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SDSU prof shares jazz expertise on trip to Cuba

BROOKINGS — A South Dakota State University faculty member shared his love of the trombone and jazz music earlier this semester in a part of the world that not many people will ever experience firsthand.

For the third time in his music career, the School of Performing Arts’ Bradley Snyder, instructor of low brass, traveled to Cuba to perform for, educate and learn from students, teachers and professional musicians.

From Jan. 21-28, Snyder was in Santiago de Cuba, in southeastern Cuba, as a member of a jazz ensemble that was invited to perform among the featured groups in the Jazz Plaza International Jazz Festival.

While Americans cannot travel to Cuba for tourist activities, travel that falls within 12 areas is covered by a general license from the Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control. Those areas include educational activities; public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions and exhibitions; and professional research and professional meetings.

This jazz ensemble trip was coordinated by Michael Davison, professor of music at the University of Richmond, and Mark Lusk, professor of trombone at Pennsylvania

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Some South Dakota residents are unable to afford diagnostic procedures such as a CT scan.

High costs may have South Dakotans putting off health care

By BART PFANKUCH
South Dakota News Watch

The high cost of obtaining health care in South Dakota — ranked second most expensive in the nation — is prompting some residents to forgo necessary medical care over worries they cannot afford it, according to a recent national data analysis.

South Dakota is followed only by North Carolina in a new national ranking of health care expenses based on the cost of medical care and insurance. At nearly \$12,500 per year, the state has the highest per-capita health care spending rate among all Great Plains states, the data show.

Largely based on data from KFF, formerly the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Forbes Advisor team examined nine metrics to determine which of the 50 states and Washington, D.C., had the highest and lowest annual health care costs for consumers.

In labeling South Dakota second highest, Forbes noted that the state has high rates of families that struggle to pay for child medical bills, high deductibles for individuals and families with insurance and high costs for policyholders within the Affordable Care Act marketplace. Forbes Advisor is a consumer financial analysis group sponsored in part by Forbes magazine.

The ranking comes as South Dakota continues to lag behind the nation and most neighboring states for median household income (\$69,457 in 2022) and also has the highest poverty rate among all Great Plains states (12.5%). KFF also reported in 2023 that South Dakota ranked 35th in the country for quality health care outcomes.

Taken together, the data paint a worrisome picture

of access, affordability and quality of health care in South Dakota.

The high cost of health care has caused nearly 1 in 10 state residents to skip necessary medical care and 1 in 4 to forgo mental health treatment due to cost, according to another KFF study.

“If you delay needed care because you can’t afford it, it’s eventually going to cost you, the providers and the insurers a lot more money,” said Les Masterson, an editor and insurance expert at Forbes Advisor. “That is also causing problems where people are getting sicker and dying younger.”

Lack of competition, higher overhead costs

Masterson acknowledged that health care costs are high and rising across the country and that the variables that determine what medical care and insurance cost in each state are complicated.

Masterson and two South Dakota health care officials interviewed by News Watch said the state’s high cost ranking can be attributed largely to a lack of competition among providers and insurers, worker shortages causing increased employee costs, higher overhead costs due to inflation, a high level of indigent care, and generally poor health condition of the population that increase risks and costs for insurers and providers.

“Health care is expensive, insurance is expensive and every citizen in this state who pays for those things knows that,” said Tim Rave, CEO of the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, which represents hospitals and clinics across the state.

And yet, Rave said, the convoluted and expensive

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Last Pearl Harbor survivor dies

HONOLULU (AP) — The last living survivor of the USS Arizona battleship that exploded and sank during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor has died. Lou Conter was 102.

Conter passed away at his home Monday in Grass Valley, California, following congestive heart failure, his daughter, Louann Daley said.

The Arizona lost 1,177 sailors and Marines in the 1941 attack that launched the U.S. into World War II. The battleship’s dead account for nearly half of those killed in the surprise attack.

Conter was a quartermaster, standing on the deck of the Arizona as Japanese planes flew overhead at 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7. Sailors were just beginning to hoist colors or raise the flag when the assault began.

Conter recalled how one bomb penetrated steel decks 13 minutes into the battle and set off more than 1 million pounds of gunpowder stored below.

The explosion lifted the battleship 40 feet out of the water, he said during a 2008 oral history interview stored at the Library of Congress. Everything was on fire from the mainmast forward, he said.

“Guys were running out of the fire and trying to jump over the sides,” Conter said. “Oil all over the sea was burning.”

His autobiography recounts how he joined other survivors in tending to the injured, many of them blinded and badly burned. The sailors only abandoned ship when their senior officer was sure they had rescued all aboard.

Minnehaha County begins warrant court

By MAKENZIE HUBER
South Dakota Searchlight

At any given time in a year, there are roughly 15,000 warrants on file in Minnehaha County, any of which could lead to an arrest. Those crimes behind those warrants range from unpaid traffic tickets to assault or homicide.

To the criminal justice system, they’re treated the same. Some are trivial in relation to larger crimes, but the backlog can clog up the system and cost taxpayer dollars, said Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead.

For those named on the warrants, failure to pay that traf-

fic ticket can mean being thrown in jail, which could disrupt their life, stress relationships, cause job loss or create financial stress.

The recently completed pilot of a Warrant Resolution Court in Sioux Falls aims to show how counties can alleviate that stress on law enforcement and the court system.

“If we can resolve these low risk cases and still meet the needs of the victims in a cost effective and safe manner, that’s a pretty good deal,” Milstead said.

More than 170 warrants were resolved through four court dates with the pilot program over the winter.

The program let people with outstanding warrants for low-level crimes settle their warrants with the sheriff’s department after-hours at the courthouse and talk with state’s attorneys, public defenders and a judge to work out arrangements for a resolution. An interpreter was also available if needed.

Charges could include city ordinance violations, traffic violations, DUI first or second, and possession of drug paraphernalia. If someone came in for an offense that wasn’t applicable, the court still worked to move their case along in the process.

The pilot program was led

by Second Circuit Judge Robin Houwman and funded by a grant from the national nonprofit MacArthur Foundation. It was the first warrant resolution court in South Dakota, according to the state Unified Judicial System.

“It allows us more time to deal with the bigger cases during the day so we can focus on the people who are in custody, the more serious cases and clients that are in jail,” said Traci Smith, public defender for Minnehaha County. “Every day that a person spends in jail, the harder it is for them to get back on track.”

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DANR announces more than \$172 million for statewide environmental projects

PIERRE — Last week the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources announced the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved \$172,554,815 in grants and loans for drinking water, wastewater, storm water and solid waste projects in South Dakota.

The \$172,554,815 total consists of \$20,007,550 in grants and \$152,547,265 in low-interest loans, including \$10,986,600 in principal forgiveness to be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce this financial assistance is available,” said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. “Safe and reliable water, wastewater, and solid waste infrastructure help protect our environment and strengthen communities for our kids and grandkids.”

Funds were awarded from DANR’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, Solid Waste Management Program, Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program, and the Water Environment Fund to the following area entities:

Aurora received a \$1,751,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan, a \$1,030,800 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Construction Grant, and \$601,400 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant to construct a 250,000-gallon elevated water tower to replace the existing tower and 1,400 feet of water main. The loan terms are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Clear Lake received a \$3,500,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan to replace the main lift station, valve vault, the force main pipe to the primary cell of the wastewater treatment system, and upgrades to 1,800 feet of storm sewer pipe and storm sewer structures. The loan terms are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Clear Lake also received a \$3,694,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to replace exist-

ing water main and appurtenances in the northwest portion of the city including approximately 7,000 feet of PVC water main. The loan terms are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Elkton received a \$936,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$934,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Water Quality grant to continue replacing vitrified clay sewer main including 3,530 feet of sewer main and associated sewer structures. The loan terms are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Elkton also received a \$778,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$222,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Construction grant to continue replacing cast iron water main piping south of the railroad tracks. The loan terms are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Kingbrook Rural Water System received a \$14,500,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to construct 15.5 of transmission main and other facilities to enhance the reliability of the existing water system and add capacity to the DeSmet WTP service area. The loan terms are 3.50 percent for 30 years.

Lake Preston received a \$2,653,600 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan with \$1,063,600 in principal forgiveness to replace aged sanitary sewer mains, sewer service lines, manholes and related appurtenances. The loan terms are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Lake Preston also received a \$2,492,100 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan with \$2,118,200 in principal forgiveness to replace aged cast iron water mains, service lines, valves, hydrants, and related appurtenances. The loan terms are 3.5 percent for 30 years.

North Brookings Sanitary & Water District received a \$1,597,450 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$761,550 Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program grant to reline sanitary sewer lines and rehabilitate manholes throughout the wastewater collection system. The loan terms

are 3.75 percent for 30 years.

Water Investment in Northern South Dakota (WINS) received a \$5,000,000 Water Environmental Fund Appropriation grant to provide up to 42.1 million gallons per day of treated drinking water to the northeast South Dakota region. The project is a collaboration between the city of Aberdeen, BDM Rural Water System, and WEB Water Development Association and consists of 148 miles of pipeline and associated water treatment and storage infrastructure.

Appropriations from the Water Environment Fund and Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program are funded in part by revenues from the Petroleum Release Compensation Tank Inspection fee and the sale of lotto tickets. These appropriations provide funding for water, wastewater, and watershed projects. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated water and waste funding for State Water Resources Management System projects in the form of Water Environment Fund Appropriations and the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The Solid Waste Management Program provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling, and waste tire projects. The Legislature annually appropriates dedicated funding for the Solid Waste Management Program through the Governor’s Omnibus Water Funding Bill.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs, which provide low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water, water conservation, nonpoint source projects, and public drinking water system projects. The programs are funded through a combination of federal appropriations, loan repayments, and bonds.

— *From SD DANR*

Student News

BMTA holds piano festival

The Brookings Music Teachers Association sponsored their annual Piano Festival on March 8 and 9 at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center. Ninety young people performed their piano repertoire for adjudication in a total of 129 performance entries.

Students performing in the Solo Event include Aly Bachar, Jacquie Bachar, Brodie Bahe, Jonah Bauer, Jack Bierman, Owen Bierman, Amber Brockberg, Sabastian Bui, Taponidhi Cherukuri, Elsa Clements-Johnson, Sylvia Clements-Johnson, John Collins, Koyer Deutsch, Liam Diercks, Lucy Diercks, Rachel Eberhart, Evan Ehrichs, Faith Ehrichs, Gabriel Ehrichs, Grace Ehrichs, Hannah Ehrichs, Carson Eichler, Nolan Eichler, Cora Eidem, Lydia Ellsworth, Madalyn Even, Brynn Froiland, Graham Gerlach, Ruby Gerlach, Jackson Hahn, Sydney Hahn, Evy Hamilton, Makenzi Hawks, Gavin Heermann, Samantha Heermann, Jack Jeppesen, Lily Jeratowski, Oscar Jeratowski, Jorgen Johnson, Kjersten Johnson, Trestin Johnson, Grace Klein, Cora Kleinjan, Amelia Koenig, Lane Koenig, Davina Lafomo, Adrian Lansang, Alex Liu, Louis Liu, Deja Manzey, Jericho Manzey, Frida Markel, Xochi Markel, Reid Melius, Autumn Merchant, Taiya Merchant, Arianna Meyer, Celeste Meyer, Dante Meyer, Joseph Michna, Matthew Michna, Alaina Mulder, Belka Naweji, Emly Naweji, Otto Nelson, Camden Olson, Emma Olson, Alaina Overby, Sasha Prager, Lincoln Quam, Blaise Ryland, Josie Ryland, Kallie Ryland, David Schmit, Brielle Smetana, Obed Sobolayi, Elise Ulvestad, Grayson Wagner, Aaliyah Wendinger, Kiley Westberry, Mae Wiese, Melanie Wiskur, Olivia Wiskur, Lauren Wulf, Annika Wurm and Aubrey Wurm.

Students performing in the Hymn Playing Event include Jonah Bauer, Amber Brockberg, Sabastian Bui, Taponidhi Cherukuri, Rachel Eberhart, Carson Eichler, Nolan Eichler, Lydia Ellsworth, Nolan Gross, Jackson Hahn, Sydney Hahn, Avery Hanson, Makenzie Hawks, Jorgen Johnson, Kjersten Johnson, Davina Lafomo, Xochi Markel, Katie Marshall, Autumn Merchant, Taiya Merchant, Belka Naweji, Emly Naweji, Camden Olson, Emma Olson, Alaina Overby, Obed Sobolayi, Elise Ulvestad, Aubrey Underwood, Aaliyah Wendinger, Melanie Wiskur, Olivia Wiskur, Annika Wurm and Aubrey Wurm.

Students participating in the Ensemble Event include Aly Bachar, Jacquie Bachar, Lydia Ellsworth, Evian Johnson, Trestin Johnson, Davina Lafomo, Autumn Merchant, Taiya Merchant, Obed Sobolayi, and Lauren Wulf.

Several students took home trophies for three years of participation. Two six-year trophies were awarded to Trestin Johnson and Amelia Koenig for their participation in the Solo Event. Amber Brockberg received a BMTA Senior Award in recognition of her commendable history of Festival performances.

Participating teachers include Diana Christiansen, Florence Evans (Flandreau), Bethany Foote, Cynthia Jorgensen (Lake Benton, Minnesota), Deb Kalsbeck, Dr. Xuan Kang, Tammy Knudtson, Joan Riessen, Nancy Sandro (Hendricks, Minnesota), and Melanie Timmerman.

Adjudicating for the event were Tammy Knudtson, from Brookings, Carson Covey from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Dr. Grigor Katchatrayan from Concordia University, Moorhead, Minnesota. Piano teachers in the Brookings area interested in belonging to BMTA are invited to contact Melanie Timmerman at 605-690-7886 for more information.

I-90 construction project between Hartford and Humboldt to begin Thursday

SIOUX FALLS — On Thursday, April 4, reconstruction work will begin on Interstate 90 between Hartford and Humboldt.

During construction, two-way traffic with 12-foot width restrictions will be in place and the speed limit will be reduced to

65 mph.

This project will include removal and replacement of the concrete pavement on I-90 east-bound lanes and replacement of the bridge at Humboldt, exit 379.

The prime contractor for this \$37.3 million project is Reede

Construction, Inc. of Aberdeen, . The anticipated completion of the project is November 2024.

Find additional project information at <https://dot.sd.gov/interstate90-pcn-05t2>.

— *From S.D. DOT*

Birthday

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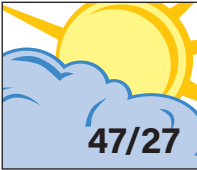
Gerald Erickson “Thumper” will celebrate his 90th birthday on April 15.

Family and friends are asked to help celebrate by sending cards to Teresa Dawkins, 814 Goldenrod Trail, Brookings, 57006.

Help spread the word to all who know him

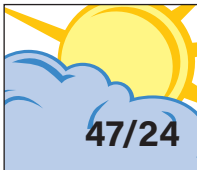


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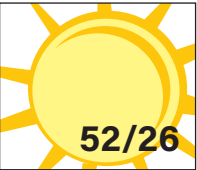
Tuesday Scattered sprinkles after 5 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Breezy, with a northwest wind 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.



Wednesday Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 47. Breezy, with a north wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Night: Clear, with a low around 24. Blustery, with a north wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



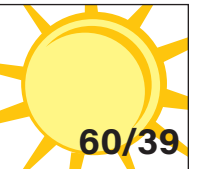
Thursday Sunny, with a high near 52.

Night: Clear, with a low around 26.



Friday Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.



Saturday Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy.

Night: A 40 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Breezy.

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OPINION

Feline friends? Cats love us on their terms

■ You don't train cats, they train you.

Editor's note: For the time being, as Gene Lyons recovers from illness, his weekly columns will be "classics" from his archive. This column originally ran on March 13, 2019.

Given the time and money people lavish on their pets, it's remarkable how little we appear to

understand them. Recently at the dog park, for example, I watched a woman with an enormous Great Dane puppy doing everything in her power to turn him into a fear-biter.

Fortunately, she appeared to be failing. The problem was her total inability to speak "dog." Another large young fellow — a collie/Great Pyrenees mix fond of playing chase — kept inviting her dog to join the game, and she kept misinterpreting his playful feints as threats.

So she'd pull her dog close and call out for help, confusing the Great Dane, who was a bit shy to begin with. Evidently, it was his first visit to the dog park. Hers, too. Fortunately a good Samaritan persuaded her to turn him loose. The dogs quickly sorted things out, and a good time was had by all.

No harm, no foul. In my experience, however, cats are more commonly misunderstood. Many people find them aloof and mysterious, so much so that a small academic/

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journalistic industry has sprung up to explain the animals to their owners.

"Why We Think Cats Are Psychopaths" is the title of a recent effort in The Atlantic. We do? As one with some experience with psychopaths of the human variety — I wrote a book entitled "Widow's Web" that featured a couple, plus a bunch of columns about Donald Trump — I certainly never have. Author Sarah Zhang assures us, however, that "anyone who has looked into the curiously blank face of a catloaf knows exactly what that means."

I had to look it up: a "catloaf," so called, is a housecat sitting with all four feet tucked underneath, hence resembling a loaf of bread. A cat expressing, in other words, comfort, contentment and trust. An uneasy cat would never adopt so defenseless a position — unsuitable for fight or flight.

However, anybody expecting even the most affectionate kitty to gaze longingly into their eyes like a cocker span-

iel should probably stick to geraniums.

The problem, of course, isn't cats, but people. As Zhang points out to the imaginatively impaired: "So when we look at a cat staring at us impassively, it looks like a psychopath who cannot feel or show emotion. But that's just its face."

Cats' faces, she points out, lack the muscle structure to change expressions like a human or a dog. That's not how the animals communicate. Rather, they speak through body language and vocalization — mainly posture. A cat that approaches you with its tail hoisted straight in the air, for example, is saying as clearly as it knows how: "Hello friend, it's good to see you."

Dogs that live with cats understand perfectly; humans not so much.

Yes, cats are stealthy predators. That's how they came to live among us. With the invention of agriculture came grain-stealing, disease-carrying rodents. Just behind them came cats, independent rodent control contractors spread around the world from their Middle Eastern origins by sailing ships.

People inclined to see cats as pitiless and cruel, I'd suggest, have watched too many cartoons with singing mice.

Take my orange tabby tomat Albert. Descended from a distinguished line of Arkansas barn cats, Albert exterminated mice from our place and then began commuting a half-mile daily to the neighbor's hay barn. Yet after I fell off a horse and broke several ribs, he changed his life. From being a 90 percent outdoor cat, Albert became an indoorsman. He'd spend hours perched on the arm of my

chair in the catloaf position, watching Red Sox games and purring.

After I healed, Albert returned to rodent patrol. He switched jobs because he could tell I was hurting and wanted to comfort me. There's no other explanation. His younger friend Martin, another orange tabby the dogs and I found in the woods where somebody had dumped him, had no need to alter his routine. Snuggling and purring have always been his main priorities. Possibly he's a killer too, but you couldn't prove it by me.

In my experience, cats rescued from what must have been a terrifying situation — Martin was roughly 12 weeks old, a tiny kitten abandoned a half-mile from the nearest house — never, ever forget. He and his littermate Gigi, who lives on a friend's cattle farm, remain almost absurdly affectionate. If Gigi can't find a human to pet her, she will rub-a-dub and sniff noses with her cow friends.

You see, they're all individuals, cats. Their personalities differ from one another quite as much as dogs, human beings, and every other species of mammal I know anything about.

So never mind the Sphinx-like expression. Or the lack of obedience. You don't train cats; cats train you. Albert gives me orders all day. Fortunately, his needs are simple: in, out, feed me, pet me.

For the love he gives back, it's not much to ask.

Arkansas Times columnist Gene Lyons is a National Magazine Award winner and co-author of "The Hunting of the President" (St. Martin's Press, 2000). You can email Lyons at eugenelyons2@yahoo.com.

letter to the editor

Vote for Austreim

Because I'm a lifelong resident of Brookings and a student studying government, I'm very much interested in the success of our community and local government. That's why I've helped Al Austreim run for the city council. Here's why I'm enthusiastic about helping Al: 1) His focus on community engagement as opposed to eliminating avenues for citizens to voice their concerns, 2) He understands that our town's growth needs to be supported by the right infrastructure, workforce development, and safety procedures, and 3) His background of successful small business and community involvement proves to me that he can get the job done efficiently.

I read a letter to the editor last week that characterized Al's candidacy for city council as "a special agenda or an axe to grind." Respectfully, Al's "agenda" is to get community input back involved and his "axe to grind" is working tirelessly and transparently for the people of Brookings. Rather than get involved in partisan and hurtful politics, Al has been speaking with the entire community and hearing their opinions. That's the type

of city councilor we need. Please join me in voting for Al Austreim for City Council now until April 8 between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or on Election Day, April 9.

Jonathon Sundet
Brookings

Avery the best choice

I am supporting Wayne Avery in his re-election to the City Council. In his last 3 years on the Council, Wayne has shown that he brings a common sense approach to the issues. He has put in the time to research the issues and ask questions. As a long time member of the community he has a feel for the needs of Brookings and its residents. He has been involved with a number of significant initiatives during the past year. They include a Workforce Housing Study, developing a new Economic Development Master Plan, and a study to remodel or replace the City Public Safety Building. His willingness to work with the city staff and the other council members is probably one of his biggest strengths. Please vote on April 9th, or you can vote early at the Brookings City-County Building.

Spencer Hawley
Brookings

ELECTION LETTERS

Letters to the editor endorsing candidates in the April 9 municipal election should be delivered to the Register no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 4.

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Speakout

Public dialogue crucial to the Brookings community

I remember leaving SDSU's political science and mass communications departments upon graduation thinking that local government is really where citizens can make their voices heard. Over the past several years I have noticed less and less civic engagement in our local system, so I started looking at the numbers.

Based on city council meetings minutes, from November 2022 to November of 2023 the average meeting time was 65 minutes with only one meeting eclipsing two hours and that was by seven minutes. There were three study sessions that averaged 115 minutes. In 2016, the meetings averaged 102 minutes and the seven study sessions averaged 214 minutes. In 2013 the meeting minutes averaged 115 minutes and the 10 study sessions averaged 150 minutes. The reason these minutes are important is because they are public meeting minutes. This is the citizens time to listen to the direction of our leadership and raise concerns warranted. In total, the city council in 2023 spent 1983 minutes in public meetings, which is 46% less time than 2013's 3685 minutes.

In meetings lately, discussion topics haven't garnered much council discussion. The Marketplace land sale was only thoroughly discussed in public after signatures were collected for vote referral. When I asked about the lack of public discussion, I was told by three different councilors

This Speakout was submitted by Nick Schmeichel of Brookings

that they discussed topics in their three-on-one meetings with the city manager. It may be legal, but this is effectively a tactic used to circumvent open meeting laws. Any time four or more councilors are going to be in the same place, the public must be notified and can attend. These types of meetings lead to lack of public trust and civic engagement. Elected officials should be doing everything in their power to ensure public trust. Perhaps some of the confusion, or anger, around the land sale could have been avoided had more public discussion happened prior. I'm not trying to single out the Marketplace. It's just the most recent big public topic.

In 2023, there were in total 220 action items. Out of those 202 action items 218 had unanimous votes. Council

members Tilton Byrne and Specker were the two dissenting votes for the entire year. This is not an accurate representation of our community, or any community for that matter. It is extremely complicated to find any community in the country that agrees with every decision being made 99% of the time. In fact, all other major cities in the state of South Dakota aren't even close.

I'm writing this because I believe every government body should be open and transparent. Part of that transparency comes from having open dialogue in public and not behind closed doors. I encourage the council to start having more study sessions with open dialogue and less three-on-one meetings with the city manager. Let's see more discussion in the meetings prior to voting, giving citizens findings of fact and reasons behind your vote. Our community deserves open government and more discussion than we are currently getting.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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NATION

Court approves 3M settlement over 'forever chemicals' in drinking water systems

By JIM SALTER
The Associated Press

Chemical manufacturer 3M will begin payments starting in the third quarter to many U.S. public drinking water systems as part of a multi-billion-dollar settlement over contamination with potentially harmful compounds used in firefighting foam and several consumer products, the company said.

St. Paul, Minnesota-based 3M announced Monday that last year's lawsuit settlement received final approval from the U.S. District Court in Charleston, South Carolina. The agreement called for payouts through 2036. Depending on what additional contamination is found, the amount paid out will range from \$10.5 billion to \$12.5 billion.

"This is yet another important step forward for 3M as we continue to deliver on our priorities. The final approval of this settlement and continued progress toward exiting all PFAS manufacturing by the end of 2025 will further our efforts to reduce risk and uncertainty as we move

forward," 3M's chairman and CEO, Mike Roman, said in a news release.

The deal compensates water providers for pollution with per- and polyfluorinated substances, known collectively as PFAS — a broad class of chemicals used in nonstick, water- and grease-resistant products such as clothing and cookware.

PFAS have been described as "forever chemicals" because they don't degrade naturally in the environment. They've been linked to a variety of health problems, including liver and immune-system damage and some cancers.

The compounds have been detected at varying levels in drinking water nationwide. The Environmental Protection Agency in March 2023 proposed strict limits on two common types, PFOA and PFOS, and said it wanted to regulate four others. Water providers would be responsible for monitoring their systems for the chemicals.

The 3M settlement first announced in June came in a lawsuit by Stuart, Florida, one of about 300 communities that had filed similar suits against companies that



AP Photo/Richard Drew, File

The logo for 3M appears on a screen above the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange,

produced firefighting foam or the PFAS it contained. The payment will help cover the costs of filtering PFAS from systems.

Some of the settlement money will help additional water systems test for contamination from PFAS, said Scott Summy, one of the lead attorneys for those suing 3M and other manufacturers. They have until June 2026 to apply for compensation if contamination is found.

"That's great news for American citi-

zens who drink from that water," Summy said. "It'll help rid our public drinking water systems of PFAS, and that's the most important thing about the settlement."

Also, last June, DuPont de Nemours Inc. and spinoffs Chemours Co. and Corteva Inc. reached a \$1.18 billion deal to resolve PFAS complaints by about 300 drinking water providers. Several states, airports, firefighter training facilities and private well owners also have sued.

Across the Nation

U.S. traffic deaths fell 3.6% in 2023, the second straight drop

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. traffic deaths fell 3.6% last year, but still, almost 41,000 people were killed on the nation's roadways, according to full-year estimates by safety regulators.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it was the second year in a row that fatalities decreased. The agency also released final numbers for 2022 on Monday, saying that 42,514 people died in crashes.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Sophie Shulman said that traffic deaths declined in the fourth quarter of last year, marking the seventh straight quarterly drop that started with the second quarter of 2022.

The declines come even though people are driving more. Federal Highway Administration estimates show that Americans drove 67.5 billion more miles last year than the previous year, a 2.1% increase. The death rate per 100 million miles driven fell to 1.26 last year, down from 1.33 in 2022, NHTSA said.

Authorities have said that even with a decline, the number of deaths is still too high. Shulman blamed the problem in part on distracted driving. In 2022, an estimated 3,308 people were killed in crashes that involved distracted drivers, while 289,310 were injured.

Almost 20% of people killed in distracted driving crashes were people outside of vehicles including pedestrians, bicyclists and others, she said.

"Distracted driving is extremely dangerous," she said while kicking off a rebranded campaign against it called "Put the Phone Away or Pay." The agency will start an

advertising campaign this month, and law enforcement officers will crack down on the behavior in a campaign from April 4 to 8.

Traffic deaths spiked in 2021 with a 10.5% increase over 2020 as people started driving more as the COVID-19 pandemic started to ease. That was the highest number since 2005 and the largest percentage increase since 1975.

At the time, authorities blamed the increase on speeding and more reckless behavior, as well as distracted driving.

Part of the increase in crash deaths then was due to people driving more as the coronavirus pandemic waned. NHTSA reported that the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled increased 2.2% to 1.37 in 2021.

Plane crashes onto trail near Indiana airport

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — A pilot and two pedestrians were hurt Monday when a small plane missed an airport runway in Indiana and crashed onto a trail, authorities said.

Two of the three people injured including the pilot suffered serious injuries and were expected to be transferred to an Indianapolis hospital from the Muncie hospital where all three had been taken, authorities said. The condition of the third person was not immediately available.

A Piper Cherokee traveling from Bloomington crashed at 10:24 a.m. about half a mile (0.80 kilometers) from a runway approach at Delaware County Regional Airport, Tim Baty, director of the Delaware County Airport Authority, told a news conference. The pilot was the only person aboard.

Two people on the Cardinal Greenway rail trail also were injured, Baty said. The names of those injured were not immediately released.

The pilot was entrapped in the plane wreckage before he could be rescued, Muncie Fire Chief Dan Burford said.

A fire in the plane's tail and debris was put out by nearby American Electric Power employees with fire extinguishers, Baty said.

Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board officials arrived on the scene to investigate, he said.

Archaeological site discovered at Air Force base in New Mexico

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AP) — An archaeological site that might shed more light on New Mexico's ancient history has been discovered recently within the boundaries of Holloman Air Force Base.

Base officials said geomorphologists and members of the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight uncovered a campsite that's about 8,200 years old and belonged to some of the state's first settlers.

Matthew Cuba, the squadron's cultural resource manager, said the formation of the white sand dunes

inadvertently buried the site with windblown silt protecting the archaeological remains.

"This site marks a pivotal moment in shedding light on the area's history and its early inhabitants," Cuba said.

He said digs at the site have turned up about 70 items ranging from flake stones to a rare example of an early ground stone.

"We also uncovered a series of hearths, or community campsites, with remnants of mesquite charcoal, which is a tremendous find in and of itself," Cuba said.

He said the site is one of 400 archaeological discoveries found within the boundaries of Holloman, which was built in 1942 and is located 6 miles southwest of Alamogordo in south-central New Mexico.

Arizona officer dies after driver crashes into patrol car

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A Tucson police officer has died after a driver crashed into his patrol car while he was responding to a call with his siren on and lights flashing, authorities said Monday.

Tucson police said Officer Adam Buckner, 31, had the right of way before the collision Sunday night at an intersection not far from the University of Arizona campus. He died from his injuries after being rushed to a hospital.

Buckner was going through an intersection on a green light when a vehicle making a turn failed to yield to his marked patrol car's sirens and lights, Tucson Police Chief Chad Kasmar said at a news conference Monday. Kasmar did not say what call Buckner responded to.

Community members and other officers gave first aid and CPR to Buckner before paramedics took him to Banner-University Medical Center.

The other driver, whose identity wasn't immediately released, was left with minor injuries and there was no sign of impairment, Kasmar said. He said no citations were issued to the other driver, pending an investigation.

"We all know the risk of our profession," said Kasmar, who choked up several times during the news conference and did not take any questions from reporters.

"Officer Buckner was a son, a brother, a husband and a friend of many and a true law enforcement professional," Kasmar said.

Powerball jackpot reaches \$1 billion for Monday drawing

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A \$1 billion Powerball jackpot will tempt lottery players Monday night who think they just might hit it rich after three months without a big winner.

The jackpot has reached \$1 billion, marking the fifth time a Powerball prize has reached that level, game officials said in a news release. No one has won Powerball's jackpot since New Year's Day, a stretch of 38 consecutive drawings without anyone matching the game's six numbers. If no one wins the jackpot Monday or Wednesday night, the game will match its record number of 41 consecutive drawings on Saturday night.

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RECORDS

Police Log

Saturday, March 23

1:34 a.m. BPD officers conducted a traffic stop resulting in an arrest for DUI.

10:27 a.m. Police investigated a report of identity theft

12:25 p.m. While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle that had been vandalized while on patrol. A report was generated

1:57 p.m. Police responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury accident.

2:38 p.m. Law enforcement arrested a driver for DUI.

2:50 p.m. Officers responded to a traffic complaint.

3:42 p.m. The Brookings Police Department took a report of a fake driver's license.

3:47 p.m. Brookings police assisted the Brookings County Sheriff's Office. A report was filed.

5:44 p.m. Officers responded to disturbance. The case is still under investigation.

7:05 p.m. Officers were dispatched for a minor single- vehicle accident. A citation was issued.

7:06 p.m. A hit-and-run accident was reported in which a vehicle struck a street light post and then drove away. The vehicle was not located.

9:36 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a street sign stolen, the sign was located

11:09 p.m. Officers conducted a traffic stop resulting in the arrest of one individual for DUI.

11:52 p.m. The Brookings Police Department conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Main Avenue South and First Street South. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for DUI.

Sunday, March 24

12:38 a.m. Officers conducted a traffic stop resulting in one individual being arrested for DUI.

12:43 a.m. Police officers were called to a welfare check in a motor vehicle. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

2:21 p.m. Officers took a report of shoplifting.

Monday, March 25

4:47 p.m. Officers took a city non-injury accident report.

8:46 a.m. Brookings Police Department took a report from Department of Social Services in regard to a sexual assault that would have occurred in Brookings. This report is under investigation.

10:45 a.m. Officers responded to the 400 Block of 15th Street South for a burglary complaint. A report was generated.

11:46 a.m. Brookings police conducted a welfare check.

11:07 p.m. The Brookings Police Department conducted a welfare check.

Tuesday, March 26

5:33 p.m. Officers started an investigation.

Wednesday, March 27

9:20 a.m. Brookings police were advised of a possible swindle taking place in the city.

11 a.m. Officers took a report of a two-vehicle, non-injury accident.

11:51 a.m. Officers were made aware of an assault that had taken place in the 900 block of Fifth Street South. An investigation is ongoing.

12:28 p.m. Officers received a report of an alleged sexual assault.

2:52 p.m. Officers were made aware of an assault that had happened in the 500 block of Elm Avenue.

4:16 p.m. Officers responded to Western Avenue and Sixth Street for a two-vehicle non -injury accident.

8:46 p.m. The Brookings Police Department received a request for an identification check on a driver's license that was left at the bar. The license was fake. The owner was located and cited.

Thursday, March 28

1:13 a.m. Police officers responded to a domestic disturbance. One individual was arrested.

1:17 p.m. Police took a report of identity theft.

2:38 p.m. Law enforcement investigated a minor two-vehicle accident.

Stocks of Local Interest

	Symbol	Last	Change
3M Company	MMM	\$94.02	-\$12.11
Abbott Labs	ABT	\$112.09	-\$1.57
Apple Inc	AAPL	\$170.03	-\$1.45
Black Hills Corp	BKH	\$53.84	-\$0.76
Caterpillar Inc	CAT	\$363.74	-\$2.69
Citigroup Inc	C	\$63.46	\$0.22
Daktronics Inc	DAKT	\$10.02	\$0.06
Deere & Co	DE	\$404.14	-\$6.60
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	\$116.99	\$0.75
General Electric Co	GE	\$175.36	-\$0.17
Harley-Davidson Inc	HOG	\$43.55	-\$0.19
Lowes Companies Inc	LOW	\$249.28	-\$5.45
McDonalds Corp	MCD	\$280.22	-\$1.73
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	\$424.57	\$3.85
ONEOK Inc.	OKE	\$79.71	-\$0.46
Otter Tail Corp	OTTR	\$85.81	-\$0.59
Papa John's Intl Inc	PZZA	\$67.99	\$1.39
Pathward Financial	CASH	\$50.12	-\$0.36
Pepsico Inc	PEP	\$172.98	-\$2.03
Pfizer Inc	PFE	\$27.72	-\$0.03
Procter & Gamble Co	PG	\$160.58	-\$1.67
Target Corp	TGT	\$177.82	\$0.61
United Parcel Svc Inc	UPS	\$147.62	-\$1.01
Valero Energy Corp	VLO	\$172.64	\$1.95
Wal Mart Stores Inc	WMT	\$60.00	-\$0.17
Wells Fargo	WFC	\$57.61	-\$0.35
Xcel Energy	XEL	\$53.38	-\$0.47

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Market Report

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Corn (April)	3.93 Soybeans (April) 11.44
Corn (May)	3.96 Soybeans (May) 11.52
Corn (June)	4.02 Soybeans (June) 11.57
Corn (July)	4.01 Soybeans (July) 11.62
Corn (Oct.)	4.10 Soybeans (NC 24) 11.33
Soybeans (April)	11.25 Meal Hi-Pro (April). 325.40
Soybeans (May)	11.33 Meal Hi-Pro (May). 323.40
Soybeans (June)	11.38
Soybeans (Oct.)	11.23
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Court Report

Court report 2-29

CLASS II MISDEMEANORS

David Corneil, 54, Litchfield, Minnesota, speeding on a state highway, fined \$97.50.

Halie Lynn Hiles, 19, Huron, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Felecia Wilen, 28, Bryant, speeding on a state highway, fined \$97.50.

Soul Hernandez, 22, Colman, no driver's license, fined \$132.50; speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Sara R. Christensen, 36, Hendricks, Minnesota, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Kaylee Mae Tringali, 22, Lisbon, Wisconsin, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Bernard James Welch, 26, of 419 Ninth Ave., illegal lane change, fined \$120.

Tessa Nicole Trierweiler, 19, Hinton, Iowa, speeding on other roadways, fined \$137.50; exhibition driving, fined \$132.50.

Kysin Daniel Wayne Reuer, 16, of 2304 Bluegill, Ave., municipal speeding in school zone, fined \$106.50.

Ryder Seppala, 33, Castlewood, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Tate Allen Kotalik, 20, Yankton, seat belt violation, fined

\$25.

Peggy Jo Skaffen, 69, West Fargo, North Dakota, speeding on interstate highway, fined \$97.50.

James J. Kaczor, 59, New Prague, Minnesota, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Victor Semenchenko, 20, of 1522 Ohana Ave. No. 2, careless driving, fined \$132.50.

Samuel James Tuttle, 25, of 1054 Western Ave., municipal speeding, fined \$91.50.

Luke Honner, 20, of 318 Meadows North, SDSU, speeding on other roadways, fined \$137.50.

Karla J. Stevenson, 58, of 109 14th Ave. S., speeding on other roadways, \$97.50.

Alexander Lee Schmidt, 42, Sioux Falls, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Obituary

Dale Wagner - Brookings

Dale Wagner, 101, of Brookings died at the United Living Community in Brookings on Sunday, March 31, 2024.

A celebration of Dale's life will be held on Friday, April 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Brookings at 10 a.m. Burial will immediately follow the service at Greenwood Cemetery in Brookings. A time of fellowship and a meal will be held at the church following burial. Visitation will be the evening prior, Thursday, April 4, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Eidsness Funeral Home in Brookings.

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QUESTIONS? CALL THE CITY OF BROOKINGS REGIONAL LANDFILL AT (605) 693-3667.

The annual Spring Bulky Item Pickup program allows residents to dispose of branches and large bulky items (*not household trash*) by placing them on their boulevards for pickup during the designated time period. **The service is for Brookings city residents only; it is *not* available to commercial businesses.** All items must be separated and placed on boulevards. Do not park on the street in front of piles during the pickup period.

KEY DATES

- **Wednesday, April 10:** First day you may start placing items on boulevards.
- **Sunday, April 14:** Last day to separate and place all items on boulevards. There is no alley pickup.
- **Monday, April 15:** City crews will begin pickup.
- **April 15 -April 27:** The Brookings Regional Landfill will be open for **FREE DUMPING FOR CITY RESIDENTS ONLY** from 7:30 AM to 4:15 PM Monday through Friday and from 8:00 AM to 11:45 AM Saturday. **The Landfill address is 4101 30th St.**
 - **Exception:** Tires and items containing Freon will be assessed a fee.
 - **Cover Loads:** All loads must be covered, or a \$25.00 fine will be assessed.
 - **Proof of Residency:** A photo ID or utility bill will be required to prove City residency for free dumping.

PICKUP SCHEDULE

Crews will canvass the City only one time. Follow the **REAL-TIME TRACKER** to see block-by-block updates showing where crews have collected and where they are working. Scan the QR code or go to www.cityofbrookings-sd.gov/cleanuptracker

RECYCLING & SEPARATION OF ITEMS

The City's landfill regulations and recycling policies require that items placed on boulevards be sorted. Separate items into 3 distinct piles: metals, branches and bulky items. (*See graphic.*)

TREE BRANCHES

Place branches lengthwise on the boulevard parallel to the street. Tree trunks and branches must not be more than 12 inches in diameter and 6 feet long. Starting April 1, residents may drop off branches at the Landfill's Citizens Campus 24/7.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Paint, batteries, waste oil, and chemicals are not accepted.

ITEMS THAT MUST BE HAULED TO LANDFILL

The following items will **NOT** be picked up:

- Household refuse. This includes item that will fit in your garbage cart. (Place in **green** garbage cart.)
- Cardboard. (Place in **blue** recycling cart.)
- Grass and leaves. (Place in **brown** yard waste cart or haul to Landfill.)
- Piles of mixed materials (not sorted by type).
- Remodeling material and concrete.
- Tires. (Fee assessed base on size of tires.)
- Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, and any other items containing Freon. (Fee assessed.)

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How to separate and place your bulky items on boulevards

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BUSINESS

Google to purge billions of files with personal data

Action part of settlement of Chrome privacy case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google has agreed to purge billions of records containing personal information collected from more than 136 million people in the U.S. surfing the internet through its Chrome web browser.

The records purge comes as part of a settlement in a lawsuit accusing the search giant of illegal surveillance.

The details of the deal emerged in a court filing Monday, more than three months after Google and the attorneys handling the class-action case disclosed they had resolved a June 2020 lawsuit targeting Chrome's privacy controls.

Among other allegations, the lawsuit accused Google of tracking Chrome users' internet activity even when they had switched the browser to the "Incognito" setting that is supposed to shield them from being shadowed by the Mountain View, California, company.

Google vigorously fought the lawsuit until U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers rejected a request to dismiss the case last August, setting up a potential trial. The settlement was negotiated during the next four months, culminating in Monday's disclosure of the terms, which Rogers still must approve during a hearing scheduled for July 30 in Oakland, California, federal court.

The settlement requires Google to expunge billions of personal records stored in its data centers and make more prominent privacy disclosures about Chrome's Incognito option when it is activated. It also imposes other controls designed to limit Google's collection of personal information.

Consumers represented in the class-action lawsuit won't receive any damages or any other payments in the settlement, a point that Google emphasized in a Monday statement about the deal.

"We are pleased to settle this lawsuit, which we always believed was meritless," Google said. The company asserted it is only being required to "delete old personal



AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File

The Google building is seen in New York. Google has agreed to purge billions of records containing personal information collected from more than 136 million people in the U.S. who used the internet through its Chrome web browser as part of settlement in a lawsuit accusing it of illegal surveillance.

technical data that was never associated with an individual and was never used for any form of personalization."

In court papers, the attorneys representing Chrome users painted a much different picture, depicting the settlement as a major victory for personal privacy in an age of ever-increasing digital surveillance.

The lawyers valued the settlement at \$4.75 billion to \$7.8 billion, relying on calculations based primarily on the potential ad sales that the personal information collected through Chrome could have generated in the past and future without the new restrictions.

The settlement also doesn't shield Google from more lawsuits revolving around the same issues covered in the class-action case. That means individual consumers can still pursue damages against the company by filing their own civil complaints in state courts around the U.S.

Investors apparently aren't too worried about the settlement terms affecting the digital ad sales that account for the bulk of the more than \$300 billion in annual revenue pouring into Google's corporate parent, Alphabet Inc. Shares in Alphabet rose nearly 3% during Monday's afternoon trading.

Austin Chambers, a lawyer specializing in data privacy issues at the firm Dorsey & Whitney, described the settlement terms in the Chrome case as a "welcome development" that could affect the way personal information is collected online in the future.

"This prevents companies from profiting off of that data, and also requires them to undertake complex and costly data deletion efforts," Chambers said. "In some cases, this could have a dramatic impact on products built around those datasets."

Business Briefs

Microsoft splits Teams from Office software

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft will stop packaging its Teams videoconferencing app with its Office software after the practice attracted antitrust scrutiny.

The tech giant said Monday that customers buying Office subscriptions starting this week won't get Teams bundled with the service. Microsoft will start selling the two products separately around the world, following a move last year to separate the products in Europe.

That was after the European Union's executive commission, the 27-nation bloc's top competition enforcer, opened a formal investigation over concerns that bundling Teams with Office gives the company an unfair edge over competitors.

The investigation was triggered by a complaint filed

in 2020 by Slack Technologies, a maker of popular workplace messaging software.

Slack, owned by business software maker Salesforce, alleged that Microsoft was abusing its market dominance to eliminate competition — in violation of EU laws — by illegally combining Teams with its Office suite, which includes Word, Excel and Outlook.

UPS to become the primary air cargo provider for the United States Postal Service

(AP) — UPS will become the primary air cargo provider for the United States Postal Service.

The Atlanta shipping company said Monday that it had received an air cargo contract from the U.S. Postal Service that significantly expands an existing partnership between the two.

UPS will move the majority of air cargo in the U.S. for the postal service following a transition period, according to UPS.

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

USPS's current air cargo contract with FedEx Corp. is set to expire in late September. The agency said in a statement that its contract with UPS will be for a minimum of five and a half years.

FedEx said in a regulatory filing that it wasn't able to reach an agreement on mutually beneficial terms to extend its contract with USPS. The company said that negotiations ended on Friday, after extensive talks.

FedEx Express will continue to provide air transportation services domestically and to Puerto Rico until the contract expires on Sept. 29. UPS's contract with USPS takes effect the next day.

During FedEx's third-quarter conference call on March 21, Chief Customer Officer Brie Carere said that the company had provided its services to USPS for more than two decades and that the two sides were still in negotiations.

USPS announced a four year extension of its air cargo network contract with FedEx in 2020. The mail and delivery service said that the contract provided for domestic

air transportation for U.S. Mail, Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express.

In recent years USPS has focused increasingly on lowering costs, and avenue is through transitioning from air freight to ground transportation. In February USPS Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said that USPS is looking to reduce its overall transportation costs by \$3 billion over the next two years, which includes \$1 billion cost savings already achieved in airfreight.

Boeing production delays hurt United Airlines

(AP) — United Airlines is asking its pilots to take time off in May because of delays in receiving new planes that the airline ordered from Boeing, which is struggling with production due to manufacturing problems.

A United spokesperson said Monday that the offer is voluntary.

"Due to the recent delays in Boeing deliveries, our forecasted (flight hours) have been reduced and we are offering our pilots voluntary programs for the month of May to reduce excess staffing," spokesperson Leslie Scott said.

In a note to pilots obtained by The Associated Press, United said it expects to make similar requests during the summer and possibly into the fall.

The Air Line Pilots Association said United is offering short-term leaves and unpaid time off, but they are not mandatory.

Boeing declined to comment.

United doesn't expect to get all the Boeing jetliners it ordered and was due to receive this year or next year. A month ago, United said it was contractually due 191 planes this year and 127 next year but expects to receive only 88 this year and 64 in 2025.

Almost all of the shortfall consists of Boeing 737 Max planes, including a new, larger model. United had planned to begin flying 80 Max 10 jets this year. The Federal Aviation Administration has not yet certified the Max 10, however, and FAA approval is likely to be further delayed by increased scrutiny of Boeing since a panel blew out of an Alaska Airlines Max 9 in January.

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		250	305	ION	NCIS: New Orleans "Operation Drano, Part I"		NCIS: New Orleans "Operation Drano, Part II"		Blue Bloods "Protective Instincts"		Blue Bloods "True Blue"		Blue Bloods "Good Intentions"		Blue Bloods "Be Smart or Be Dead"		Blue Bloods "USA Today"		Blue Bloods "Reality Check"																	
4	4	17	17	KTTW	The 700 Club		A. Wommack (N)		Turning Point (N)		James Robison		Larry and Tiz Huch		Our Jewish Roots		CBN Newswatch		TCT Today		Joseph Prince		Rick Renner		Ask the Pastor		Les Feldick		Today with M		3D Woman					
5	5	46	46	KDLT	(7:00) Today (N)		Today 3rd Hour (N)		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Guests Arianna Davis (N)		Tamron Hall "Yeah, Glo(w)!"		Guests GloRilla (N)		NBC News Daily (N)		Hot Bench (N)		Hot Bench		Judge Judy		Judge Judy		Dateline "The Farm"									
7				KESD	Daniel Tiger		Rosie's Rules		Molly of Denali		Work It Out Wombats!		Donkey Hodie		Alma's Way		Elinor		Nature Cat		Curious George		Xavier Riddle		Cyberchase "Soil Turnoil"		Wild Kratts (N)		Odd Squad		Nature "Remarkable Rabbits"					
11	11	11	11	KELO	(7:00) CBS Mornings (N)		Let's Make a Deal (N)		The Price Is Right (N)		The Young and the Restless (N)		News (N)		Bold/Beautiful (N)		The Talk (N)		KELOLAND Living								Family Feud		Family Feud							
w13	13	13	13	KSFY	(7:00) Good Morning America (N)		Dakota News Now at 9AM on KSFY (N)		The View (N)		Dakota News (N)		Judge Judy		GMA3: What You Need to Know (N)		General Hospital (N)		Inside Edition (N)		Daytime Jeopardy		Kelly Clarkson		Guests Carol Burnett, Kristen Wieg (N)											
	15			KCPQ	Shepherd's Chapel		Shepherd's Chapel		Forensic "All Butt Certain"		Forensic "Yes, in Deed"		Scene of "The Toy Box"		Wild America		Biz Kid\$		Ag PhD		Wild Dakota		Wild Dakota		Les Feldick		Les Feldick		Forensic Files		Forensic Files					
53	129	239	307	NWSNT	NewsNation Live w/Marni Hughes (N) (Live)		NewsNation Live w/Marni Hughes (N) (Live)		NewsNation Live w/Marni Hughes (N) (Live)		NewsNation Now With Nichole Berlie (N) (Live)		NewsNation Now With Nichole Berlie (N) (Live)		NewsNation Now With Nichole Berlie (N) (Live)		NewsNation Now With Nichole Berlie (N) (Live)		NewsNation Now With Connell McShane (N) (Live)		NewsNation Now With Connell McShane (N) (Live)						NewsNation Now With Connell McShane (N) (Live)									
24	60	140	206	ESPN	(7:00) Get Up (N) (Live)		First Take (N) (Live)				The Pat McAfee Show (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N) (Live)		NBA Today (N) (Live)								NFL Live (N) (Live)									
25	64	143	209	ESPN2	SportsCenter (N)		Get Up (N)				First Take (N)						The Lowe Post (N)																			
26	75	436	668	BSN	Twins Live Postgame		The Breakdown		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Minnesota Timberwolves From the Target Center in Minneapolis.		Live on the Line (N) (Live)		Twins Live (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Milwaukee Brewers From American Family Field in Milwaukee. (N) (Live)												Postgame (N) (Live)		Breaking Par							
27	121	136	248	FX	Max Payne ★ (’08) Mila Kunis, A cop (Mark Wahlberg) hunts those who killed his family.		Beau Bridges, Mark Wahlberg. Independence Day: Resurgence ★★ (’16) Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman, Liam Hemsworth.								X-Men: First Class ★★ (2011, Action) Michael Fassbender, Rose Byrne, James McAvoy. Mutants Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr begin as friends, but a situation tears them apart.														Logan ★★★ (’17)							
28	117	180	311	FREE	The 700 Club Guests Josh Axe (N)		700 Club Interactive		Boy Meets World		Boy Meets World		Boy Meets World		Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising ★★ (’16) Zac Efron, Rose Byrne, Seth Rogen.																					
29	134	108	252	LIFE	The Closer "The Other Woman"		The Closer "Borderline"		Major Crimes "N.S.F.W."		Major Crimes "Foreign Affairs"		Major Crimes "Skin Deep"				Rizzoli & Isles "Basholes"				Rizzoli & Isles "Imitation Game"				Rizzoli & Isles "Misconduct Game"											
30	115	105	242	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Alien"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Class"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Venom"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fat"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Web"				Premier (N) (Live)		Premier League Soccer Arsenal vs. Luton Town From Emirates Stadium in London. (N) (Live)								Chrisley Knows Best									
31	118	122	244	SYFY	(5:00) Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince ★★★ (2009, Children) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.		Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ★★★ (’07) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.				Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ★★★ (2009, Children) Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe. Harry and the gang confront the terrifying truth that Voldemort is back and Hogwarts is in danger.																Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ★★★ (’10)									
32	116	139	247	TBS	Young Sheldon		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory							
33	120	138	245	TNT	Charmed "Show Ghosts"		Supernatural "The Devil in the Details"		Supernatural "Into the Mystic"		Supernatural "Don't You Forget About Me"		Supernatural "Love Hurts"		Supernatural "The Vessel"		Supernatural "Beyond the Mat"										Lucifer "Manly Whatnols"									
34	265	131	254	AMC	The Three Stooges		A League of Their Own ★★★ (’92, Com.-Dra) Geena Davis, Madonna, Tom Hanks. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League begins in 1943 with a has-been as a manager.				Major League II ★ (’94) Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen, Charlie Sheen.																									
35	126	118	265	A&E	Parking Wars		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam					
36	206	120	269	HIST	Pawn Stars "Six Figure Muscle Cars and Gold Bars"		Pawn Stars Do America "Bluegrass Bounty" The team brings a '41 Ford Coupe Deluxe back to life.		Pawn Stars Do America "Tampa Bay Bucks" Pokemon cards; Steve McQueen's motorcycle.		Pawn Stars Do America "Beantown Bargains" Rick, Corey and Chum make revolutionary deals in Boston.																Pawn Stars Do America "Rhode Island Riches"									
37	152	112	229	HGTV	Rico to the Rescue "Renos Gone Wrong" (N)		Bargain Block "Craftsman and Classy Cape Cod"		Bargain Block "Wild West and Vintage Circus"		Bargain Block "Vintage Circus and Moroccan"		Bargain Block "The Physics House"		Bargain Block "The Future House"		Farmhouse Fixer "A Bakeshop Kitchen"										Farmhouse Fixer									
38	218	182	278	DISC	Homestead Rescue "Count Your Blessings"		Homestead Rescue "Dead of Winter"		Backyard Gold "There's Gold in Them Thar Georgia Hills"		America's Backyard Gold "Big Dollar Beaches"		America's Backyard Gold "Rivers of Easy Gold"		Expedition Unknown "The Lost Tomb of Attila the Hun"		Expedition Unknown "The Hunt for the Golden Owl"										Expedition Unknown "The Vanished Empire"									
39	213	183	280	TLC	Hoarding: Buried Alive "Surviving on Trash"		Dr. Pimple Popper "My Third Eye"		Dr. Pimple Popper "The Wind Beneath My Nose Bumps"		Dr. Pimple Popper "Alligator Skin"		Dr. Pimple Popper "Hard Knot Life"		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Pregnant "Long Shot"		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Didn't Know- Pregnant		Didn't Know- Pregnant					
40	215	184	282	ANPL	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet "Taking Flight"		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet "Mission Beyond"		Dr. Jeff: RMV "The Dog Who Won Jeff's Heart"		Pit Bulls and Parolees "Southern Uprising"		Pit Bulls and Parolees "Burn Out"		The Zoo "Handsome Hog"		The Secret Life of the Zoo "A Very Merry Chester Zoo"										The Vet Life "Training Day"									
41	112	170	299	NICK	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		Rubble		Rubble		Blaze (N)		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 ★★ (’13) Bill Hader.						Patrick Star		SpongeBob							
42	107	176	296	TOON	Craig/ Craig		WeBeare		Scooby-Doo		Gumball		Gumball		Clarence		Craig/ Craig		Teen/(15) Teen		Teen/(45) Teen		Tiny Too		Gumball		Regular		Regular							
43	98	172	290	DISN	Bluey		Bluey (N)		Pupstruction		Bluey		Bluey		Spidey		SuperKitties		Spidey		Spidey		Bluey		Kiff		Big City		Big City							
44	124	106	304	TVLD	M*A*S*H "36 Across"		(10) M*A*S*H "Ping Pong"		(45) Bonanza "Heaven"		Rain From		(50) Gunsmoke "Tara" Newly is unaware a charming young woman has a shady past.		(55) Gunsmoke "One for the Road"		Gunsmoke "The Predators"		Gunsmoke "Yankton"								The Andy Griffith Show		The Andy Griffith Show		The Griffith "The County Nurse"					
45	147	114	236	E!	Modern Family "First Days"		Modern Fam. "Lary's Wife"		Modern Fam. "Modern Fam. "First Days"		Modern Family "Modern Fam. "Lary's Wife"		Modern Family "Modern Fam. "First Days"		Modern Family "Modern Fam. "Lary's Wife"		Game Night ★★★ (’18) Rachel McAdams, Kyle Chandler, Jason Bateman.										Easy A ★★★ (’10) Penn Badgley, Amanda Bynes, Emma Stone.									
46	161	107	249	COM	Futurama		(35) Futurama		(10) South Park		(45) South Park		(15) South Park		(50) South Park "City People"		(25) South Park		South Park		South Park		Seinfeld "The Trip"		Seinfeld "The Trip"		Seinfeld "The Pitch"		Seinfeld "The Ticket"		Seinfeld "The Wallet"		Seinfeld "The Watch"			
48	174	162	335	VH1	Living Single		Living Single		Martin		Martin		Martin		Martin		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx		Jamie Foxx		Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince		Fresh Prince		Wayans		Wayans	
50	165	241	241	PARMT	Bar Rescue "Phishing for Answers"		Bar Rescue "Karaoke Katastrophe"		Bar Rescue "Lagers and Liars"		Bar Rescue "Don't Tell Mom the Bar is Dead"		Bar Rescue "Pie Hard"		Bar Rescue "Breaking Brandon"		Bar Rescue "Spare Me Another Chance"		Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men						Two and a Half Men		Two and a Half Men							
62	155	110	231	FOOD	Delicious Miss Brown		Delicious Miss Brown		The Pioneer Woman		The Pioneer Woman		The Pioneer Woman		The Pioneer Woman		Pioneer "Episode 9"		Guy's Grocery Games "No-Shop Showdown"		Guy's Grocery Games "Guy's Italian Games"		Tournament of Champions "The Great 8 Faceoff"													
67	167	129	237	BRAVO	(7:00) John Wick ★★★ (’14) Keanu Reeves.		John Wick: Chapter 2 ★★★ (’17) Common, Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.						John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum ★★★ (’19, Act) Halle Berry, Ian McShane, Keanu Reeves. Hit man John Wick fights for his life when he becomes the target of the world's top assassins.		John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum ★★★ (’19, Act) Halle Berry, Ian McShane, Keanu Reeves. Hit man John Wick fights for his life when he becomes the target of the world's top assassins.																					
68	140	128	260	WE	Who Stole My Life?		Portable Oxygen		NCIS "Heart Break"		NCIS "Forced Entry"		NCIS "Chained"		NCIS "Blackwater"		NCIS "Doppelganger"		NCIS "The Meat Puzzle"		NCIS "Witness"															
70	240	196	277	TRAV	Mysteries at the Castle		Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Unexplained: C		Paranormal Caught on Cam.		Paranormal Caught on Cam.															
71	142	185	312	HALL	Reba "Date of Mirth"		The Golden Girls "All That Jazz"		Golden Girls "Ebb Tide"		Paging Mr. Darcy (’24) Will Kemp, Lillian Doucet-Roche, Mallory Jansen.		Made for Each Other (’23) Matt Cohen, Aaron O’Connell, Alexandra Tushnet.														Retreat to You (’23) Peter Mooney, Meghan Heffern, Emilie Ullerup.									
72	192	200	202	CNN	CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN Newsroom (N) (Live)		CNN Newsroom (N) (Live)		CNN Newsroom (N) (Live)		Ins. Politics (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)		CNN News Central (N) (Live)					
74	193	205	360	FNC	Newsroom (N) (Live)		Newsroom (N) (Live)		The (N) (Live)		The (N) (Live)		The (N) (Live)		America Reports (N) (Live)		America Reports (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)		The Story (N) (Live)					
75	195	208	355	CNBC	Squawk on the Street (N) (Live)		Money Movers (N) (Live)		Fast Money (N) (Live)		Fast Money (N) (Live)		The Exchange (N) (Live)		Power Lunch (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)		Closing Bell (N) (Live)					
301	400	300	501	HBO	(7:30) Meg 2: The Trench ★★ (’23) Wu Jing, Sophia Cai, Jason Statham.		After Earth ★★ (’13) Will Smith, Sophie Okonedo, Jaden Christopher Syre Smith. (P)		(15) Up in the Air ★★★ (’09) Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, George Clooney.		(15) Up in the Air ★★★ (’09) Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, George Clooney.		(05) Pet Sematary ★★ (’19) Amy Seimetz, John Lithgow, Jason Clarke. (P)		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.		(05) Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason ★★ (’04) Hugh Grant, Colin Firth, Renée Zellweger.					
325	420	310	515	MAX	(7:55) Curse of the Pink Panther ★★ (’83) David Niven, Robert Wagner, Ted Wass.		(45) De-Lovely ★★ (’04) Ashley Judd, Jonathan Pryce, Kevin Kline. Broadway composer Cole Porter marries a socialite.		(15) I'll See You in My Dreams ★★ (’15) Martin Starr, Sam Elliott, Blythe Danner.		Little Woods (’18) Lily James, Luke Kirby, Tessa Thompson.		(10) Dark Places ★★ (’15) Charlize Theron.																							
351	375	318	545	SHOW	(7:00) Bandit (’22) Elisha Cuthbert, Josh Duhamel.		(15) Flatliners ★★ (’90) Julia Roberts, Kevin Bacon, Kiefer Sutherland.		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)		(15) Vacancy ★★ (’07) Kate Beckinsale, Frank Whaley, Luke Wilson. (P)					
401	340	350	525	STARZ	(7:15) Expendables 4 (’23) Jason Statham.		Power Book III: Raising Kanan "Level Up"		Power Book III: Raising Kanan "Stay in Your Lane"		Power Book III: Raising Kanan "The Cost of Business"		Power Book III: Raising Kanan "Paid in Full"		(50) The Northman ★★ (’22) Nicole Kidman, Claes Bang, Alexander Skarsgård.																					
420	352	340	535	STZEN	(7:45) Arctic ★★ (’18) Maria Smaragdová, Mads Mikkelsen.		Thelma		Filly Brown ★★ (’12) Jenni Rivera, Lou Diamond Phillips, Gina Rodriguez.		(15) Texas Killing Fields ★★ (’11) Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Jessica Chastain, Sam Worthington.		(05) Swimfan ★★ (’02) Erika Christensen, Shiri Appleby, Jesse Bradford.		Bloodshot ★★ (’20) Guy Pearce, Eiza González, Vin Diesel.																					

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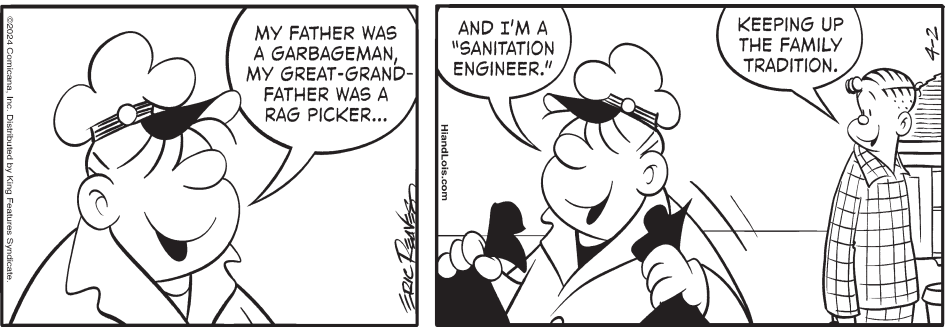
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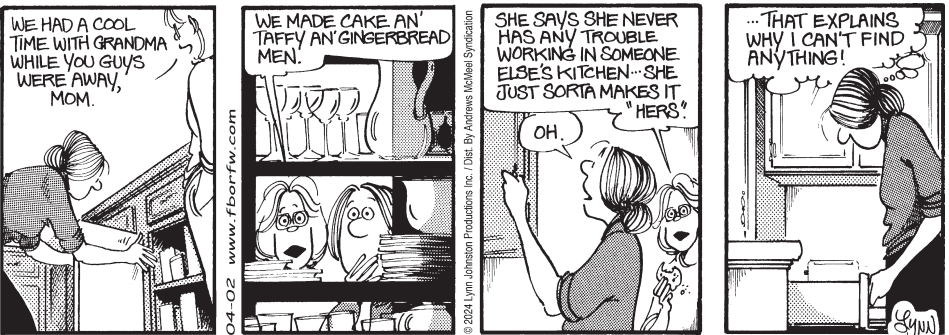
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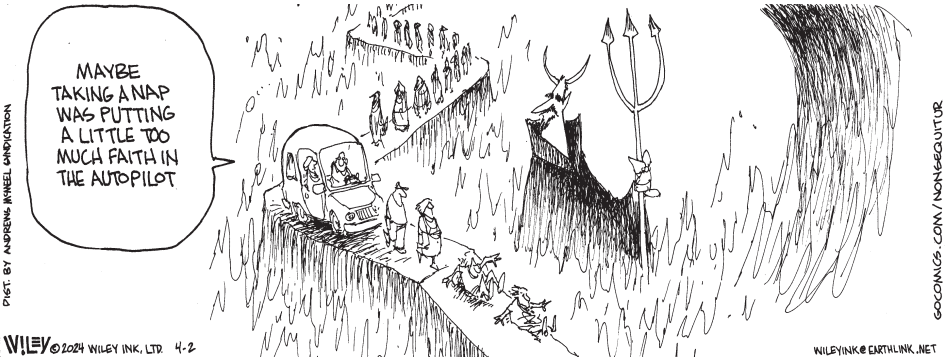
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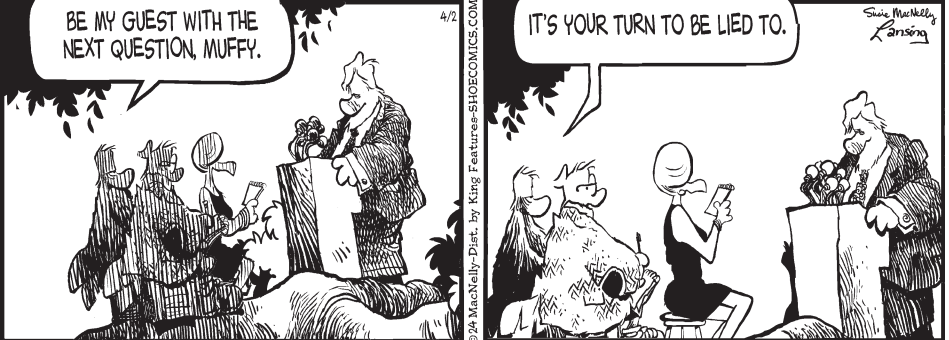


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WILEY

SHOE



Bridge

By PHILIP ALDER

To start today, look at only the West hand. What would you lead against six hearts? Would it make a difference if you were playing matchpoints (a pair event) or international matchpoints (a team tournament)?

North opened with a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs. South announced five or more hearts and at least 8 points. It is a surprise that North didn't rebid two no-trump, but that would have eliminated a good story.

Now South used Roman Key Card Blackwood, learning that his partner had three key cards. You know South has one or more including the heart queen because he could have asked North if he held her but

opted not to do so. North has a big hand with three key cards (counting the four aces and the heart king).

In a pair event, you don't want to give away an unnecessary overtrick. So it is tempting to cash the spade ace. In a team event, you don't worry about an overtrick. Then there is a good case for leading a low spade!

When West did that, understandably South played low from the board, expecting West to lead away from the spade queen, not the ace.

West was obviously pleased with the complete top, but he modestly requested anonymity.

Finally, let's look at six no-trump by North. Probably it will start with a spade to the ace, giving declarer an

		North		04-02-24
		♠ K 9		
		♥ K J		
		♦ A Q J 7 5		
		♣ A K J 9		
West			East	
♠ A 7 4		♠ Q 8 6 5 3 2		
♥ 5 2		♥ 9 7 4		
♦ 10 9 6 3		♦ K 2		
♣ 10 7 5 3		♣ 8 6		
		South		
		♠ J 10		
		♥ A Q 10 8 6 3		
		♦ 8 4		
		♣ Q 4 2		
Dealer: West				
Vulnerable: Neither				
South	West	North	East	
	Pass	2♣	Pass	
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass	
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass	
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass	
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ??				

Opening lead: ??

easy 12 tricks: one spade, six hearts, one diamond and four clubs. However, if East guesses to lead a club, declarer has to guess where to try for his 12th trick.

Dr. Roizen

Take steps while young to protect cognitive powers

By MIKE ROIZEN, M.D. AND MEHMET OZ, M.D.

Almost 7 million Americans age 65 and older have Alzheimer's disease (AD) — and three-quarters of them are 75-plus. But AD doesn't just pop up once you're getting Medicare. It's a slowly developing disease that new studies show produces distinct changes in your brain and body over many years.

In 2020, researchers announced a blood test to spot biomarkers that signal AD and allow for early diagnosis. And recently, a 20-year study found that certain biomarkers in cerebrospinal fluid and seen through brain imaging appear in one time sequence in folks who develop AD and in quite another order in those who don't. They included markers for amyloid beta and tau proteins as early as 18 and 14 years, respectively, before AD diagnosis.

The good news: Taking steps while you're younger

will reduce your risk for the development of those earliest markers of AD.

Your goals?

To maintain a healthy blood flow, normal blood pressure and a healthy weight, manage stress and prevent inflammation.

Start by eating a plant-based diet (may include fish like salmon); getting 150-plus minutes of exercise plus 150 minutes of walking weekly; getting 7-8 hours of sleep nightly; having a posse of supportive friends; finding a passion that gives you a sense of purpose and practicing speed of processing games.

There are 40 choices shown in at least two studies in humans to keep your brain functioning better. Options are listed in Dr. Mike's book "The Great Age Reboot" and at LongevityPlaybook.com. You can do them in any order, just do them.

Dr. Mike Roizen is the founder of www.longevityplaybook.com, and Dr. Mehmet Oz is global advisor to www.iHerb.com.

Celebrity Cipher

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"LB LWUKWV PCK YKVB SWMK ZKY
GVBAJV TWKPB, SM SB WKML
DKG-OGKDSM IJBSWVBB, IJM MCV
GVPLGZB LGV OGS AVRVB B DKG XV."
— VXXURKJ CLGGSB

Previous Solution: "For God's sake give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself!" — Robert Louis Stevenson

TODAY'S CLUE: X sjenbe L

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Dear Abby

Dear Abby: After 28 years, my wife left me "to find herself." She says she doesn't want a divorce; she just needs time and space to work on herself, but she also wants to work on our marriage. She doesn't want to talk, text or contact me.

My question is, how are we supposed to work on our marriage with no contact? What am I supposed to do? I love her, but she's avoiding me and everyone else, including her friends and family. All she wants to do is work and be alone in her apartment. — Lonely In The East

Dear Lonely: When you asked how your wife plans to work on your marriage if you aren't seeing each other or communicating (or utilizing marriage counseling), you asked a pertinent question. She cannot have it both ways, nor does she seem open to repairing what drove her to leave your marriage.

Ask if she is interested in counseling. If she isn't, PLEASE get a referral to a therapist for emotional support for yourself right now. If you do, you will more quickly be able to figure out what your next steps should be.

Dear Abby: Two of my children contracted pink eye. We were assured by the doctor that after being on antibiotics for 24 hours, they would no

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longer be contagious. Feeling reassured, we isolated them for 24 hours and went about our plans to visit family as originally scheduled.

I later learned that a few days after we left, three of my nephews, whom my sons played with often, all came down with pink eye. I have apologized, but I still feel guilty.

We did everything the doctors recommended, yet we still gave it to others. Is there anything else I can do to make up for it? — Pink With Guilt

Dear Pink: A large box of chocolates might sweeten the bitter aftertaste of your visit to that family. Or, go online and search for "Ice Cream of the Month Club." If you do, you will find several companies that guarantee frozen deliveries nationwide. Include a message on the card, "Apologies for the pink eye." (And be sure one of the flavors is strawberry to reinforce your sentiments.)

Dear Abby: I am a 14-year-old boy living with my parents. Due to religious constraints, I was not going to be allowed to date until I turned 16. That policy has recently changed, although my parents are still holding me to it.

My problem is, there's this girl. She's my sister's best friend. I met her when she came to hang out with my sister. I'm afraid if I wait, she'll fall out of my life. Also, I am afraid that it will be awkward with my sister. What should I do? — Lovesick In Utah

Dear Lovesick: Your parents are enforcing those rules and, at least for now, you need to abide by them. If this girl is friendly with your sister, she's not going to drop out of your life. That's why, if you are as smart as I think you are, you will make an effort to simply be "friends" with her. Just friends. If you do, as you get to know each other better, you may form a more lasting relationship than if you were to make a move on her now.

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9.0 Consent Agenda
Motion 2023-092 Johnson moved, Books seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
9.1 Approval and/or correction of minutes from previous meetings
Approved the minutes from the February 12, 2024 regular meeting, February 26, 2024 special meeting, and March 7, 2024 special meeting.
9.2 Approval and/or correction of the financial report
FEBRUARY CASH REPORT
General Fund: Beginning Balance: \$6,138,537.03, Receipts: \$2,268,778.09, Expenditures: \$2,838,419.65, Ending Balance: \$5,568,895.47, Capital Outlay: Beginning Balance: \$4,537,749.02, Receipts: \$237,772.38, Expenditures: \$141,756.06, Ending Balance: \$4,633,765.34. Special Education: Beginning Balance: \$50,486.50, Receipts: \$777,044.81, Expenditures: \$827,345.63, Ending Balance: \$185.68. Bond Redemption (DP): Beginning Balance: \$1,146,216.57, Receipts: \$40,180.38, Expenditures: \$0.00, Ending Balance: \$1,186,396.95. Bond Redemption (4-5): Beginning Balance: \$510,533.26, Receipts: \$4,086.43, Expenditures: \$0.00, Ending Balance: \$514,619.69. Bond Redemption (K-3): Beginning Balance: \$191,992.73, Receipts: \$46,787.28, Expenditures: \$0.00, Ending Balance: \$238,780.01. Capital Projects: Beginning Balance: \$27,104,855.75, Receipts: \$59,962.45, Expenditures: \$4,519,416.66, Ending Balance: \$22,645,401.54. Child Nutrition: Beginning Balance: \$1,583,671.62, Receipts: \$217,982.32, Expenditures: \$206,285.52, Ending Balance: \$1,595,368.42. Enterprise Fund: Beginning Balance: \$201,400.67, Receipts: \$2,655.00, Expenditures: \$0.00, Ending Balance: \$204,055.67. Self-Insurance: Beginning Balance: \$2,438,346.71, Receipts: \$466,562.51, Expenditures: \$475,501.61, Ending Balance: \$2,429,407.61. Trust & Agency: Beginning Balance: \$199,884.69, Receipts: \$49,995.02, Expenditures: \$37,781.94, Ending Balance: \$212,097.77.

MARCH UNLEADED/DIESEL GAS QUOTES
Martin Oil-Unleaded \$2.699, Diesel #1 \$N/A, Diesel #2 \$N/A, 50/50 Diesel Mix \$3.179; Bio Ag-Unleaded \$2.699, Diesel #1 \$N/A, Diesel #2 \$N/A, 50/50 Diesel Mix \$3.129
FEBRUARY PAYROLL REPORT
General Fund - \$2,128,295.94 of which \$1,465,597.36 instruction, \$572,266.73 support services, and \$90,431.85 co-curricular; Special Education - \$718,394.64; Child Nutrition - \$95,433.84; Enterprise Fund - \$0.00; Self Insurance Fund - \$549.98; TOTAL PAYROLL - \$2,942,674.40.
9.3 Approval of Bills
Checking Account #2, Fund 10, GENERAL FUND, A & B PURE WATER ONLINE LTD, SERVICE, 70.50, ACCESS HEALTH-BROOKINGS, SERVICE, 245.00, AMG-AVERA OCCUPATION MEDICINE - SF, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 102.50, ANDERSON, ETHAN, JUDGE, 300.00, ANGUIANO, ASHLEY, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 33.00, ATHENA ENERGY SERVICES HOLDINGS, LLC, NATURAL GAS, 39,693.05, BIOAG ENERGY SERVICES, FUEL, 9,320.95, BJORKLUND-ALGOOD, KAREN, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 39.30, BNP EDUCATION PARTNERS LLC, SERVICE, 47,750.00, BORNES GROUP, INC., MAIL SERVICE, 1,083.68, BROOKINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SERVICE, 700.00, BROOKINGS DAILY REGISTER, ADVERTISING/SUBSCRIPTION, 662.19, BROOKINGS ENGRAVING, SUPPLIES/SERVICE, 987.00, BROOKINGS LAWNCARE LLC, SERVICE, 1,265.00, BROOKINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 5-1, IMPREST/SERVICE, 12,973.57, BROOKINGS SMALL ENGINE LLC, SERVICES, 581.38, BURKHALTER-SWEENEY, SARAH, SERVICE, 180.00, CARQUEST AUTO PARTS, SUPPLIES, 72.57, CASTANO, DORA, SERVICES, 44.00, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC, SUPPLIES, 7059.86, CHERRY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, REGISTRATION, 775.00, CHS INC, SUPPLIES, 2,393.08, CLITES ELECTRIC INC, SERVICE, 1,359.31, COMMERCIAL LIGHTING COMPANY, SUPPLIES, 580.49, CORE EDUCATIONAL COOP, SERVICE, 780.00, CREATIVE PRINTING, INC., SUPPLIES, 1,073.21, DAKOTA DATA SHRED INC., SERVICE, 34.44, DAVIS, CORY, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 35.11, ESEind, Inc, SERVICES, 1,334.16, FESTIVAL OF BANDS USA, SERVICE, 200.00, FIRST BANK & TRUST, DEBT SERVICE, 57.50, FOREMAN SALES & SERVICE, INC., SERVICE, 455.42, GANCI, RICHARD, JUDGE, 100.00, GEPPERT, JACQUELINE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 5.70, GP AUTO REPAIRS, 632.87, HARLOW'S BUS SALES INC, SUPPLIES/EQUIP, 105.86, HAWKINS, INC., SUPPLIES, 570.44, HELSPER, MCCARTY & RASMUSSEN, P.C., LEGAL SERVICE, 750.00, HOWELL, TERESA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 19.54, HUMMEL, LAURA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 70.01, I29 TRUCK SHOP LLC, REPAIRS, 7941.05, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC, SUPPLIES, 64.72, INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER, SUPPLIES, 1,343.80, IT OUTLET, INC., SUPPLIES, 112.00, JENSEN, JACKIE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 26.53, JIM & RON'S SERVICES INC, SERVICE, 200.00, JOHN-SON CONTROLS, INC., SUPPLIES/SERVICES, 62,465.51, JOSTEN'S INC, SUPPLIES/SERVICE, 1,561.35, KAOUNAS, SOPHIA, JUDGE, 280.00, KEARIN, BRETT, JUDGE, 180.00, KENNER PLUMBING & HEATING INC., SERVICE, 2,371.82, KESTELOOT, AMANDA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 40.60, KITTELSON, ALISSA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 11.79, KONE INC, SERVICE, 308.02, KREIE, MARK, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 1,163.75, KSB SCHOOL LAW, P.C, LLO, LEGAL, 752.50, LEADING EDGE GROUNDS CARE INC, SERVICE, 10,003.50, LOWE'S HOME CENTERS INC, SUPPLIES, 429.99, M&H COMMUNICATIONS, SERVICE, 346.00, MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 39-2, SERVICES, 125.00, MAHER, LEXIE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMBURSE, 5.16, MALLOWA OBURA, SALOME, JUDGE, 80.00, MARTIN OIL COMPANY, FUEL, 2,131.19, MASTERCARD CORP, CREDIT CARD, 118,435.23, MCGREGOR, MEREDITH, ACCOMPANIST, 200.00, METTLER, JEN-

NIFER, REFUND, 260.00, MIDWEST GLASS LLC, SERVICE, 1,059.40, MIDWEST TREE SERVICE, SERVICES, 350.00, MONELL MUSIC COMPANY, SERVICES, 15.00, MUNKVOLD, KELLY, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 41.81, MYERS, NOLAN, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 70.00, NELSON, BRYAN, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 92.04, NELSON, TAMARA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 166.00, NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, 139.89, NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, REIMBURSE FOR LOANED COURSE KITS, 50.47, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, SERVICE, 7,442.95, NWEA, SERVICE, 486.00, OLSON, KELLI, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 21.57, OUTLAW GRAPHICS, SUPPLIES, 1,235.50, PARAGON HEALTH & WELLNESS, SERVICES, 28.00, PERRY, DENISE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 102.00, POPPLERS MUSIC STORE, SUPPLIES, 392.10, PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE, THE, REGISTRATIONS, 440.00, PRUSSMAN CONTRACTING INC., SNOW REMOVAL, 495.00, RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, P.A., LEGAL SERVICE, 6,136.50, RITTER'S DELIGHTS, SUPPLIES, 85.00, RUEDS, ANLLY MILEY FRESNO, INTERPRETER, 148.50, RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC., SUPPLIES, 114.99, SASD (SCHOOL ADM SOUTH DAKOTA), SERVICE, 45.00, SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC, SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT, 52.91, SCHULTZ, SUMMER, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 30.80, SDASBO, REGISTRATION/DUES, 200.00, SDSU BANDS, REGISTRATION, 210.00, SHORT, JOSEPH, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 25.67, SIOUX FALLS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, REGISTRATION, 205.00, SOLUTION TREE, INC., SERVICES, 11,985.00, STADLER, TANNA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 36.25, "STANLEY, JUSTIN ", TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 40.00, "STEMSRUD, SHAWN ", ACCOMPANIST, 102.00, "STOLTENBERG, SARAH ", TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 9.38, TCH CENTRAL, SUPPLIES, 199.76, TEA AREA SCHOOL, SERVICES, 211.25, TIE(TECH & INNOVATIONS-EDUC), SERVICE, 1,200.00, TITAN MACHINERY, REPAIRS, 2,872.33, TOWN & COUNTRY SHOPPER, SERVICE, 637.00, TRI-VALLEY SCHOOL DIST, ENTRY FEES, 150.00, TROPICAL CREATIONS INC, SUPPLIES AND SERVICE, 851.00, UGLY DUCKLING, THE, SERVICES, 313.97, UPS STORE #5064, SERVICE, 426.66, VANDEWEERD, MICHELLE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 80.98, VAUX, CAMRIN, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 1,000.00, VERIZON WIRELESS, SERVICES, 767.47, VOIANCE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC, INTERPRETIVE SERVICES, 132.22, W W TIRE SERVICE INC., SERVICE, 2,699.70, ZELLER, ANDREA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 22.91, Fund Total: 388,955.18. Checking Account #2, Fund 21, CAPITAL OUTLAY, AGRI-CULTURES, INC, RENTAL, 3,775.00, ARCHITECTURE INCORPORATED, SERVICE, 3,020.00, COLT PALMER, SERVICES, 1,945.00, DAKTRONICS INC., SERVICE/SUPPLIES, 2,523.75, DE LA GE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC, SERVICE, 4,773.66, ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, SERVICES, 1,765.31, ESEind, Inc, SERVICES, 1,756.44, HAUFF MID-AMERICA SPORTS, SUPPLIES, 5,085.30, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS, SUPPLIES, 2,156.07, JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC., SUPPLIES/SERVICES, 28,494.65, KENNER PLUMBING & HEATING INC., SERVICE, 968.36, M J DALSIN INC, SERVICES, 4,980.21, M2 INC., SERVICES, 4,400.00, MASTERCARD CORP, CREDIT CARD, 7,525.36, MIDWEST ALARM CO INC, SERVICE, 911.62, MIDWEST GLASS LLC, SERVICE, 834.23, OUTDOOR DESIGN & LANDSCAPING, SERVICES, 375.00, REALITY WORKS INC, SUPPLIES, 6,348.70, SCHOLASTIC INC., SUPPLIES, 269.50, TAYLOR MUSIC, INC, SUPPLIES/EQUIP, 1,124.98, TCH CENTRAL, SUPPLIES, 5,074.50, Fund Total: 88,107.64. Checking Account #2, Fund 22, SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, 000061, PARENT REIMBURSEMENT, 196.00, ADVANCE, SERVICE, 3,970.00, ASMUSSEN, HEATHER, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 126.00, BORNES GROUP, INC., MAIL SERVICE, 89.63,

BROOKINGS AREA TRANSIT, SERVICE, 804.00, BROOKINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 5-1, IMPREST/SERVICE, 21.78, CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF SD, SERVICE, 6,490.19, COM-PASSIONATE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS PLLC, SERVICES, 825.00, GIRARD, CONNIE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 12.73, GRUENHAGEN, LAUREN, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 60.03, HASELHORST, ASHLEE, SERVICES, 717.25, HENDRICKS, ASHLEY, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 10.39, JORGENSON, RENAE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 32.83, JUDGE ROTENBERG EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC, SERVICES, 44,161.27, KLINKHAMMER, JENNIFER, SERVICE, 3,041.95, KLOSTERMAN, KELSEY, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 136.78, KUHN, AMIE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 15.01, MASTERCARD CORP, CREDIT CARD, 5,275.97, MILLAR, MCKENZIE, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 79.46, MILLER, LINDA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 76.08, NIELSON, AMY, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 46.70, QBS MIDCO LLC, SERVICE, 108.00, SMART START DYSLEXIA CORRECTION CENTER, SERVICE, 178.75, SONNENBURG, CRYSTAL, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 47.98, SOUTH-EAST AREA COOPERATIVE, SERVICE, 594.44, SPEECH-PARTNERS LLC, SERVICES, 17,056.80, UNIVERSAL PEDIATRICS SERVICES INC., SERVICES, 3,822.00, UPS STORE #5064, SERVICE, 346.25, VERIZON WIRELESS, SERVICES, 167.76, ZECK, ALEXI, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 9.18, Fund Total: 88,520.21. Checking Account #2, Fund 41, CAPITAL PROJECTS - HILLCREST/MEDARY, ARCHITECTURE INCORPORATED, SERVICE, 41,200.00, FOERSTER TESTING LIMITED, SERVICE, 565.00, HAUSMANN CONSTRUCTION, INC, SERVICE, 3,984,175.12, SD DEPT ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, SERVICE, 500.00, SNO ENVIRO INC., SERVICES, 9,540.83, Fund Total: 4,035,980.95. Checking Account #2, Fund 51, CHILD NUTRITION, BORNES GROUP, INC., MAIL SERVICE, 132.51, CLINE, DEB, REFUND, 33.20, COCA COLA OF CENTRAL SD/WATERTOWN, SUPPLIES, 1,246.00, EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC., SUPPLIES, 8,732.41, KAMRADT, KARISSA, REFUND, 22.08, KENNER PLUMBING & HEATING INC., SERVICE, 133.73, LIVINGSTON, SABRINA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 13.53, MASTERCARD CORP, CREDIT CARD, 1,631.48, PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP, INC, SUPPLIES, 107,596.31, SWIER, LAURA, TRAVEL/SUPPLIES/REIMB, 38.73, Fund Total: 119,579.98. Checking Account #2, Fund 53, ENTERPRISE FUND, IT OUTLET, INC., SUPPLIES, 1,087.50, MASTERCARD CORP, CREDIT CARD, 405.85, Fund Total: 1,493.35. Checking Account #2, Fund 57, SELF INSURANCE HEALTH/DENTAL FUND, HAYS GROUP, INC, THE, SERVICE, 4,000.00, HEALTHSOURCE SOLUTIONS, LLC, SERVICES, 2,323.27, Fund Total: 6,323.27. Checking Account Total: 4,728,960.58. Checking Account #2, Trust and Agency Imprest Reimbursement OFFICIAL, ANGLIN CALLE, 208.32, OFFICIAL, BEELER NATHAN, 162.34, OFFICIAL, BROWN DAVID, 204.04, OFFICIAL, BROWN JEMAL, 370.00, OFFICIAL, DE SPIEGLER GREGG, 149.98, OFFICIAL, DEJONG CHAD, 156.10, BACKGROUND CHECKS, DIV. OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, 648.75, OFFICIAL, DUFFY GARY, 230.00, OFFICIAL, DUNGA CHIMA, 100.00, OFFICIAL, ENTRINGER AARON, 108.64, OFFICIAL, FINKBEINER JAEDYN, 80.00, OFFICIAL, GULLICKSON GAVIN, 200.00, OFFICIAL, HAALAND MICHELLE, 243.00, OFFICIAL, HALL LEANN, OFFICIAL, HANSON KELLI, 144.00, OFFICIAL, HELMS KELLI, OFFICIAL, HORN JARED, 75.00, OFFICIAL, JORGENSON JEFFREY, OFFICIAL, LARSEN JAY, 95.00, OFFICIAL, LARSEN JAY, 80.00, OFFICIAL, LUTZ SPENCER, 175.00, OFFICIAL, RICKETTS JR JIM, 158.14, OFFICIAL, RICKETTS JR JIM, 120.52, MS HONOR CHOIR REG, SDSU PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 5.00, OFFICIAL, THOMAS BRENTON, 75.00, OFFICIAL, TROOEN TIM, 340.00, OFFICIAL, VOSSEKUIL CHAD, 113.68, DEBATE REG, YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL, 250.00, OFFICIAL, BEELER NATHAN, 162.34, OFFICIAL, BROWN JEMAL, 180.00, OFFICIAL, COLLINS KALAN, 100.00, OFFICIAL, DUFFY GARY, 80.00, OFFICIAL, ENTRINGER PETE, 124.48, OFFICIAL, FINKBEINER JAEDYN, 260.00, OFFICIAL, HESLER LOU, 100.00, OFFICIAL, HOLOCH JASON, 183.76, OFFICIAL, JANISCH CHRIS, 158.14, OFFICIAL, JURRENS ARLO, 260.00, BBB OFFICIAL, LANGNER LUKE, 120.52, OFFICIAL, LARSEN JAY, 180.00, OFFICIAL, MACK BRAYTON, 160.00, GIRLS STATE WR MEALS, PETTY CASH - ADMIN, 432.00, OFFICIAL, POPPEMA MIKE, 120.52, OFFICIAL, REISDORFER JASON, 158.14, BEST OF SHOW COMP, SIOUX FALLS WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, 75.00, OFFICIAL, ZIMMERMAN KIM, 213.52, REGISTRATION, HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, 50.00, DEBATE REGISTRATION, HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, 285.00, REGISTRATION, NORTHERN SD DISTRICT NFL, 840.00, VOCAL REGISTRATIONS, REGION II MUSIC, 324.00, OFFICIAL, BROWN JEMAL, 75.00, OFFICIAL, BROWN JEMAL, 75.00, OFFICIAL, FINKBEINER JAEDYN, 55.00, OFFICIAL, HOFER SAMUEL, 75.00, ORCHESTRA REGIONS, JEFFERSON HIGH, 264.00, OFFICIAL, LARSEN JAY, 55.00, ORCHESTRA REG, LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 375.00, OFFICIAL, LONG COOPER, 75.00, OFFICIAL, MOLINE RYANN, 75.00, JAZZ FEST REG, OPTIMIST CLUB, 600.00, STATE WREST MEALS, PETTY CASH - ADMIN, 840.00, OFFICIAL, SEITZ JASON, 158.14, OFFICIAL, SNYDER TAYTON, 75.00, OFFICIAL,

TROOEN TIM, 80.00, IMPREST FUND Total: 12,936.07. MASTERCARD Aerostay Hotel, Travel, \$7.22; Amazon, Supplies, \$6,250.22; American, Travel, (\$1674.40); American Heart Shopper, Dues/Fees, \$33.98; B&H Photo, Supplies, \$421.88; Barefoot Moto, Supplies, \$2,159.60; Bio Company Inc, Supplies, \$221.63; Bio Rad Laboratories, Supplies, \$280.33; Boom Learning Inc, Supplies, \$74.35; Brookings Engraving, Supplies, \$90.00; Brookings Municipal Ut, Utilities, \$54,991.69; Caseys, Fuel, \$381.55; Cenex, Fuel, \$22.62; Center For Responsive, Equipment, \$201.60; Cinema 8, Supplies, \$70.00; Coffee Cup, Fuel, \$35.90; Comprehensiveclassroom, Supplies, \$40.00; Conoco, Fuel, \$568.07; Customink Llc, Supplies, \$1,551.18; Days Inn, Travel, \$71.57; Dbc Bklick Art Material, Supplies, \$394.11; Demco Inc, Repairs, \$373.88; Dollar Tree, Supplies, \$113.89; Draphix Teacher Direct, Equipment, \$666.88;E Group Inc, Equipment, \$444.00; Easykeyscom Inc, Supplies, \$62.09; Essential Needs, Supplies, \$299.00; Etah-and2mind, Supplies, \$279.20; Event:2024 Tie Confer, Dues/Fees, \$325.00; Exclusively Expo, Supplies, \$590.90; Expedia, Travel, \$700.22; Fccla, Supplies, \$17.00; Flying J, Fuel, \$141.32; Follett School Solutio, Software/Books, \$1114.06; Fs Vitzo, Supplies, \$5.30; Grainger, Supplies, \$24.53; Hampton Inn & Suites, Travel, \$6,197.00; Hawthorne Educational, Supplies, \$97.75; Heidisongs, Supplies, \$9.99; Hillyard Inc, Supplies, \$18,998.09; Hilton Hotels, Travel, \$202.26; Hobby-Lobby, Supplies, \$57.76; Hy-Vee, Supplies, \$1,601.11; In Brookings Dumpster, Utilities, \$2,558.79; Innovative, Supplies, \$98.95; Interstate All Battery, Supplies, \$120.90; Ipy Midwest Alarm, Repairs, \$436.14; J.W. Pepper, Equipment, \$708.26; Jimmy Johns, Travel, \$205.82; Joann Stores, Supplies, \$10.98; Kwik Trip, Fuel, \$244.07; L & L Auto Parts, Supplies, \$3,986.20; Lakeshore Learning Mat, Equipment, \$596.67; Learning A-Z, Llc, Software/Books, \$132.00; Lewis Drug, Supplies, \$38.43; Lowes, Supplies, \$1,308.92; Ls Monell Music Company, Supplies, \$260.17; Marriott, Travel, \$1,420.58; Medicaleshop, Equipment, \$488.44; Minute-key, Supplies, \$8.52; Nasn, Dues/Fees, \$140.00; National Ffa Organizat, Equipment, \$1,765.68; Nimcoinc, Equipment, \$1,589.95; Overdrive Dist, Supplies, \$226.97; Papa Johns, Supplies, \$473.00; Partsvh Com, Repairs, \$288.04; Paypal Livestockju, Supplies, \$300.00; Phonak, Supplies, \$26.39; Popplers Music, Supplies, \$67.50; Qbs Llc, Services, \$1,400.00; Qdoba, Supplies, \$59.50; Quality Inn, Travel, \$4,512.96; Runnings, Supplies, \$811.55; Samsclub, Supplies, \$51.77; San Diego Convention C, Travel, \$18.32; School Specialty Ecomm, Supplies, \$147.81; Schoons, Supplies, \$17.86; Sd Ag Heritage Museum, Dues/Fees, \$45.00; Sd Conv Cent Sbx 7, Travel, \$4.98; Sdiaa Fees, Dues/Fees, \$78.00; Send-outcards, Supplies, \$39.29; Senor Wooly, Supplies, \$148.39; Sf Regional Airport, Travel, \$50.00; Sheetmusicdirect.Com, Supplies, \$54.20; Shell Oil, Fuel, \$85.70; Sp Bjorem Speech, Supplies, \$163.22; Sp Choral-tracks.Com, Supplies, \$49.99; Spo Craftchophouse&lou, Travel, \$61.91; Sq Huntertones, Supplies, \$125.00; Staples Inc Vt, Supplies, \$474.84; Swiflet Communications, Utilities, \$5,029.98; Symplicity Corp, Recruitment, \$325.00; Tackle Playmaker, Supplies, \$11.00; Teacherspayteachers.Co, Supplies, \$319.83; Twin Hill, Supplies, \$1,378.58; United, Travel, \$1,205.82; Vexrobotics, Supplies, \$540.41; Wal-Mart, Supplies, \$3,596.20; Western Psychological, Supplies, \$185.75; Worldpoint Ec Incorpo, Services, \$42.48; Wwbw Cc, Equipment, \$769.00; Zoro Tools Inc, Equipment, \$576.37. Total Mastercard: \$138,396.41.
9.4 Approval of the Personnel Report
Resignations: Morgan Whitmyre, .5 FTE Teacher - DP; Alyssa Haufschild, .5 FTE Teacher - DP; Mikayla Armstrong, Behavior Technician Level 3 - Day School; Diane Smart, SPED TA - Medary; Keturah Swartwout, Speech Language Pathologist; Neil Laidlaw, SPED TA - Hillcrest; Charlie Wilson, Behavior Technician Level 2 - Camelot; Erika Powell, Child Nutrition Kitchen Manager - BHS; Mary Lunneborg, Elementary Librarian; James Johnson, Teacher - BHS; Marianna Pavlis, SPED Behavior Specialist; Carter Roach, Teacher - Camelot; Geoffrey Furness, Teacher - MMS; Rebecca Nelsen, Teacher - MMS; Alison Olberding, Teacher (TOSA) - Hillcrest & Medary; Susan Kranz, Mental Health Counselor; Shanna Davids, Mental Health Counselor; Malita Hatfield, SPED TA - Medary; Ethan Frederiksen, SPED TA - DP. New Contracts: Addison DeHaven, Assistant Varsity Track Coach, \$3,484.00; Joshua Burcham, Night Custodian - Camelot, \$18.76/hr; Linda Johnson, .5 Prom Advisor, \$726.00; Amanda Neville-Coble, .5 Prom Advisor; James Hazelton, Varsity Assistant Track, \$6,968.00; Alysha Hamann, Assistant MS Track, \$2,032.00; Halie Sehr, 8th Head Girls Track, \$2,323.00; Morgan Melius, Assistant FCCLA Advisor, \$3,484.00; Keith Fodness, Facilities Director, \$88,000.00; Stephanie Ward, Teacher - Camelot, \$58,028.00; Stacey VanBeek, Business Administrator, \$112,000.00. Additional Compensation: Sonya Chatham, Student Teacher Stipend, \$120.00; Rebecca Marshall, .5 FTE Extended Workday, \$1,508.98; Hannah Fraser, PBIS Meetings, \$27.50; Laura Hummel, .5 FTE Extended Workday, \$1,009.44.
9.5 Approval of the open enrollments
9.6 Approval of the Revisions Made to Policy GCD "Professional Staff Hiring"
9.7 Approval of the Revisions Made to Policy GCDB "Background Checks"
9.8 Approval of the Revisions Made to Policy GCE "Part-Time and Substitute Employment - Professional Staff"

9.9 Approval of the Revisions Made to Policy GCOA "Evaluation of Teaching Staff"
9.10 Approval of the Revisions Made to Policy GCPB "Resignation of Professional Staff Members"
9.11 Approval of the Revisions Made to Policy GCQAB "Tutoring for Pay"
10.0 Action Items Pulled from Consent
None.
11.0 Action Items - New & Unfinished Business
11.1 Approval of Donated Items
Motion 2023-093 Binkley moved, DeBates seconded to approve the following donated items as Brookings School District property: \$250.00 to Disability Awareness from Larson Manufacturing, \$150.00 to Disability Awareness from Hungerford Chiropractic, \$11,839.77 to the Food for Thought Program from multiple anonymous donors (fiscal year to date). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
11.2 Approval of the 2022-2023 Audit Report
Motion 2023-094 Tschetter moved, Books seconded to approve the 2022-2023 Audit Report. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
11.3 Approval of the 2023-2024 Calendar Modification
Motion 2023-095 DeBates moved, Johnson seconded to approve the modified 2023-2024 calendar to reflect an earlier last day of school for Hillcrest and Medary Elementary schools. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
11.4 Approval of the Sports Marketing Agreement for Avera Medical Group Brookings
Motion 2023-096 Binkley moved, Tschetter seconded to approve the Sports Marketing Agreement for Avera for a three-year period. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
11.5 Approval of the changes to the 2024-2025 Employee Benefits Plan as presented
Motion 2023-097 Binkley moved, DeBates seconded to approve the changes to the 2024-2025 Employee Benefits plan as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
12.0 Executive Session - Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 Subsection - (4)
12.1 Approval to enter into Executive Session.
Motion 2023-098 Tschetter moved, Books seconded to have the board enter into executive session at 5:52 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 Subsection (4). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.
President Tschetter declared the board out of executive session at 8:39 p.m.
13.0 Adjournment
13.1 Adjournment
President Tschetter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Wesley Tschetter, President of the School Board
Brian Lueders, District Business Manager
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Eight area teams compete at Scott Underwood Invitational

FROM REGISTER STAFF REPORTS

BROOKINGS – The spring track season hit full stride as six area teams competed at the Scott Underwood Invitational at the Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex on Monday afternoon.

Sioux Falls Christian finished with the top score in the boys competition with 82 points while the Chargers also finished first in the girls competition with 138.5 points.

BOYS Arlington

The Cardinals finished 20th at the competition, finishing with five team points.

Jake Burns had the top finish for Arlington, finishing fourth in the pole vault at 11-00.00

Lance Kaufmann also finished with a pair of top-ten finishes, finishing ninth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:13.93 and in 10th place in the 1600-meter run, finishing with a time of 5:04.81.

Brookings

The Bobcats finished seventh at the meet with a total of 34.5 points.

The boys 4x400 meter relay team was the top finisher for Brookings, as the team of Nathan Smith, Ernest Ting, Jon Kahler and Trevin Lounsbury finished third with a time of 3:35.82.

Lounsbury also finished fourth with a time of 4:45.59 in the 1600-meter run.

Jordan Mofle finished fifth in the triple jump at 39-10.50. Mofle also finished eighth in the high jump at 5-08.00.

The Bobcats 4x200 meter relay team of Gavin Anderson, Cole Skyberg, Griffin Bartels and Owen Hoppe finished fifth with a time of 1:38.33.

Deubrook Area

The Dolphins finished 11th with 30 team points.

The Dolphins saw success in the relay events as the 4x400 meter relay team of JP Rogness, Landen Johnson Jaxon Quail and Gavin Landmark finished first with a time of 3:31.42.

The 4x800 meter relay team of Quail, Johnson, Charlie Olsen and Landmark also finished second with a time of 8:28.75.

Landmark finished fourth in the 400 meter run with a time of 52.10 seconds while Quail finished fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:04.36.

Elkton-Lake Benton

The Elks finished fifth with 38 team points.

Blake DeVries had a big day for the Elks, finishing in first place with a time of 42.29 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles.

Quinten Poindexter finished third in the long jump at 21-00.00. The Elks also had a pair of fourth-place finishers as Taiton Boersma had a heave of 47-00.75 in the shot put and Tanner Drietz posted a measurement of 39-10.75 in the triple jump.

Dreizt also finished fifth in the long jump at 19-06.25 and the Elks' 4x100 meter relay team of Riddick Westley, Poindexter, Stein and DeVries finished fifth with a time of 45.72 seconds.

Flandreau

The Fliers finished 19th with eight team points.

Micah Otto had the lone top-five finish for the Fliers recording a high jump of 5-10.00.

Sioux Valley

The Cossacks finished eighth with 33 team points.

Donovan Rose finished in third with a time of 44.11 seconds in the 300 meter hurdles. Braden Danzeisen also finished third in the triple jump at 40-02.75.

Rose finished fourth with a time of 16.07 in the 110-meter hurdles.

The 4x800 meter relay team of Brock Christopherson, Carson Wosje, Skylar Trygstad and Tate Steffensen finished fifth with a time of 8:46.09 while Trygstad finished fifth with a time of 4:55.35 in the 1600-meter run and Rose finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.39.

GIRLS Arlington

The Cardinals finished fourth with 43 team points.

Chloe Raw finished first in a pair of events as she finished with a time of 12.30 seconds in the 100-meter dash and 25.40 in the 200-meter dash. Both times were meet records.

Harley Johnson finished in second place in the long jump at 15-02.75.

Kaelyn Ulschmid finished fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:09.45 and the Cardinals picked up two fourth-place finishes in relay events.

Arlington's 4x100 meter relay team of Johnson, Miller, Madi Bacon and Raw finished fourth with a time of 52.71 seconds and the same quartet



Chris Schad/Register

Arlington's Chloe Raw runs in the 100 meter dash during the Scott Underwood Invitational in Brookings on Monday.

finished with a time of 1:54.71 in the 4x200 meter relay.

Brookings

The Bobcats finished 13th with 17 team points.

Brookings had a pair of fifth-place finishes in individual events as Amari Ward finished with a time of 13.16 seconds in the 100-meter dash, Addie Smetana finished with a time of 12:15.74 in the 3200-meter run.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Alaina Evans, Kennedy Nemitz, Elise Lefers and Ward also finished fifth with a time of 53.07 seconds.

Deubrook Area

The Dolphins finished ninth with 25.5 team points.

Kylee Johnson finished in fourth place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:01.95 while Akasha Gorecki finished fourth in the high jump at 4-10.00.

The 4x800 meter relay team of Kadence Bowne, Nora Olsen, Ava Crooks and Kylee Johnson finished in fourth place with a time of 10:25.62.

The Dolphins also finished fifth in the 4x400 meter relay as the team of Bowne, Olsen, Delaney Pedersen and Johnson finished with a time of 4:25.49.

Elkton-Lake Benton

The Elks finished 29th with two team points.

Flandreau

The Fliers finished 10th with 25 team points.

The 4x400 meter relay team had the top finish for the Fliers as Faith Wiese, Kiley Westberry, Morgan Sheppard and Ella Hoffman finished



Chris Schad/Register

Brookings' Christ Bwangoy-Bankaza runs in the 110 meter hurdles during the Scott Underwood Invitational on Monday.

Boys 110m Hurdles

1. Donovan Rose (Sioux Valley) 16.07
2. Blake DeVries (ELB) 17.05

Boys 300m Hurdles

1. Blake DeVries (ELB) 42.29
2. Donovan Rose (Sioux Valley) 44.11
3. Eliot Erickson (ELB) 44.81
4. Christ Bwangoy-Bankaza (Brookings) 45.00

Boys 200m Dash

1. Griffen Bartels (Brookings) 23.88
2. JP Rogness (Deubrook) 23.89
3. Tanner Stein (ELB) 24.49

Girls 200m Dash

1. Chloe Raw (Arlington) 25.40 MR

Boys 400m Dash

1. Gavin Landmark (Deubrook) 52.10
2. Elie Wongondombi (Brookings) 53.93
3. Mitchell Guthmiller (Sioux Valley) 54.52

Girls 400m Dash

1. Kylee Johnson (Deubrook) 1:01.95
2. Morgan Sheppard (Flandreau) 1:03.66

Boys 800m Run

1. Jaxon Quail (Deubrook) 2:04.36
2. Jon Kahler (Brookings) 2:06.84
3. Brenton Westberry (Flandreau) 2:08.07
4. Nathan Smith (Brookings) 2:08.44

Girls 800m Run

1. Maci Licht (Sioux Valley) 2:31.20

Boys 1600m Run

1. Trevin Lounsbury (Brookings) 4:45.59
2. Skylar Trygstad (Sioux Valley) 4:55.35

Girls 1600m Run

1. Faith Wiese (Flandreau) 5:21.97
2. Kaelyn Ulschmid (Arlington) 5:30.90

Girls 3200 Meter Run

1. Isabelle Bloker (Sioux Valley) 10:38.90
2. Kaelyn Ulschmid (Arlington) 12:09.45
3. Addie Smetana (Brookings) 12:15.47

Boys 3200 Meter Run

1. Jacob York (Brookings) 10:49.80
2. Alex Diersen (Brookings) 10:52.48
3. Lance Kaufman (Arlington) 11:13.93

Girls Shot Put

1. Zoey Molengraaf (Deubrook) 32-09.75

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay

1. Harley Johnson, Halley Miller, Madi Bacon, Chloe Raw (Arlington) 52.71
2. Alaina Evans, Kennedy Nemitz, Elise Lefers, Amari Ward (Brookings) 53.07

1. Riddick Westley, Quinten Poindexter, Tanner Stein, Blake DeVries (ELB) 45.72

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay

1. Harley Johnson, Halley Miller, Madi Bacon, Chloe Raw (Arlington) 1:54.71
2. Grace Vostad, Ava Petterson, Kennedy Nemitz, Claire Bisgard (Brookings) 1:57.45

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay

1. Gavin Anderson, Cole Skyberg, Griffin Bartels, Owen Hoppe (Brookings) 1:38.33
2. Tanner Drietz, Colt Beck, Eliot Erickson, Q. Westley (ELB) 1:39.73
3. M. Otto, Paul Parsley, Luke Sheppard, Brenton Westberry (Flandreau) 1:40.11

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay

1. Faith Wiese, Kiley Westberry, Morgan Sheppard, Ella Hoffman (Flandreau) 4:18.39
2. Kadence Bowne, Nora Olsen, Delaney Pedersen, K. Johnson (Deubrook) 4:25.49
3. Talya Vincent, Isabelle Bloker, Adison Renkly, Summer Guthmiller (Sioux Valley) 4:27.75

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay

1. JP Rogness, Landen Johnson, Jaxon Quail, Gavin Landmark (Deubrook) 3:31.42
2. Nathan Smith, Ernest Ting, Jon Kahler, Trevin Lounsbury (Brookings) 3:35.82
3. Brock Christopherson, Mason Guthmiller, Carson Wosje, B. Hiltunen (Sioux Valley) 3:43.31
4. Brenton Westberry, Paul Parsley, Micah Otto, Luke Sheppard (Flandreau) 3:49.72

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay

1. Jaxon Quail, Landen Johnson, Charlie Olsen, Gavin Landmark (Deubrook) 8:28.75
2. Brock Christopherson, Carson Wosje, Skylar Trygstad, Tate Steffensen (Sioux Valley) 8:46.09
3. Brenton Westberry, Wyatt Kontz, Tanner Reed, Matthew Gassman (Flandreau) 9:19.31

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay

1. Kadence Bowne, Nora Olsen, Ava Crooks, Kylee Johnson (Deubrook) 10:25.62
2. Faith Wiese, Josie Hamilton, Kiley Westberry, Diamond Roy (Flandreau) 10:26.66
3. Talya Vincent, Maci Licht, Ava Gatzke, Liberty Trygstad (Sioux Valley) 10:44.95

Tournament Co-Champions



Courtesy Photo

The Brookings U14 Outlaws were co-champions of The 2024 Mt. Rushmore Classic. They played 5 and a half games in two days and after a 45 minute lightning delay in the semifinals, they were declared winners. It was decided that they shouldn't finish the tournament and would share the championship.

SDSU's Kniesche repeats as SL Pitcher of the Week

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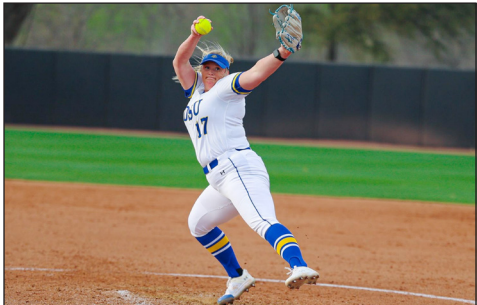
SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - South Dakota State senior Tori Kniesche was recognized by The Summit League on Monday as the TicketSmarter Peak Pitcher of the Week. Kniesche was rewarded with the honor for the second consecutive week and for the third time during the 2024 season.

Kniesche went 2-0 this past week while the Jackrabbits earned a three-game sweep over North Dakota in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In the first game of the series against the Fighting Hawks, Kniesche recorded her third complete-game shutout in as many starts. The SDSU pitcher struck out 14 batters and gave up four hits and only two walks. She allowed

only two base runners through the first three frames, both walks, and the final three batters of the third each went down swinging.

Kniesche topped her game one performance in the third game of the series. The Wayne, Neb., native hit two batters, but it'd be the only two base runners allowed in a five-inning affair. Kniesche struck out 10 batters on just 62 pitches. She completed her third no-hitter showing in her last four appearances and pitched the 10th no-hitter of her college career.



Mario Terrana

South Dakota State's Tori Kniesche won the Summit League Pitcher of the Week on Monday.

The SDSU program record holder in career wins has a 10-5 record on the season and has a 2.17 ERA.

The South Dakota State softball team is scheduled to continue Summit League play this weekend. The Jackrabbits are slated to host Kansas City in Brookings at Jackrabbit Softball Stadium from April 6-7.

Sports Schedule

Local Slate

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
College Baseball
SDSU at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

High School Softball
Brookings at Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 4 p.m.
Sioux Valley at Colman-Egan, 4 p.m.

High School Track & Field
Flandreau Invite, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
High School Softball
Redfield at Sioux Valley, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
College Baseball
SDSU at North Dakota State, 3 p.m.

College Track & Field
SDSU at USD Early Bird, 10:30 a.m.

Women's College Golf
SDSU at WIU Invite in Silvis, Ill.

High School Boys Tennis
Brookings at O'Gorman Triangular, 9 a.m.

High School Track & Field

Brookings at Huron Invitational, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
College Softball
Kansas City at SDSU (DH), 1 p.m.

College Baseball
SDSU at North Dakota State, 2 p.m.

College Track & Field
SDSU at USD Early Bird, 10:30 a.m.

Women's College Golf
SDSU at WIU Invite in Silvis, Ill.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
College Softball
Kansas City at SDSU, 11 a.m.

College Baseball
SDSU at North Dakota State, 1 p.m.

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