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Pritzkau new finance officer

Kristi Pritzkau has officially assumed the role of city finance Officer for the City of New Underwood.

Originally from Eagle Butte, Pritzkau said that the New Underwood community has proven to be welcoming to her and her family since they arrived.

Prior to accepting her current position with the city of New Underwood, Pritzkau worked in food service, maintenance, road construction and other jobs that required a great deal of physical labor. She pursued the city finance officer position because she desired a job that would prove to be mentally taxing instead of a physical challenge.

Pritzkau worked under the tutelage of recently-retired City Finance Officer Meri Jo Anderson, and Anderson will remain in contact with Pritzkau to aid her through elections, which will take place in early June.

Pritzkau reminds everyone, that the city council meeting is Thursday, Jan. 25.

Historical court reports online

The South Dakota State Library recently added a collection of historical Supreme Court Reports 1879-1923 to the its digital collections site.

The Supreme Court collection is comprised of reports of cases decided in the Supreme Court of the State of South Dakota.

The reports are accessible by visiting the South Dakota State Library Digital Collections website at https://cdm16384.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/ and clicking the SD State Agency Historical Publications link, or by searching the library catalog. Collections on this site include historical as well as current state agency digital publications. Items are added regularly.

In addition to the Supreme Court Reports, other collections recently added to the digital repository include Journals of the House and Senate1889-1921, Session Laws of SD 1891-1921 and Railroad Commissioners Reports 1890-1916.

Call 1-800-423-6665 or visit library.sd.gov for more information.

New Underwood band plays at Rush game

Courtesy Photo

The New Underwood Tiger Band played for a Rush hockey game in Rapid City Jan. 21. According to music teacher and band leader Delayna Jensen, the Rush office contacted Jensen about the opportunity. The Tiger band earned their spot by selling 50 discounted Rush tickets. In addition to the exposure and experience of playing for the Rush fans, the Tigers also get to keep some of the proceeds from their ticket sales. Band members are still selling Rush ticket vouchers through Feb. 7.

Fewer school districts, higher teacher pay

by Dana Hess
Community News Service

At least one legislator is not happy with the results of the half cent sales tax increase that was used to increase teacher pay in South Dakota.

"I'm concerned, as a taxpayer," said Representative Larry Zikmund, R-Sioux Falls, during a Jan. 10 meeting of the House Education Committee. Zikmund's comment came after testimony from Department of Education Secretary Donald Kirkegaard and operations and information director Mary Stadick Smith.

Zikmund said it was not the department but rather administrators and school boards that "messed up" when it came to distributing the extra funds for teacher pay. Zikmund asked if the department had plans for legislation that would make school districts accountable for the way the money was used.

Kirkegaard said the department would be happy to provide information to legislators, but that accountability was a legislative component.

The exchange came after Kirkegaard and Smith had given the committee an overview of education in the state. Kirkegaard, who became education secretary on Jan. 2, also introduced himself to the committee.

Kirkegaard started his teaching career in Bristol and spent 23 years in Britton before becoming the superintendent of the Meade School District in Sturgis. Promising openness and transparency in the department, Kirkegaard said, "I'm committed to work with all the students of South Dakota."

Smith offered legislators a view of education that included fewer school districts and fewer schools. She said the state currently has 149 public school districts, down from 174 districts 15 years ago. Those districts have 692 attendance centers, or schools, down from 731 schools 15 years ago.

Noting the declining number of school districts, Rep. Blaine Campbell, R-Rapid City, asked if the department has a goal for the number of school districts that the state needs.

Kirkegaard said that while there are some districts that will need to make tough decisions about their ability to provide a solid education, "that really is a local decision."

Smith said that of South Dakota's school districts, 30 have 200 or fewer students, 79 have from 200 to 600 students and 40 have more than 600 students. "The majority of our schools are small or middle-sized," Smith said.

The Rapid City School District, with 13,655 students, and the Sioux Falls School District, with 23,859 students, account for 28 percent of the state's student population, Smith said. Smith said that of the state's 9,308 full-time, certified teachers, 53 percent have more than 10 years of experience.

Smith said, thanks to legislative action, that the average teacher salary in South Dakota went from $41,900 in the 2015-16 school year to $45,625 the next year.

"That's really exciting to see that moving in the right direction," Smith said.

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Baseline Breezes

Alma Crosbie and Cathie Printz

Zach, Zyla and Zayden were out to Jerry and Della Mader's this weekend to help with the chores. Jerry and Della also played cards at Burl and Bonnie Barber's Saturday night.

Gene and Alma Crosbie attended the visitation for Jim Willuweit in Wall Wednesday evening. Friday, they attended the funeral of Alma's dad cousin in Wall. Our condolences to both families.

Carl and Judy Knuppe, Gene and Alma Crosbie, Alice Richter and Rosalie Stangle played cards at Randy and Darlene Nilson in Rapid City Friday night.

"*Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in, forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.*" Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)

S.D. precipitation outlook uncertain for near furture

Colder and wetter than average conditions are possible across northern South Dakota, according to the Jan. 18, 2018 National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Outlook.

"The three-month outlook, shows colder than average temperatures are likely in the northern and eastern regions of South Dakota," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist.

Edwards explained this is consistent with La Nina's typical winter pattern in the region, which often brings colder than average temperatures across the northern states in the winter season.

Precipitation Outlook

The precipitation outlook for February through April is less certain for South Dakota, however.

"The northwest corner of the state has slightly better odds of wetter than average conditions," Edwards said. "This could help improve the lingering drought conditions in the area."

In the near term, however, she said the month of February has less certainty in both temperature and precipitation outlooks.

"Currently, there is a lot of variability in the computer models for the month ahead. This had led the forecasters to show equal chances of warmer or colder and wetter or drier conditions across South Dakota," Edwards said.

As of Jan. 18, in many areas of the state, snowfall has been below average.

"The winter season is usually our dry season, but temperatures and snowfall during the winter are important to the start of the growing season. South Dakota experienced that last year with an early drought that had a huge impact in the state," Edwards said. "Snowmelt in the spring also helps with replenishing stock ponds and water for livestock."

"The next couple of months will greatly impact the start of the growing season – for better or for worse," she said.

Working For A Living

Chastity Julson

Disposition

Disposition is, after all, hereditary.

Some cows will go down in infamy. 016 is one of them. She was one of a set of heifers that I had not wanted to buy. She had a habit of having daughters, and of being an overall great cow – except for her disposition.

As a heifer, we did not notice anything amiss. With her second calf, she was snorty and high-headed when I went out to check her. When Jake went out to tag the calf, he thought she was fine. The next year, again, I said she was snorty, high-headed, and chasey. [No, that word is not in the dictionary, but it is a real word. It means the cow will run you up the side of the corral.] Ol' Handsome, otherwise known as His Athleticism or His Fearlessness, said she was just being a good mother.

I am all for new mothers being protective. I resonate with wanting to push the hospital staff out of the room so you and the new baby can snuggle and sleep. I do not like it when they come at us with needles and paperwork. I certainly do not fault a cow for being a good mama.

But this 016 took it to the extreme. Well into the summer, when the raging postpartum hormones should have subsided, she still took off after Child A when we were putting out mineral. Luckily, His Athleticism snatched the then-three-year-old out of harm's way, but that sealed the deal for me. This vaca was indeed loca.

Fast forward another year to her third calf. We were pushing her from the small trap where she had calved. Before she went out to the pasture, Ol' Handsome wanted to tag and vaccinate the calf. He relegated me to the usual place of ranch wives: "You go watch the gate."

I used Trusty Rusty, the old white Chevy pickup, to aid me. The two of us together plugged the 25 foot gate effectively… until 016 caught sight of Ol' Handsome. Up went her head, up went her tail, and that cow was westbound and down, headed for the gate. My gate. The one I was supposed to be guarding. I tried to forge some courage. I waved my flag and tried to make myself look intimidating. 016 and her daughter, both with identical white facial markings, ducked around the pickup. I ducked around the other side. I sure was not going to stay there. If she wanted through that bad, she could come right through.

Frustrated with his cowardly wife, Ol' Handsome chased the pair back in and just shut the gate. Sheepish, but not sorry that I had saved my own life, I drove the pickup closer to where the high-alert pair waited across the trap. 016 was on the fight now, so the new plan was that Ol' Handsome would hop out of the back of the pickup, hustle to the calf, throw it in the back of the pickup, do the tagging and vaccinating, then kick the calf back out to her mama.

We worked the pickup as close to the pair as we could, then Ol' Handsome jumped out and took off. Nothing doing. He grabbed the calf, and 016 decided to commit murder. She came at Ol' Handsome. He let the calf up and took off across the pasture. It looked like a cartoon – him high-tailing it, her snorting right at his heels. The kids and I alternated between laughing and being concerned. 016 gave up and went back to her calf. Frustrated, Ol' Handsome decided that it would be alright to sell 016 in the fall.

She pulled a fast one on us, though, and got herself fatally ill before we could sell her. We kept her daughter. She bred up nicely as a heifer. But that 016 replica, now pregnant with her second or third calf, seems to be more high-headed and snorty with each day that I do chores. Thursday, my last day of doing feeding chores before Ol' Handsome takes over for the weekend, I turned control of the pickup over to Child C, then opened the door and hopped out.

Since the pickup is already in gear, I can stand still and wait for the tail end of the pickup to reach me. I prefer to save a few seconds and walk to the back of the pickup as it works its way toward me. 016's daughter has been eyeing me for weeks as I cut the net wrap off the bales, and this past week she has been right at the end of the pickup when I hop out to cake.

I dodge past 008, who will eat cake out of your hand, and grunt at some of the other cows to scoot. And then there she is. 016's daughter, acting just like 016 reincarnated. I step up onto the hitch, and she tucks her head under my legs and aids me in my upward motion. Whoa. This is a little too personal.

Friday morning I tell Jake that I have a nomination for the cull list. We do not need those kind of genetics around here.

Then I looked around the kitchen to three blonde girls running wild. They are growing rapidly, and I know that in a couple blinks of the eye they will be grown, married, and having babies of their own. I will likely wait to play grandma until they have left the hospital. Those new mamas and their babies… Disposition is, after all, hereditary. I think I will exercise wisdom and give them a wide berth.

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Online resource connects custom feeding partners

Custom cattle feeding can be a win-win strategy when done correctly.

"Feeding someone else's cattle provides a method to market feedstuffs without tying up the capital required to own the livestock," said Warren Rusche, South Dakota State University Extension beef feedlot management associate.

Rusche explained that custom feeding arrangements allow cattle owners access to management expertise and facilities they may not possess, opportunities to capitalize on superior genetics and options in the event of feed shortages.

Connecting cattle feeders with interested cattle owners can happen in a number of ways, Rusche went on to say.

"Word-of-mouth, allied industry contacts and advertisements are common methods," he said.

Currently, SDSU Extension is developing an online resource for cattle feeders who are interested in custom feeding cattle. If you are interested in being listed in that directory, visit grow.org/livestock/beef/finding-choosing-custom-feeding-partners/.

"As with any business arrangement, both parties need to do their homework and ask the right questions," Rusche said. "Most deals that end up badly do so because of lack of communication and due diligence at the outset."

Are they the right partner?

Not all ranches or cattle are alike, so it stands to reason that not every feedlot is suited to every customer and every type of cattle.

"For example, an operation that uses cattle feeding to add value to large amounts of high-moisture corn is not likely to be a great fit for someone needing replacement heifers developed," Rusche said.

If a customer has a particular business model in mind (i.e. high-risk calves, carcass data with grid marketing, etc.), they need to make sure that the cattle feeder understands how to manage that particular class of cattle.

Get it in writing

There's an old saying that good fences make good neighbors. "The same could be said about written agreements," Rusche said. "Having a written agreement forces everyone to think about the entire transaction, what could go wrong, and how those concerns will be addressed."

Written contracts help to ensure there are no disagreements about who said what and what was agreed upon.

Written contracts also establish the framework to resolve conflicts if any arise.

What are the expectations?

Any cattle feeder will tell you that not all calves are created equal and that there is considerable variation between sources and management systems.

"There should be a frank discussion about everyone's goals and expectations are for performance, sickness rates and death losses and whether or not those expectations are realistic," Rusche said.

Resources, experience and references

Before sending cattle to a custom feedlot, the owner should make sure that all the necessary resources are in place.

"Facilities and equipment don't need to be gold-plated, but they do need to be functional," Rusche said.

He added that the level of experience and the caliber of any outside expertise, particularly nutritionists and veterinarians, should be assessed as well.

"Talking with individuals who have knowledge of the operation could provide valuable insight into a feeder's capabilities," Rusche said.

Financial considerations

There is enough risk in the cattle business already without letting someone else's financial difficulties becoming your own.

"Not getting paid for feed (or cattle) obviously can cause significant financial harm. Making sure that agreements are in writing is a necessary first step, but setting up communication between both parties' lenders provides an additional level of security," Rusche said.

To learn more, contact Rusche at warren.rusche@sdstate.edu.

Cattlemen's Foundation scholarship available now

Members of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation invite students throughout South Dakota to apply for their scholarship program.

In 2016, a scholarship program was established by the South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation. The South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation was formed to support the long-term viability of the South Dakota beef Industry by promoting the nutritional benefits of beef consumption and value of modern production. This scholarship aims to identify and reward students who are interested in the improvement of beef production and promotion.

Scholarships of $5,000, $4,000, $3,000, $2,000 and $1,000 will be awarded to five students from South Dakota enrolled in any post-secondary institution in South Dakota.

The online scholarship application can be found at http://SDCF-Scholarships.com. Deadline to apply is Sunday, April 1, 2018.

The South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation joined forces with Feeding South Dakota in May 2013 to create a signature event, Prime Time Gala & Concert, that raises critical funds for their mission by providing more beef to food insecure families throughout the state. Funds also raised from the Prime Time Gala & Concert support the scholarship program that provides $15,000 in funding to students throughout South Dakota.

Since hosting the first event in June 2014, the South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation has raised over $737,508 for Feeding South Dakota.

The South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation will host its fifth annual Prime Time Gala & Concert on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center with a country music concert to follow at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center.

Pennington County Sheriff's Department

Pennington County's Most Wanted
FELONY ALERT

CONRAD BURNELLE GRASS, JR

A Felony Arrest Warrant has been issued for Conrad Burnelle Grass, JR charging him with 3 counts Vehicular Battery.

Grass is an Indian male, 29 years of age, approximately 6'3" tall, 220 pounds, brown hair with brown eyes.

Grass is known to frequent in or around the Rapid City, South Dakota area.

If you observe this subject or have any knowledge of his whereabouts, please do not approach. Please contact the Pennington County Sheriff's Office at 605-394-6117, the Rapid City Police Department at 605-394-4131 or the nearest law enforcement agency if you have any information which would result in the arrest of this individual.

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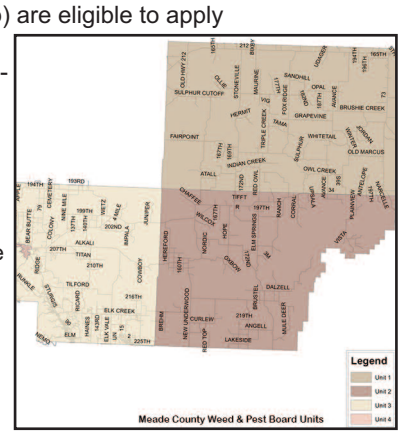
CITIZEN REQUESTED TO SERVE ON THE MEADE COUNTY WEED AND PEST BOARD

Meade County is accepting applications from individuals who are interested in serving on the Meade County Weed and Pest Board.

- One (1) Opening
- Appointment is for a Three (3) Year Term
- Appointment will be effective February 2018
- Residents of Unit 2 (see map) are eligible to apply
- Compensation: $100 per meeting plus mileage reimbursement



Purpose: The Meade County Weed and Pest Board is responsible for the implementation of an integrated management plan for invasive species throughout the County.

Individuals who want to be considered for an appointment are asked to fill out a Citizen Interest Application form (available at www.meadecounty.org/human-resources-forms) and submit same to the Meade County Board of Commissioners, 1300 Sherman Street, STE 212, Sturgis, SD 57785.

All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.
Contact: Jerry W. Derr, HR Director
at 605.720.1625 / jderr@meadecounty.org

Alvin Morehouse

Alvin Lee Morehouse, age 89, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at Morningstar Assisted Living Center in Rapid City.

Alvin was born in Rapid City on July 4, 1928, to Virgil and Angie (Young) Morehouse.

When he was seven years old he met a boy named Jim Lowell who became his best friend for life. Alvin lived with his sister, Irma, and her husband, Vernie, from his teen years until his marriage in 1970. Vernie was an excellent mechanic. Alvin would follow him around at home and at work and learn, and learn he did, and Alvin became an excellent mechanic as well. Irma and Vernie's son, Johnny, Alvin's nephew, had many good times. Alvin, Johnny and Jerry, another nephew of Alvin's, had lots of fun together and maybe got into a little trouble as well.

Alvin learned to work at a young age. Before his teen years

he worked at a bicycle shop, delivered mail and parts on base with a three-wheeled bike during the World War Two era, was a tire man at Buckingham's and worked on a farm at Interior for three years before Uncle Sam called him to duty. He spent two years in the U.S. Army on the front lines during the Korean War. Prior to his discharge, he fixed a Jeep for a commanding officer who saw what a great mechanic he was and begged him to reenlist but Alvin knew he was lucky to come out of the front lines alive and politely declined. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

Upon his return from the war, Alvin got a job at the South Dakota Cement Plant where he worked for 37 years before retiring in 1990. He spent many years building engines for Jim Lowell's race car, #12, before giving it up to build a house for his new family. He gracefully and lovingly became an instant husband and dad at age 40 and then was brave enough to have a child of his own.

Alvin was a designated driver before there was such a thing. He would tell his friends that were drinking and driving, "You either let me out or let me drive!" And soon he didn't even have to say anything, they would just hand him the keys.

Alvin was a loving and giving man. He was always helping someone with something, whether it be rebuilding an engine, working on a car, fixing a tire or fixing something. He was a genius and an inventor. He carried a motto from childhood throughout his life – "If someone says it can't be done, I will find a way to do it." And do it he did.

Alvin is survived by his wife, Janice Morehouse, Rapid City; four children, Janice (Scott) Zandstra and Cindy Shick, all of Rapid City, Daniel Anderson, Sioux Falls, and Angela Morehouse (Steven) Brown, Chicago, Ill.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ricky Anderson; brother, Lloyd Morehouse; and six sisters, Martha Behrendt, Norma Hurd, Violet Grove, Irma Slocum, Dorothy Morgan, and Donna Gossard.

Visitation is at Kirk Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, and at the church one hour before services.

Funeral services are set for 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Open Bible Christian Center, with the Rev. Charles R. Loftis officiating. A reception and luncheon will then take place at the church.

Interment with honors will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

A memorial has been established to Open Bible Christian Center and Morningstar Assisted Living Center.

Friends may sign Alvin's online guestbook at www.kirkfuneralhome.com.

Spiritual Growth

Rev. Drs. Casey and Robert Baggott

I Want What I Want When I Want It!

Getting our way is the goal we seem programmed to achieve from the moment we enter the world. An infant screams until a willing responder answers the baby's anxious wails. A child, too, can fuss and manipulate its parents in an effort to get what it wants.

The so-called "terrible twos" are the predictablephase when our younger members of society struggle to find the appropriate methods to express their desires and work to develop the capacity to compromise on getting them met. This is a trying experience for both parent and child. Just ask any parent of a two year old.

Still, all this effort in moderating our desires is perfectly normal and to be expected as children mature toward adulthood.

But sometimes it seems that even as adults we retain a fairly childlike mindset about wanting what we want when we want it. The only difference in adulthood seems to be that we transfer the party we petition to give us what we want from our parents to God.

When we pray to God, are our prayers primarily concernedm with what we want to see happen, and how we want God's influence used to achieve our vision? Do we whittle down the range of topics we address to God to just those which relate to meeting our needs?

If so, this is an impoverishment of the use of prayer, which has traditionally been said to include at least four important components, which are encoded in the acronym, ACTS: for adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. In other, words, if we prayed to God, following the ACTS pattern, we would first offer praise to our great Creator and constant Provider (adoration.) Then we would acknowledge before the wise and holy One our personal shortcomings and failures and humbly ask forgiveness for these things, (confession.) The next phase would be to thank God for the shower of blessings we all experience, even in times of greatest trial (thanksgiving.) And finally, after these three phases of prayer, we would at last ask God to consider our own wishes in addressing our own needs and those of others (supplication.)

The ACTS pattern of prayer is powerful, we think, in teaching us to place our desires and concerns in the most helpful perspective possible. Instead of considering our desires the starting point in every conversation with God, they become the end point – after all the other significant aspects of the relationship we hold with God are addressed first.

This pattern of prayer places less emphasis on our asking for things and more emphasis on our appreciating what God has already done. This is also a corrective that recognizes that God, and not we, may know best how to manage the affairs of the world.

When we learn that, we can finally give up on the old childhood goal of "I want what I want when I want it,"and let God's plans prevail.

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When Silence Is Sinful

"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."
—James 4:17 NIV

While it is often wise to keep our opinions to ourselves and resist the urge to tell others what we think, there are times when it is wrong to remain silent. When those who are helpless or unable to speak for themselves are being intentionally harmed or taken advantage of, those who can speak up and help have a duty to do so. This principle is often enshrined in the law, for instance the laws which protect children usually require that anyone who knows that a child is being harmed has a duty to report it. People at the beginning and end of life and without access to the levers of power in their society often lack the ability to protect themselves and should be protected by those around them. The prophets of the Bible often took up the cause of the helpless: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:17 NIV) In the world today we see many cases of ethnic or religious minorities being persecuted, from Christians in parts of the Mid-East to Muslims in countries like Myanmar. Our tribal instincts often bring out the worst in us, and good people of all faiths should stand up for the basic human rights of all God's children. Standing up to bullies and tyrants takes courage and there is no guarantee that you won't be the bully's next target, but doing the right thing sometimes has a high cost. – Christopher Simon

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Tigers' court action heats up

It was a wild night of basketball for the New Underwood Tigers as they hosted the Wall Eagles Jan. 20.

After weeks on the road, the Tigers returned to their home court and played before a packed house as New Underwood and Wall supporters converged for the doubleheader.

The Tigers, who came to the match 1-8, matched the then 4-4 Eagles evenly throughout the first two quarters. The Tigers led much of the game prior to halftime.

Coming into the third quarter, New Underwood struggled with fouls from key players, eventually losing sophomore Chance Derner when he racked up five personal fouls. The Tigers began to slip behind the Eagles in the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth, allowing a 16-point lead for the Eagles at one point.

Persistence and a good performance at the free throw line closed the gap, and the Tigers appeared to have a chance to pull ahead. With a minute and a half left on the clock, the Tigers could not find the traction to sink their shots, and the Eagles were able to maintain their lead and win the game nine points ahead of the Tigers for a 52-61 score.

The Tigers have had similarly-scored games in the season, with a 10-point loss against Moorcroft, Wyo. during the West River Invitational Tournament, a seven point loss against Edgemont during the same tournament, and a six point loss to Dupree during regular season play.

The Tigers will have a string of home games over the next three weeks, beginning with a doubleheader against Harding County Saturday, Jan. 27.

Chastity Julson

Sophomore Kolter Clark pushes for a layup against heavy opposition.

Chastity Julson

Jordan Wright, freshman, puts the ball up to aid the Tigers in their fight against the Eagles.

Chastity Julson

Connor Heinert reaches in to steal while pressuring the Eagle guard.

New Underwood School Menus

Jan. 25

Thursday

Breakfast: oatmeal, toast, fruit

Lunch: Rotini bake, tossed salad, fruit, garlic bread

Jan. 29-Feb. 1

Monday

Breakfast: Biscuit sandwich, fruit

Lunch: Nachos, corn applesauce

Tuesday

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit, fresh bread

Wednesday

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit

Lunch: Chili, fress veggies, fruit, cornbread

New Underwood School Activities

Jan. 25-Jan. 27

Thursday

Winter Homecoming

One-act Play 7:00 p.m.

Friday

One-act Play 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

State Lego League Competition

BB/GBB w/Harding Co. 12 noon

Jan. 29-Feb. 3

Monday

Elementary Cheer Performance TBA

GBB w/Kadoka Area 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Elementary Cheer Performance TBA

BBB w/ Philip 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

JHBB w/ 4:00 p.m.

GBB @ Jones County 5:30 p.m.

Friday

Teacher In-service

Friday School 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Saturday

JHBB Conference Tournament at White River 9:00 a.m.

BB/GB w/Lyman 1:00 p.m.

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Lady Tigers win sixth straight

The New Underwood Lady Tigers won their sixth straight game with three wins on the week, improving their record to 10-2 on the season.

It would not be an easy week as the Tigers earned hard wins over Wall and Oelrichs and blew out Hot Springs.

Jaedyn Finkbeiner and Cerington Jones led the Tigers in scoring in all three games as the Tigers beat Hot Springs 46-11, Oelrichs 46-41, and Wall 39-38. The home victory over Wall was in front of a packed house in a game that changed leads several times throughout the game, but the Lady Tigers made enough plays down the stretch to pick up their 10th win of the season.

New Underwood vs. Hot Springs

	1	2	3	4
New Underwood	13	29	44	46
Hot Springs	5	6	6	11

Individual Scoring: Jaedyn Finkbeiner 11 4-5 26; Cerington Jones 7 1-2 15; Chloe Miller 0 2-2 2; Avery Heinert 1 1-2 3

Rebounds: New Underwood – 26 (Finkbeiner 8, Jones 5)

Assists: New Underwood –16 (Ca. Miller 6, Finkbeiner 3, Jones 3)

Steals: New Underwood – 14 (Finkbeiner 5, Ca. Miller 3, Ch. Miller 3)

Blocks: New Underwood – 5 (Finkbeiner 3, Ca. Miller 2)

Turnovers: New Underwood – 20

Junior Varsity

New Underwood – 23 Rapid City Christian – 17

Individual Scoring: Gabby Miller 6, Chloe Miller 2, Avery Heinert 8, Portia Wiebers 1, Holliday Thorton 4, Mikala Olic 2

New Underwood vs. Oelrichs

	1	2	3	4
New Underwood	11	20	35	46
Oelrichs	14	20	35	41

Individual Scoring: Cailyn Miller 2 1-4 5; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 7 3-8 17; Cerington Jones 7 6-13 20; Avery Heinert 2 0-2 4

Three-point Goals: New Undewood – 0 Oerichs – 6

Rebounds: New Underwood – 41 (Finkbeiner 12, Jones 9)

Assists: New Underwood – 8 (Ca. Miller 4)

Steals: New Underwood – 13 (Jones 4, Ca. Miller 3)

Blocks: New Underwood – 7 (Finkbeiner 2, Jones 2, Heinert 2

Turnovers: New Underwood – 16

New Underwood vs. Wall

	1	2	3	4
New Underwood	10	15	23	39
Wall	7	12	24	28

Individual Scoring: Cailyn Miller 2 0-0 4; Jaedyn Finkbeiner 5 3-4 14; Cerington Jones 7 4-5 18; Jae Hanks 0 1-2 1; Avery Heinert 1 0-0 2

Three-point Goals: New Undewood – 1 (Finkbeiner) Wall 4

Rebounds: New Underwood – 26 (Jones 9, Finkbeiner 7)

Assists: New Underwood – 11 (Ca. Miller 4, Hanks 3)

Steals: New Underwood – 5 (Ca. Miller 2, Jones 2)

Blocks: New Underwood – 7 (Jones 3, Finkbeiner 2)

Turnovers: New Underwood – 17

Junior Varsity

New Underwood – 14 Wall – 23

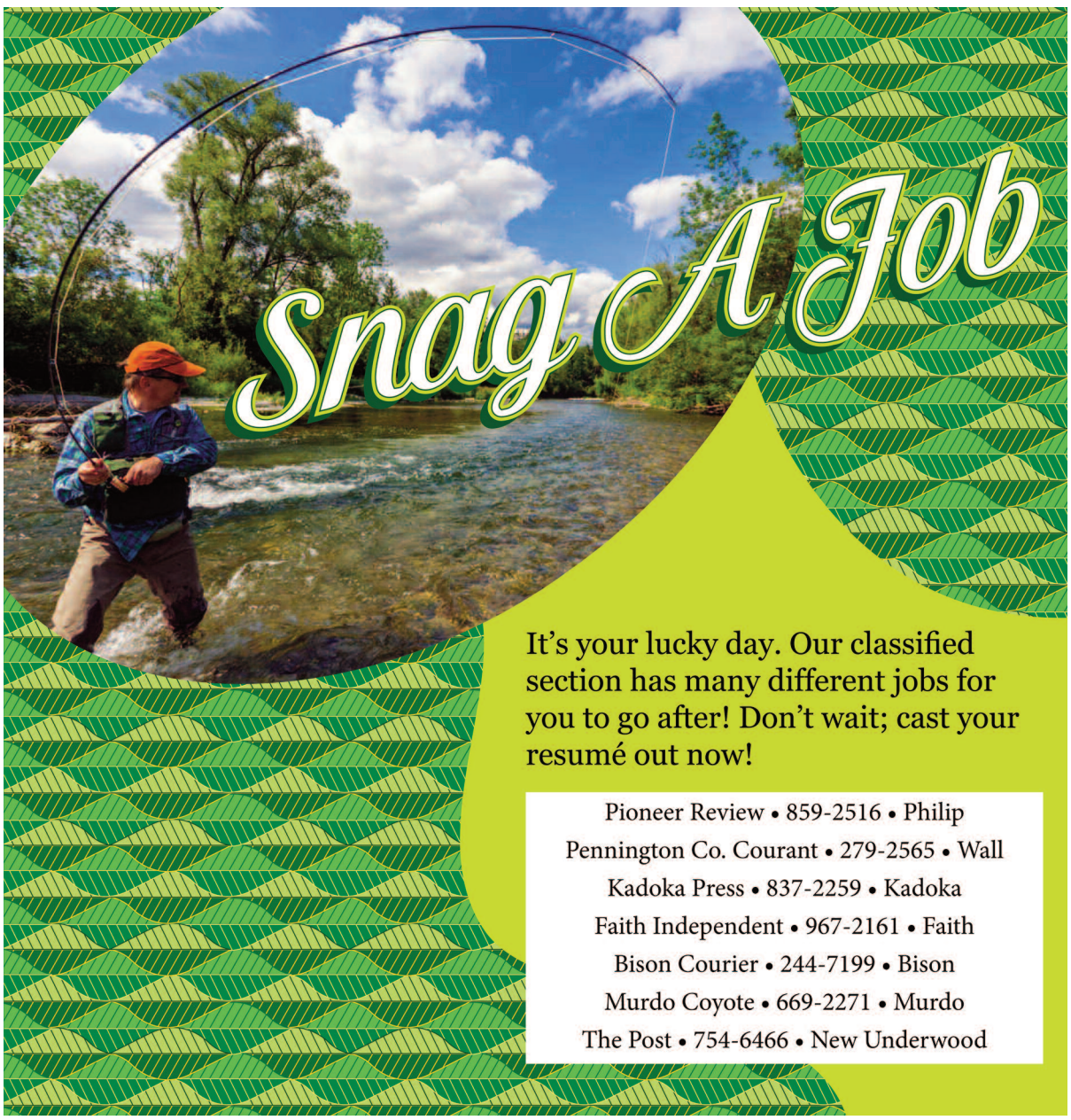
Individual Scoring: Gabby Miller 5, Avery Heinert 5, Tessa Caspers 1, Emma Madsen 3

The Tigers are back in action Saturday, Jan. 27, when they host Harding County. This is a doubleheader with games starting at noon. Tuesday, Jan. 29, they host Kadoka Area, with a 6:00 p.m. start time.

Tigers on home court

Chastity Julson

Conner Knuppe shoots around a Wall defender.



Central Meade Co. News

Sandy Rhoden

Last Week's News

After a beautiful Tuesday last week the weather turned colder, snowed a couple of inches and reminded us that we are in the dead of winter here in Meade County, S.D. We are looking forward to warmer temperatures this week.

Some of the rural schools had plans to go skiing at Terry Peak last Thursday. But, because of the weather, the trip was postponed. The ski trip may be rescheduled for a day in February.

Sunday was predicted to be a pleasant day with a high of 44 degrees in Rapid City. Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended church at the old governor's mansion which is now Landmark Community Church. After listening to Scott Craig's great sermon, Larry and Sandy toured the old mansion. It will be a fabulous place by this summer with a sanctuary being built on the 15 acre property. The view of the hills from the new building is beautiful and the silhouette of the horizon serves as their church's logo.

Though Sunday's weather looked promising, it was a slow drive home on snow packed, slippery roads on the New Underwood Road. Highway 34 was not very clear either.

On another note, Vikings fans were excited and amazed after Sunday's game. It was a good day to spend on the couch with a blanket, popcorn and some football.

Our Union Center wrestling team is in full swing of attending tournaments on the weekends. Sturgis had their tournament recently that many of us took our sons to a few decades ago. Now, some of those sons are coaching or attending those meets with their own boys.

After a typically slow first week at the state legislature in Pierre, Larry Rhoden and Gary Cammack returned for the second week of the legislative session Tuesday, Jan. 16. There were six bills up in House State Affairs last Friday so there will be legislation heard on the floor starting this week. This Thursday will be the day that the bill that has garnered the most interest thus far, SB24, will be heard in the Senate. It has to do with nonmeandered waters and the bill is to extend the sunset clause out to 2021. In a week or so there will be some legislative pages from our area headed to Pierre. Each legislative page spends two weeks at the Capitol doing tasks to help with the legislative process. It is a great learning experience for seniors who choose to serve. Ashlyn Simons is one from Union Center who will soon be a legislative page.

This Week's News

Last Monday, Jan. 15, we barely reached 0 degrees as a high for the day. However, the week continued to warm up to the mid-50s in Rapid City by Thursday. The weekend stayed in a normal mid-30 degree range, so roads were safe for traveling and outdoor work and activities were many.

Despite the bitter cold day Jan.15, the tumbling/gymnastics girls had their last practice and performed for family and friends at the Central Meade County Community Center. Each participant received a beautiful rose as well as a gymnastics ribbon. Most of the participants were beginners, but they put on what folks remarked as entertaining and well done for this young group of 16 girls. Sandy Rhoden was the instructor program director. Melanie Cammack helped out with practices.

Jan. 13, the Union Center wrestlers converged on Sturgis as they had their annual Brandon Delzer Memorial Wrestling Tournament. Twelve of the 20 Union Center wrestlers placed in this tournament. This tournament has always been a huge tournament with hundreds of participants.

John and Melanie Cammack and family attended the Denver stock show last week through Sunday. Jayda, Rachel and Taber also went and participated in judging contests. Rachel won second in the art contest at the national bison conference.

Taber got first place in junior judging (ages 8-13) at the national bison conference in Denver. They planned to return by Monday. John and Melanie raise buffalo in the Stoneville area north of Union Center.

We received sad news of the passing of John Bartling, 40, who grew up in Union Center. He lived in Wellington, Colo., and died unexpectedly in a vehicle accident Jan. 7. John was the son of Bart and Sharon Bartling, Union Center. He had two sisters, Danielle Hunt, Belle Fourche, and Denise Dobbs, Ft. Collins, Colo. He leaves behind a wife, Hilarie, and two daughters, Izabella and Gabbie. John worked as the shop manager at Poudre Valley Co-op in Ft. Collins. Our sincere condolences go out to his family members.

Another activity that is taking place in Union Center is shooting sports. They meet Fridays at the CMCCC.

Folks from rural Meade County and West River are gearing up for the 60th Annual Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo. It begins Friday, January 26 and runs through Feb. 4. Next week the traffic between Union Center and Rapid City will be increased. The stock show is the second largest event in the state aside from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Larry Rhoden spends a good amount of time making branding irons, calf sleds and post hole cleaners for the big event.

While the flu season is still affecting folks like Chuck Spring and others, Ninu Spring continues recovery from her back surgery. The surgery included inserting rods, pins and other hardware in her back that should make her tough as nails when she is fully recovered. She remarked that she is a half inch taller than before the surgery.

Representative Larry Rhoden and Senator Gary Cammack will likely address the nonmeandering water legislation this week. It is a hot topic east of the river and concerns issues between sportsman and land owners. Hopefully, they will pass legislation that will be beneficial to both parties.

Soldiers of the Cross is held on Wednesdays at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. However, on Wednesday, Jan. 31 they will not meet due to the rescheduled ski trip to Terry Peak.

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John Thune

U.S. Senator – South Dakota

Working Toward a Farm Bill That's Done Right and On Time

For folks who haven't been following my "Thune Farm Bill" effort in the Senate, thanks to the help of stakeholder groups and individual farmers and ranchers throughout South Dakota, we made significant progress last year as we laid important groundwork for the 2018 farm bill. The current farm bill expires this fall, and one of my top priorities for 2018 is ensuring the next farm bill is done right and on time.

Last March, I announced that I'd be introducing multiple individual farm bill proposals that cover most sections of the overall bill. My goal was simple. I wanted to put pen to paper early on in the process – beginning more than one year ahead of the deadline – so we could start having a discussion about items that could be included in the new bill. By starting this conversation early, we would be able to get ahead of the game, and I'm glad we did.

The first proposal I introduced last year would create the Soil Health and Income Protection Program, or SHIPP for short. It's designed to be a new voluntary income protection program for farmers that would help meet the production and soil health needs in today's agriculture economy. The new program, which offers a short-term alternative to the popular Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and its long-term requirements, is widely supported. Scott VanderWal, the president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau, called it "commonsense" and said it had the potential be a "helpful tool" for South Dakota farmers.

Shortly after I rolled out SHIPP, I introduced a set of proposals that would greatly improve how easement programs are managed by adding flexibility to CRP and creating new options for other easement programs. My legislation would boost the CRP acreage cap to 30 million acres, which represents a 25 percent increase, and it would create a new target acreage enrollment for each state based on historical enrollment. South Dakota is expected to lose nearly 60 percent of its existing CRP acres during the years covered by the 2018 farm bill, so it was clear to me that some changes needed to be made.

From there, I introduced numerous other proposals that would, among other things, simplify the Agriculture Risk Coverage-County payment process for multi-county farms, require a mandatory crop acreage base update, improve eligibility for disaster-related diseases under the Livestock Indemnity Program, accelerate the availability of Livestock Forage Program assistance for counties in the D2 Drought Monitor category, increase the effectiveness of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and improve the National Environmental Policy Act.

We closed out 2017 with a proposal to expand the sodsaver initiative, which I first authored in the 2008 and 2014 farm bills, for nationwide implementation. In 2018, we picked up right where we left off. This month, I introduced a bill that would help individual Native American ranchers by providing them with premium assistance for grazing loss crop insurance and disaster assistance eligibility for horses that are owned for personal use when natural disasters strike.

Taken as a whole, these bills represent some of the most extensive farm bill policy recommendations that have been introduced this Congress. Again, and I can't emphasize it enough, we wouldn't be here without the hard work and dedication of the men and women in South Dakota's agriculture industry who provided their advice and suggestions along the way.

Julie Frye-Mueller

District 30 State Representative

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I am still serving on the Education and Transportation Committees. We have only heard a couple of bills so far but from what I've been told there are over 700 bills. I hear "we need more resources" quite often – which means to me – find us more money. How about we cut spending?

The big votes coming up Monday morning are for the new Secretary of Education and S.D. Board of Education positions. I am not for either nominee. One has ties to Gear Up and the other was instrumental in bringing Common Core into our state. Only the full Senate gets to decide on their appointments as each had a "no" vote in committee.

Refugees are also a hot topic. The Sioux Falls schools have over 100 different languages spoken by the kids. There needs to be an investigation on how much this costs the taxpayer and what countries these people come from.

A bill to look forward to the "Expenditure Limitation Act" is excellent. When it gets assigned a number I will let you know. Rep. Taffy Howard from Rapid City is bringing that and I strongly support it. I have three railroad bills that are still being worked on and some education bills that I am not ready to talk about yet.

If any of you have concerns on anything, now is the time to let us know.

Steve Livermont

District 27 State Representative

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Week two of the 2018 legislature has been busy, with a flurry of bills being introduced to committees.

Lgislative Research Council reports that there are about 600 drafts for bills. Whether they all are considered remains to be seen. Last year, seems like there were around 450-500 considered. A lot of the earlier bills are agency bills, which means they are submitted from state agencies verus being submitted by legislators.

I sit on two committees, agriculture and natural resources and transportation. I am sure we will see something about nonmeandering waters in the agriculture committee. My views are it is about landowner rights versus public control of waters. The issue revolves around the public trust doctrine which refers to the government controlling land, with water covering it, for the good of the public. The question is, does that control extend to recreational purposes? The public trust doctrine is the tool a lot of environmentalists have used to control land for environmental purposes. My question is, does the public trust doctrine trump our constitutional right to own land and do what we want to with it? This topic should be hotly debated.

Electronic log books (ELB) have been a concern with people in agriculture and there is a lot of misinformation put out there. After visiting with Captain John Broers from the Department of Public Safety, he corrected a lot of the false rumors. An ELB cannot shut your vehicle down. It has no control over your vehicle. And there are a lot of exemptions given to the hobby truckers and the agriculture community. Broers office will be at the Black Hills stock show for personnel to visit with the agriculture community and explain the new regulations and exemptions. There were many facets to our conversation and I am hesitant to try to explain them here. I had posted that this topic was going to be discussed in the transportation committee last Tuesday and you could listen live, but it never happened. Hopefully, we will get Broers before the committee some time for an in depth discussion.

With this computer age, I keep trying to figure out ways to alert our constituents about pending legislation, either Facebook or emails. Most of the time, we do not know about bills that would concern us until the day before or morning of their hearing. I appreciate the confidence given to me to address these issues, but there are times when contact with people from this district is very much appreciated.

If you plan on being in Pierre and want to visit, let me know. It always makes my day to see someone from our district.

Have a blessed week.

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Elizabeth May

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The South Dakota Legislature concluded its second week of session on Friday. This week's session included the annual memorial service and finished up the reports of executive agencies give to legislative committees.

Every year the legislature holds a joint memorial service to honor former legislators who passed away the previous calendar year. This year the service was held Thursday the 18th. This years memorial service honored 11 former House and Senate legislators.

The nonmeandering waters issue will likely be coming before us again. The governor is proposing to extend the sunset by three years, from 2018 to 2021. This week there was an informational meeting about the issue. While the compromise reached this summer could stay in place it is likely that this issue will be debated again during the session. I will resist any attempt to change the sunset date.

On Dec. 14, 2017, the State/Tribal Relations Committee discussed the appointment of Don Kirkegaard as the nominee for the new secretary of education replacing Melody Schopp. Senator Lance Russell made a motion to send a letter to urge the Senate Education Committee not to recommend Mr. Kirkegaard as the secrertary of education. The following nine committee members voted in favor of the motion, Representative Shawn Bordeaux, Representative John Lake, Representative Oren Lesmeister, Representative Steve Livermont, Senator Kevin Killer, Senator Phil Jensen, Senator Lance Russell, Senator Stace Nelson and myself. Senator Troy Heinert was the only dissenting vote.

The Department of Education had oversight regarding the GEARUP grant program. Mr. Kirkegaard had some involvement with the GEARUP grant and given the current climate in South Dakota regarding conflict of interests, the committee felt it necessary to communicate its concerns about the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Following the committee's decision on Mr. Kirkegaard's nomination the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council followed through with their own resolution not to recommend the nomination of Don Kirkegaard and presented it to the State/Tribal Relations Committee following The State of Tribes address by Chairman Boyd Gorneau.

Across South Dakota there are literally thousands of active and retired classroom teachers, school superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, school board members and other education advocates and champions who are completely untainted by the GEARUP tragedy. Surely one of them would, as the next secretary of education, start the job with the unalloyed trust of the entire legislature and the people we serve. Unfortunately, the Senate Education Committee voted to send his nomination to the full Senate for confirmation, ignoring the fact based evidence that clearly shows Mr. Kirkegaard's been at ground zero of a culture characterized by "ridiculous conflicts of interest, opaque transparency, ineffective oversight, almost zero documented, evidence-based results for our state's Native American children.

I will follow up next week with the complete report presented to the Senate on Mr. Kirkegaad's nomination.

As always, you can contact me regarding your concerns. You can keep track of bills and committee meetings at 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. Don't forget to visit my Web page www.lizmay-district27.com

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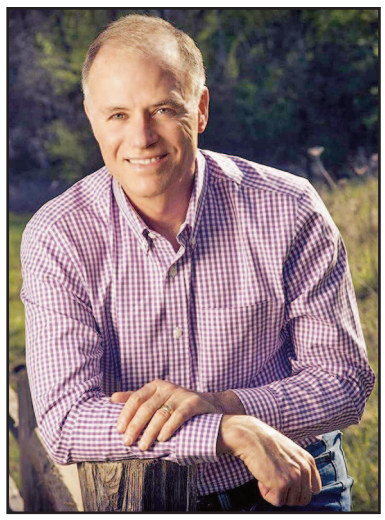

United States House of Representative for South Dakota candidate Tim Bjorkman will make three stops Wednesday, Jan. 31.

For the first stop, Bjorkman will visit the Philip Pit Stop on Larimer Avenue in Philip, at 8:30 a.m.

Second, he will visit the Sunset Grill in Kadoka on Highway 73 at noon.

His final stop for the day will be at BJ's Country Store in New Underwood at 16098 Highway 1416 at 3:00 p.m.

Bjorkman will meet with voters and listen to their concerns. All are encouraged to attend.

Bjorkman is a retired circuit court judge from Salem, running for South Dakota's lone seat in the United States House of Representatives. He is running on the Democratic ticket. Bjorkman is running against Secretary of State Shantel Krebs and former Public Utilities Commissioner Dusty Johnson for the seat. The seat is being vacated by Kristi Noem as she is running for governor.

Bjorkman will visit Rapid City, Thursday, Feb. 1.

Seeking veteran's art contest entries

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The public is invited to view entries at each competition. The Fort Meade show is March 7, 2018 in Building 145, Classroom 108 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. and on March 14, 2018 in the Domiciliary Auditorium from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hot Springs VA.

The competition includes 51 categories in the visual arts division that range from oil painting to leatherwork to paint-by-number kits. In addition, there are 100 categories in the performing arts division including all aspects of music, dance, drama, and creative writing.

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NU6-2tc

Kristi Noem

U.S. Representative – South Dakota

The Pursuit Of Dreams

The whole experience of being a first-time parent can be overwhelming. There's unmatched joy, of course, but there are also so many questions. How are we going to provide for this baby? What kind of crib do we get? Cloth or disposable? What if something goes wrong? Boy or girl? What kind of person will they become? What kind of parents will we be? Are we ready for this? From the moment Bryon and I found out we were pregnant, we were asking these questions, we were planning, we were praying, and we were dreaming of our kids' futures.

This January, I introduced legislation that would allow parents to start investing in those dreams from the very beginning too. More specifically, my bill would let parents name their unborn children as beneficiaries of 529 accounts, which are tax-advantaged savings plans designed to help families save for future education costs. If enacted, this would mean unborn children would have a spot in our tax code, which they currently do not. It's another step toward ensuring every child – born or yet-to-be-born – is given the dignity they deserve.

President Donald Trump has been a good working partner in this goal. His appointment of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, for instance, was a critical win for the pro-life cause. President Trump also signed legislation I backed empowering states to defund Planned Parenthood and put his name on legislation that bans taxpayer-funded abortion, for the time being.

I'm working to push more legislation his way too. In October, the House passed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would prohibit abortion once a baby can feel pain (approximately 20 weeks). While I believe life begins at conception (and have backed legislation that would define life as such), I was pleased to get the House to move a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, the Senate has yet to act on the legislation.

I also helped introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which prohibits taxpayer-funded abortions as well as taxpayer-funded subsidies for health care plans covering elective abortions. A 2016 Government Accountability Office study showed abortions were paid for with federal dollars through Obamacare exchanges, which we had previously been told would not be the case. According to the Susan B. Anthony List, "Under Obamacare, as many as 111,500 additional abortions per year could be heavily subsidized by taxpayers." That is unacceptable, and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would fix it. While the House has passed it, the Senate has not taken it up at this point.

The House also passed legislation this January that requires health care professionals to provide care to babies who are born alive after a failed abortion attempt.

Additionally, I've cosponsored legislation that would prohibit gruesome dismemberment abortions. I'm also working to drive the Heartbeat Protection Act forward, which would protect unborn children whose heartbeats can be detected. And while it's not as widely covered as abortion is, I've been very supportive of pro-life efforts to prohibit physician-assisted suicide.

SDSU Extension News

Ann Schwader, SDSU Extension Nutrition Field Specialist

Healthier Dessert Ideas

There are many individuals who would say their favorite meal of the day is dessert. Some might eat dessert along with the main entrée, or even follow the old saying, "life is uncertain, eat dessert first!" Individuals who are highly dedicated to the idea of dessert might even agree that "happiness is knowing there's a cake in the oven."

Serving dessert at the end of a meal is a tradition in many U.S. households. The word dessert has been used since the 1600s, but the concept of dessert has been around for much longer. Sugarcane is a tropical grass native to Asia. Methods for manufacturing sugar from sugarcane were developed in India about 400 BC and reached the Americas in early colonial times.

Like so many others, I battle a sweet tooth. It's just so tempting to indulge in a sweet treat after dinner. One of the recommendations within the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans states that we should "limit calories from added sugars and saturated fats and reduce sodium intake." More specifically, we need to "consume less than 10 percent of calories per day from added sugars and less than 10 percent of calories per day from added saturated fats."

Tips & Techniques

The following dessert options can be enjoyed without the worry of overloading on calories, fat, and sugar.

- Make fruit the everyday dessert. Enjoy a piece of fruit or fruit salad.
- Serve baked apples with cinnamon and a sprinkle of sugar, instead of apple pie.
- Try a frozen 100 percent juice bar.
- Enjoy a few pieces of dark chocolate.
- Have a slice of angel food cake.
- Blend a fresh fruit smoothie using fat-free milk.
- Make a dessert parfait layering fruit and low-fat yogurt.
- Eat a handful of frozen grapes.
- Prepare pudding using fat-free milk.
- Broil peach slices sprinkled with cinnamon and a little brown
- Freeze pudding pops made with low-fat yogurt and granola.
- Serve fresh berries topped with a tablespoon of light whipped topping.
- Bake healthier. Use recipes with unsweetened applesauce instead of butter.
- Make fruit kabobs and grill on low-heat until the fruit is warm and golden.
- Chop up a banana, add a spoonful of peanut butter and a couple of dark chocolate chips.

Additional Information

For a healthier brownie, check out Michigan State University Extension's Brownies: A Healthy Treat, which includes black beans as one of the main ingredients. The beans eliminate the need for oil, water and eggs that the recipe would normally call for and provide a moist brownie. Also, try Illinois University Extension's Easy, Family-Friendly Recipes for Any Budget – Desserts & Beverages for some healthy dessert and beverage ideas.

Dennis Daugaard

South Dakota Governor

Giving the Open Waters Compromise Time to Work

The issue of nonmeandered waters has been a contentious one in recent decades. Problems arose in the 1990s, when water bodies in eastern South Dakota expanded greatly, after receiving far more moisture than normal. Several legislative efforts tried to address this challenge, but the many competing opinions and interests made compromise elusive.

The situation came to a head last March, when the South Dakota Supreme Court determined that it is "up to the legislature to decide how these waters are to be beneficially used in the public interest." Our legislators heard that message and went to work.

An interim legislative committee held four public meetings and engaged many stakeholders. The group toured areas that have been affected. They saw firsthand the inundated areas and discussed how nonmeandered waters are impacting local residents.

During the hearings, the committee heard testimony from more than 70 individuals, considered 10 different bill drafts and adopted a number of amendments.

Through that process, the committee drafted a bill called the Open Waters Compromise to balance the interests of landowners with the ability of sportsmen to use public waters for recreation. Then during a special session of the legislature last June, theypassed, and I signed, the Open Waters Compromise.

The new law has since opened tens of thousands of acres of nonmeandered waters to public recreation. In fact, more than 99 percent of all nonmeandered water with managed fisheries are open.

This is not only a win for South Dakotans who enjoy fishing and boating. The law also protects the property rights of landowners. Since the law passed, we have seen that landowners are supportive of keeping nearly all of these waters open. Plus, this compromise has created a new positive dialogue between sportsmen and landowners.

I am introducing a bill to extend the sunset date by three years to June 2021. This will give the new system more time to work before we consider opportunities for improvement.

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