps on the base
- official in charge of enforcing the rules
- group that sets rules and guidelines to help young children play organized baseball
- the number of balls and strikes a batter has
- period when baseball players warm up, shape up
- the basemen, shortstop, and pitcher stand here
- each game has 9 of these, teams take turns batting and fielding
- a hit that goes so far that it leaves the bounds of the park
- place we visit to watch a game of baseball
- players here are on guard for big hits
- person who trains the team
- after 3 of these, a batter is out
- ball that travels high in the sky when hit
- nine players working together



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pop fly



inning

baseball



Hey! That player just stole something... third _____

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District Six FFA Members Receive State FFA Degree

BROOKINGS, S.D. — South Dakota FFA members from District 6 were awarded their State FFA Degree during the 98th South Dakota FFA Convention on Tuesday, April 21 during the second session at First Bank and Trust Arena, sponsored by SD Army National Guard.

The State FFA Degree is the highest honor the South Dakota FFA Association can bestow upon its members. Recipients have demonstrated dedication through their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs, leadership involvement, and community service.

As a special project of the South Dakota FFA Foundation, recipients receive a golden charm and certificate, sponsored by Dacotah Diamond Auctions; First Premier Bank; Red River Farm Network; The Dan Streff Family; The Jacobson Group LLC; Wyatt & Zana DeJong; Rechelle & Eric Dissing; Dani Herring; Kent Buchholz; Lance Howe; Barry & Jenny Jacobson; Rick and Sandy Osterday; Todd & Barbara Powell; Jeff and Beth Vander Wal; The Olson Family; the Wendy Mortenson Agency; Steven Zemlicka; Kevin and Amber Blagg; Jordane & Kyle Arbach; Mercedes & Myles Sneider; and Dawn Wind Dairy Goats.

District 6 State FFA Degree recipients are:

Faulkton — Aida Anderson; **Tristen Baloun**; **Jessica Hadrick**; **Spencer Melius**; **Shaye Senn**
Gettysburg — Bobbi Eide; **Trace Genzler**; **Jace Wager**
Hitchcock-Tulare — Morgan

Bottum; **Tucker Buchholz**; **Braxton Jacobs**; **Regan Lutter**; **Aiden Morehouse**; **Tristan Nowell**; **Sienna Stoner**; **Preston Wipperfurth**
Hoven — **Gabriella Collins**; **Myah Johnson**; **Dannika Kaup**
Huron — **Lydia Cook**
Miller — **Sydney Asmus**; **Derek Brueggeman**; **Cole Cavenee**; **Carter Fanning**; **Brylee Wallman**
Northwestern Area — **Alyssa Brick**; **Carson Ewalt**; **Ashley Haven**; **Abigail Holmberg**; **Sienna Kessler**; **Mareya Maas**; **Teresa Melius**; **Kyara Ratigan**; **Mikaela Schmitt**; **Molly VanHatten**
Redfield — **Karlie Brabant**; **Jayde Englund**; **Ella Rude-Peterson**; **Ashley Stroud**
Sunshine Bible Academy — **Daraby Boersma**; **Josh Wilken**
Wessington Springs — **Ella Fagerhaug**; **Mercedes Jones**; **Max Klein**; **Luke Larson**; **Remie Roduner**
Wolsey-Wessington — **Clay Kahre**; **Ethan Kahre**; **Jett Kleinsasser**; **Reece Krutzfeldt**; **Cade Miedema**; **Sawyer Nelson**; **Ethan Rearick**; **Amanah Woodruff**

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 1,042,245 student members as part of 9,407 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. As part of the National FFA Organization, the South Dakota FFA Association encompasses 113 chapters with over 6,500 South Dakota FFA members. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.sdaged.org for more information.

The South Dakota FFA Foundation is a charitable organization that supports

agricultural education and leadership development opportunities for SD FFA members statewide. To learn more, visit <https://sdffaoundation.org/>

South Dakota FFA Members Give Back Through Service Project

BROOKINGS, S.D. — South Dakota FFA members made an impact beyond the convention stage by participating in a Day of Service project during the 98th South Dakota State FFA Convention, April 20 at the Dacotah Bank Center.

As part of the convention experience, members from across the state took time on Monday to give back to the community by packaging meals for those in need through the Meals of Hope program. The project reflects the FFA motto of "Living to Serve" and provides members an opportunity to make a difference in communities across South Dakota.

As a result of the project, 71,616 meals were packaged and will be distributed through Feeding South Dakota and local food pantries, helping individuals and families facing food insecurity.

The Day of Service project was made possible through the support of Pioneer-Corteva, Beck's Hybrids, SDSU FarmHouse Fraternity, CF Industries Foundation, National FFA Foundation, the Wayne & Gwynn Hansen Fund, Mission CoffeeHouse of First Lutheran Church, participating FFA chapters and the South Dakota FFA Foundation.

FFA members' participation in the service project highlights

the organization's commitment to leadership, service and community impact, encouraging students to step up and make a difference both during the convention and beyond.

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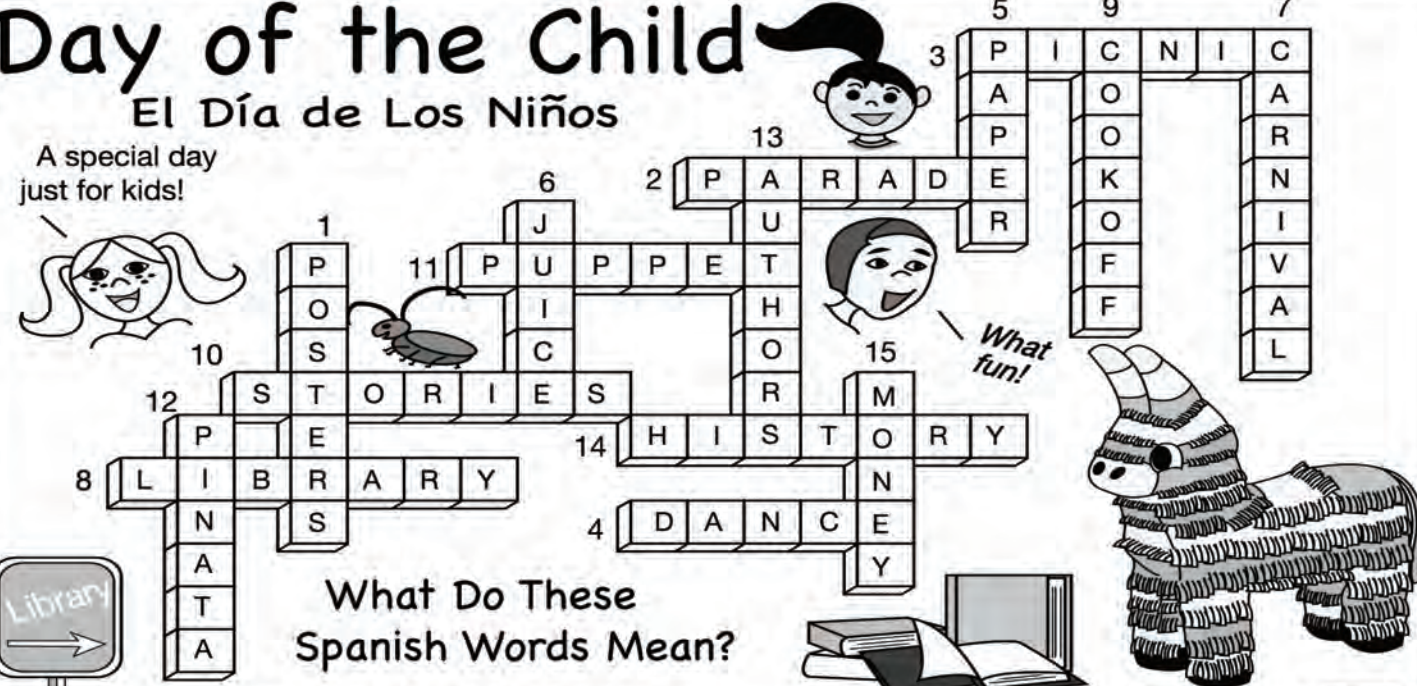
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Day of the Child

El Día de Los Niños

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What Do These Spanish Words Mean?

cascarones — book

mother — caramelo

libro — confetti-filled eggshells

madre — candy

school — escuela

Did you match each Spanish word to its English translation?

gato — cat

niños — children

father — padre

soccer — fútbol

fiesta — holiday

perro — dog

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NOTICE OF HEARING UPON APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following application has been filed with the City Council of the City of Faulkton, South Dakota, this application for a licensed to sell retail (off-on sale) malt beverage & SD Farm Wine at the following place:

Lyric Theatre to Lyric Entertainment LLC, east forty feet of lots one through four and north ten feet of the east forty feet of lot five block 28 Faulkton City.

Faulk County and that the City Council of the City of Faulkton will hear and consider such applications on the 11th day of May 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at Faulkton City Hall meeting room when and where any person interested in the approval or rejection of such application may appear and be heard. At the time, the city council will consider said application and all objections thereof, if any, prior to final decision thereon.

Dated at Faulkton, South Dakota this 29th day of April 2026.

Trisha Adams, Finance Officer
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No. 103, Apr. 29, May 6 & 13, 2026
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CIRCUIT COURT SS

COUNTY OF FAULK
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Estate of MARY VINCENT,
DECEASED.
File 70PRO26-000005

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of April, 2026, Linda Johnson, whose address is 306 S. Exene St., Gettysburg, South Dakota 57442, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Vincent.

Creditors of Decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the Personal Representative's appointment, herein 14 day of April, 2026, or within sixty days after the mailing or other delivery of this written notice, whichever is later or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Faulk County Clerk of Courts, a copy thereafter mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 23 day of April, 2026.
/s/ Linda Johnson
Linda Johnson
306 S. Exene St.
Gettysburg, SD 57442

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Primary Election to be held on June 2nd, 2026 will close on Monday, May 18th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at (605) 598-6224.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, and secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disable as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Aimee Law, Auditor
Faulk County
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NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS ITEM BY SEALED BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council within and for the City of Faulkton, South Dakota, shall consider sealed bids submitted by Friday May 8th 2026 by 4:00 pm to the City Finance Officer, City of Faulkton, P.O. Box 21, Faulkton, SD 57438, for a 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer and 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck, that has been declared surplus:

- Specifications:
- 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer
 - 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck

For additional information or to view the item please contact Kasey at 605-530-1093.

All bids received must be sealed in an envelope marked 1961 IHC Truck Oil Distributor on trailer or 1992 Ford Tandem L900 with plow L10 Cummings Truck on the outside of the envelope. Enclose a check for the amount of your bid. The Council will open bids at the May 11th 2026 council meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. The City has the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the City Council,
Faulkton, South Dakota.

Trisha Adams
Finance Officer
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO VACATE STREETS AND ALLEYS IN THE UNINCORPORATED TOWN OF WECOTA, FAULK COUNTY SOUTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given that a petition requesting that certain public streets, alleys, ways, be vacated in the town of Wecota in Freedom township, Faulk County, South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL: 31-3-6, as hereinafter specifically described has been received by the board of supervisors of Freedom township, that the petition may be examined by contacting the clerk of Freedom township. The specific description of the property being requested to be vacated is as listed.

STREETS= Legal description to vacate are. Holscher, Polack, Going, Lehman streets, all running north and south from Ways Addition block One, south to Third Ave. Total of four (4) streets approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, seven hundred and eight (708) feet in length.

AVENUES= legal description to vacate are. Fourth avenue, running from Holscher street east to Main Street, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred twenty-one (621) feet in length.

Fourth avenue, running from Main Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition blocks two and three, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred eighty-seven (687) feet in length.

Fifth avenue, running from Holscher street east to Main Street, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred twenty-one (621) feet in length.

Fifth avenue, running from Main Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition blocks one and two, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, six hundred eight seven (687) feet in length.

Second avenue, running from Lehman Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition blocks four and five, approximately sixty-six (66) feet in width, two hundred and four tenths (200.4) in length.

First avenue, running from Lehman Street east to the very east edge of Ways Addition block five, approximately forty (40) feet in width, one hundred ninety-nine and seven tenths (199.7) feet in length.

ALLEYS= legal description to vacate are.

Alley within Ways Addition block two, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred two and seven tenths (202.7) long.

Alley within Ways Addition block three, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred two (202) feet in length.

Alley within Ways Addition block four, approximately eighteen (18) feet

in width, two hundred one and six tenths (201.6) in length.

Alley within Ways Addition block five, approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred and four tenths (200.4) in length.

Alleys within blocks one (1) four (4) five (5) eight (8) all approximately sixteen (16) in width, two hundred eighty-eight (288) feet in length.

Alleys within blocks two (2) three (3) six (6) seven (7) all approximately eighteen (18) feet in width, two hundred eighty-eight (288) feet in length.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that the board of supervisors of Freedom township will hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of the above-described public streets, alleys, and ways. Such a meeting will be held Monday the 4th day of May 2026 at 7:00 o'clock PM, at J.D.Wecota. Any person interested in in the proposed action may be present at the said date and time and present their information, opinions, and/or arguments relative to the proposed action. Any person(s) unable to attend this meeting may deliver their written opinion for consideration by the board of supervisors. Such testimony should be delivered prior to the date and time of the scheduled hearing by mail or in person to Clerk of Freedom Township, Gerald Barondeau, 15315 Wecota Ave, Wecota South Dakota 57438.

Freedom Township clerk Gerald Barondeau
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No. 102, April 29, 2026
FAULK COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
April 23, 2026
(Unapproved Minutes)

Chairman Allen Hadrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Commissioner Dwight Hossle, Commissioner Allen Hadrick, Commissioner Bruce Edgar, Commissioner Lee Hansen, Commissioner Kevin Horning, Faulkton City Councilwoman Linda Bartholomew, Director of Equalization Geoff Bray, Auditor Aimee Law, Highway Superintendent Konni Giesen, and Tracy Hutson, Agtegra Coop.

2026.4.31 Commissioner Kevin Horning made a motion and Commissioner Lee Hansen seconded it to approve the approach permit application from Agtegra Coop. for CR 13 with an agreement that Agtegra Coop. assumes all responsibility and liability of said approach. Motion passed unanimously.

2026.4.32 Commissioner Bruce Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to approve the road haul agreement with Agtegra Coop. Motion passed unanimously.

County Board of Equalization Meeting Oaths:
The Board members all signed the Board of Equalization Oaths.

Hearing of Appeals:
There were no appeals to be heard.

Elderly and Disabled Assessment Freeze:
2026.4.33 Commissioner Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Hansen seconded it, on recommendation of the County Treasurer, to "Instruct Director of Equalization office to change values on all those properties that qualify for the Elderly and Disabled assessment freeze." Motion passed unanimously.

Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption:
2026.4.34 Commissioner Edgar made a motion and Commissioner Hadrick seconded it to "Instruct the Director of Equalizations office to change the values on all those properties that qualify for the Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption." Motion passed unanimously.

Property Tax Exemption List:
2026.4.35 Commissioner Hansen made a motion and Commissioner Horning seconded it to approve the Property Tax Exemption List for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Unorganized Townships: (Elroy, Seneca, Latham, Thirteen, Pulaski, and Irving)
2026.4.36 Commissioner Hossle made a motion and Commissioner Edgar seconded it to accept the 2026 values for the unorganized townships of Elroy, Seneca, Latham, Thirteen, Pulaski, and Irving. Motion passed unanimously.

Faulkton City:
2026.4.37 Councilwoman Linda Bartholomew made a motion and Commissioner Dwight Hossle seconded it to accept the 2026 values for the City of Faulkton. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion made by Commissioner Hossle and seconded by Commissioner Hansen to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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