Tall Tine Bowstrings Opens Shop on South Main

By Emily Sougrace

"I never imagined it would go this far."

That was what new Canton business owner Phillip Johnson said when asked how his archery shop and custom bowstring-building company, Tall Tine Bowstrings, first came to be.

Johnson, a Canby, Minn. native, grew up quite familiar with the sport of archery and bowhunting. After graduating from high school, Johnson attended college in Watertown and frequented a small archery shop located in town for repairs and other small tasks.

Because the Minnesota hunting season traditionally begins before South Dakota's, he had brought his bow in to the shop to have some maintenance work done on it so he would have it in time to go hunting. Johnson learned the skills of the trade through books and instruction manuals and eventually constructed their own bow press. "One of my friends welded it, and the other was kind of a mechanic," he said. "They helped me build it and then two years later when college was done, they had all moved home and I was still there in my dorm room with all this equipment and I thought, 'Well now what do I do with it?'" said Johnson. "I just kept on going with it, I got some customers. That was back in 2008, and today it's a full-time business."

Tall Tine Bowstrings is an authorized Precision Shooting Equipment (PSE) archery dealer that sells bows, arrows, sights, quivers, and other types of archery equipment, as well as state-of-the-art strings and cables made locally to offer.

In the hunting community, word travels fast," he said. "We have customers from all over the country, but it's the local people that I love to work with. You don't get that same interaction through mail orders."

One day, Johnson returned to the shop after taking a few days off to find a young boy riding his bike back and forth down the sidewalk next to the building. When the boy saw him, he quickly flagged him down. "Oh, you're finally here!" the boy said. "I have a bow I need you to look at. I've been waiting every day for you to come back!"

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By Michael Tidemann

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School Board Wins Award for Canton Band Directors from Past to Present

By Rollie Steck
The Canton School District met in regular session on Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at the Canton High School Library. School Board Member Jennifer Skiles and School Board Member Terry Iverson were not in attendance at the time of roll call.

School Board President Todd Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Skiles entered the meeting at that time.

The following items under New Business were considered consent agenda. First was to accept the resignation of Head Volleyball Coach Michelle Kippley and Assistant Football Coach Andy Steffensen. Next was for Gannon and accept the contract from Jacob Versteeg for the Theatre Manager position. Item C on the agenda was to accept the new enrollment request for an 11th grader from Yankton. The walk through on December 10 and this will involve parents, teachers and the State. He said it will help the School get to know how to gain parents more involved and be inviting to new students. Finally, DeVitt said the School had a School Improvement Process Report. He said they have developed an action plan to improve professional development for teacher and staff growth. DeVitt noted that this action plan will also establish a school-wide attendance and awareness campaign.

Middle School/High School Principal Russ Townsen gave his Board report next. First, he said the JA Inspire was a really cool event and a huge success. He said the students had a chance to connect with a wide variety of post-secondary institutions and many different employers. Next, he mentioned that they began their mid-year assessments to gauge the students’ progress in the Middle School for the NWEA assessment. Also, he mentioned that they have the Seniors completing the NCER team to determine if an area of readiness for the workplace and post-secondary education. Finally, Townsen mentioned that Gannon has been working with the student leaders. As this is one the goals that came out of the culture survey. Gannon said he loves working with and developing student leaders. Townsen thanked Gannon for all his work.

Next, Superintendent Terry Gerber gave his Board report. He started by running through some of the proposed football changes from the SDHSAA beginning in the Fall of 2021. The first recommendation would be to go to five classes of football. This would be three 11-man classes and two 8-man classes. 11A would have the top max enrollment of High Schools. 1A would have the next six largest Schools and 1B would have roughly thirty Schools. 9A and 9B would have roughly thirty Schools in each class. The next recommendation would be to enact a 25 point running clock for 11AA. This means if a team is winning by 35 points or more in the second half, the clock will only stop for timeouts and scoring plays. Another recommendation from the SDHSAA would be to change the way when teams can start practicing. Next, Gerber mentioned that they had some issues with the School Alert Notification System and people not getting text messages. Gerber said they should have it resolved.

Finally, Gerber provided the following for the award that the Canton School Board has earned this year.

The Associated Schools of Boards of Dakota (ASBSD) is pleased to recognize the Canton Board of Education for earning a bronze level award in the ALL program for the 2018-19 school year. ALL, which stands for Act, Learn, and Lead, recognizes boards members for their dedication through their participation in ASBSD activities including training opportunities, development events, and by demonstrating leadership at the local, state, and national level throughout the fiscal year.

Superintendent Gerber said, “We are very fortunate to have School Board Members who are not only committed, but who also take their responsibilities seriously, attend training sessions and are willing to learn how to serve on a School Board more effectively. The training they attend undoubtedly benefits our students, staff, and community.”

Next under New Business was to formally recognize and congratulate the 2019 High School Football team on their win at the 11A State Championship. Gerber said they delivered the polls as the smallest District in 11A and beat the largest District for the State Championship.

Gerber congratulated Coach Rich Dietzenbach on his 1000th win. Dietzenbach said the Elementary kids loved when the Football players walked through the hallways last year. Motion to approve by Gustad. Seconded by Dietzenbach. Unanimous approval.

The final item under New Business was a discussion regarding the City providing a School Resource Officer. Gannon mentioned that he has been in contact with each School Board Member individually on the phone regarding this issue. He said he has also been in contact with City Commissioner Todd Baldwin regarding creating office space. Gannon and said he told Baldwin that they would welcome the Officer with open arms. Gannon and Gerber both expressed that they are very excited for the School Resource Officer in the District. Gannon mentioned that it is great for students to start building relationships with law enforcement. With no further discussion, motion to take a recess before executive session at 7:59 p.m. By Rollie Steck
Deforestation in the Amazon

By Callie Waite

As we face an environmental crisis in a hot topic in all forms of media. We have actions that have been happening, like illegal mining, logging and ranching. In August 2019, Bolsonaro was found to have known that the fires that led to most of this damage were caused by humans. Bolsonaro not caring for environmental issues for his seat, and he bears much of the blame to save the rest of the Amazon since then.

The Amazon is a vital part of our environment. It plays vital roles to our oxygen and carbon cycles. Producing six percent of the world’s oxygen and is considered to be a carbon sink. A carbon sink absorbs large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere playing a vital role in the carbon cycle. Knowing the importance of the Amazon, you can do your part in spreading awareness of this crisis by reposting on social media and donating to the Rainforest Trust.

LGBT Discrimination

By Kailey Jansen

Did you know quite a few high school students take classes online instead of in the classrooms? There are many reasons why people take online classes. Some students take classes online to get out of certain classes that they do not want to take. Other wise they take those classes because they did not pass the first time in class. In the following paragraph is reasons why people take those classes and if they should be able to take them.

I believe online classes are good for some students. However, I believe too many students are taking advantage of them. Students should be able to take them if they struggle a lot with the certain subject and cannot comprehend it through the classroom.

The Death of Juice WRLD

Jared A. Higgins, better known as the well-known rapper, Juice WRLD, died unexpectedly at age 21 on December 8 in Chicago. Juice WRLD had a lot of top songs including “Wasted” and “Lucid Dreams”.

Juice WRLD was on a flight from California, which had arrived early Sunday morning. As he was walking through the airport, he suffered a seizure. Law enforcement that rushed to him as Juice WRLD was bleeding from the mouth when it arrived. A search of his luggage, investigators allegedly found 41 bags of suspected marijuana and xanax prescription pills of suspected liquid cocaine, which he had in his luggage at the terminal claimed ownership of the luggage. Police said the investigation of his death is still going on.

Doling classes in high school are not fair and are only looking for a way out of certain classes that they need to take. Also by having them take classes online, students are not learning certain life skills for their future like they would in the classroom. Doling classes also is not fair to students who try their best in the classrooms for a whole semester, while some students are doing minimum by taking online classes that they can get done in a week. I believe some students should be able to take online classes if they struggle in the classroom. However, they should not be able to pay for them because they are just trying to get an easy way out.

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Teens Taking Classes Online Instead of the Classroom?

By Emma Nov

Both high school basketball programs have a new head coach this year. Coaching the boys team is Taylor Fechter, who was at the Canton MS and HS in the girls department. He’s been a C team coach for 12 years but this is his first time being head coach. Mr. Fechter said, “I am extremely excited for the future. We have a great blend of upperclassmen and young guys. The guys have really gotten after it and bringing high energy, flying around the court and getting after loose balls. As a coach, it is something you really like seeing in practice.”

Coaching the girls team is Gregory Schoults. He’s been dedicated to helping boys and girls to help student athletes they can be. Greg has done this through being the athletic director of the Boys and Girls Club in Camlin County and coaching many basketball teams at South Dakota Network Basketball. Good luck to you both this season.

If you want to give your child the best start in life, you should enroll your child in a good preschool. At Kids' Place Preschool, we have a variety of programs to choose from, including full-day and half-day options. Our experienced teachers use a hands-on approach to teaching, and we offer a range of activities and games to help your child develop essential skills for success in school and beyond. Call us today at 605-946-7675 to schedule a tour and see why Kids' Place Preschool is the perfect choice for your child's early development.
This will be my last column as executive director of the Lincoln and Minnehaha County Economic Development Associations, as I have accepted a position with the American Coalition for Economic Assistance. After seven years of working with the businesses and communities of Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, I will miss the excitement of helping to shape economic development in our region. I will also miss working with so many of you, because individuals like you are the community are the foundation of our economic development across the region.

Throughout the past two decades, this region was establishing a reputation for economic growth and two major developments, it has been the positive attributes of local leaders and outward effects that have made the difference. Volunteers, who can and county commissions have worked together to make tough decisions, to commit budget dollars to social infrastructure projects and to work hard to make their communities a better place to live. That partnership for economic success has extended to the two organizations that have emerged in our region. Together LCEDA and MCEDA have established patterns for regional economic progress that has been recognized by the Governor’s Office for Economic Development, economic development organizations in a state as a model of cooperative, sustained community development. Our greatest strength is the ability to share ideas that work and the biggest triumph is the willingness to celebrate the success of our neighboring communities.

To do our part of growing our region and providing jobs for our friends and neighbors is vitally important and satisfying work—thank you for being a part of that effort. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you for the past seven years and I look forward to the continued success of LCEDA and MCEDA.  

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Kelly’s March took the championship in his weight class for the Canton C-Hawks.

with wrestling starting at 9:30. The C-Hawks were led by 7 individuals champions and in that group they recorded 21 victories to keep the team to score 275 points for the team title. The Hawks were reassigned the 2nd place team Jackson County Central with 316 points followed by Harrisburg with 310, Minnewaska 309, Waseca 301, Mankato East 298, St. Peter 297, Austin 296, Spring Grove 295, New Ulm 291, and Spencer 290.

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Koryn Ockenga wrestled in the 103 pound weight class placing fifth for the C-Hawks.

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Farmers State Bank Holiday Hours


Merry Christmas to our Loyal Customers this Christmas Season

I hope they never figure out why I was invited and take me off the list but so far, I am on the invite list and I’ll go ahead and mark. There were a lot of wins handed out and it was fun to hear them as we had such a great season and they deserve all of them. A lot of records were changed this year and hopefully I can get a story about the season next week. If we can get through all the stats. Rich handed out. I love stats and I报表 not a whole Coach Lundstrom as he has a list of everything and I sure like the top 10 lists and all that kind of stuff. It will be in the paper so keep looking.

Well Christmas is coming up soon and I hope you are getting your shopping done and if not check out some great C-Hawk stuff either at the Hahns or if they have them out at a ball game. I got a good present for Saturday when Emily came home for the Holidays so that is fun to hear her home so we can all be home for Christmas. I keep getting family back for Christmas but now with all these computers and fancy phones you can talk with everyone or see them on the phones which is really nice. So from my family to yours Merry Christmas and have a very Happy New Year and see you at a ball game soon.

Sports

By Rich Beitzel

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Lance Tieszen scored 8 points while Verley had seven rebounds. The final score was Flandreau 65 and Canton 73 to take home the win. Canton is now 2-0 for the season.

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The C-Hawks took on the Flandreau Indian School last Saturday at home. Kayden Verley Scored 46 points for the C-Hawks and Lance Tieszen scored 8. Tieszen rebounded eight while Verley had seven rebounds. The final score was Flandreau 65 and Canton 73 to take home the win. Canton is now 2-0 for the season.

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