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Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces, Families

This is the theme for the 2011 County Government Month beginning in April. Here in Spink County, this month long celebration is kicking off next week with a special luncheon for Veterans and their spouses, along with our National Guard members and their families. The luncheon will be from noon until 1 PM on Thursday, April 7th in the Court House Community Room. Our program will be Dr. Donna Small, MD, the Medical Director for the Aberdeen VA Clinic and she will speak of the medical concerns of veterans and

active duty personnel. Also on the program is SGT David Nichols of the SD National Guard. SGT Nichols will share some of the issues National Guard members and their families face when they are deployed overseas. He will also bring MREs or Meals Ready to Eat for the participants to sample. But we will also have some delicious barbecues from Leo's Good Food and salads made by county workers. Court House and other county worker will host the event along with help of the American Legion and the VFW.

County Government Month Official Events

1. "Serving Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families". This, of course, is the theme for this year's County Government Month and it will be carried out by a luncheon on Thursday, April 7th from noon to 1:15 p.m. here in the Community Room at the Court House. Invited to the luncheon will be veterans and their spouses and National Guard members and their families. The luncheon will feature barbe-

ques from Leo's Good Food and salads made by county personnel. A program featuring Dr. Donna Small, MD, the Medical Director of the Aberdeen VA Clinic and Sgt Dave Nichols from the SD National Guard will be presented. Dr. Small will talk about medical issues of veterans and more recent health care concerns of younger veterans. Sgt. Nichols will talk about what deployment means to National

National County Government Month

Glen Whitley
National Association of Counties President

America's counties face a problem. We know that America's counties provide outstanding programs and services, but unfortunately, many Americans do not know about the responsibilities counties have or the programs and services they provide.

The solution is to launch an initiative to make the American public, who are beneficiaries of government services, and officials at other levels of government, who are partners in delivering those services, more knowledgeable and positive

about the contributions of county government. County officials and NACo must tell the story about the effectiveness of county government and how County Government works every day.

Counties keep the important records, such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses and property records. We build roads, bridges and ensure their safety. Some counties maintain parks with soccer and baseball fields. We care for sick, operate hospitals, pick up trash, provide police protection, handle emergency services, run courts and jails and conduct elections.

Counties are innovative. We use new technology and always

search for ways to provide services more efficiently. Many counties strive to use energy more efficiently and to protect our environment. We deal with important issues like health care, immigration and job loss.

We are leaders in our communities and have to make tough decisions affecting our friends and neighbors. We get questioned by constituents at the grocery store, at church, and on phone calls late at night. It's not an easy job, but we are committed to our communities and the families and individuals we serve.

It is clear that counties have a story to tell. That story is this: County Government works.

Guard members and their families and communities. Helping sponsor the lunch will be the local VFW and Legion members.

2. Students from Doland High School: On Tuesday, April 12 students from the Government/Civics classes from Doland High School will be in

the Court House. They will follow a piece of property through the whole process of its travel through county government. They will also tour the Sheriff's Office. (Lori: I will let you know the time soon so that you may come and take pictures)

3. County Government

Month Open House: This is a more traditional 'open house' here at the Court House and will be Tuesday, April 19th all day. Offices/services will be prepared to welcome the public and inform them of what each office visited does for the citizens of Spink County.

Veterans Quotes to Live By

In honor of Veterans, here's a list of 25 quotes to live by:

- 1. We make war that we may live in peace. -Aristotle
- 2. Nobody ever drowned in sweat. -US Marines

3. Those who cannot bravely face danger are the slaves of their attackers. -Aristotle

- 4. More powerful than the will to win is the courage to begin. -Unknown

5. Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him. -Dwight D. Eisenhower

6. Many become brave when brought to bay. -Norwegian proverb

7. Courage is fear holding on a minute longer. -George S. Patton

8. It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you. -Unknown

9. Either war is obsolete or men are. -Buckminster Fuller

10. There never was a good war or a bad peace. -Benjamin Franklin

11. Unless one says goodbye to what one loves, and unless one travels to completely new territories, one can expect merely a long wearing away of oneself. -Jean Dubuffet

12. This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. -Elmer Davis

13. Freedom is never free. -Author Unknown

14. Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul. -Michel de Montaigne

15. The more we sweat in peace the less we bleed in war. -Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

16. Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous. -George Bernard Shaw

Armed Forces Day Veteran's Day

Armed Forces Day is a nationally recognized holiday in May for honoring any member of the military. There are many great ways to honor the troops on Armed Forces Day. There are companies that offer products to honor those who are serving as well. Use these steps to learn more about Armed Forces Day and how you can honor the troops. You don't have to wait for Armed Forces Day to do these!

Instructions

1 Honor your armed forces member. If you have a family member in the military, use the day to put together a care package from you, the children and other members of the family with their favorite items. Send the care package to them with a little note about honoring them.

2 Use the day for a fundraiser. Find a military related organization and help or create a fundraiser for them. This could be a letter drive for soldiers without families who are serving or monies for families who can't afford to send care packages.

3 Get the whole community involved. Plan a community wide event or celebration and have entertainment, fundraisers and a flag raising or flag ceremony. Make sure to check with a local military leader to ensure you are following all the flag guidelines and not dishonoring the flag and its representation in any way.

4 Get your local congressman or senator involved. Ask them to attend your celebration, fundraiser or activity, encouraging them to take notice and implore the county and state to get their communities involved on Armed Forces Day and to find ways to honor those who are serving our country.

Originally called Armistice Day, Veteran's Day is observed across the United States every year on Nov. 11 with parades, memorial services and other celebrations. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance of Veterans Day, though it did not become a national holiday until 1938. Still called Armistice Day until 1954, former president, Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name to "Veterans Day" so veterans of all wars could be honored. In honor of Veterans Day and all of our veterans, we give you the following:

- One third of all living veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- As the oldest branch of the military, the U. S. Army was first

brought together on June 14, 1775, as the Continental Army to fight in the American Revolution.

• The Armistice was signed during the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month - November 11, 1918

• Never allow the flag to touch the ground or floor.

• In 1954, the words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance, after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic organization, and other religious leaders to distinguish the pledge from similar pledges used by "godless communists."

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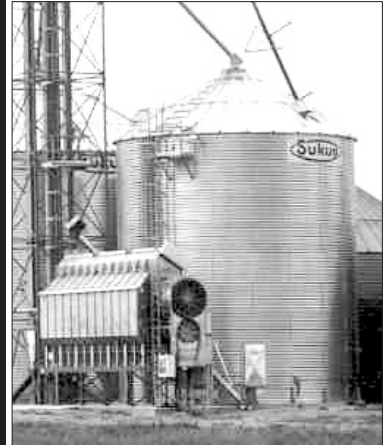
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Veterans Specific Programs in Spink County

While you know that the obvious office where the National County Government Month theme of "Serving Our Veterans, Armed Forces and Their Families" would be the Spink County Veterans' Service Office, you may be surprised to know that other offices offer veteran specific programs.

In the Director of Equalization Office, Director Kim Markley explains that in the summer of 2008 the Disabled Veteran Property Tax exemption program was developed to help ease the tax burden for such individuals. The program exempts \$100,000 of the full and true value of the dwelling, or portion thereof, from property taxes.

"Dwelling" is defined as the house, manufactured home, or mobile home, and the lot upon which the structure is situated, or one acre, whichever is less. The property must be owned and occupied by a disabled veteran, must be classified as owner occupied, and the veteran must be rated as permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. Application must be made on or before November 1 of the first year the exemption is requested.

A second program in Markley's office is the Property Tax Exemption for Paralegic Veterans. This program exempts a veteran's property from all property taxes. The

injury to the applicant does not have to be service related in order to qualify for the program. Widows and widowers of veterans are also eligible for the Exemption Program. There are no income limits for the Exemption Program.

Third is a Property Tax Reduction for Paraplegics. The Reduction Program is operated using a graduated income scale on income earned in the previous year. There are income limits that you will need to meet. Other requirements state that the paraplegic applicant must own or occupy their property, or the unmarried widow/widower of such paraplegic. Applications for these programs must be submitted to the county assessor on an annual basis and are available beginning in January at the county courthouse.

The Register of Deeds Office offers free documents to any veteran.

The Spink County Treasurer's Office offers two veteran specific programs. The first, is Veteran License Plates. A veteran needs only to fill out an application that lists the military branch: Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force or Coast Guard and the plate indicator: Retired, Combat Veteran, Peace Time, Cold War, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, Gulf War, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan, or Bosnia. A resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has a valid SD driver's license and who signs an affidavit attesting to the fact that he or she is an honorably discharged veteran having served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, may apply for Veteran plates. The fee for the special plates is \$10.00 per set, per year, in addition to regular plate fees.

Second is the Special License Plate. These include the Purple

Heart Plate, Prisoner of War plate, Pearl Harbor Survivor plate, Disabled American Veteran plate, and the Gold Star plate. The Military Veteran's Plates can only be used on an automobile, pickup, or van licensed under the noncommercial license fee schedule or a motorcycle. Applicants are limited to two sets of each of these plates. Upon initial application, the applicant must pay the registration for the current year and the \$10 special license plate fee; upon verification of eligibility, the registration fee is refunded. For the Gold Star plate, a resident owner of a non commercial motor vehicle who is a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a member of the US Armed Forces who died in service to this country or died as a result of the service.

National Guard plates are also available. A resident of SD who owns a vehicle and is a regularly enlisted or commissioned member of the SD National Guard, other than an inactive member thereof, or a retired member with 20 years or more of creditable service may obtain National Guard license plates.

Veterans Quotes

17. In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. - Mark Twain

18. It is not only the living who are killed in war. -Isaac Asimov

19. Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it. -Irving Berlin

20. History teaches that war begins when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap. - Ronald Reagan

21. Soldiers generally win battles; generals get credit for them. - Napoleon Bonaparte

Special Thanks

A special thanks needs to be extended to all of the personnel at the courthouse and Sandra McNeil of the Highway department for all of their help in compiling the information, scheduling pictures and giving a tour in the unknown areas of the courthouse. We could not have done it without all of your help.

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Spink County Commissioners

The job of the county commissioner calls for hands-on service delivery as well as policy-making budget decisions.

Five individuals, each elected from a district of the county's population, serve as County Commissioners. In Spink County the Commissioners are:

Chairman/ District 5 - Dave Albrecht of Redfield

District 1 Commissioner - Jeff Albrecht of Doland

District 2 Commissioner - Brian Johnson of Frankfort

District 3 Commissioner - Craig Johnson of Redfield

District 4 Commissioner - Gerald Zerbel of Mellette

The board of commissioners is the oldest form of county government in America and is still very common. In colonial times, it was particularly prevalent in the South, which was less densely populated than the Northern colonies, and it spread across much of the rest of the country as



From left: Brian Johnson, Jeff Albrecht, Gerald Zerbel, Dave Albrecht, Tammy Suchor, Craig Johnson.

the nation grew. These days, it is seen less in New England, where local government is usually administered at the town or city level. Connecticut, Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts have no county governments at all.

In a county commission form of government, a body of elected commissioners serves both the executive and the legislative duties, meaning they enact local ordinances and administer them.

They approve budgets, oversee spending and hire county employees. The commission usually consists of three to five officials. In some states, they are known as supervisors. In New Jersey, they're called "chosen freeholders." And in Louisiana, they're often known as "parish police jurors".

The commissioners are responsible to the voters, but their duties are defined and con-

trolled by the state constitution and state statutes. Their actions can be overturned by state courts. Some department heads, such as sheriff, clerk, treasurer and coroner, are elected rather than appointed by the commissioners.

When many counties were still rural, the duties of the board of commissioners were limited. They kept vital records, assessed property, administered elections and maintained roads. With the

spread of suburbs, many counties grew in population and began offering a far wider range of services. It is not unusual today for a board of commissioners to oversee consumer protection, economic development, planning, environmental quality and social welfare programs.

Other duties that the board of commissioners may be responsible for or oversee include: Issuing bonds, Managing county parks, Collecting and disposing of trash, Managing pensions for county employees, Assuring water quality, Administering courts and jails, Collecting property and sales taxes.

The Spink County Commissioners meet the 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in months with 4 Tuesdays and the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays in months with 5 Tuesdays. To schedule something on the agenda contact the Spink County Auditors office at 472-4580.

Spink County Field Officer

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) continues to build better lives for military veterans, spouses, and their families living in South Dakota. The Department does this by serving as a central source of information on veteran's benefits, rights and issues; and by training, directing and assisting the County Veteran's Service Officers who are the local veteran's assistance agencies in every county in South Dakota.

To assist the Department in achieving their mission, four Field Officers travel across the state assisting the CVSOs in applying for and securing benefits. The Field Officers also assist in initiating and processing appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals.

Steve Oliva, Pierre, is the Field Officer serving veterans in Spink County. Steve also assists VSOs and veterans in Brown, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, Marshall, McPherson, Potter, Roberts, Stanley, Sully and Walworth Counties in South Dakota. Steve takes great pride in his role as an advocate for South Dakota's veterans and their families. Steve is a firm believer in using technology to deliver services, benefits and programs and as such encouraged the Spink County Commission to purchase a new software program that is being utilized by the Department as well as numerous counties in the state. This software expe-

dites the filing of claims and the delivery of earned benefits to veterans.

When Steve is not visiting County VSOs he is busy conducting outreach programs for South Dakota's veterans, as well as conducted benefit informational programs during deployments, reintegration drills, demobilization briefings and stand downs.

Steve is nationally accredited with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of World War I, Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., The Retired Enlisted Association and The Blind Veterans Association, AMVETS, DAV, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

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Spink County Sheriff's Department

The Spink County Sheriff's Department provides 24 Hour Law Enforcement coverage within Redfield City as well as coverage for the entire Spink County area. The Sheriff is obligated to keep peace within the County; he must pursue all felons, execute warrants, and other processes as requested by the Court. The Sheriff shall perform all Statutory duties as required by law; and shall provide assistance to the Attorney General, The States Attorney, and the County as necessary. The Sheriff's Office is comprised of the Sheriff and 7 deputies.

The department has a 24 Hour Communications Center complete with Enhanced 911 serving Spink and Faulk Counties. The Center employs 5 full time terminal operators.

The Spink County Home Detention Program has three adult supervisors and provides an alternative to the Judicial System in dealing with juvenile delin-



quency cases. The intent is to control the juvenile in the home environment and is an alternative to confining them in a Detention Center.

Back row, from left: Deputy Kathy Adams, Deputy Jacob Miller, Deputy Jason Kraft, Deputy Andrew Rindelaub, Deputy Chad Papke.
 Middle row: Home Detention Darcy Harford, Dispatcher Lois Paul, Dispatcher Deb Dugan, Dispatcher Marleen Huckabay, Dispatcher Jeannie Deuter, Home Detention Mavis Ludeman, Dispatcher Craig Richmond.
 Front row: Sheriff Kevin Schurch, Deputy LeRoy Fuerst.
 Not pictured: Deputy Cindy Geary and Home Detention Donna Kegler.

Spink County Judges, 1889-Present

1889-1899	A. W. Campbell	1971-1974	Jon Fosheim & Vernon Evans	1987-1993	Eugene Dobberpuhl, Leland Berndt, David Gilbertson, Larry Lovrien
1900-1901	Unknown	1975-1976	Jon Fosheim, Vernon Evans & Irvin Hoyt	1994-1995	Eugene Dobberpuhl, David Gilbertson, Larry Lovrien, Jack Von Wald
1902-1904	James H. McCoy	1977-1978	Jon Fosheim, Vernon Evans, Irvin Hoyt, Gordon Mydland & Thomas Ries	1996-1998	Eugene Dobberpuhl, Larry Lovrien, Jack Von Wald, Myles DeVine
1905-1908	Charles S. Whiting	1979-1980	Vernon Evans, Irvin Hoyt, Gordon Mydland, Thomas Ries, Dale Bradshaw & Eugene Martin	1999-2003	Eugene Dobberpuhl, Larry Lovrien, Jack Von Wald, Jon Flemmer
1909-1924	Alva E. Taylor	1981-1983	Vernon Evans, Irvin Hoyt, Gordon Mydland, Thomas Ries, Dale Bradshaw & Eugene Martin	2004-2006	Larry Lovrien, Jack Von Wald, Jon Flemmer, Scott Myren
1925-1938	Alva E. Taylor	1984-1986	Vernon Evans, Mildred Ramynke, Leland Berndt & Eugene Dobberpuhl	2006-present	Jack Von Wald, Jon Flemmer, Scott Myren, Tony Portra
& F. R. Fisher 1939-1944	F. R. Fisher & B. M. Benson				
B. M. Benson 1945-1948	B. M. Benson & W. H. Warren				
1949-1956	B. B. McClaskey & Charles S. Hanson				
1957-1960	B. B. McClaskey & Kermit Norbeck				
1961-1970	Kermit Norbeck & Jon Fosheim				

Impact of Guard and Reserve on America's Workforce

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Department of Defense released a nationwide survey this week to gain insight into the benefits and challenges of employing members of the Guard and Reserve. The Department of Defense National Survey of Employers is the Department's largest study of its kind since the United States entered sustained military operations nearly 10 years ago in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

"For the past nine years our nation has been at war and we have asked a tremendous sacrifice of the civilian employers of our National Guard and Reserve members. Your response has been inspiring. We could not do it without you. From providing differential pay for activated Reservists to caring for families of our deployed Guardsmen, employers across the nation have proven themselves to be critical partners in our national defense," said Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "As we look to the future, I ask for your input to help us shape policies concerning the relationship between our service members and their civilian employers. I encourage employers across the nation to take part in The Department of Defense National Survey of Employers. Your feedback will allow us to build on the success of the past and chart a mutually beneficial course for the future. Thank you for your patriotism and continued support of our citizen warriors in the National Guard and Reserve. When it comes to the defense of our nation, we all serve."

The promise of a secure job provides service members and their families with stability and

peace of mind, particularly as returning citizen warriors face unemployment. Employers often adapt supportive initiatives that exceed the expectations of federal law, but the difficult economy and long war have had a definite impact on employers.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a

Department of Defense agency, is sending the survey to 80,000 employers, who will have eight weeks to complete the questions. Survey participants should visit ESGR.mil and click on the survey link to provide their feedback on employing members of the Guard and Reserve.

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 Jeff VanderWal (December 31, 2014)

Fair Board (6 members, 2-year terms)
 Darla Knox (2012)
 Jenae Hansen (2012)
 Natasha Noethlich (2012)
 Chris Styles (2011)
 Jim Ellenson (2011)
 Craig Oberle (2011)

Housing and Redevelopment (5 members, 5-year terms, limit 2 terms)
 Duane Sanger (2011) 1st term
 Craig Johnson (2012) 1st term
 Gerald Zerbel (2013) 2nd term
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County Government Funding

How We Raise County Money

Approximately half of our budget dollars come from property taxes. We receive another 40% from federal and state aid programs. The rest comes from such items as fees, fines, licenses and forfeitures.

Spink County does not have complete freedom to make its spending decisions. Federal and State mandates pre-determine a number of our expenses.

Mandates are the services that we are legally required to provide. If mandates pass without the appropriate funding to support them, the County must pay the costs associated with performing the services.

The Budget Process

Each year, County departments prepare budgets that they submit to the County Commissioners for discussion and approval.

The budgets include both discretionary and non-discretionary

(mandated) spending. Departments also list projected revenues from user fees, fines, and other charges in their budgets. Grants and/or state aid may also affect the budget items.

When complete, these individual budgets are combined and presented as part of the overall County Budget for the year.

How is census data used?

The main purposes of census data are to provide the population counts needed to apportion seats in the House of Representatives and to determine state legislative district boundaries. Census data provides a snapshot of the nation, which helps define who we are. Census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to local, state, and tribal governments.

Federal agencies use census data to distribute funds so that resources can be targeted to the

areas in need as well as to assess the impact of their programs. At the state and local level, census data help decision makers plan economic development and assess the needs of their residents, such as the need for schools, hospitals, and job training. Grocery stores, restaurants, car dealerships, and other businesses use census data to help decide where to locate new outlets and offices.

What the Census Says About County Funding

Total state government revenue dropped to \$1.1 trillion in 2009, a decline of 30.6 percent from \$1.6 trillion in 2008, according to the latest findings from the U.S. Census Bureau. The large decrease in total revenue was mainly caused by the substantial decrease in social insurance trust revenue.

Social insurance trust revenue is made up of four categories — public employee retirement, unemployment compensation, workers compensation and other insurance trusts (i.e., Social Security, Medicare, veteran's life insurance). More details on the social insurance trust revenue will be available from the 2009

Annual Survey of State Government Employee Retirement Systems data later this winter.

State governments received nearly \$1.5 trillion in general revenues in 2009, a decrease of 1.2 percent from 2008. General revenue does not include utility, liquor store or insurance trust revenue.

Total taxes collected in 2009 (\$715.1 billion), which accounted for 47.8 percent of general revenue, fell by 8.5 percent from \$781.6 billion in 2008. This is the first year-to-year decline in tax revenue since 2002. Federal grants (\$478.2 billion) increased 13.0 percent from 2008 to 2009 and accounted for nearly one-third of general revenue.

"The annual survey began in 1951, and every year since has provided state governments with a complete look at their fiscal condition and how their financial activities stack up against other states" said Lisa Blumberman, chief of the Census Bureau's Governments Division.

These findings come from the 2009 Annual Survey of State Government Finances, which reports revenues, expenditures,

debt, and cash and security holdings for each state as well as a national summary.

While tax revenue declined substantially, total federal grants to states increased 13.0 percent to \$478.2 billion. Federal grants for welfare programs made up 59.2 percent of all federal grants received in 2009 and increased 16.3 percent to \$283.3 billion over 2008, compared with only 4.3 and 4.0 percent year-to-year increases in 2008 and 2007, respectively. The accompanying table shows total federal revenue, federal revenue for welfare, and associated ratios for all 50 states for 2009 and 2008. (See table.) [Excl]

General expenditures by state governments rose 3.3 percent in 2009 over 2008. These expenditures totaled more than \$1.5 trillion, with expenditures for education (\$567.1 billion), public welfare (\$437.5 billion) and health and hospitals (\$119.1 billion) representing the top three activities.

State government spending on education totaled more than 40 percent of general expenditures in 16 states led by Georgia (46.1 percent), Utah (45.6 percent) and Alabama (45.3 percent).

State government spending on public welfare was greater than 30 percent of general expenditures in 11 states, led by Rhode Island (36.5 percent) and Maine (36.1 percent).

The leading states in spending for highways, as a percentage of general expenditures, were Alaska (13.5 percent), North Dakota (13.4 percent) and South Dakota (12.9 percent).

Hawaii (12.3 percent) led the states in spending on public health and hospitals as a percentage of general expenditures, followed by Connecticut (11.4 percent) and Virginia (10.9 percent).

For the 42 states with lotteries, ticket sales totaled \$52.3 billion in 2009, compared with \$52.8 billion in 2008. Lottery prizes awarded totaled \$32.2 billion, and lottery proceeds were \$17.7 billion. The top three states in lottery ticket sales were New York (\$6.8 billion), Massachusetts (\$4.2 billion) and Florida (\$3.7 billion). The same states also ranked highest in prizes awarded; New York awarded (\$4.0 billion), Massachusetts (\$3.2 billion) and Florida (\$2.3 billion).

The data on State Government Finances for fiscal year 2009 and past years are available at www.census.gov/govs/state/

Spink County Health Nurse

The Spink County Health Nurse is located on the first floor of the courthouse. Office hours are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday and is closed during the noon hour. The phone number is 472-2434.

This office provides a number of services. These are broken down into 5 basic categories; Infants and Young Children, Children and Adolescents, Pregnant and Postpartum Women, Adults, and General Public Health Services.

Infants and Young Children

WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food and Nutrition Education Program)

Growth and development screening and guidance

Well-child checkups and screenings
Immunizations

Children and Adolescents Programs

Immunizations
Well-child checkups and screenings

Education and training on child growth and development, dietary needs and the right foods to eat, physical activity, how to prevent injury and other health topics

School health screenings and teaching

Pregnant and Postpartum Women

WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food and Nutrition Education Program

Education for pregnant women

Postpartum services
Baby Care (information, guidance, and office services for pregnant women)

Did you know?

Did you know that there is actually a fourth floor to the Spink County Courthouse? Not easily visible from the ground the entrance to this floor is located on the third floor by the Jury room. Upstairs are two large bathrooms with toilet and tub, two large sleeping area, and a common area. When first constructed this floor was used to house sequestered jurors. The area now serves as storage for some of the older courthouse records and furnishings. At one time, there was a dumb waiter that was used to transport food to the different floors.



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Assist communities in reviewing their resources and needs

Provide employer-based screening and teaching

Assist in local crisis planning and preparation

Doctor-ordered office services

The Spink County Health Nurse also provides Family Planning. The program assists men and women to determine the number and spacing of their children and maintain or improve general and reproductive health.

Services are provided for anyone regardless of age, gender, race, religion, nationality, or ability to pay. Services for both men and women include annual medical exams, STD/HIV screening, contraceptive methods, education, sexual decision making, involving parents in decisions, and referrals for care beyond the scope of family planning. For women services include pregnancy testing, pregnancy options counseling and cervical cancer screening.

Links on the Health Department web page include the SD Dept. of Health and Healthy SD.

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Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services is located in the Spink County Courthouse - 1st Floor. Hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday (except Holidays).

The Mission of Social Services is to strengthen and support individuals and families by fostering independence and personal responsibility; protecting people; providing opportunities for individuals to achieve their full potential; and promoting healthy families and safe communities by ensuring quality, cost-effective and comprehensive services are provided in cooperation with their partners.

To accomplish this, a number of programs are offered through the office including: Adult Services & Aging programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medical Eligibility programs, Children and Families programs, Long-Term Care programs, Medicare Savings Program, and



Redfield Office Personnel includes, back: Corrine Johnson, Administrative Support; Teri Kuehn, Economic Assistance Benefit Specialist, serving Spink, Faulk and Hand Counties. Front: Jill DeWitte, Adult Services and Aging Social Worker, serving Spink County; Michelle Osborn, Economic Assistance Benefit Specialist, serving Spink County; Kerry Dawson, Long Term Care Benefits Specialist, serving Spink and Clark Counties.

the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Applications are available for the Childcare Assistance program and the Energy Assistance Program (LIEP).

It's recommended to call ahead to ensure the proper representative for your situation is available however it is not necessary. The phone number is 472-2230.

Sp. Co. Extension Office



From left: Shirley Howe, Amy Hermann, Becky Leonard, Mark Rosenberg.

The Spink County Extension Office serves the communities and citizens of Spink County through adult and youth education and information on a variety of subjects.

County based personnel have specialties in agronomy and family and consumer sciences. In addition, Spink County

Extension can use the resources of the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service based at South Dakota State University, Brookings, to help provide additional expertise in horticulture, 4-H/youth development, livestock, marketing/farm business management and community innovation/leadership.

The county staff includes: Mark Rosenberg, Extension Educator/Agronomy; Becky Leonard, Extension Educator/Family and Consumer Sciences; Amy Hermann, Administrative Assistant; and Shirley Howe, Administrative Assistant.

The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. We can be contacted at (605) 472-5006 or Spink.County@sdstate.edu.

Redfield Pictures

1. Entrance to State School and Home
2. Redfield College Main Building
3. Spink County Courthouse and Jail
4. Baldwin Community Hospital
5. Eastern Star Home
6. Auditorium on Lake Redfield

Did you know?

There is a tunnel that used to run from the Spink County Jail to the courthouse? A hallway can still be traveled to the point where a wall was constructed to block the other end. The jail was eventually pushed into the ground and covered. Today inmates are housed at various facilities until court appearance.

Spink County Courthouse

Spink County was created in 1873 and organized in 1879. It was named for S. L. Spink, who was a secretary of the Dakota Territory from 1865 to 1869. The county seat was first located at Old Ashton in 1879. The county seat issue was an issue at subsequent elections but none of the other towns could come up with a majority vote. Despite the rivalry among the towns, court battles and injunctions, the seat remained at Old Ashton, until 1885 when an act of the legislature located the seat at Ashton. In the fall of 1886 another election was held and Redfield became the permanent location of the county seat.

The current Spink County Courthouse was authorized by resolution of the Spink County Commissioners May 7, 1925. The cornerstone was laid July 24, 1926 and the building was completed in 1927 with a dedication ceremony held June 21st and 22nd, 1927.

In a Special souvenir edition of the Redfield Press from June 23, 1927 comes the following description of the new Spink County Courthouse.

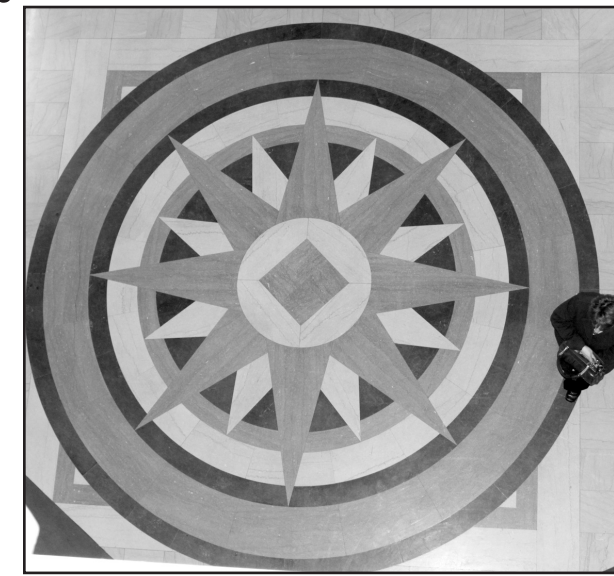
The new Spink County Court House at Redfield has many interesting and unique features. The building is 108 feet wide and 98 feet deep. Its structure is thoroughly fireproof.

A particular feature of the plan of the building is the arrangement of a large central light covered by a skylight around which light will extend to the corridors on the second and third floors. This gives an extremely monumental economy in space.

The percentage of actually usable and well lighted space in this building as compared with the total space, will approximate the percentage of usable space obtained in modern economically planned office buildings.

The first story of the interior of the building is faced with Indiana limestone and the the body of the building is faced with well selected brick with a suitable amount of Indiana limestone trim. The walls around the interior of the rotunda are faced with Tavernele marble and all the floors around the rotunda are Tennessee marble.

The courthouse total cost was \$347,342.71. Breaking the down we find that Toltz, King and Day, Inc., Architects were paid \$16,540.13, Standard Construction Co., had the General contract at a cost of \$256,174.08, C. Emil Carlson, Heating, Plumbing and



A view of the main floor mosaic from the third floor balcony. The floor is made of Tennessee marble, showcased directly below the rotunda. The rest of the courthouse shows an exquisite attention to detail, down to the personalized door knobs.

Ventilation at a cost of \$33,054.21, Aberdeen Engineering Co., was paid \$5,964.44 for electric wiring and \$1,970.00 for electric fixtures. Miller-Davis was paid \$8,509.45 for wood furniture, A. Lindquist and Son \$4,500.00 for Special decorations, Coleman and Son \$1,887.00 for window blinds, Art Metal Construction Co. \$18,743.40 for metal furniture and fixtures.

The funds were raised by a general levy upon taxable property in the County from the years 1914 to 1926,

inclusive, the levy being five-tenths of a mill except in the years 1914 and 1924, in which years the levy was one-tenth of a mill. The levy amounted to a total sum of \$306,073.07, some of which had not been collected at the time of the dedication. The money collected was loaned out, and interest in the sum of \$57,203.01 was collected and added to the fund.

Spink County Museum



The Spink County Museum, built by donations and memorials was dedicated June 25, 1960. The building is air conditioned and open during the summer months with a curator on duty. It contains the Hindersman collection of natural history specimens, Indian artifacts, machinery and household articles. The first museum

was housed in the basement of the Carnegie Library, later moved to City Hall, then moved to the corridors of the Courthouse building before the present building was erected. The museum is located in Courthouse Square, 225 E. 8th Avenue. Dates of operation are June, July, and August, Monday - Friday, 1-5pm.

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Spink County Highway Department

The Spink County Highway department maintains 703 miles on the county road system, 150 bridges on the state inspection list and numerous smaller bridges and box culverts. The department has 18 full time employees, which includes two administrative personnel, and also hires several seasonal employees.

The Shop is located on E. Hwy 212. Dept Hours - Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm M-TH and 8:00 am until noon on Friday.

Links on their page of the Spink County Website includes links to: the SDDOT Web Site, the SD Transportation Improvement Program, Travel Information and printable Spink County Roads (8.5x11) maps and an up to date road closure map due to flooding.

Jeff Haessig is the County Hwy. Supt., Willis Rothacker Jr.,



Flooded roads need to be assessed for safety. If necessary, roads are closed to traffic.



Damage to county roads from flooding that will need repair after the ground dries.

Projects - County wide patching and graveling projects and Disaster Road Repairs to ensure all residents have at least one route to access town.

Weight limits are also in effect on all Spink County roads. By State Law, SDCL 32-22-24, Spring Load Limits may be put on as early as February 15 and may stay on through April 30.

Time of implementation and removal is dependent on weather and road conditions. County Load Limits become effective when signs are in place. Current limits are Trucks - 40 miles per hour and 6 ton per axle.

The phone number for the Spink County Highway Department is 472-5008.

Shop Foreman, and Sandra McNeill is in the Office.

Currently the Highway Department has several roads closed due to Spring Flooding and is working on Current

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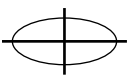


Spink County Coroner



Pat Thelen

The Spink County Coroner, Pat Thelen, does not have regular office hours or an office in the Spink County Courthouse but is a valuable part of the County Government. His office is charged with handling any unattended death that is not under a doctors care. These are sent to Sioux Falls for autopsy. Thelen was a Deputy Coroner when his father was the Spink County Coroner and since that time has taken over those duties. The phone number to contact him is 472-2444.



Register of Deeds

The Register of Deeds office is located on the second floor of the Spink County Courthouse. Contained in a vault are the record books that date back to the beginning of the county. These records include Real Estate Records, Birth, Death and Marriage Records, Business Name Registration records, and Military Discharge Records, making it a gold mine for anyone who wishes to search their family history in this area.

The primary functions of the office are Real Estate Recordings, Birth, Death and marriage records, Issuing Marriage Licenses, Filing of Liens (Mechanics, State and Federal Tax Liens, County Poor Liens), Business Name registrations and Military Discharge records.

Keep in mind, by state law, vital records are not open for public inspection. Vital records may be issued in the form of a Certified or an Informational copy.

Only certain individuals are eligible to obtain a certified copy of a vital record. Contact the office to determine if you qualify. (605) 472-4588. Not qualified to receive a certified copy of a vital record? Any person who submits an application and the applicable fee can obtain an informational copy of a vital record. Some forms are available for download from the Register of Deeds page on the Spink County Website.

The office is open 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday (except Holidays). The phone number is 472-4588.

South Dakota Marriage Requirements

Get a license from a Register of Deeds Office in a South Dakota county.

Did you know?

The office of the Director of Equalization has a set of stairs in their back office that connect to stairs below them in the sheriff's office and above them leading to the third floor. The door at the top of the stairs is actually a vault door. These stairs were used to transport the prisoners to the courtroom many years ago.



Sharon Jungwirth



Sharlene Gilbert

A South Dakota marriage license costs \$40. Identification is required - either a driver's license or a certified copy of a birth certificate.

No blood test or waiting period is

required. Those 16 and 17 must have parental consent. South Dakota law does not permit marriage of those under 16.

The marriage must be solemnized within 20 days from the purchase of your license or the license becomes void.

Once you are married, the individual who solemnizes the marriage must return the license to the Register of Deeds within 10 days. If not, there will be no record of your marriage. Marriage may be solemnized by a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the circuit court, a magistrate, or any person authorized by a church to solemnize marriages.

Spink County Auditor's Office

The County Auditor is the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and shall keep an accurate record of its official proceedings, carefully preserving all records required to be deposited or kept in this office and carefully perform such other acts and duties as are required by law" including:

- Budget Appropriations, County Budget Expenditures, Appropriations and Levies Information, School Land Leasing, Voter Registration, Absentee Voting, Special and General Election details/canvassing the votes, Welfare Medical Assistance, Commissioner's Meeting Agenda - (Contact the Auditor's Office if you wish to be added to the agenda 472-4580), and Community Room Reservations.

The office is located on the second floor of the Spink County Courthouse. Hours are: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday (except Holidays). Phone number to contact the office is 472-4580. The Office of the Spink County Auditor contains shelves of old record books in the vault. The oldest dating back to when the county was first designated by the Governor of the Dakota



From left: Theresa Hodges; Cindy Schultz, Auditor; Tammy Suchor; Jamie Johnson.

Territories in 1879. A very interesting book to read!

A fun feature on their website page is a link to check your voting precinct and polling place as well as obtain voter registration forms. The website page also contains links to: the Secretary of State, the SD Association of Counties, County Websites, Laws of South Dakota, the

Northeast Council of Governments, and Welfare Medication Assistance

A fun fact you may not know, even though located on the second floor, the office of the Spink County Auditor has a basement only accessible from their office. Many items of interest pertaining to Spink County history are stored down there.

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For Information Call: Peggy Morris, Dir. - 472-1552

2. Spink County Senior Citizens Council is incorporated with groups in Doland, Conde, Mellette and Redfield. Each site also has it's individual club and delegates to the council. County funding is disbursed to each.

For Information Call: Peggy Morris, Dir. - 472-1552

3. **Public Transit System** provides rides for the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and to church on Sunday. Wheelchair buses are available. State, Federal and local funds support this program. Anyone is eligible to ride with a suggested donation of \$1.50 one way or round trip.

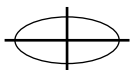
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Spink County Treasurer's Office

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All County funds are received and accounted for by the Treasurer. The Treasurer is also responsible for managing the County's investments, submits monthly remittances to the State, and issues distress warrants on behalf of the Department of Revenue and Department of Labor as required by law.

Important Tax Dates to Remember:

January - Real Estate Tax Notices and Special Assessment Notices are mailed to property owners.

April 1 - Assessment Freeze Applications for the elderly and disabled must be filed on an



From the back: Amy Michlitsch, Kathy Ludwig, Rita Trygstad.

annual basis on or before this date

April 30 - First Half of Real Estate Taxes are due on or before this date

April 30 - Special Assessments are a current year tax that is due in full on or before this date.

October 31 - Second Half of Real Estate Taxes are due on or before this date unless total tax is under \$50.00 (all taxes under \$50.00 are due in full by April 30)

Vehicle Registration is also an important function of the Treasurer's Office. Here is some basic information.

The office titles and licenses new and used motor vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, snowmobiles, and boats. As of July 1, 2003, lien notations and releases, and duplicate motor vehicle titles are handled through the Treasurer's Office.

Registration on non-commercial vehicles, trailers and motorcycles is based on the first letter of the owner's last name, or in the case of a business, on the beginning letter of the business name. Vehicles not in this system are boats, snowmobiles, and com-

mercial vehicles.

A, B - January, C, D, E - February, F, G, J - March, H, I, O, May, K, L - June, M, N - July, P, Q, R, - August, S - September, T thru Z - November.

The treasurer's website also includes links to: Property Tax Forms, State Motor Vehicles Page, Motor Vehicle Forms, Driver's Exam Schedule and Hunting and Fishing Information and Information on Purchasing Licenses.

The office is open 8am-5pm, Monday thru Friday (except holidays.) The phone number is 472-4583.

Did you know there is a basement entrance in the vault of the Spink County Treasurers office even though it too is located on the second floor of the courthouse? Stored down there are the tax records that date back to the beginning of the county. Treasurer Kathy Ludwig says that in the early days when the dispute over the county seat was taking place residents of Ashton and Redfield would steal the tax records book from each other. Whoever had the book was the seat. One of the early bound volumes down there has an actual bullet hole in it.

Sp. Co. State's Attorney



Janelle Cowles-Nelson and Vic Fischbach

Also located on the third floor down the hall from the jury room is the Spink County State's Attorney Office.

The Duties of Vic Fischbach, Spink County State's attorney include; representing the State of South Dakota in criminal and juvenile court, advising the County Officials, officers and Commissioners and when necessary, defending Spink County civil matters.

The Spink County State's Attorney works with local law enforcement including the Spink County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Highway Patrol, and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks. He makes all final charging decisions in regard to violations of the law and prosecutes those with crimes of the court.

An added feature of the Spink County State's Attorney Office is the highly effective Spink County Teen Court. One of the first in SD, Spink County Teen Court is a 90-day voluntary diversion program that offers juvenile offenders, ages 10 to 18, who are currently in school, an alternative to appearing in formal court. Teen Court is a sentencing court only.

Participation in Teen Court is based upon State's Attorney referral, admission of guilt and voluntary compliance. Prior to court, the teen and parents meet with the Teen Court Coordinator and discuss their possible participation in the Spink County Teen Court.

After this meeting, upon admission of guilt, and agreement by all parties to cooperate, the juvenile will appear at the next available Teen Court session. Teen Court holds session on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, at the Spink County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m. If the juvenile fails to appear at his/her

scheduled time, participation will be terminated and the case will be referred back to the State's Attorney.

All members of the Teen Court with the exception of the Judge, who is a volunteer local attorney, are youth who have participated in training for their respective positions, or juveniles who are required to participate on the jury as a result of their Teen Court sentence.

Janelle Cowles-Nelson is the Teen Court Coordinator for Spink County Teen Court.

The office is open Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm and can be reached by calling 472-4593.

Spink County Clerk of Courts

The Office of the Spink County Clerk of Courts is located on the third floor of the Spink County Courthouse along with the Law Library, DDN Room, Jury Room and of course, the Court Room.

The basic functions of the clerk's office are:

Assisting with requests for information on court procedures, fees, court dates, forms, Processing passports, assessing & receipting fees thereon, Opening, maintaining, storing and retrieving court files as needed in different types of cases, Processing traffic tickets and other criminal complaints, receipting and disbursing fines, fees, costs, bond and restitution associated with same, Working closely with the public, law enforcement and attorneys in maintaining judges' calendars of court dates and assisting judges in the courtroom, Summoning and qualifying jurors, assist judge in juror selection process, and authorize payment of jurors

Performing magistrate functions such as setting bond, handling initial appearances, issuing warrants, entering default judgments in small claims cases and performing marriages.

Court is scheduled by calling the Clerk's office 472-4535 and is held every other Tuesday. Office hours for the Clerk of Courts Office are 8 am- Noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday



Teri Podraza and Alice Hare.

through Friday (except holidays).
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The mission of the SD Division of Veterans Affairs and the network of County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers is to ensure that veterans, their dependents and survivors receive the full measure of benefits and services to which they are entitled.

Some of the services offered include: Dept of Veteran's Affairs (VA) applications for Service Connected Compensation, Non-service connected Pension Benefits, Veterans and Dependents Education, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for veteran's surviving spouses, children and parents, VA Insurance, Burial, Government Markers, Medical Care for Veterans - outpatient and hospital. The office also acts as the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Coordinator for DAV van transportation for veterans to VA appointments.

Additional links on the Spink County VSO page of the Spink County Webpage includes: State of South Dakota Veterans Benefits, Vietnam War Memorial, SD WWII Memorial, and the SD Korean War Memorial. In addition, the Spink County Veterans Service Office continues to seek volunteers to drive the DAV Van that takes



Gordon Richard

Veterans to appointments.

The Spink County Veteran Service Office is located on the third floor of the Spink County Courthouse and is open 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday. The office phone number is 472-4589 or you may contact the Spink County Veteran Service Officer Gordon Richard on the cell phone, 450-0147. Gordon is a former 1st Lt. USANC, 71st Evacuation Hospital, Pleiku, Viet Nam.

Please see page 18 for a complete list of Veterans specific programs in Spink County.

Mitigation is the process of decreasing the likely-hood of a

Spink County Emergency Management

By Larry Tebben

The Office of Emergency Management has four major functions. They are preparation, response, recovery and mitigation.

Preparation is done by planning and training for emergencies. In the course of keeping us safe our emergency volunteers have numerous training requirements. This office aids in organizing and offering training to the county's many emergency volunteers. Spink County Emergency Management also works in the planning of exercises to test our community's ability to respond to emergencies.

Response and recovery: the emergency management office acts as a liaison between the public, local, state and federal entities. This office is like a clearing-house so to speak. Information in a time of emergency is critical to the response and recovery of any incident. To help in response and recovery this office keeps a record of all of the various pieces of equipment in the county (private and public) that could be utilized in the case of an emergency. All of the state's county emergency managers have access to each other's databases so needed emergency equipment can be obtained through mutual assistance agreements.

Mitigation is the process of decreasing the likely-hood of a



Larry Tebben

disaster happening or being repeated. A great example of mitigating for a disaster is the building of levees or the removing of structures from flood plains. This office is the starting point of any mitigation requests. A note on

mitigation, it is a slow and deliberative process.

Funding issues are a focus for the county emergency manager. Grants have to be applied for and those monies earmarked and budgeted for various county projects. This office works with various county agencies to prioritize how State and Federal monies are spent.

The majority of time spent as emergency manager is used for planning and preparation for disasters or emergencies. That is a good thing. It is usually not a good thing if I am out and about because that means something unwanted probably just happened. The Spink County Emergency Manager is located on the third floor of the Spink County Courthouse. The phone number is 472-4591 in the office and the cell number 450-0176

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required for any work done if materials are over \$1250 or if work that is being hired out is over \$2500. The Spink County Planning and Zoning Commission meets during the regular Spink County Commission meetings. The board members are the Spink County Commissioners. They are responsible for enforcing the Zoning Ordinances as set by Spink County. Some of their responsi-

bilities are monitoring building permits, keeping setbacks consistent, variances that may be needed, filing of plats and rezoning of a property. Located on the second floor of the courthouse, office hours are Mon-Friday, 8am-5pm. To reach Kimberly Markley, Director, CAA, Diane Tipton, CAA, Sally Filipek, CAA or Jessica Avery, Zoning Administrator please call 472-4585.

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The Doland School District is enjoying the move to the four-day school week. The Doland School District is in the first year of the four-day school week and has many benefits of the four-day school week. The four-day week has allowed students and teachers to be in the classroom with fewer interruptions. Students of all levels and ability have taken advantage of the extra tutoring on Friday's improving grades. The Friday's have also allowed teachers the time to enhance their lesson plans while also including the technology provided by the district including the one to one laptops (grade 7-12 students), flip cameras, iPods, GPS units, etc.

The Governor's cut to education will definitely affect the Doland School District. The school could operate the next couple of years without making any cuts which would shorten the life span of the school. The Doland School Board has done a nice job of making cuts along the way to strengthen the schools financial foundation with the decreasing enrollment. The goal for the Doland School is to have children not even born yet graduate from the Doland School District. With that being said, the Doland School District will need to make cuts; however, the budget cuts should not affect the quality of education a child receives.

The R/D Pheasants had a very successful season in all athletic events. The Doland FCCLA has had students qualify for nationals over the last couple years including a state FCCLA president. Along with FCCLA, other extracurricular activities have allowed students to participate at the state level. Extracurricular activities give students the ability to develop lifelong positive characteristics.

Several community and alumni scholarship programs recognize the accomplishments of our graduates annually. An average senior class from Doland School accumulates over \$25,000 in scholarship incentives from the community and alumni scholarship programs alone, excluding other scholarship opportunities. This school district is very fortunate to have a community and alumni so supportive of the local district.



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HITCHCOCK-TULARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Hitchcock-Tulare School District is on its seventh year as a consolidated school and currently has 221 students enrolled in the district. Hitchcock has the K-6 attendance center with 83 students, the junior and senior high is located in Tulare with 26 students in the junior high and 61 in the high school. The district also has 2 colony attendance centers with Spink Colony having 31 students and Glendale Colony with 20 students in K-8.

Something new this year is the Reading Makes Us Smile program, each student earns 50¢ to \$1.00 to be given to the Ronald McDonald House of SD for every hour they read. The goal this year is 2500 hours. This program is being sponsored by many local businesses. Some other projects that involve the K-6 students are to accelerated reading program, 5th and 6th grade basketball, grades 1-6 spelling bee, the Geographic Bee and our annual rack and field day. The Tulare Mason is on its fourth year of sponsoring the Read a Book Win a Bike program. We have also added a mobile laptop lab in the elementary that is used by all grades.

The 7-12 attendance center, offers a wide variety of academics including advance placement classes over the DDN. The district also has strong participation in FFA, FCCLA, winter and spring concerts, sports, oral interpretation, class plays and yearbook. The advanced computer class maintains a comprehensive and up to date website that provides information about the district to the public.



NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Northwestern Area School District, located in Mellette, S.D., provides a friendly, small-town atmosphere for 259 students from the surrounding communities in grades K-12. Students receive a top-notch education with highly regarded academic programs and extracurricular activities.

Academically, Northwestern offers elective courses in art, business, Spanish, music, industrial technology and wellness in addition to the core curriculum. To prepare students for college, Northwestern offers Advanced Placement courses in English literature, English language, calculus, biology chemistry, physics, and U.S. history. Students enjoy one-on-one attention with staff members, while they also have the opportunity to take classes online, through the DDN system and in Aberdeen at the Hub Area Technical School.

Nearly every classroom has a mounted, wireless LCD projector. With three stationary computer labs and three wireless laptop cars, Northwestern boasts a student-to-computer ratio of 26:15. Additionally, the school has recently purchased 150 iPads for middle school and elementary use.

Organizations such as Future Business Leaders of America, Journalism, Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council and Science Club provide students with additional learning opportunities outside the classroom. FBLA advances several students to the national convention each year. The screen-printing business run by the students encompasses both the art and business programs to make high-quality apparel for organizations inside and outside of the school. In addition to performing a spring play, the Drama Club advances thespians to the state competition in oral interpretation and contest play. The journalism class produces the all-state yearbook and newspaper. The student council organizations and manages all homecoming festivities. Science Club meets frequently to challenge students in exciting science activities.

Athletically, Northwestern has played in 19 state championships, bringing home 10 state titles. Northwestern possesses a strong tradition in football, volleyball, basketball and track and field. Students can also participate in cheerleading and wrestling. Northwestern athletes work out in a facility that features two gymnasiums, a weight room, a cardio room and a full-size football field with a concession stand and skybox seating.

Twice a week, the school lunch program serves a hot breakfast, and once a week, it serves salad bar.

A consolidated school district, Northwestern provides educational services to the towns of Ashton, Athol, Brentford, Chelsea, Conde, Cresbard, Mansfield, Mellette and Northville in addition to the Hutterville Colony School. With tremendous support from parents, staff, patrons, the Booster Club, the Northwestern Community Foundation and the Plains Lions Club, Northwestern students receive a first-rate education and are the pride of their communities.

REDFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Redfield School District has an enrollment of 320 students in Grades K-6, 270 students in Grades 7-12 and 38 students at the George S. Mickelson Alternative School. The student teacher ratio in elementary school is approximately 13.5:1 and in secondary 12.1:1. All students met adequate yearly progress (AYP) according to state standards as part of the No Child Left Behind legislation.

The upper elementary school students participate in Summer Reading Achievement, the Elementary Newsletter, Redfield Area Retired Teachers Spelling Contest, Family Reading Night, Quiz Bowls, Thinking Cap Bowl, and Knowledge Quest. They have also represented our school in the Geography Bee, and Enrichment activities. Other educational experiences include: the Water Festival in Aberdeen, Veteran's Day (showcasing our local veterans and service people), Fall and Spring Concerts, and RAAC community play. The Redfield Press prints an article each week spotlighting one of the elementary classrooms.

The Elementary Student Council has been active in various projects such as The Bird Shop (school store), holding a Kid's Vote Election, participating in the Veteran's Day Program, delivering Valentines to all elementary students, conducting fundraisers for cancer awareness and community projects, providing child care for PTA meetings, and recycling plastic bottles, paper, glue sticks, juice boxes, and tape dispensers.

Redfield's Parent-Teacher-Student Association, PTSA, is a very active group. Each year they purchase planners for grades 3-8, as well as "Back and Forth" folders for grades K-2. PTSA also hosted a Book Fair March 14-16 - with a "buy one get one free" deal!

The Redfield FCCLA is a school youth organization that concentrates on family, community service and leadership activities. Our community service projects and projects for families include: the Haunted Locker Room at Halloween, projects to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, helping Relay for Life, volunteering and providing a meal and other items at the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls, and making and donating blankets to families in our community. Members also work on improving their leadership skills by attending leadership trainings, running for District and State office, and working on their speaking abilities through STAR events.

Redfield and Doland have continued in a Sports Cooperative this year. The girls' and boys' cross country teams qualified 6 individuals each for State, placing 3 boys. The boys were State Runner-up in the team competition. The Volleyball team qualified for the State tournament and placed 8th. The football team advanced to the Region finals. The wrestling team qualified 9 individuals for State, placing 5 of them. They also captured 6th place in the team competition. The girls' basketball team advanced to the District finals. The boys' basketball team was Region champions for the first time in 25 years and placed 6th at the State tournament.

Other activities available to students in grades 7-12 include FBLA, FFA, Pep Club, National Honor Society, Journalism, Student Council, Band, School Plays, Chorus, Geography Bee, and Academic Challenge.

Director of Equalization

The Director of Equalization is responsible for overseeing the location and identification of all property in the county, value all taxable property according to current law and to provide professional appraisal & assessment direction to the county commissioners.

The SD Department of Revenue and Regulation's "Summary of Assessment Process" can be accessed from the Equalization page on the county website or by contacting the office.

The Equalization Office makes a great effort to do interior reviews of all property in the county on a rotating schedule. SDCL 10-3-23 gives the Equalization office the "...power to enter and inspect all property for the purpose of determining value..." This ensures that the property information we have is correct and the assessment will be correct. Information on Appealing assessment can be



Front, from left: Kimberly Markley, Sally Filipek. Back: Diane Tipton, Jessica Avery.

linked from the Director of Equalization page located on the Spink County Government web page. A link is also provided that explains Agricultural Land Productivity Valuation. Please remember, Equalization does not determine your taxes. A link is provided that explains "Your property taxes".

Additional forms that can be downloaded on their webpage include: Guide to SD's Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption Program, Application for Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemptions, Application for Continuing Tax Exempt Status of a Private Organization, Application for Property Tax Exempt Status, Certification Owner Occupied Dwelling, 2011 Flooded Land Application, Notice of Intention to Add Omitted Property or Valuation to the Assessment Rolls of County, Notice of Intention to Raise Valuation, Notice of Meeting of Local Review Board, and

Objection. Also in the Director of Equalization's Office are the Planning and Zoning Administrator and the Drainage Administrator. The Spink County Planning and Zoning Commission meets during the regular Spink County Commission meetings. The board members are the Spink County Commissioners. They are responsible for enforcing the Zoning Ordinances as set by Spink County. Some of their responsibilities are monitoring building permits, keeping setbacks consistent, variances that may be needed, filing of plats and rezoning of a property. Building Permits, Variance, Special Exceptions, Rezoning and Temporary CAFO permits are available for download on the webpage, as are the Spink County Zoning Ordinances and the Zoning Ordinance Table of Contents. A building permit is **Continued page 12**



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2nd print in a series of 4 by Sharon Eldeen

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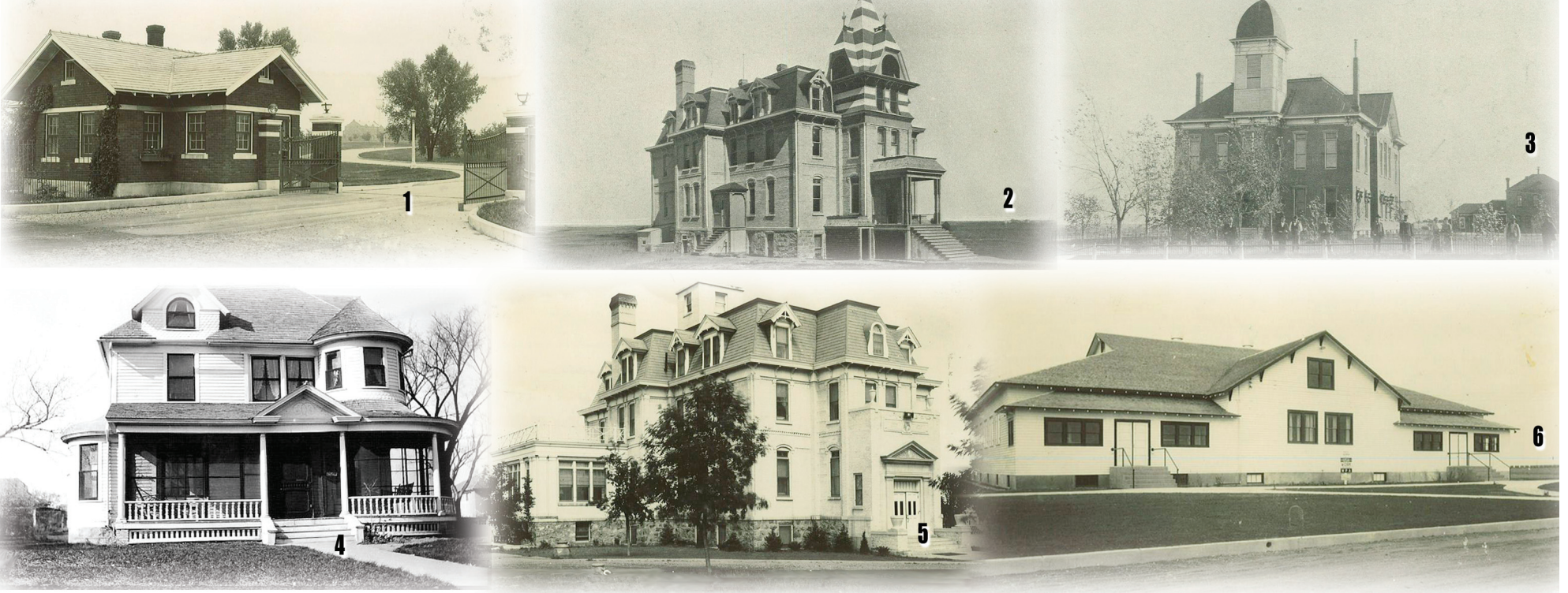
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Can you identify these places in Redfield? For the answers, turn to page 6



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