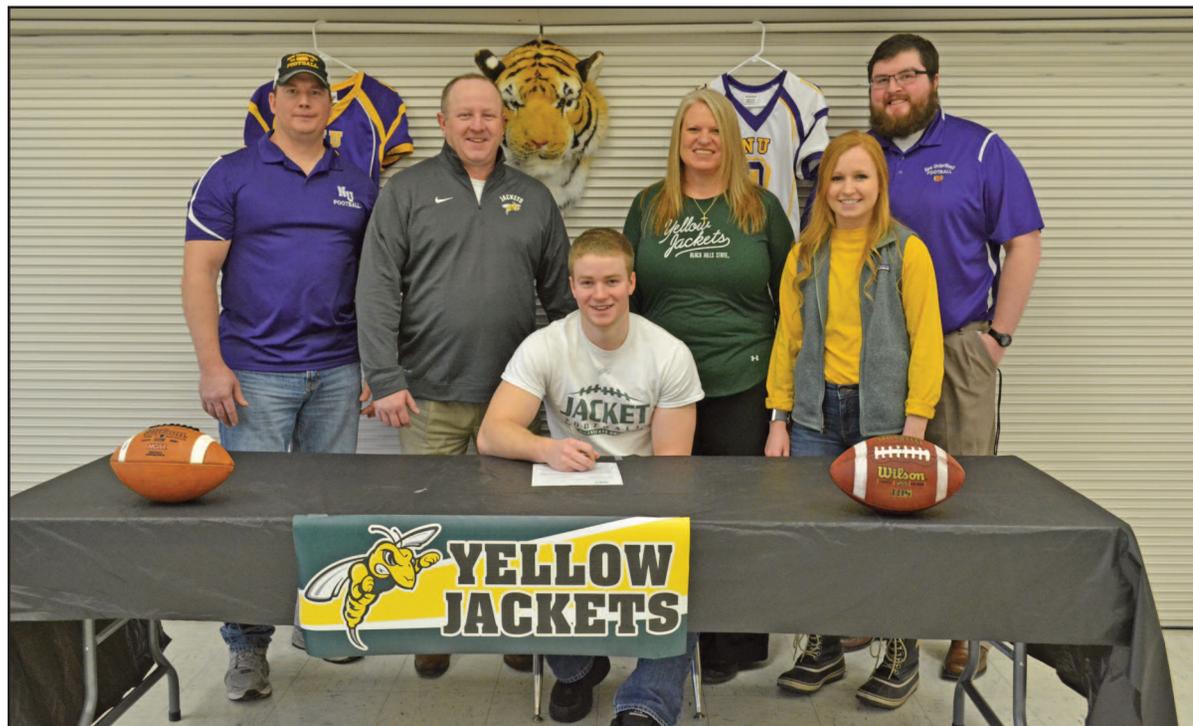


Cogdill signs letter of intent for Yellow Jackets team



Colton Cogdill, center, shares the signing of his letter of intent with his coaches and his family. From left, Brady Carmichael, Steve Cogdill, Deanna Cogdill, Autumn Cogdill, DJ Toczek.

New Underwood High School senior Colton Cogdill signed a letter of intent to join the Black Hills State University (BHSU) Yellow Jackets football team on Wednesday, February 7, as a part of the National Signing Day. Altogether, BHSU signed nineteen athletes, with an additional three walk-on athletes committing to the team.

Initially, BHSU offered Cogdill a scholarship in October, but Cogdill said he did not know the details of the offer. He went to

BHSU's Spearfish campus for an official visit in December, where he met with the coaches and heard their offer. Though Cogdill had planned to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, the offer from the coaches clinched the deal for him. Cogdill's love of football induced him to choose to attend BHSU.

Cogdill has played in the quarterback position for the New Underwood Tigers since his sophomore year. He has also contributed to his team as a line-

backer, and as a safety on defense. Cogdill was a running back his freshman year, but broke his ankle in the second game of the season, thereby ending the season for himself.

For Cogdill, his love of football began when he was in the seventh grade and he first went to the weight room and got serious about a lifting program.

Describing himself as having been, up to that point, "skinny and small," Cogdill was captivated by the things Brady

Carmichael, the lifting coach, was teaching Cogdill and his team.

"Brady Carmichael lit a flame and set the foundation," Cogdill said.

Cogdill's passion for football and the off-season prep work that it required to be at the top if his game eventually led him to leave basketball in order to spend more time preparing for the football season. This devotion paid off, and Cogdill has become a leader both on and off the field in New Underwood.

"God blessed me with some athletic talent. I was born with the mentality of wanting to do my best wherever I am," Cogdill said. This is evidenced in his commitment to the game of football – something the coaches at BHSU recognized – and his role in helping younger players grow as athletes and individuals in the weight room, a place that has helped form Cogdill into who he is today.

"I try to get others into the weight room, to make the younger guys feel welcome, to let them know that we are all in here to get better," said Cogdill.

The fraternity that is formed by the players spending so much time training together in both the regular season and the off season have made for some of Cogdill's favorite memories of his high school football career.

"It's just like a brotherhood," Cogdill said.

Cogdill, who plans to major in exercise science, will join the Yel-

low Jackets as a cornerback on defense. He will red shirt for his freshman year, which enables him to grow in muscle and speed. The red shirt trainer from BHSU will send workouts for Cogdill, and Cogdill will be largely responsible for his own training for the rest of his high school months. He will join the rest of the team when they convene for football camp starting in August. In the meantime, Cogdill plans to be part of the Tiger track team, where he will do discus and sprints.

When he gets to BHSU in the fall, he will again be the young player on the team who is unaware of team protocols. Still, in the way he did as a seventh grader, Cogdill expects that he will find his niche and will be able to use his leadership skills in new ways in college.

He is already well on his way to building a new camaraderie with his future teammates. When he visited BHSU in December, he was able to meet and spend time with other incoming red shirts, including athletes against whom he has competed from Harding County and Wall.

Altogether, nineteen student-athletes signed letters of intent to join the Yellow Jackets in the fall, and three more walk-on student-athletes committed to the team. From the viewpoint of the New Underwood community, who will be cheering for a hometown athlete, that presents a whole new position of leadership for Cogdill.

GWTC fiber optic project, open house

Golden West Telecommunications begins work on Fiber to the Home (FTTH) in New Underwood this month. The upgrade to fiber optics provides New Underwood residents with the most advanced telecommunications technology available.

DME Electric, Golden West's contractor, will be contacting customers to schedule a time to update customers' inside wiring and install a "clamshell". A clamshell is a small box that holds fiber optics components on the exterior of homes and businesses. Later this spring, as weather permits, Golden West's contractor Ernst Trenching will begin trenching and laying fiber cables.

Golden West invites all New Underwood area residents to an Open House at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 19 at the New Underwood Community Center. This event will include a discussion about how and where the fiber will be constructed, and provide an overview of fiber optic benefits. Golden West will provide refreshments and attendees will have a chance to win \$100.

If you cannot make the Open House but have questions about FTTH, call Golden West at 1-855-888-7777, or dial 777 from any Golden West phone, and ask for the Engineering Department.

Governor signs bills into law

Governor Dennis Daugaard signed the following bills into law, Feb. 5. An emergency clause allows the bill, if passed, to be in effect immediately rather than on July 1, 2018.

Senate Bill 17 – Revises certain provisions regarding a division under the Department of Human Services.

SB18 – Revises certain provisions regarding the South Dakota Board of Technical Education.

SB27 – Makes an appropriation from the coordinated natural resources conservation fund to the State Conservation Com-

mission, and declares an emergency.

SB40 – Authorizes the transfer of certain surplus real estate in Rapid City to the Ellsworth Development Authority and declared an emergency.

House Bill 1003 – Revises certain provisions concerning the content of the campaign finance disclosure reports and declares an emergency.

HB1006 – Revises the extent of comments required by the director of the Legislative Research Council regarding certain ballot measures and the period of time in which those

comments are to be made.

HB1011 – Revises certain provisions regarding voter registration list maintenance mailings.

HB1013 – Revise certain provisions regarding voting systems used in elections and declares an emergency.

HB1019 – Revises certain provisions regarding background checks for physicians and declares an emergency.

HB1021 – Revises certain provisions related to the practice of podiatry and to authorize certain fee increases.

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Move over, Shakespeare

Ah, Valentine's Day. A day when I desire to wax poetic again, and write all manner of poems for the loves of my life.

Once upon a lifetime ago, I could cook out a sonnet in fifteen minutes. Limericks? I made those up for fun while out poisoning prairie dogs. A ballad was constantly forming somewhere in my subconscious, and haikus came as easily as sneezing. Odes and elegies, too – though one does have to be creative to find a reason for writing an elegy.

Now it is Valentine's Day again, and I find myself searching for the perfect poem to tuck into His Handsomeness's lunch box, or to send to school with Child A. I first, of course, must consider a sonnet, that poetic form of the love letter.

The quintessential sonnet for this purpose is, of course, Sonnet 116 from Shakespeare.

Sonnet 116

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wand'ring bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me prov'd,
I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.

Or perhaps I could do a ballad. Hmm, here is one that is charming in a "the-precursor-to-country-music" sort of way. This John Keats poem is sure to brighten my love's day:

La Belle Dame sans Merci (The Beautiful Woman)

without Mercy)
O what can ail thee,
knight-at-arms,
Alone and palely loitering?
The sedge has withered
from the lake,
And no birds sing.

O what can ail thee,
knight-at-arms,
So haggard and so woe-begone?
The squirrel's granary is full,
And the harvest's done.

I see a lily on thy brow,
With anguish moist and fever-dew,
And on thy cheeks a fading rose
Fast withereth too.

I met a lady in the meads,
Full beautiful, a fairy's child;
Her hair was long,
her foot was light,
And her eyes were wild.

I made a garland for her head,
And bracelets too, and fragrant zone;
She looked at me as she did love,
And made sweet moan

I set her on my pacing steed,
And nothing else saw all day long,
For sidelong would she bend, and sing
A faery's song.

She found me roots of relish sweet,
And honey wild, and manna-dew,
And sure in language strange she said –
'I love thee true'.

She took me to her Elfyn grot,
And there she wept and sighed full sore,
And there I shut her wild, wild eyes
With kisses four.

And there she lullèd me asleep,
And there I dreamed – Ah! woe betide! –

The latest dream I ever dreamt
On the cold hill side.

I saw pale kings and princes too,
Pale warriors, death-pale
were they all;
They cried – 'La Belle Dame sans
Merci

Hath thee in thrall!"

I saw their starved
lips in the gloam,
With horrid warning gapèd wide,
And I awoke and found me here,
On the cold hill's side.

And this is why I sojourn here,
Alone and palely loitering,
Though the sedge is
withered from the lake,
And no birds sing.

On second thought, that might be a touch too discouraging of a poem. Hmm, I do enjoy a fun little haiku. This goofy little poetic form has three lines – five syllables in the first and last lines, seven in the others. They force me to be succinct. How about these original haiku poems?

Winter Love

Roses are red, but
We live in South Dakota
And have winters – brr!

To you, the haiku
Five syllables in
This line and seven more here
Refrigerator.

Yes, you are right. Those are ridiculous. But I have it! I am not a brilliant person, but I appreciate those who are. Thanks to Leigh Mercer, a British mathematician, I believe I will send the following equation to my Handsome Honey in his lunch box on Valentine's Day:
$$\frac{(12+144+20+3\sqrt{4})}{7} + (5 \times 11) = 9^{\wedge}(2) + 0$$

Oh, yes, it is a poem. Not exactly a mushy one, but it is one that wholly captures the fun of being married to one's best friend. Oops. Sorry. Unless I tell you how to interpret that, you, like me, might be lost trying to understand how this is poetic. It is a limerick, you see.

A dozen, a gross, and a score

Plus three times the
square root of four
Divided by seven

Plus five times eleven

Is nine squared and not a bit more
Happy Valentine's Day, friends!



Larry Zimmerman

Secretary, S.D. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Taking Care Of Our Heroes, Because They Took Care Of Us

It's that time of the year when we are rushing off to the card shop, candy store and flower shops to find the perfect Valentine's Day gift for our loved ones.

It's also my favorite time of the year to visit Mount Rushmore and pay tribute to four great heroes who are carved into the mountainside in the Black Hills.

In his own words, master carver Gutzon Borglum, said he selected George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt to commemorate the founding, growth, preservation and development of the United States of America. As I sit at the base of Mount Rushmore, I can't help but ponder on the many chapters of American history that these four men were a part of – Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, purchase of the Louisiana Territory, construction of the Panama Canal, ensuring the rights of the working man, the American Revolutionary War, the Civil War, preservation of the union, and abolishing of slavery. Accomplishments that enriched all our lives.

One of my favorite Abraham Lincoln quotes is, "Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause." That quote causes me to think about all the care we provide our veterans at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home. Our home stands as a tribute to our heroes who answered their country's call to arms. We provide our heroes with high quality, long-term care and our warm, friendly, and compassionate staff are dedicated to the health and

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We believe this fund embodies those 17 great words that Abraham Lincoln used in his inaugural address – "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

There is something about military service that creates a bond between veterans that no one else can fully understand. The fact that we fought together and survived together is a bond that will never be broken and will never be exhausted.

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Basel and Deering are selected for national leadership positions

The 2018 Cattle Industry Convention held Jan. 31- Feb. 3 in Phoenix was well attended this year.

Several South Dakota farmers, ranchers and beef industry leaders were part of the nearly 7,500 in attendance. The convention served as a gathering place for a multitude of people in the beef industry; providing a chance to share information about the checkoff and upcoming industry issues.

Several leadership positions were determined for the Federation of State Beef Councils at the meeting. Dawn Caldwell, Nebraska, was elected chair of the Federation Division, and Laurie Munns, Utah, was elected vice chair. Caldwell will also serve as vice-chair of the Beef Promotion Operating Committee. The SDBIC congratulates Gary Deering, Hereford, (Federation) and Tammy Basel, Union Center, (CBB) on their selection to the Operating Committee.

SDBIC President Eric Sumpston, Frederick, said the convention overall was a positive experience. As a member of the Export Growth Committee, Sumpston stated, "It was interesting to hear that the volume was up again on the export side of it. Beef exports return on invest-

ment was over \$250 to added value in carcass."

SDBIC's own executive director, Suzy Geppert, was nominated and elected to serve on the Federation Advisory Council. The committee consists of nine state beef council executive directors, who provide insight about state issues to federation leadership.

South Dakota is proud to have four cattle producers serving as directors on Cattlemen's Beef Board. Recently appointed to the board was Bill Slovek, Phillip. He will join current beef board members Cory Eich, Canova, SD, Basel and Sumption.

Holding their meetings at this event were the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB), National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the American National Cattle-Women, CattleFax and the National Cattlemen's Foundation.

Early arrivers to Phoenix had the opportunity to attend a pre-convention agriculture tour with stops at the Caterpillar Eloy Dealership, T & K Dairy, Caywood Farms and Queen Creek Olive Mill. Tuesday, afternoon, Cattlemen's College, kicked off by celebrating its 25th anniversary. It is famous for stimulating and thought-provoking sessions that can help generate high re-

turns for producers' operations.

The meeting continues to be a starting point for checkoff committee discussion on strategic priorities for the upcoming year. SDBIC board member Becky Walth, Glenham, who serves as a Nutrition and Health Committee member stated, "The two most important things that came out of committee were to ensure beef's inclusion in dietary recommendations and research and communicate beef's nutritional benefits," Walth continues to emphasize, "Research is important because it is the foundation for education and communication."

Pesticide applicator certification classes

South Dakota State University Extension will host private pesticide applicator certification classes at these West River locations:

- Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the University Center, 4300 Cheyenne Blvd, Rapid City.

- Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1:00-4:00 p.m., SDSU Regional Center, 408 8th St. West, Lemmon

- Thursday, March 1, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Fall River County Extension Office, 709 Jensen Way, Hot Springs

- Thursday, March 15, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Grand Electric/West

River Telephone office, 801 Coleman Ave, Bison

Certification is required by law and it gives you the tools to apply pesticides properly, safely, and profitably. You must be competent to read and follow a label, calibrate your sprayer, and apply pesticides. Certification is good for five years and allows you to buy and apply general and restricted use pesticides. A private applicator cannot accept cash for spraying applications but can trade agricultural services; for example, you can spray your neighbor's field if they bale your hay.

Bird count Feb. 16-19

The Great Backyard Bird Count is Feb. 16-19.

Millions of novice and accomplished bird watchers can make their love of nature count for science during the 21st annual Great Backyard Bird Count.

Anyone can count birds wherever they are and enter their results online. These reports create a real-time picture of where birds are across the continent and contribute valuable information for science and conservation.

"During the count, bird watchers tally up birds for as little as 15 minutes, or for as long as they like, keeping track of the highest number of each bird species they

see together at one time," said Eileen Dowd Stukel, wildlife diversity coordinator for South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. "People are encouraged to report birds from public lands, local parks and their own backyards."

Participants enter their numbers online at <http://gbbc.bird-count.org/get-started/> where they can explore sightings maps, lists and charts as the count progresses.

There is no fee to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count. The event is led by the National Audubon Society, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada.



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Charles Walter Mader

Charles Walter Mader, age 91, of Rapid City, S.D., passed away Dec. 21, 2017, in his home.

Charles was born near Firesteel, to Anna Leta (Van Brocklin) Mader and Clarence George Mader Oct. 18, 1926. He went to school at the Van Brocklin, Parade, and Eagle Butte schools, quitting in the 10th grade to work on the family farm.

He is a veteran of WWII and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army, stationed in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Charles married Lois (Boehrs) Mader June 30, 1955, in Fort Pierre. He worked for the Holloway Brothers (Eagle Butte), a plumber laying pipe for the new Agency in Eagle Butte, and as a self-employed rancher for many years.

Charles was an avid horseman who broke many work and saddle horses. He was a dedicated and proficient brother in the Masonic Lodge (and Scottish Rite), and helped raise many brothers into the lodge, including all four of his own sons, as well as one grandson. He received his 60-year palm for the Masonic Lodge in 2016, and received his honorary high school diploma July 29, 2017.

Charles enjoyed hunting coy-



otes with Shorty Holloway with greyhounds, visiting with friends and family (including close cousins like Edwin (Bud) Spiel), and working cattle. He had a quick wit and a very dry sense of humor. He never complained even to the end about his age-related pain, showing his natural old-time cowboy toughness.

Charles is survived by his wife, Lois (Boehrs) Mader; sons, Jerry

(Della), Mike, Robert (Kathy) and Lee (Shannon); grandchildren and great-grandchildren Zach (Kenzie Zimmerman) – Zylah, Zaydin, Lindsay, Robert H., John, Patricia Caughron – Jeremy, Hunter, Nathan, and Katie Northup – Dirksen, Caleb, Teagan Northup; sisters, Irene Stewart and Shirley Hinzman; brothers-in-law, Steve Bellissimo, Wayne Boehrs (Judy), Bert Boehrs (Dottie); and sister-in-law, Lu Beaird, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

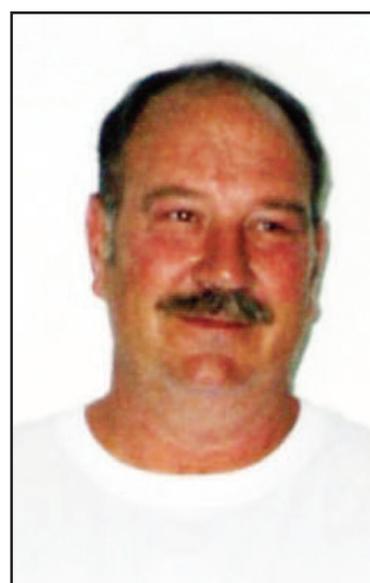
Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Anna Mader; sisters, Ione Bellissimo and infant sister Anna Delores Mader; daughter, Sharon; and brothers-in-law, Paul Hinzman and William (Dub) Stewart.

He had many lifelong friends, including Buck Miller, Bob Rose, John and Shorty Holloway, Dick Simon, Les Joens, Tony Murray and Les Peterson.

Graveside services are Saturday, Feb. 17, at 1:00 p.m. at the New Underwood Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the New Underwood Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Eagle Butte Masonic Lodge #172, in care of Secretary Dan Booth Jr. P.O. Box 100 Timber Lake, SD 57656.

William "Bill" Stone



William "Bill" Stone age 64, Kadoka, S.D., died Friday, February 9, 2018, at the Hans P. Peterson Memorial Hospital in Philip.

William Gene "Bill" Stone was born September 7, 1953, in Kadoka, the son of Gene and Barbara (Hedeon) Stone. Bill spent some of his school age years in Wiggins, Colorado, before moving with his parents and two sisters to Waubay. There he was joined by six more siblings. The family moved to New Underwood in 1970, where Bill graduated high school in 1971.

Bill entered the U.S. Army in 1971, and spent three years stationed in Germany. After his honorable discharge, Bill returned home to Kadoka where he spent the rest of his days.

Bill was united in marriage to Belva Dale on July 17, 1993, at the gazebo in Belvidere. To this marriage was born the apple of his eye, Briana, on February 17, 1994. Briana joined three siblings, Stefanie, David and

Nathan.

The family enjoyed many hours of going to sporting events, fishing, bowling, playing pool and playing cards. The highlight of his days, were when grandsons Estin and Emmet would come over and sit on his lap and eat. They spent many hours entertaining Papa.

While living in Kadoka, Bill was employed by the City of Kadoka, working at the City Bar and the landfill, where he had a chance to visit with anyone who wanted to hear a story. He also helped the Patterson family with the family's farms. Bill was an avid reader of the daily newspaper and never missed a day of coffee at Discount.

Bill was a member of the American Legion Post #27 of Kadoka.

Grateful for having shared his life include his daughter, Brianna (Carl) Stone and her sons, Estin and Emmet; three stepchildren, Stefanie Garnette, David Dale and Nathan Dale, all of Rapid City; 10 step-grandchildren; four brothers, Cliff Stone of Kadoka, Jody Stone and his wife, Sunday, of Hot Springs, Jerome "Zeke" Stone and his wife, Carleen, of Kadoka; Brad Stone and his wife, Kristie, of Kadoka; three sisters, Chris Cope and her husband, Drew, of Evanston, Wyo., Cathy Stone of Kadoka; and Laurie Prichard and her husband, Cleve, of Kadoka; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Belva; his parents; one sister, Peggy Stone, and a nephew, Todd Prichard.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 14, at the Kadoka City Auditorium, with Pastor Gary McCubbin officiating.

Interment with military honors will be at the Kadoka Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Rush Funeral Chapel of Kadoka.

His online guestbook is available at www.rushfuneralhome.com

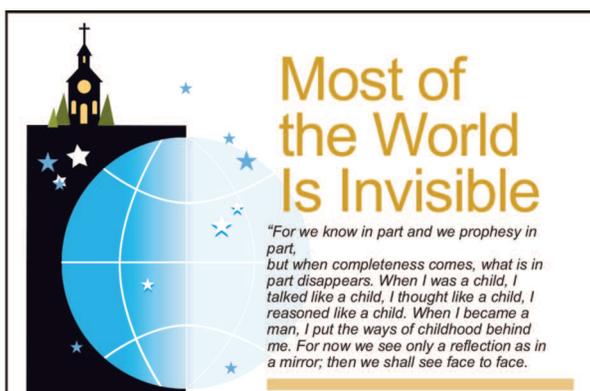
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Physics provides a wealth of examples which illustrate that we see but a tiny fraction of the universe. Visible light is a tiny fraction of the electromagnetic spectrum, and whereas our galaxy (the Milky Way) was believed by scientists less than a hundred years ago to be the only galaxy, it is now known that there are at least 100 billion galaxies besides our own, each galaxy containing some 100 billion stars. The universe is quite large, it is expanding, and it is expanding at an accelerating rate. And consider that the entire universe, some 14 billion years ago, was confined to an area smaller than an atom. There are so many ways in which what we see and experience is just the tip of the iceberg that we would do well to be humble. Overconfidence can be dangerous in the realms of both knowledge and action. The psychologists Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman have done seminal work exploring cognitive biases (the ways in which our thinking leads us to make faulty judgements or errors). One of these biases is the "availability heuristic," which leads us to favor data and facts that are ready to hand. We give prominence to recent events and are biased towards what we know, when in fact what we don't know can be very important to the issue or judgement we are making. Be humble in the face of what you do not know. –Christopher Simon

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Lady Tigers get back on winning track

The New Underwood Lady Tigers continued to have a great season with two more wins, before suffering a loss snapping their nine-game winning streak.

The Lady Tigers started the week with a 46-41 overtime victory over Kadoka. In a game that was tight throughout, the Tigers outscored the Kougars 8-3 in overtime. Cailyn Miller was 4 for 4 from the free throw line in the extra period to lead the Tigers with 12 points along with Avery Heinert's 12 points and 12 rebounds. Jaedyn Finkbeiner had a huge defensive game with 9 blocks and 10 rebounds to go along with 8 points.

	1	2	3	4
NUHS	--	--	--	46
Kadoka	--	--	--	41

Cailyn Miller 3 6-11 12; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 3 2-7 8; Cerington Jones 2 4-8 8; Jae Hanks 1 0-0 2; Chloe Miller 1 1-4 4; Avery Heinert 6 0-0 12

3's: NU 1 (Chloe Miller 1) Kadoka 1

Rebounds: NU 37 (Heinert 12, Finkbeiner 10)

Blocks: NU 10 (Finkbeiner 9, Heinert 1)

Steals: NU 5 (Heinert 2)

Assists: NU 9 (Ca. Miller 5, Finkbeiner 2)

TO's: NU 18

B Game: NU 17 - Kadoka 27 (Heinert 8, Holliday Thornton 2, Emma Madsen 2, Portia Wiebers 3, Shelby Derner 2)

The Lady Tigers were back in action Thursday when they traveled to Murdo to take on Jones County. The Tigers jumped out to a quick start leading 17-4 after the first quarter and cruised to an easy 42-24 victory. Cerington Jones led the way with 15 points.

	1	2	3	4
NUHS	17	27	33	42
Jones County	4	10	14	24

Cailyn Miller 3 0-0 6; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 4 0-2 8; Cerington Jones 7 1-1 15; Chloe Miller 0 1-2 1; Avery Heinert 4 2-6 10; Emma Madsen 1 0-1 2

3's: NU 0 - JC 0

Rebounds: NU 40 (Finkbeiner 11, Jones 8)

Blocks: NU 8 (Finkbeiner 4, Jones 2)

Steals: NU 11 (Finkbeiner 3, Ca.

Miller 3)

Assists: NU 12 (Ca. Miller 3, Anderson 3)

TO's: NU 17

B Game: NU 27 - Jones County 37

(Chloe Miller 2, Heinert 11, Gabby Miller 5, Emma Madsen 3, Holliday Thornton 3, Portia Wiebers 2, Shelby Derner 1

The Lady Tigers finished off the week at home against Lyman. The Lady Tigers played very flat and came out on the losing side 30-39. Jaedyn Finkbeiner led the way for the Tigers with 16 points. The Lady Tigers have three games this week, including a rematch with Kadoka on Monday night.

	1	2	3	4
NUHS	6	12	19	30
Lyman	12	19	26	39

Cailyn Miller 4 0-0 8; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 6 3-5 16; Avery Heinert 1 0-0 2; Jae Hanks 1 0-3 2; Chloe Miller 1 0-0 2

3's: NU 1 (Finkbeiner 1) Lyman 2

Rebounds: NU 15 (Finkbeiner 6)

Blocks: NU 7 (Finkbeiner 6, Ca. Miller 1)

Steals: NU 11 (Ca. Miller 3)

Assists: NU 12 (Ca. Miller 5, Finkbeiner 4)

TO's: NU 16

B Game: NU 30 - Lyman 17 (Gabby Miller 8, Holliday Thornton 5, Emma Madsen 3, Portia Wiebers 6, Mikala Olic 4, Tessa Caspers 2, Sam Hubert 2

The Lady Tigers bounced back in a big way running past Upton, Wyo., 64-27. The Tigers were coming off their first two game losing streak with consecutive losses to Lyman and Kadoka. The Lady Tigers played without the services of their point guard, Cailyn Miller, who was out with injury. The Tigers did not allow that to be a hindrance as they used their height to their advantage.

The Tigers flexed their muscle as their three six footers, junior Jaedyn Finkbeiner and freshmen Cerington Jones and Avery Heinert combined for 56 points, pulled down 32 rebounds, and had 10 blocks to help the Tigers run away from the Bobcats.

The Tigers got some valuable minutes from Emma Madsen and Gabby Miller in C. Miller's ab-

sence. Earlier in the week, the Lady Tigers struggled in all phases of their game as the Tigers dropped their game to Kadoka 38-61.

	1	2	3	4
NUHS	17	37	53	64
Upton	7	12	19	27

Avery Heinert 9 0-0 18; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 7 3-5 18; Cerington Jones 8 4-5 20; Jae Hanks 1 0-0 2; Kelsie Anderson 1 0-0 2; Gabby Miller 1 0-2 2; Emma Madsen 0 2-5 2

3's: NU 1 (Finkbeiner 1) - Upton 4

Rebounds: NU 42 (Finkbeiner 17, Heinert 10)

Assists: NU 17 (Finkbeiner 5, Anderson 4, Ch. Miller 4)

Steals: NU 20 (Jones 6, Ch. Miller 6)

Blocks: NU 11 (Finkbeiner 8, Heinert 1, Jones 1, Ch. Miller 1)

TO's: NU 26

A week prior, the Lady Tigers beat the Kougars by six in overtime. Kadoka took control early as the Tigers struggled with turnovers, and a poor defensive and offensive effort.

"We did not play well at all," commented Head Coach Stacy Finkbeiner. "We were flat footed all night long. Hopefully, this will be a learning game for us. We have a very young squad and they need to realize they have to show up every night."

Jaedyn Finkbeiner led the way for the Tigers with 11 points, and Chloe Miller had her best shooting game of the year tallying 10 points.

	1	2	3	4
NUHS	5	19	25	38
Kadoka	15	29	44	61

Cailyn Miller 2 0-2 4; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 2 7-8 11; Cerington Jones 3 3-4 9; Chloe Miller 4 2-2 10; Avery Heinert 2 0-1 4

3's: NU 0 - Kadoka 6

Rebounds: NU 21 (Finkbeiner 10, Jones 5)

Assists: NU 11 (Finkbeiner 6, Ca. Miller 4)

Steals: NU 8 (Finkbeiner 2, Anderson 2, Hanks 2)

Blocks: NU 7 (Finkbeiner 4, Heinert 2)

TO's: NU 24

B Game: NU 23 - Kadoka 14 (Chloe Miller 3, Avery Heinert 2, Gabby Miller 13, Holliday Thornton 2, Jaden Crowser 3

New Underwood School Activities

Feb. 15-17
Thursday
BB at RCCH 6:00 p.m.

Friday
BB here w/ White River 5:00 p.m.

Pep band playing - call time 6:30 p.m.
Elementary BB (K-2) 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Elementary BB (3-5) 10 a.m.-11:1 a.m.

Saturday
JHBB Newell Tournament - TBA

Feb. 19-24
Monday
GB Region 6:00 p.m. TBA

Tuesday
GB Regions 6:00 p.m. TBA

Wednesday
BOE meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
GB Regions at SDSM&T 7:00 p.m.

Friday
BB at Jones Co. 5:30 p.m.
Elementary basketball (K-2) 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Elementary basketball (3-5) 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Deadline to turn in School Board Petition

Saturday
Elementary basketball games TBA

New Underwood School Menus

Feb. 19-22
Monday
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit
Lunch: Taco, corn, applesauce

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit
Lunch: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit

Wednesday
Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit
Lunch: Hot dog, French fries, fruit

Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit
Lunch: Chicken & noodles, fruit, fresh bread



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Busy Week At The Capitol

We have two four-day weeks to pass all house bills over to the senate. On the last day (crossover day), we have to stay in session until we are done. I heard stories where they have not completed until late at night or later. Everyone is buckling down to get the job completed before the last day.

Remnants of Initiated Measure 22 still remain to be addressed. Some bills are good and some are bad. Limiting issues to state issues initiated by state residents and pushed by residents is something I agree with. Outside influences have no business making laws or constitutional amendments in our state. But I do agree with fair and transparent campaign reform. Have to scrutinize them as they come forth.

Non-meandering waters continues to be a huge issue. After much studying, I think the best course is to extend the sunset clause out to 2021 and let the law we passed in special session play out. Neither side (landowners and sportsman) are completely happy, so we may have reached an acceptable compromise. I still have issues with the public trust doctrine. This doctrine was formulated by kingdoms and monarchies in Europe a thousand years ago. We must be careful this is not used to degrade private property rights.

We passed a simple bill through the House Agriculture Committee to allow night vision hunters to hunt with written permission rather than dictating that the landowner accompany the hunters. Most landowners do not have time to stay out from mid-night to early morning when the hunt usually happens. It also passed the house Feb. 8, so it will go before a Senate Committee next week.

There were several bills brought before House Transportation last week. We passed a bill that would allow us to renew our plates every 10 years instead of five. It will save the state a slug of money. Also a bill that makes wearing a seat belt a primary offense. That means an officer can stop you if he or she sees that you do not have your seat belt on. Before, it was a secondary offense where they could only ticket you if they stopped you for something else and you were not wearing your seat belt. I voted against this favoring personnel responsibility over more government dictation.

Probably the most often heard request from our district is to change the time change in the fall and spring so we do not have to change the clocks. It is not simple. If you change to standard time year around, the urban areas are dead set against it. If you change to daylight savings time year around, there are places in the state where the sun would not come up until 9:30 making it difficult for young students getting up and getting to school. I see why this has been addressed every year and nothing gets done.

Go to the Legislative Research Council website to keep abreast of all the bills being presented. You can see when the bills are scheduled, how we voted, committee times and locations, and even listen to committee recordings and testimonies. Contact me at Steve.Livermont@sdlegislature.gov or call or message me at 605-441-1020.

I am bombarded with contact from people outside our district so it is nice to hear from people in our district and give more credence to your opinions. Thanks for reading and have a blessed week.

Bill seeks time for comment at public meetings

by Dana Hess
Community News Service

Public boards and commissions will need to reserve time on their agendas for public comment if House Bill 1172 becomes law.

On Feb. 6, Representative Elizabeth May, R-Kyle, told her colleagues in the House about attending a local meeting with one of her constituents who had an issue she wanted to talk about. They sat through 30 minutes of old and new business and then waited outside the meeting room for an hour while the board was in executive session. When the board came out of executive session, it adjourned and the members left through a side door.

"I expect to be able, at some point, to talk to them about my concerns," May said.

HB1172 ensures that time will be allowed on the agenda for public comment. The amount of time set aside is at the chairman's discretion.

Rep. Jean Hunhoff, R-Yankton, questioned if giving an open-ended amount of time for public comment would allow the board or council enough time to do its work.

Rep. Tim Reed, R-Brookings, said in his time as mayor of Brookings there were two kinds of council meetings. Some were open sessions and others were just for hearing reports. A time for public comment was always included with the open sessions, Reed said.

"I'm afraid that this bill needs some work," Reed said.

Rep. Greg Jamison, R-Sioux Falls, said he supported the bill and pointed to the way public comment is handled by his local city council. "Oftentimes characters arrive to use it as an open mic session," Jamison said. "They appreciate it beyond belief. At the end of the day, it's just part of the process."

The bill passed through the House on a 60-8 vote and now goes to the Senate.

Prohibition on collective bargain advances

by Dana Hess
Community News Service

Collective bargaining is no bargain for South Dakota's universities. That was part of the message that members of the House State Affairs Committee heard Feb. 7.

The committee advanced a bill that would prohibit collective bargaining at institutions under the authority of the Board of Regents.

Representative Mark Mickelson, R-Sioux Falls, the main sponsor of House Bill 1199, said collective bargaining agreements keep the state's universities from being flexible, adaptable and nimble. "What is critical is that they be able to adapt to a market that is changing," Mickelson said.

Holding up a thick sheaf of papers, Mickelson admitted he had not read the entire contract negotiated by the Council of Higher Education (COHE). As oddities in the contract, Mickelson noted a grievance process that called for a department head to give a professor two days notice and have a union representative present. Under the workload specification of the contract, Mickelson said professors were required to teach six credit hours of undergraduate instruction. Of about 3,500 Board of Regents employees eligible to join the union, Mickelson said that only 122 pay union dues.

Andrew Curley, representing Americans for Prosperity, said he may have gotten a law degree later in life except union contracts kept the school from offering night classes or online classes. "There's no one size fits all to higher educa-

tion," Curley said.

Jeremiah Murphy, lobbyist for the South Dakota Education Association, admitted that the contract was large, but said it was not bigger than the average country church cookbook and shorter than the owner's manual for his new car. "A faculty member may never look at more than three pages. It is a human resource manual," said Murphy.

Collective bargaining does not pose a problem, Murphy said, as evidenced by the fact that no one from the Board of Regents or any of the university presidents testified on behalf of the bill.

Mickelson countered that there were other people who were not present for the debate. "Those are the kids that didn't go to our institutions because they did not change," Mickelson said. Union membership was low, Murphy said, because all eligible employees, whether or not they are union members, benefit from the contract that is negotiated.

"You will get all the benefits of membership," Murphy said. "Unfortunately, a lot of people take the free route."

Rep. Spencer Hawley, D-Brookings, said he talked with administrators and professors at South Dakota State University about the bill. Administrators told Hawley, "COHE gives us a place to negotiate with employees. They see it as a benefit to have that point of contact."

The bill advanced out of committee on an 8-5 vote. It now goes to the full House.



Elizabeth May

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The South Dakota Legislature concluded its fifth week of session, Feb. 8, with one of the heaviest legislative loads that any of us have ever experienced. Currently there are over 500 bills, which is among the largest number of bills in over a decade.

I continue this week working on sales and use tax expenditures. My bill to address the expenditures was heard in House Taxation Feb. 13. I continue to be concerned with the "Special Carve Outs on exemptions" when we have seen the largest tax increases to the citizen of South Dakota over the last five years.

Two years ago we raised the state sales tax by a half percent, increasing the revenue by \$110 million for teacher pay. In 2015 we passed Senate Bill 1 to fund roads and bridges at an annual cost of \$202 million to taxpayers. According to relatively conservative notions the growth of state government has grown by 35 percent in the last 10 years.

Following is an update to healthcare exemption for sales and use tax. I have accounted for Medicare spending because there would not be any sales and use tax from Medicare spending. The table shows the estimated net revenue from House Bill 1309.

HB1309 Revenue / (Expenses)

from Sales and Use Tax Exemptions

Health Services & Other Health Related Items (10-45-14,etc.)

\$282,664,992

Sales & Use Tax Exemption on Food

\$(97,441,344)

Electricity on Irrigation Pumps (10-45-19.1, 10-46-17.2)

\$3,426,728
Advertising Services (10-45-12.1)

\$21,641,418

Membership fees to membership organizations (10-45-13.1)

\$8,033,805

Motion picture rentals for theaters (10-45-12.1)

\$622,034

Net Revenue from HB1309

\$218,947,633

I am unsure what the final language will look like, but at the very least a sunset clause on all exemptions needs to be reviewed by the legislature before considering any new taxes.

This past week, Senator Killer, Representative Livermont and myself were honored to have Kadoka Area and Bennett County senior government classes visit the capital. Thank you to Mandi Smokov and Dave Ohrtman for engaging their students in the process.

Contact me at the House Chamber number 773-3851. Leave a phone number and I will call you back. The fax number is 773-6806. If you send a fax, address it to Rep. Elizabeth May. You can also email me at Elizabeth.May@sdlegislature.gov during session. You can keep track of bills and committee meetings at this link: <http://legis.state.sd.us/> You can also use this link to find the legislators, see what committees they are on, read all the bills and track the status of each bill, listen to committee hearings, and contact legislators.

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HB1030 – Provides for the cancellation of certain uncollectible unemployment insurance contributions.

HB1040 – Provides for the licensing of a professional counselor, professional counselor mental health, or marriage and family therapist licensed in another state under certain circumstances and declares an emergency.

HB1041 – Revises certain provisions regarding insurers' internal audit requirements.

HB1046 – Allows certain resident farmers or ranchers to receive a big game license during the Black Hills deer season.

HB1047 – Revises certain provisions defining fur-bearing animals.

HB1048 – Revises certain provisions referring to the statements on auditing standards utilized by the Department of Revenue.

HB1049 – Revises certain references to the Internal Revenue Code.

HB1068 – Revises certain provisions regarding the collection of motor fuel tax from interstate fuel users.

HB1069 – Establishes an unladen motor vehicle permit for certain proportionally registered commercial motor vehicles.

Daugaard signed five "red tape" bills that aim to reduce excessive complexity throughout South Dakota's laws. These bills are part of an ongoing effort to make government more accessible by repealing unnecessary laws and regulations that could lead to confusion, delay or inaction.

SB57 – Revises certain references regarding the contractor's excise tax.

HB1015 – Repeals the use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks for the protection of sunflower crops from depredating birds.

HB1020 – Revises certain provisions and regulations regarding medical assistants.

HB1035 – Repeals certain provisions and regulations related to labeling requirements for feed.

HB1037 – Revise certain provisions regarding the South Dakota State Fair.

Senate Bill 21 – updates references to certain federal motor carrier regulations.

SB22 – allows commercial driver license applicants three attempts to pass the commercial driver license examination.

SB26 – revises certain provisions regarding public grain buyers.

SB28 – makes an appropriation for costs related to suppression of wildfires in the state declares an emergency.

Central Meade Co. News

Sandy Rhoden

A cold snap seemed to be the norm for the bulk of last week. On Sunday morning temperatures broke into the 20s. This should give some relief to animals who have to endure the cold as well as ranchers who have had to work outside much of the time. We have more snow to maneuver around than we had last week, but folks are thankful for any kind of moisture we get at this time.

It was a cold day for a wedding on Saturday at the Prairie Home Church. But the sun couldn't have shined more brightly and there was no wind to be found. Fran Mickelson was married to Ben Page on a beautiful brisk winter day. They plan to live in her grandfather's home near the Maurine area.

Union Center's name originated from Farmers Union, which originally was a general store located dead center of Meade County. They then closed the general store and went on to build Farmers Union Oil Company. It was joined by Sturgis eventually, followed by Belle Fourche. Union Center continued as the mother company. After another decade or so the main office moved to Sturgis as

the company grows and continues to do so.

Next Tuesday, a very important decision and meeting for members of the CBH cooperative is coming up concerning a merger and unification between CBH and Farmers Cooperative Association of Gillette, Wyo. It will be February 20 at the Sturgis Community Center at 1:00 pm. Information concerning the possession of property, rights, powers, debts, etc. will be covered. The name will be changed to CBH CO-OP and will consist of a 14 member board of directors instead of seven. Seven would come from the Sturgis area and seven from the Gillette area. The effective target date of the merger would be May 1, 2018. The future annual meeting location will be determined by the board. Many questions and answers will take place at this meeting. If one is unable to make it to the meeting, they may request an absentee ballot from the manager at the main office or any member of the Board of Directors. One may call 606-720-2946 ext. 102 to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. Agreement needs to be adopted and approved by a majority of the

members voting in by absentee ballot or in person at the Informational and Voting Meeting on February 20 in Sturgis. This is a big decision concerning the direction of the CBH Co-op so it is always best to be informed and then vote.

Larry Rhoden and Gary Cammack attended a legislative cracker barrel in Newell Saturday morning. The main topics were Article 5 of the constitution which calls for a Convention of the states, SJR 3 has to do with Article 5, and HJR 1003 which does the opposite of Article 5, which rescinds previous laws passed to join other states to call for an Article 5. The non-meandered waters issue will come to a head in the Senate on Tuesday. One proposal removes the sunset clause and the other proposal completely rewrites the non-meandered waters laws. Another topic was about the proposal for increasing alcohol tax. The legislature is entering the sixth week of session.

Callen Brink is doing a great job of feeding Larry Rhoden's cattle and making sure they have water and all is well during this legislative session.

Baseline Breezes

Alma Crosbie and Cathie Printz

John and Cathie Printz visited their son and daughter-in-law, Austin and Ann Printz, last weekend in Vermillion.

The Catalyst Club met on Saturday morning at Wicksville to do some finalizing for the upcoming banquet in April.

Carl and Judy Knuppe have

been attending ball games for their grandsons, Connor and Cole Knuppe, this past week.

We hope the weather starts to warm up but we do need the moisture.

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