

# Local Sports News

## AAU HISTORY

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) was founded on January 21, 1888 by James E. Sullivan at the New York Athletic Club with the goal of generating common standards in amateur sports. Since that time, most national championships for young athletes in the United States have taken place under AAU guide lines and leadership. From its beginning as a publicly supported organization, the AAU has represented U. S. sports within the various international sports federations. The goal that Sullivan had in mind was one of "Sports For All, Forever" which became the motto of the AAU.

Because the AAU worked closely with the United States Olympic Committee to prepare athletes for the Olympic Games, the AAU Junior Olympic Games were introduced in 1949. Athletes ages 8 to 16 years, or older in certain sports, were able to participate and many future World and Olympic champions appeared in these events which are still held every year.

The AAU is dedicated to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs, and is one of the largest, non-profit,

volunteer, multi-sport event organizations in the world. Its philosophy is now shared by nearly 700,000 members and 150,000 volunteers across 41 sports programs and 61 U.S. districts.

In 1994, the AAU joined forces with the Walt Disney World Resort, signing a 30-year agreement. As part of the agreement, many of AAU's national championships in many sports are played at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. In 1996, the national headquarters of the AAU was relocated to Lake Buena Vista also. More than 60 national events are conducted at the resort's ESPN Wide World of Sports which houses a double-deck 9,500 seat baseball stadium and baseball quadruples, a fieldhouse that accommodates up to 6 hardwood courts, a softball quadraplex, two youth baseball fields, a track and field complex, a new 300,000 square foot arena and four multi-purpose performance fields sized for soccer tournaments.

The Amateur Athletic Union offers participants sport programming in individual and team sports in their local community that they can join and

compete with other athletes their own age. The following are some of the sport programs that are offered for individual and teams:

AAU Junior Olympic Games  
Aerobics  
Badminton  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Bowling  
Dance  
Football  
Flag football  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming and Diving  
Track and Field  
Tumbling  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

In 2019, the AAU and National Fitness Foundation (NFF) announced a partnership aimed at supporting and expanding youth sport and athletics in the United States. The AAU now administers the Presidential Youth Fitness Program which has a goal of modernizing fitness

education in school physical education classrooms by emphasizing student health, goal setting, and personal progress.

The following culture statement of the AAU sums up the mission taken on by the organization---"We are a family, that extends beyond the office, to permeate society as a whole. Like sports itself, we transcend any boundaries, barriers, or borders to provide a safe, nurturing, and inclusive workplace for our devoted employees thereby creating a developmental environment for our athletes to make life-changing memories for all. We raise tomorrow's leaders on today's playgrounds, one athlete at a time. Out supportive approach embraces energy, enthusiasm, and healthy competition---and we have a little fun doing it!

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Stacey Marlow 493  
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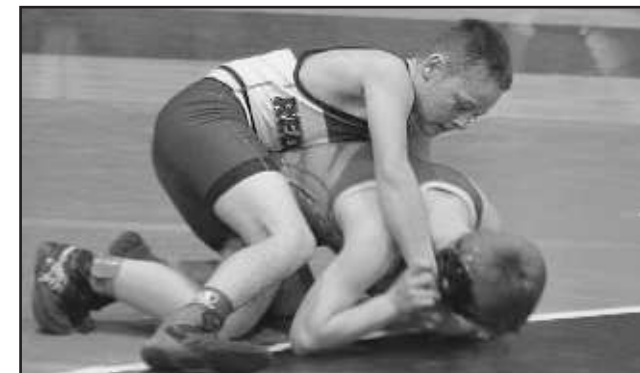
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## Redfield AAU wrestlers finish season well



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Above, from left, Brody Rude, Braxton Snell, Jace Edgar. Below, from left, Kasey Hermann, Maddon Odland, Tucker Nelson.



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Above, left, Scylas Schultz.  
Above, right, Dylan Murray.



*Redfield youth wrestlers did well in the 2020 SD WCA District 4 Tournament held on March 7th. (Placings were published in the March 11th issue of the Redfield Press). Regions were to be held on March 14th, and State on March 27-29, but both were cancelled due to COVID-19. We would like to congratulate our AAU wrestlers on their achievements this season and recognize them for all of their hard work.*



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## 281 GIRLS AND BOYS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS ANNOUNCED



Above, left, Danyan Peterson. Above, right, Elizabeth Salmen.



Letha Jessen---  
Highmore-Harrold  
Katie Dubro---  
Iroquois-Doland

### Third Team

Kaylee White---Sanborn  
Central/Woonsocket  
Grace Gran---Wessington  
Springs  
Chantel Haider---Wol-  
sey-Wessington  
Grace Knox---Highmore-  
Harrold  
Ashley Masat---Hitch-  
cock-Tulare

### Honorable Mention

Cortney Sprecher---Wol-  
sey-Wessington  
Leah Williams---Wol-  
sey-Wessington  
Brooke Doering---San-  
born Central/Woonsocket  
Kenidee Enander---Hitch-

cock-Tulare

Kassie Hale---Highmore-  
Harrold

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### First Team

Brevan Hooks---Wolsey-  
Wessington  
Payson Gohn---Wolsey-  
Wessington  
Jade Burma---Sunshine  
Bible Academy  
Noah Dickson---Sanborn  
Central/Woonsocket  
Jacob Messmer---Wess-  
ington Springs

### BOYS BASKETBALL

ALL-CONF. TEAMS/pg.4

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### First Team

Elizabeth Salmen---Hitch-  
cock-Tulare  
Danyan Peterson---Hitch-  
cock-Tulare  
Oakley Jandreau---  
Highmore-Harrold  
Trista White---Sanborn  
Central/Woonsocket  
Karilyn Wieting---James  
Valley Christian

#### Second Team

Mya Boomsma---  
Wolsey-Wessington  
Trinity Boschee---  
Sanborn Central/  
Woonsocket  
Brenna Held---James  
Valley Christian

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## LAKE REGION CONFERENCE BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

The Lake Region conference has released its 2019-2020 All-Conference basketball teams as voted on by its coaches.

Derek Heitmann---Faulkton Area  
Jackson Isakson---Aberdeen Christian

Brent Ekanger---Faulkton Area  
Aberdeen Christian

ton Area

**Second Team**  
Summer Scepania---Warner  
Savannah Green---Warner  
Joy Rohrbach---Aberdeen Christian

**Honorable Mention**  
Grace Kaiser---Aberdeen Christian  
Peyton Fisher---Warner  
Madalyn Groft---Northwestern  
Hailey Bierman---Ipswich  
Anna Lapka---Leola/Frederick Area  
Hanna Miller---Langford  
Maddie Crawford---North Central

**Second Team**  
Jared Pearson---Aberdeen Christian  
Colin Frey---Langford Area  
Haydn Podoll---Leola/Frederick Area  
Dalton Peterson---Northwestern  
Ben Fischbach---Warner  
Benton West---Langford Area

**Honorable Mention**  
Nick Schlechter---Faulkton Area  
Bryce Peterson---Langford Area  
Josh Hoffman---Leola/Frederick Area  
Alex Braun---Warner  
Jett Becker---Aberdeen Christian  
Zach Mueller---Leola/Frederick Area  
Ty Kadlec---Ipswich  
Bennett Cassens---Faulkton Area

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**First Team**  
Brooke Niedebaumer---Faulkton Area  
Abby Vetch---Faulkton Area  
Peyton Melius---Faulkton Area  
Ady Dwight---Langford Area  
Mallory Miller---Langford Area  
Ava Nillson---Warner  
Halle Heinz---Ipswich

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**First Team**  
Andrew Rohrbach---Aberdeen Christian  
Zech Clemens---Northwestern  
Isaac Sumption---Leola/Frederick Area  
Will Kadlec---Ipswich  
Landon Leidholt---Warner

## UPDATE ON SDHSAA EVENTS

All State Basketball Tournaments, Visual Arts, Region Music, and All-State Band remain POSTPONED/SUSPENDED. The State

Student Council Convention is CANCELLED. All spring contests are CANCELLED through April 5th. As a staff, we are waiting

to get a better sense of the resumption of school, as well as future CDC recommendations. Once these items are further clarified, we will have a

better idea on the potential of resuming postponed/suspended events as well as the scope of spring sports. We remain in contact with the Department

of Health and Governor's office and will provide updates as necessary. We thank the schools, coaches/directors, and students for their patience

during these unprecedented times. Dr. Daniel Swartos, SDHSAA Executive Director

## BOYS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS/ from pg. 2

**Second Team**  
Dylan McDonnell---Highmore-Harrold  
Remington Paynter---Highmore-Harrold  
Keistan Dubro---Iroquois/

Doland  
Tater Moody---Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
Mason Schelske---Wessington Springs

**Third Team**  
Logan Gilbert---Hitchcock-Tulare  
Brandon Decker---Iroquois/Doland  
Tristan Abbott---Wol-

sey-Wessington  
Cayden Slykhuis---Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
Landon Wallman---James Valley Christian

**Honorable Mention**  
Reilyn Zavesky---Iroquois/Doland  
EJ Big Eagle---Sunshine Bible Academy  
Skylar Zomer---Wolsey-

Wessington  
Malachi Bruce---Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
Tyler Kole---Wessington Springs

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is proud of all the AAU wrestlers and their hard work this season.

Best of luck to all wrestlers next season!



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# Local Columns

## Spink County EM Column: Keep accurate records

**By Spink County EM, Larry Tebben**  
As Spink County residents prepare to weather through the corona virus, remember that it will end.

As to how the recovery will work and exactly what form it will take I do not know. (individual, business, government or all) Of one thing I am

certain is that FEMA will want accurate records. Begin to keep track of all expenses that could be put to your corona virus response efforts. What all

of those expenses are or could be I could not begin to list. It is just easier to keep track on the way than it is to try to figure out how much was spent

and then looking for receipts and billing information. If you think it could be reportable, keep track of it. I do not know that there

will be aid for FEMA. I just want everybody to have the information ready if FEMA does decide to use the usual disaster recovery model.

## The Postscript: “Waiting for the Sun”

**By Carrie Classon**  
An enormous box arrives at our house. It is filled

with food and cleaning supplies and, yes, toilet paper. I feel guilty. But


the truth is, these supplies were ordered months ago. My husband, Peter, was a hoarder long before hoarding was in fashion. “Here you go!” Peter says, as he unpacks the latest shipment. “Eight more pounds of oatmeal!” My oatmeal consumption over the past few weeks certainly set some sort of record had I been keeping track. Peter pulls out a one-gallon bottle of hand sanitizer—also ordered before everyone in the world wanted it. “You see?” he says, brandishing the bottle with more than a touch of pride, “I was a germaphobe before germaphobes were cool!” And it’s true. Peter has always had a slightly higher-than-average concern about germs. We live in a small town, with no regular job to go to and no children to care for. Add to that Peter’s insistence that we have a four-month supply of all the essentials, and our lives have

been less affected than anyone I know. My parents are in Florida and it looks like they will be staying there for the indefinite future. Normally, they’d be heading back north, but they don’t know where they’d stay on the way home and, with everything so uncertain, they’re staying put. They are in their 80s so, naturally, I worry. But my mother seems pretty calm. “We don’t play bingo!” she explains, as if bingo was the primary source of the contagion. She tells me they’ve shut down the pool and the Internet room and the woodshop where my dad likes to go. “But not pickleball!” she tells me. Pickleball games continue, with or without a pandemic. Before the restaurants were shut down, we had dinner with our scientist friends, Mary and Wolfgang. It’s nice to have the news digested and parsed by scientists. But they were not terribly reassuring. “I’ve been washing

my hands until they’re chapped!” Mary complained. Their son has just started work as an EMT and Mary feels certain he will contract the virus. She is afraid—but he is young and strong and helping people. She is proud of him. The hardest hit are, of course, the very old and the very sick. My brother-in-law is both. Peter’s oldest sister’s husband is dying of Alzheimer’s and now she cannot visit him. Everyone in the nursing home is so fragile that they have shut the door to visitors. “He won’t understand why no one is visiting!” she tells us, and I’m sure this is true. I don’t know how much he understands about anything at this point but he certainly will not comprehend that a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic is preventing his wife from seeing him. “I’ve been thinking, maybe I could look at him through the window,” she says, and my heart breaks

a little, imagining her standing outside the window of the nursing home in the early spring cold. The nursing staff promised they would let her come when her husband is dying. No one knows when that will be. For those of us who have it easy, life is not much different and not so very difficult. For those who already have too much on their plate, these times are almost too much to bear. Peter read somewhere that the sun was good at killing the virus. I hope this is true. I know the sun provides cheer and we could certainly use some more of that. So, right now, I’m watching the sky and waiting for the sun.  
**Till next time,**  
**Carrie**  
*Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at Carrie Classon.com.*

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# Columns and News

## Businesses say: Top priority is well-being of employees, customers and communities

PIERRE, SD – The 4,000 member-businesses of the South Dakota Retailers Association are reminding consumers that the well-being of employees, customers and communities remains their top priority. Restaurants, grocery stores and other retailers are following CDC guidelines and taking extraordinary steps to protect the public, while continuing to serve their local cities and towns. “Most businesses are prioritizing local needs right now, said Executive Director Nathan Sanderson. “Across the state, restaurants have stepped

up to provide free meals for students, stores are donating to nursing homes, and mom and pop shops are putting their communities first.” Many retail businesses continue to operate, while implementing unprecedented human health and sanitation measures. From restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, pubs, and coffee shops, to shoe stores, hardware, auto repair and barbers, these businesses remain committed to their communities. Retailers in more than 160 different business categories have undertaken expansive

efforts to remain open and continue to meet the needs of South Dakotans. “We are working to stay informed and take all necessary actions for the wellness of our guests, crew-members and everyone in our community,” said Emily Zarecky-Stember, owner of Drifters Bar and Grille in Fort Pierre. “Guests can join us for dinner or pick-up their meals curbside while taking comfort in knowing that we remain committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment today and every day.” Local businesses are protecting the public in a

number of ways. Efforts include adding or expanding delivery services, inviting customers to order by phone or email, and delivering curbside or to the home or office. In many cases, special shopping or dining hours have been established to accommodate older or at-risk customers. Convenience stores and gas stations are offering to pump fuel or providing disposable gloves for customers. Grocery stores have implemented frequent sanitizing procedures, paying particular attention to items that are regularly handled: door

handles, checkout counters, menus, shopping carts and baskets. “Many retailers around the state remain open, to continue to provide that service to their communities,” said Sanderson. “It’s a responsibility they take seriously because they love their towns and want to help see their neighbors through this challenging time.” There are many ways to give back by supporting mom and pop stores. Consider supporting a local business by purchasing an encouraging gift or thank you to those providing outstanding service.

Retailers will gladly send a gift certificate, ship items directly, or facilitate curbside pickup. As we spend more time at home, take a minute to like, share or comment on the social media posts of your favorite local book store, coffee shop, or boutique. Look back to the holiday season and write a review praising a business’s exceptional customer service. Businesses can only serve their communities with the support of consumers. Be safe and shop local.

## Dusty Johnson: Economic Impact of COVID-19

**By Rep. Dusty Johnson**  
It’s no secret, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed serious hardships on many South Dakotans and Americans across the country. From the closing of schools, to the negative effects on small businesses, as well as the struggles of social isolation, this illness is greatly affecting all our day-to-day lives. To mitigate these effects, South Dakota’s delegation is working around the clock alongside our state and local officials to provide relief to those affected.

Our governor quickly called on the Small Business Administration (SBA) to activate the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program in South Dakota because of the pandemic. I, along with Senators Thune and Rounds stood alongside her, urging the SBA to approve this request immediately. On March 14, I voted in support of a comprehensive bipartisan federal aid package – the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. This relief package ensures the

continuation of support services, prioritizes testing and diagnosing COVID-19 cases, bolsters containment and mitigation efforts, and creates programs to financially support employees and employers adversely impacted by the pandemic. This includes the creation of a temporary national paid sick leave program and a refundable payroll tax credit to cover the cost that will inevitably be incurred by employers. The Senate joined the House in passing this relief act, and the bill was

signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020. This relief is in addition to the \$8.3 billion of emergency supplemental funding I supported in early March to assist the initial response to the coronavirus. The Senate and House are working on a third comprehensive package that will focus on the economic impacts the pandemic has had on small businesses, individuals, and hard-hit industries, as well as additional health care resources. We need to ensure any phase three

bill is fact-based, fiscally responsible, and helps not only big industries like the airlines and manufacturers, but smaller businesses that are being hit hard by this economic uncertainty. Most importantly, we need more tools to stabilize volatility in the ag economy. Our ranchers and producers were struggling before this pandemic and market conditions have only deteriorated. While it is the government’s duty to provide assistance to the nation in great times of need,

we also have responsibilities as good citizens to take care of one another. Take the CDC’s social distancing recommendations seriously. Check in on friends and neighbors. Make sure those at higher risk in your communities have the supplies necessary during this uncertain time. South Dakota’s communities are strong and will be a significant factor in how we survive this crisis as a state.

**“Where the old tracks are lost, new country is revealed with its wonders.” — R. Tagore**

# Columns and News

## Prairie Doc Column: History has its eyes on us

*By Jill Kruse, DO*

History has its eyes on you. That is a quote from the popular musical Hamilton, but as we are dealing with a global pandemic it also applies to all of us. The year 2020 is going to be remembered someday in history books. How it will be remembered is in part, up to us. Will this year go down in history as a time of great selfishness – with people hoarding masses of toilet paper and masks? Will this year go down as a time when we

all came together to help our neighbors through this scary and uncertain time? There are heartwarming stories of people in Italy singing from their windows at night. All these voices raised up together to bring hope and a small spark of joy. Even though they are separated physically by the quarantine, they unite in spirit and in song. In the United States there have been reports of neighborhoods that are connecting on social media to see who on their block needs

resources. They assign “team leads” to check in with each family to see if they need anything. The “team lead” arranges for someone in the neighborhood to deliver groceries and medications to the doorsteps of the elderly or those quarantined. Families are home eating together each night. Activities have been cancelled and the normal day to day busyness has gone away. At my own home, board games are being pulled out of the closet, books are being

read more, and family movie night is a regular occurrence. There is no rushing to get out the door to this activity or that event. In the midst of the fear and the uncertainty, I am trying to savor the quiet moments at home with those I love most. Now is the time to re-connect with family and friends that you “didn’t have time” to talk with. Now is the time to send that text or email. Don’t hesitate to make that phone call or Facetime someone who is

important, but previously was not high on your list of things “to do”. This past week I have had more phone calls and text messages from friends and family than I can ever recall before. That has been a gift. Every day we write history. Today we get to decide what people will remember about this year. Let’s do everything we can to show how we can come together to save lives and overcome this disease.

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## Johnson praises expanded trucking hours of service amid pandemic

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) praised the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMC-

SA) decision to expand commercial drivers’ hours-of-service during the national COVID-19 pandemic. “During uncertain times, our nation’s supply chain

must remain strong,” said Johnson. “Our truck drivers play a crucial role – they make sure our grocery stores are stocked and our medical supplies are delivered. I’m grate-

ful for FMCSA’s swift action to relieve trucking hours-of-service to ensure Americans have the supplies they need during this outbreak.” On Wednesday, Johnson

urged FMCSA Acting Administrator Jim Mullen to provide trucking hours-of-service relief in order to expedite emergency relief shipments during the COVID-19 outbreak. The

expanded hours apply to vehicles carrying emergency supplies like medical equipment, sanitation products, and food and agriculture commodities that keep Americans fed.

## SBA approves Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fund Program access for South Dakota

“I submitted a request to the SBA for expedited approval of the disaster relief declaration and received word this afternoon that South Dakota has been approved,” Noem said. “Both my Office of Economic Development (GOED) and the Department of Tourism have been working diligently to reach out and survey companies to determine the impact of COVID-19 on our small business community. If your business is impacted by COVID-19, please reach out to my team at GOED or Tourism. We are here to help.”

The following are additional details provided by the SBA:

- SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to \$2 million in assistance per small business and can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.
- These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not

eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.

- SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower’s ability to repay.
- SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government’s coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible. Small businesses can learn more about

the program and apply for financial assistance at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) or call the SBA at 1-800-659-2955.

Small businesses with questions about this SBA loan program or other assistance provided at the state-level can call 605-773-4633 to speak directly with a GOED representative. Businesses can also stay informed on news and guidance related to COVID-19 and its impact on South Dakota by visiting the state’s dedicated coronavirus website at [COVID.sd.gov](http://COVID.sd.gov).