

136th Annual SDNA Convention Ramkota, Sioux Falls | May 3-5, 2018



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from the president



Kelli Bultena, President, SDNA Publisher/Editor. Lennox Independent & Tea Weekly

elcome to Sioux Falls and the 136th annual convention of the South Dakota Newspaper Association. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to make this a priority.

We have a lot packed in to our short time together and we hope you will discover some new ideas and a renewed sense of how important your role at your community newspaper is.

Many of us have a unique position in the communities we serve. We report the news — seldom make it. However, this weekend, it's all about you — your newspaper, our industry.

This weekend we will focus on how all of us can work together to ensure good local coverage of the important stories in our communities. Plus, the convention will provide us with an opportunity to learn from one another about ways to build revenue and enhance our products.

This year's theme of "Putting it all Together" defines the diversity of the topics we'll cover - design, advertising, high school journalism, open government, FOI and even candidate debates.

Many thanks to the staff at SDNA for their effort and organization in bringing these opportunities together. Conventions are a great time to connect with old friends and meet some new faces. We hope you'll find time to enjoy yourself in Sioux Falls and take advantage of the many attractions the city has to offer.

Thank you for attending!



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schedule of events



Featuring



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8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Registration Desk, Silent Auction and Trade Show Opens <i>Convention Center Lobby</i>
9:15 a.m.	"Getting People to Pick Up Your Newspaper" with Kevin Slimp <i>Amphitheater II</i>
10:00 a.m.	Introduction to SD News Watch Amphitheater II
10:45 a.m.	Panel Discussion: Persuading Advertisers Your Newspaper is the Best Option with Letti Lister, Billy McMacken and Charley Najacht Amphitheater II
Noon:	Luncheon with Eagle Award presentation <i>Roosevelt</i>
1:15 p.m.	 Concurrent Sessions: 1) Panel Discussion: Supporting High School Journalism with Marina Hendricks Amphitheater II 2) 10 Ways to Boost Your Website's Traffic with Thad Swiderski Conference Room 3
2:15 p.m.	Presentation of SDNA Better Newspaper Contest Advertising Awards <i>Amphitheater II</i>
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	 Concurrent Sessions: 1) InDesign Styles with Kevin Slimp Amphitheater II 2) How to Sell Ads on Your Website with Thad Swiderski Conference Room 3

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Friday continued

4:00 p.m.	Trade Show Concludes
6:00 p.m.	Reception/Cash Bar Convention Center Lobby
6:45 p.m.	Banquet Dinner Evening includes Hall of Fame Induction Silent Auction Concludes <i>Roosevelt</i>
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9-11:00 p.m. Hospitality *Room 1132*

Saturday, May 5:

- 7:30 a.m. President's Breakfast Conference Room II
- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Amphitheater II
- 8:15 a.m. SDNA Business Meeting Amphitheater II
- 9:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Open Government and FOI Issues in SD with Jon Arneson, Justin Smith, David Bordewyk and Tim Waltner Amphitheater II
- 10:00 a.m. Break / Hotel Check-Out
- **10:30 a.m.** Republican Gubernatorial Candidates Debate Amphitheater II

Noon Luncheon Roosevelt

- 12:45 p.m. Presentation of SDNA Better Newspaper Contest Editorial Awards and General Excellence Amphitheater II
- **1:30 p.m.** Convention Adjourns

Featuring



Jon Arneson



Justin Smith





David Bordewyk Tim Waltner



South Dakota Newspaper Association has a long history of hosting political candidate debates and this year's convention continues that tradition.

SDNA is proud to host a debate between the two Republican Party candidates for governor: U.S. Congresswoman Kristi Noem and S.D. Attorney General Marty Jackley. The primary election date is June 5. The general election date is Nov. 6.

A panel of four South Dakota journalists will ask questions of the candidates. Those journalists are: Brianna Schreurs of the SDSU Collegian, Robert Slocum of the Timber Lake Topic, Seth Tupper of the Rapid City Journal and Stu Whitney of the Argus Leader, Sioux Falls.

Mark Roby, retired regional publisher for Dakota Media Group (Watertown and Aberdeen), will moderate the debate.

Audience members are asked to be respectful and refrain from any applause or disruptions during the debate. There will not be any questions allowed from the audience.



Attorney General Marty Jackley



U.S. Representative Kristi Noem

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Thank you to the following companies and organizations for their support of our convention. Their sponsorship benefits our association in the planning and hosting of this annual meeting. We are grateful to them and encourage you to express your thanks as well during this convention.

Thursday Evening Welcoming Reception

Argus Leader Media Cory Myers, News Director

Woods Fuller Schultz & Smith PC Justin Smith, Attorney

Friday Noon Luncheon

South Dakota Pork Producers Council Stacey Sorlien, Program & Communications Director

South Dakota Electric Utility Companies Steve Willard, Executive Director

Friday Afternoon Break

South Dakota Community Foundation Stephanie Judson, President

Friday Night Banquet

South Dakota Beef Industry Council Suzy Geppert, Executive Director

> NewzGroup Ian Buchanan, Vice President

Friday Night Hospitality

Rocket Printing, Inc.

Saturday Breakfast

MDU Resources Group, Inc. Laura Lueder, Corporate Public Relations Manager

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Saturday Noon Luncheon

South Dakota Rural Electric Association Brenda Kleinjan, Director of Communications & Member Relations

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1882-1883 - John T. Cain, Huron Times 1883-1884 - J.F. Ryan, Blunt Times 1884-1885 - S. J. Conklin, Watertown Dakota News 1885-1889 - Augustine Davis, Huron Huronite 1889-1891 - George W. Hopp, Brookings 1891-1892 - N.C. Nash, Canton News 1892-1893 - Thomas W. Bishop, Volga Tribune 1893-1894 - John Longstaff, Huron Huronite 1894-1895 - J. E. Patten, Salem Special 1895-1896 - J. D. Reeves, Groton Independent 1896-1897 - T. B. Roberts, Armour Chronicle - Times 1897-1898 - Lyman J. Bates, Lake Preston Times 1898-1899 - G. M. Farley, Madison Outlook 1899-1900 - Henry S. Volkmar, Milbank Review 1900-1901 - J. H. Halliday, Iroquois Chief 1901-1902 - T. W. Taubman, Plankinton Herald 1902-1903 - W. F. Bancroft, Watertown Public Opinion 1903-1904 - Charles E. Allen, Brookings Press 1904-1905 - C. R. Tinan, Kimball Graphic 1905-1906 - Harry Wentzy, Pukwana Press-Reporter 1906-1907 - Charles F. Hackett, Parker New Era 1907-1908 - W. R. Donald, Britton Sentinel 1908-1909 - R. E. Dowdell, Artesian Advocate 1909-1910 - C. M. Day, Sioux Falls Argus-Leader 1910-1911 - W. C. Lusk, Yankton Press & Dakotan 1911-1912 - Len V. Doty, Doland Times-Record 1912-1913 - Charles McCaffree, Howard Press 1913-1914 - Hans Demuth, Deutcher Herald, S. Falls 1914-1915 - M. M. Bennett, Yankton Herald 1915-1916 - George Schlosser, Wessington Springs Republican 1916-1917 - E. B. Yule, Alexandria Herald 1917-1918 - L. E. Aldrich, Big Stone Headlight 1918-1919 - J. H. McKeever, Aberdeen American News 1919-1920 - H. A. Sturges, Beresford Republic 1920-1921 - R. O. Schaber, Hudson Hudsonite 1921-1922 - Dean C. Trippler, Canova Herald 1922-1923 - E. S. Danforth, Vermillion Republic 1923-1924 - Paul Dutcher, Brookings Register

1924-1925 - John H. Craig, Tripp Ledger 1925-1926 - J. S. Smith, Belle Fourche Bee 1926-1927 - E. B. Oddy, Woonsocket News 1927-1928 - Carmon L. Bates, Onida Watchman 1928-1929 - L. W. Robinson, Mitchell Gazette 1929-1930 - C. P. Sherwood, De Smet News 1930-1931 - Casper Nohner, Havti Herald-Enterprise 1931-1932 - G. G. Warner, Gregory Times-Advocate 1932-1933 - H. H. Heath, Artesian Commonwealth 1933-1934 - W. G. Tamblyn, Miller Press 1934-1935 - C. E. Saunders, Centerville Journal 1935-1936 - H. B. Tysell, Britton Journal 1936-1937 - D. C. DeVany, Mobridge Tribune 1937-1938 - Harold W. Card, Webster Reporter & Farmer 1938-1939 - Harold W. Carpenter, Beresford Republic 1939-1940 - John B. Perkins, Highmore Herald 1940-1941 - L. B. Boorman, Lemmon Leader 1941-1942 - Aubrev H. Sherwood. De Smet News 1942-1943 - Fred Christopherson, Sioux Falls Argus Leader 1943-1944 - Chas. H. I. Mitchell, Brookings Register 1944-1946 - E. Y. Berry, McLaughlin Messenger 1946-1947 - Fred Breukelman, The Corsica Globe 1947-1948 - R. W. Hitchcock, Rapid City Daily Journal 1948-1949 - A. M. Johnson, Sioux Valley News/Canton 1949-1950 - T. R. Burges, Clear Lake Courier 1950-1951 - Fritz Clement, Selby Record, Java Herald 1951-1952 - J. T. Trevillvan, Tyndall Tribune & Register 1952-1953 - F. Lyn Gladstone, Valley Irrigator, Newell 1953-1954 - Sid I. Davison, Miner Co. Pioneer/Howard 1954-1955 - L. L. Coleman, Mobridge Tribune 1955-1956 - B. W. "Jeff" Condit, Clark Co. Courier, Clark 1956-1957 - Wm S. Gibson, Vermillion Plain Talk 1957-1958 - Oliver F. Freed, Woonsocket News 1958-1959 - E. H. Lighter, Rapid City Daily Journal 1959-1960 - Charles A. Mitchell, Brookings Register Roy S. Adams, Gregory Times-Advocate 1960 -

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1960-1961 -	John A. (Jack) Adams, Sisseton Courier
1961-1962 -	Marvin T. Gilbertson,
	The Parkston Advance
1962-1963 -	Mike Heinbaugh,
	Queen City Mail, Spearfish
1963-1964 -	Wendell E. Long,
	Bennett Co. Booster, Martin
1964-1965 -	George M. Hunter, Madison Daily Leader
1965-1966 -	Harold D. Jones, The Redfield Press
1966-1967 -	M. B. Chilcott, Seaton, Lead, Deadwood
1967-1968 -	Wm. R. Owens,
	Potter Co. News, Gettysburg
1968-1969 -	Don L. Johannsen, Winner Advocate
1969-1970 -	Clifford D. Sanders,
	Suburban News, S.Falls
1970-1971 -	Bert Moritz, Clark Co. Courier, Clark
1971-1972 -	E. E. Hanssen, Hot Springs Star
1972-1973 -	Charles L. Card, Britton Journal
1973-1974 -	Colin Monfore, Yankton Press & Dakotan
1974-1975 -	Gene Chamberlin, Mobridge Tribune
1975-1976 -	Virgil M. Smith, Dell Rapids Tribune
1976-1977 -	E. J. Buckingham Jr., Chamberlain Register
1977-1978 -	Larry Ingalls, Webster Reporter & Farmer
1978-1979 -	L. J. "Bud" Maher, Huron Daily Plainsman
197 <mark>9-1980 -</mark>	L. Bruce Boorman, Lemmon Leader
198 <mark>0-1981 -</mark>	G. L. Sturges, Arlington Sun
1981-1982 -	Ralph Nachtigal, Platte Enterprise
1982-1983 -	Phyllis Justice, Grant Co. Review/Milbank
1983-1984 -	John Lowrie, Watertown Public Opinion
1984-1985 -	Allen Hermann,
	Spearfish Queen City Mail
1985-1986 -	
1986-19 <mark>87 -</mark>	Wayne Bertrand, Scotland Journal
1987-19 <mark>88 -</mark>	Verlyn Hofer, Lennox Independent

1988-1989 -	Larry Fuller, Argus Leader, Sioux Falls
1989-1990 -	Dale Blegen, De Smet News
1990-1991 -	Hubert Alewel, Chamberlain Register
1991-1992 -	Tim Waltner, Freeman Courier
1992-1993 -	Wendell Anderson, Canistota Clipper
1993-1994 -	Tim Waltner, Freeman Courier
1994-1995 -	Jim Moritz, Faulk Co. Record, Faulkton
1995-1996 -	Kathy Snyder Nelson, Timber Lake Topic
1996-1997 -	Jon M. Hunter, Madison Daily Leader
1997-1998 -	Brian Hunhoff,
	Mo. Valley Observer, Yankton
1998-1999 -	Nelson L. Miller, Gregory Times-Advocate
1999-2000 -	Larry Atkinson, Mobridge Tribune
2000-2001 -	Don Ravellette, The Pioneer Review, Philip
2001-2002 -	Arnold Garson, Argus Leader, Sioux Falls
2002-2003 -	Bill Masterson Jr., Rapid City Journal
2003-2004 -	Scott E. Ehler, Parkston Advance
2004-2005 -	David Clausen,
	Potter County News, Gettysburg
2005-2006 -	Bruce Odson, Leader-Courier, Elk Point
2006-2007 -	Tim Huether,
	Bennett County Booster II, Martin
2007-2008 -	Bill Krikac, Clark County Courier
2008-2009 -	Mark Roby, Public Opinion, Watertown
2009-2010 -	Hollie Stalder, Northern Hills Weeklies
2010-2011 -	Doug Card, Britton Journal
2011-2012 -	Lucy Halverson,
	Lyman County Herald, Presho
2012-2013 -	Charley Najacht, Custer County Chronicle
2013-2014 -	Steve Baker, Capital Journal, Pierre
2014-2015 -	John Suhr, Reporter & Farmer, Webster
2015-2016 -	Bill Krikac, Clark County Courier
7016-7017 -	Jeremy Waltner, Freeman Courier

Eagle Award

This award is given annually to an individual, group or organization who has demonstrated outstanding efforts to protect and enhance openness in the conduct of the people's business.

2002 The Justices of the 2001 South Dakota Supreme Court

2003 Rodney Hall, Mitchell School Board Member

2004 Larry Long, South Dakota Attorney General

2005 Brian Hunhoff, Yankton County Commissioner

2006 Vince Foley, Codington County State's Attorney

2007 Jason Gant, South Dakota State Senator, Sioux Falls South Dakota State University Collegian Staff 2008 Nancy Turbak Berry, South Dakota State Senator, Watertown

2009 Dave Knudson, South Dakota State Senator, Sioux Falls

2010 Gordon Heber, Sioux Falls

2012 Al Novstrup, South Dakota State Senator Aberdeen

2016 Corey Brown, South Dakota State Senator Gettysburg

Governor Dennis Daugaard

2018 Eagle Award Recipient

When Dennis Daugaard was elected as the 32nd governor of South Dakota in 2010, he ushered in a commitment to make government more transparent and accessible that was unparalleled in recent history of the executive branch. Among his first decisions was to make public the invitation lists to governor's events such as the annual pheasant hunt. Gov. Daugaard and Attorney General Jackley in 2012 appointed an open government task force that recommended eight legislative proposals, five of which ultimately became law. The governor has used the power of his office to implement several initiatives to increase accessibility and transparency. He has made available online the minutes and agendas of state boards and commissions. He made state government administrative rules easier to navigate on the state government's website. And Gov. Daugaard has consistently supported the publication of public notices in local newspapers as a way for the taxpayers to know about the business of local governments. During his two terms in office, Gov. Daugaard made a commitment to open government that will serve our state well into the future.

Distinguished Service Award

Recognition of people who have provided outstanding service to the newspaper profession in South Dakota.

- 1978 Camille Yuill 1979 - Fred Christopherson 1980 - Alex Johnson 1981 - Aubrey Sherwood 1983 - Robert Hipple 1984 - Fritz Clement 1985 - Fred Breukelman 1986 - E. J. Buckingham Jr. 1987 - Wendell Long 1988 - Anson Yeager 1989 - Jeanette Lusk 1990 - George Phillips 1991 - William McDermott 1992 - Jim Kuehn 1993 - Knowles Trippler 1994 - Bert Moritz
- 1995 John Lowrie
- 1996 Gene Chamberlin

- 1997 Charles L. Card
- 1998 Merle E. Lofgren
- 1999 Keith Jensen
- 2000 Phyllis Justice
- 2001 Ralph Nachtigal
- 2003 Dorothy Allison
- 2006 Roger Toland
- 2007 Terry Hipple
- 2008 Clarence Justice
- 2009 Noel Hamiel
- 2011 Cindy Eikamp
- 2012 Terry Woster
- 2013 Parker Knox
- 2014 Chuck Brokaw
- 2015 Kathy Nelson and the late Jim Nelson
- 2016 Cherie Jensen
- 2017 Bob Mercer



Recognition of non-newspaper people who have distinguished themselves in achievement in or for South Dakota.

1975 - Dr. Hilton M. Briggs
1976 - Gladys Pyle
1977 - Al Schock
1978 - Ron Howe, Dr. Robert Vandemark
1979 - Mike Evans
1980 - Ted Hustead
1981 - Robert Karolevitz
1983 - D.J. Cline
1984 - Joseph Robbie
1985 - Josef Meier
1986 - Gene Amdahl
1987 - Wilbur Foss
1988 - Bernard Thomas
1989 - C. P. 'Buck' Moore
1990 - Eugene Thin Elk, Tillie Black Bear
1991 - Ruth Ziolkowski
1992 - Lionel Bordeaux

1993 - Charles D. Gemar 1994 - Kevin Locke 1995 - Dr. Richard Lee 1996 - Linda Hasselstrom 1997 - Sen. Larry Pressler 1998 - Dr. Robert Wagner 1999 - Terry Redlin 2000 - Sen. Tom Daschle 2001 - Lincoln McIlravy 2002 - Amb. George McGovern 2003 - Carole Hillard 2004 - Dr. Aelred Kurtenbach 2005 - Jack Marsh 2006 - Dar Baum 2008 - Bernie Hunhoff 2016 - Jerry Lohr

Distinguished Service/Achievement Award

Combines the features of both awards.

1987 - Sen. James Abdnor 2002 - Allen H. Neuharth

Outstanding Young Journalist Award

For recognition of the outstanding work of a journalist under the age of 30. One winner is chosen annually from a weekly newspaper and a daily newspaper.

2000 Steve Buchholz, Rapid City Journal Jeremy Waltner, Freeman Courier

2001 Jerrod Niedermyer, Brookings Register Wendy Williams, Custer County Chronicle

2002 Chuck Blomberg, The Daily Republic, Mitchell Jason Ferguson, Custer County Chronicle

2003 Wayne Hammond, Watertown Public Opinion Laura Woodard, Hill City Prevailer News

2004 Elissa Grossell, American News, Aberdeen Erik Kaufman, Hutchinson Herald

2005 Rich Remmers, Watertown Public Opinion Sarah Ebeling, Parker New Era

2006 Emily Arthur, American News, Aberdeen Ariel Emery, Southern Union County Leader-Courier, Elk Point

2007 Seth Tupper, The Daily Republic, Mitchell Anne Homan, The Lennox Independent

2008 Nathan Johson, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan Jamie Gibson, Parker New Era 2009 Kayla Gahagan, Rapid City Journal Amanda Fanger, Onida Watchman

2010 Joe O'Sullivan, Watertown Public Opinion Billy Drown, Hill City Prevailer News

2012 Chris Huber, The Daily Republic, Mitchell Matt Heinrichs, Lake Preston Times

2013 Luke Hagen, The Daily Republic, Mitchell Carrie Moore, Custer County Chronicle

2014 Jeremy Hoeck, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan Erica Gaspar, Tea Weekly

2015 Brooke Cersosimo, The Daily Republic, Mitchell

2016 Evan Hendershot, The Daily Republic, Mitchell Emre "Ray" Erku, Reporter & Farmer, Webster

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hall of fame



1934 - Alice B. Gossage, Rapid City Journal 1935 - George W. Kingsbury, Yankton Press & Dakotan 1935 - George Schlosser, Wessington Springs Republican 1935 - Clate Tinan, Kimball Graphic 1936 - Newman C. Nash, Sioux Valley News, Canton 1936 - Carter Sherwood, De Smet News 1937 - Len V. Doty, Doland Times-Record 1937 - C.E. Sanders, Garretson News 1938 - Robert E. Dowdell, Artesian Advocate 1938 - Charles F. Hackett Sr., Parker New Era 1939 - Irwin D. Aldrich, Big Stone Headlight 1939 - Erie S. Danforth, Vermillion Daily Republican 1940 - Lyman J. Bates, Lake Preston Times 1940 - Thomas B. Roberts, Pierre Daily Dakotan 1941 - W.C. Allen, Dakota Farmer 1942 - Paul Dutcher, Brookings Register 1943 - Baron C. Dow, Argus Leader 1946 - D.C. DeVany, Vermillion Plain Talk 1946 - J.F. (Dick) Halladay, Iroquois Chief 1947 - Charles M. Day, Argus Leader 1948 - H.A. Sturges, Arlington Sun 1949 - R.O. Schaber, Hudson Hudsonite 1950 - John H. Craig, Tripp Ledger 1951 - James S. Smith, Belle Fourche Bee 1951 - J.B. Townsley, Vermillion Dakota Republican 1952 - W.W. Sanders, Dell Rapids Tribune 1953 - Albert J. Adams, Sisseton Courier 1954 - W.R. Ronald, Mitchell Daily Republic 1954 - Edward L. Senn, Deadwood Daily Telegram 1955 - John E. Hipple, Pierre Capital Journal 1956 - Stephan A. Travis, Pierre Times, Capital Journal 1957 - Charles H. Hornbeck, Centerville Journal 1958 - Doane J.L. Robinson, SD Historical Society 1959 - E.B. Yule, Alexandria Herald 1960 - Howard C. Anderson, Aberdeen American News 1961 - Will A. Wells, Webster Journal 1962 - William S. Dolan, Grant County Review 1962 - R.W. Hitchcock, Rapid City Journal 1963 - Royal A. Turner, Brookings County Press 1964 - Charles H.J. Mitchell, Brookings Register 1965 - Fred H. Monfore, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan 1966 - Lloyd B. Boorman, Lemmon Leader

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- 1995 Keith Jensen, SDNA
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- 2001 Merrill Hunter, Madison Daily Leader
- 2002 Richard Lee, SDSU Journalism
- 2004 Merle E. Lofgren, Corson/Sioux Co. News-Messenger
- 2007 Wayne Bertrand, Scotland Journal

- 2007 Gordon Garnos, Watertown Public Opinion
- 2007 Tim Giago, Indian Country Today
- 2007 Ralph Nachtigal, Platte Enterprise
- 2011 Dale Blegen, De Smet News
- 2011 Jo Hall, Mobridge Tribune
- 2011 David Kranz, Argus Leader
- 2012 Noel Hamiel, The Daily Republic
- 2016 Jim Moritz, Faulk County Record
- 2016 Kathy Nelson, Timber Lake Topic
- 2016 Tim Waltner, Freeman Courier
- 2016 K.B. "Kenneth" Way, Watertown Public Opinion
- 2017 Larry Atkinson, Bridge City Publishing, Inc.



Helen Clausen

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

Helen Clausen joined the Eagle Butte News in 1964 as a copy editor. She became managing editor in 1969 and continued in that position until her retirement in 1992. Helen became an award-winning community newspaper journalist who devoted her time and talents to serving the Eagle Butte community and the readers of the Eagle Butte News. She would go across prairie country to take photos of a buffalo herd, travel great distances to a basketball game so there would be photos and a story for the newspaper and would rely on her family to serve as a tasting jury for her cooking column. Helen was widely respected for her work as a community newspaper editor and was well known for her "Round Town with Helen" column. She died in 1998 from complications related to a heart illness.



Brian Hunhoff

Brian Hunhoff started his newspaper career in 1978 at age 18, working for his brother Bernie's Yankton County Observer. By 19, Brian was sports editor, ad manager, circulation director, columnist, photographer, junior partner and co-publisher. Hunhoff worked 1985-1987 for the Yankton Press and Dakotan, but returned to the Observer as editor in 1988 and became sole owner in 1990. Hunhoff was president of SDNA in 1997-98. He is a member of the SDNA First Amendment Committee. Hunhoff currently serves as Yankton County Register of Deeds. He sold the Observer in 2002, but remains a weekly contributing editor. Brian has won countless state and national journalism awards over the years. He received the SDNA Eagle Award in 2005. Brian and his wife Roxann have four children and two grandsons.

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