

The Kougar Column

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Hello Kadoka Area,
This week, I write in encouragement. Sometimes, education takes a back seat to the community we serve, and I feel this is the time. Recently, storms have rocked our families in our district's northern and central parts. Reports of no power for many days and families who lost all their food have surfaced, and my heart goes out to them.
The Dakotas have seen many natural disasters since its founding as a territory. However, our success as a settlement makes the losses of each occurrence all the

more costly. For whatever reason, I have had to live and see a few historic natural disasters in my time here. These events include the flood of 1997 in Grand Forks, ND, where I was born and raised; the Northwood, ND tornado of 2007, where I graduated high school; and the 2009 floods of Stutsman County, ND, where I went to college. However, the 2022 storms of western South Dakota have shaken the core of many in our district.
One common theme I have seen in so many in all of the events I have experienced is the ability to

get up, stay positive, and face the challenges of what mother nature brings us in the Dakota seasons. I don't think it matters the area of the Dakotas; a majority of us recognize we can't control everything. However, we do what we can, when we can do it. This spirit will serve us well as we try to recover from damage to our belongings, and we are thankful that we have people around us to support us in that attitude. It is what makes me proud to call the Midwest home.
In support of the Kougars,

Mr. Lukens

Haakon Jackson 4-H Holds Annual Horse Show at the Philip Arena

Ten 4-H members participated in this year's Haakon Jackson 4-H Horse show held June 20th at the Philip Arena. Judge Eris Jones of Rapid City took the opportunity to not only give youth constructive feedback in the classes, but spent time to help them improve the knowledge of the classes they had competed in. Jones awarded ribbons using the Danish system. This system evaluates the participant's effort relative to the ideal for the class. There are four groups: purple indicates superior performance that meets all the requirements for the class. Blue is for excellent performances that might contain a few flaws, but still meet requirements of the class. Red ribbons are for average performance and white ribbons are awarded when the effort requires improvement such as a broken pattern.

The day started with the Showmanship at Halter class which allows exhibitors to show their horse while performing a specific pat-

tern. This event challenges the connection and communication between horse and 4-H'er. The judge is looking for prompt, smooth, and precise completion of the pattern. Senior (youth ages 14-18) 4-H'er Fayth Martin, Ashley Schriever, Juniors (ages 11-13) Layne Martin and Kaydence Eisenbraun, and Beginners (ages 8-10) Owen Harty and Karlie Eisenbraun all earned purple ribbons. Blue ribbons were earned by Juniors Jaydon Martin and Beginner Regan Schultes. Red ribbons were awarded to Juniors Molly Harty and Caleb Studer.
Horses were tacked up and the show moved into the riding events with Western Horsemanship. In this class the judge is looking for proper position of the rider, ability to correctly complete the pattern as written and subtle communication between the horse and rider team. Results of the Western Horsemanship: Purple ribbons: Kaydence Eisenbraun and Molly Harty. Blue ribbons: Fayth Mar-

tin, Ashley Schriever, Molly Harty, Jaydon Martin, and Karlie Eisenbraun. Red ribbons: Layne Martin and Regan Schultes. White ribbon was awarded to Caleb Studer.
The next class was reining. This exciting and challenging class asks horse rider combinations to do spins, circles, sliding stops and rollbacks. Ribbons for the class: purple: Fayth Martin, Ashley Schriever, and Kaydence Eisenbraun. Red ribbons: Molly Harty, Layne Martin and Jaydon Martin.
Ranch riding class followed. This patterned class tests the horse's ability to appear to be a pleasure to ride while working on the ranch. Maneuvers that youth must have their horse complete include turns, going over logs, gait and speed variations and more. This class pushed our youth and their horses to show their skills. Purple Ribbon was earned by Kaydence Eisenbraun. Blue ribbons to Ashley Schriever, Fayth Martin and Molly Harty. Red ribbons to

Full-Ride Build Dakota Scholarships Awarded to 82 WDTI Students

In a celebration similar to a college athletic singing, 82 individuals were recognized, June 16, as full-ride Build Dakota Scholarship recipients for qualifying programs at Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC).

During the event, scholarship recipients signed Build Dakota Scholarship certificates, donned WDTC baseball caps, and received college pennants in front of an audience of family, friends, and industry scholarship sponsors.

The cumulative WDTC Build Dakota Scholarship awards presented are expected to total \$1.7 million.

Build Dakota Scholarship programs, the award recipients, and their hometowns in the Pioneer Review coverage area are listed below.

Diesel Technology
Kody Komes, Union Center
HVAC/R Technology
Jantzen Fisher, New Underwood

Medical Laboratory Technician
Andi Stone, Kadoka
Practical Nursing
Kaylie Brandt, New Underwood
Registered Nursing
Jessica Casjens, Philip
Kayala Wulf, Owanka
Surgical Technology
Rebecca Shuck, Kadoka
Welding and Fabrication
Tanner Brunskill, Murdo
Timothy Hamar, Kadoka



Courtesy Photo

Left to Right: Owen Harty, Karlie Eisenbraun, Reagan Schultes, Molly Harty, Fayth Martin, Ashley Schriever, Kaydence Eisenbraun, Jaydon Martin, Layne Martin, Caleb Studer

Layne Martin, Jaydon Martin and Owen Harty.

The final performance class was trail that challenged both horse and rider. The horse rider combination must navigate obstacles with the horse being judged on responsiveness, manners and movement. Throughout the day, 4-H members were working together to get their horses to cross the bridge and logs, go through the gate and back through barrels. The team work paid off as lots of purple and blue ribbons were awarded in this class. Purple ribbons Fayth Martin, Kaydence Eisenbraun, Layne Martin, Owen Harty and Reagan Schultes. Blue ribbons to Ashley Schriever, Molly Harty and Karlie Eisenbraun. Red ribbons to Jaydon Martin and Caleb Studer.

The day concluded with the speed events: barrels, poles, and flag race. In the barrels, purple ribbons were given to Ashley Schriever and Fayth Martin. Blue ribbons were awarded to Molly Harty, Kaydence Eisenbraun, Jaydon Martin, Owen Harty and Reagan Schultes. A red ribbon was awarded to Layne Martin. Due to broken patterns white ribbon was given to Caleb Studer. In the flag race purple ribbons went to Ashley Schriever, Fayth Martin, Molly Harty, Kaydence Eisenbraun, and Caleb Studer. A blue ribbon to Layne Martin and a red ribbon to Karlie Eisenbraun. Due to a broken pattern white ribbons were awarded to Reagan Schultes and Jaydon Martin. The final event

was pole bending. Ashley Schriever earned a purple ribbon and Fayth Martin a blue ribbon. Red ribbons were awarded to Molly Harty, Kaydence Eisenbraun, Layne Martin, Jaydon Martin, Owen Harty, Reagan Schultes and Karlie Eisenbraun. Due to a broken pattern Caleb Studer earned a white ribbon.

At the end of the day, judge Eris Tanner after watching the 4-H members compete and interact with one another and their horses all day, gave a special sportsmanship award to one 4-H'er. She shared that each young person

was exceptional and a joy to get to work alongside. The winners of the sportsmanship awards were Jaydon Martin and Caleb Studer.

A huge thank you to the Philip Arena committee for allowing us to use your facility, Eris Jones for serving as the judge, the City of Philip for water and use of the cones to ensure our 4-H members kept their horses hydrated, and all of the 4-H families for making the day a success.

For more information about this program or other 4-H programs, please contact the Haakon Jackson 4-H Office at 859-2840.

A very heartfelt
THANK YOU
to Brad, Jerry, Karen, DJ, Tate, Rebecca and Hubby, Betty and that very skilled loader operator Sheryl. And anyone we may have missed for your help cleaning up the Cemetery after the recent storm.
The Masonic Cemetery board

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CITY OF PHILIP UTILITY ACCOUNTS - SEWER RATE INCREASE

Effective on the July 1st billing, city utility accounts with sewer services will see a change to the monthly sewer rates. These were approved following a utility rate study completed by SDARWS which found that the sewer fund has experienced a negative cash flow over the last few years. The new rates also reflect separate residential and commercial/ industrial rates as outlined below. (Last rate increase was in 2017.)

IN CITY UTILITY CUSTOMER RATES	OUT OF CITY UTILITY CUSTOMER RATES
Residential: \$25 minimum	Residential: \$50 minimum
+ \$3 / 1,000 gals. (over 2,000 gals.)	
Monthly charge established from 1st quarter water usage	
Total monthly utility minimum charge = \$63.50 (previously \$59.50)	Total monthly utility minimum charge = \$91.00 (previously \$83.50)
Commercial/Industrial: \$30 minimum	Commercial/Industrial: \$60 minimum
+ \$3 / 1,000 gals. (over 2,000 gals.)	
Monthly charge based on actual usage	
Total monthly utility minimum charge = \$51.00 (previously \$42.00)	Total monthly utility minimum charge = \$101.00 (previously \$83.00)

*Sewer Minimums Include: \$11.10 in Surcharges (\$6.40 WW & \$4.70 SW)

Customers with any questions shall contact the city office at 605-859-2175 or email cityadmin@philipsd.us.

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