

## Eight Ballot Questions Submitted to Secretary of State's Office by Deadline

Pierre, SD – Secretary of State Shantel Krebs announced that at 5pm Monday, November 9th 2015, the number of Statewide Ballot Questions submitted to the Secretary of State's office for review was a total of eight. Secretary Krebs stated that, "It will take the next two months for the Secretary of State's office to process all of the petitions, but we hope to have the entirety reviewed by the first of the year."

Below is a reference of the Ballot Measures and information regarding the process the Secretary of State's office will be undertaking:

### 2016 Ballot Questions

Challenges to all statewide initiatives and referendums must be brought within 30 days after the petition has been validated and filed by the Secretary of State (SDCL 12-1-13)

#### 1. When does the 30 days start to run?

The 30 days starts to run once the petition is officially filed with the Secretary of State's Office; the petition is only filed after the Office goes through the petition validation process and determines that the petition contains a sufficient number of signatures to be filed.

#### 2. How will potential challengers know when their 30 days begins to run?

Once the Office makes a determination that there are a sufficient number of signatures such to file the petition,

the Secretary of State's Office will make that information publically available through social media, including twitter updates that are available on the Secretary of State's website.

#### 3. How is each petition labeled or marked? How should challengers make arrangements to review the petitions?

The Secretary of State's Office runs each self-contained petition through a scanner, which places the date, time and a sequential number on each petition. Challengers seeking to "research" the signatures pursuant to SDCL 12-1-13 should contact Kea Warne at the Secretary of State's Office (605) 773-5003 to make the necessary arrangements.

#### 4. How much does it cost for copies of the petition sheet?

The Secretary of State is required by state law to charge \$1.00 per page for copies. Copies of petitions are two pages due to the petition being printed front and back side which would calculate to a copy fee of \$2.00 per petition. This fee applies to both paper and electronic copies.

#### 5. What order do you process the petitions in?

The Secretary of State's office will process each petition one at a time, and in the order in which they are received.

### 2016 General Election Ballot Measures

- HJR 1003 (Constitutional Amendment R)
- Referred Law 19 Petition - SB 69 - certified June 29, 2015
- Referred Law 20 Petition - SB 177 - certified June 30, 2015

Petitions Submitted to the South Dakota Secretary of State (In the order received)

1. Petition - An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to expand rights for crime victims
2. Petition - An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to provide for state legislative redistricting by a commission
3. Petition - An initiated measure to set a maximum finance charge for certain licensed money lenders
4. Petition - An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution limiting the ability to set statutory interest rates for loans
5. Petition - An initiated measure revising campaign finance and lobbying laws, et al. Fiscal Impact Statement
6. Petition - An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution establishing nonpartisan elections
7. Petition - An initiated measure to give certain organizations the right to charge fees
8. Petition - An initiated measure to legalize marijuana for medical use Fiscal Impact Statement

Link to Website: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2016-ballot-questions.aspx>

## The Value Of The National Career Readiness Certificate

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

When a business needs to hire a new employee, there's a lot to consider. An applicant's previous jobs, education and the recommendations of others are all part of the equation. These things are important; but when it comes down to it, managers are really just looking for someone who will succeed on the job.

This is where the National Career Readiness Certificate comes in.

This certificate, known as the NCRC, has been used by employers across the nation for nearly 20 years. It consists of three assessments developed by ACT, the college entrance exam company. The assessments measure an individual's ability in applied mathematics, reading for information and locating information.

The applied mathematics section measures math reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving techniques for work-related problems. Reading for information tests how well an applicant can read and comprehend different types of work-related materials, from memos and bulletins to policy manuals and government regulations. A third test measures how well an applicant can locate information when drawing from materials such as diagrams, floor plans, tables, forms and graphs.

Regardless of occupation, the assessments can provide reliable, relevant information about an individual's abilities.

ACT has profiled more than 20,000 individual jobs across the country to determine the level needed for success at any particular job. An NCRC can be earned at four levels. The Platinum level indicates an individual has the skill level needed for 99 percent of the jobs in the database. If one earns the Gold level, it means one has the skills for 90 percent; Silver, skills for 65 percent; and Bronze, skills for 35 percent.

The Department of Labor and Regulation offers NCRC assessments to any job seeker. Since testing began six years ago, nearly 12,000 South Dakotans have earned an NCRC and, compared to the national average, our job seekers consistently have attained higher levels.

I'm happy to say that I've taken the three tests myself. I completed the core assessments a few weeks ago to become more familiar with the certificate, and I've challenged my cabinet and staff to do the same.

After taking the test myself, I'd encourage businesses to become more familiar with the NCRC. Even if applicants are lacking in academic certificates or diplomas, they may still have the right work skills. The NCRC can indicate when that is the case. The NCRC benefits job seekers and employers, and it's a valuable tool for a state that is experiencing workforce shortages

## Bergen Lutheran Church WELCA hosting their 18th annual "Come to the Table"

Bergen Lutheran Church WELCA will be hosting their 18th annual "Come to the Table" event on Saturday, November 21st at 10 AM in the Bergen Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jenny Peterson, speaker and author, will be our special guest sharing her story of faith and how God has worked in her life through her loss of sight, numerous surgeries and her now restored sight. Jenny's never give up attitude is ever present when she shares her story through speaking and in her self-published book, "She Walked By Faith, Not By

Sight". You won't want to miss hearing her incredible journey and story of faith! Dawn Nelson of the Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band will be sharing her gift of music as well.

"Come to the Table" began at Bergen in 1997 and has featured a variety of musical and entertaining programs over the years. One of the highlights of this annual event is always the beautifully decorated tables.

Bergen Church is located seven miles west of Vermillion on the Timber Road. Join us and Celebrate Fall . . . . Celebrate Faith!

See what's brewing on the job market.

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### Turner County, SD Land Auction

160 +/- Acres Turner Township  
Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 · 11:00 AM

We will sell the following real estate at public auction at the Tract 2 landsite located from Davis, SD, ¼ mile west on SD Hwy 18 3 miles south on 460th Ave.

Here are two outstanding tracts of land in Turner County SD. This land is highly productive with excellent soils and is available to the new owner for the 2016 crop year. The land is currently in a corn/soybean rotation and Tract 2 includes extensive tiling and a possible home/acreage site with a tree grove. Don't miss this auction if you are looking to expand your current farming operation or purchase as an investment. The land will be offered in 2 tracts and the tracts will not be combined.

**Tract 1: Abbreviated Legal Description:** W ½ SW ¼ 9-97-52 less building site/acreage estimated at 9 acres. Selling approximately 70 acres however final legal description and acres to be determined after survey of acreage. Buyer will be purchasing number of acres based on survey. Located from Davis, SD, ¼ mile west on SD Hwy 18 and 1 ½ miles south on 460th Ave. According to the Turner County Director of Equalization the land has a county soil rating of .862. According to Surety/AgriData predominate soils include: Wentworth-Chancellor-Wakonda silty clay loams and Egan-Trent silty clay loams with a productivity Index of 86.1. This tract includes 8 acres of CRP on the south end of the property with the CRP contract expiring in October of 2016. The seller will retain the final CRP payment, but in exchange for succession to the CRP contract for the 1 remaining year, the seller will allow the new owner to farm the tillable land that is not selling located adjacent to the acreage rent free for 2016. This is estimated at 8+ acres. Base acres of corn and soybeans will be prorated based on cropland and to be determined by FSA after the sale of the land. Tract is enrolled in the ARC-CO for the current farm bill. Vested drainage rights filed. Tract does not contain any restricted Wetlands (W). All areas are considered Prior Converted (PC) and are without restriction, according to NRCS. Taxes TBD.

**Tract 2: Legal Description:** E ½ NE ¼ 20-97-52 Turner County, SD. 89 +/- acres however final legal description and acres to be determined after survey of land. Buyer will be purchasing number of acres based on survey. Located from Davis, SD, ¼ mile west on SD Hwy 18 and 3 miles south on 460th Ave. This tract is located one mile south of the southwest corner of Tract 1. According to the Turner County Director of Equalization the land has a county soil rating of .675. According to Surety/AgriData predominate soils include: Egan-Ethan complex 2-6% slopes and Chancellor silty clay loam and a productivity rating of 79.1. According to the FSA there are 84.02 acres of cropland with an 84 acre corn base. Tract is enrolled in the ARC-CO for the current farm bill. The land includes extensive tiling, tile map available on our web site or by request. Vested drainage rights filed. Tract does not contain any restricted Wetlands (W). All areas are considered Prior Converted (PC) and are without restriction, according to NRCS. This tract includes 2014 Taxes: \$1,077.54.

**TERMS:** 15% nonrefundable down payment day of sale with the balance due at closing on or before January 15, 2016. Title insurance and closing costs split 50/50 between buyer and seller. 2015 taxes due in 2016 to be paid by the seller. 2016 taxes due in 2017 to be paid by the buyer. The number of acres sold in each Tract to be determined by survey completed prior to the auction with acres to be understood to be "more or less". The sellers do not warranty or guarantee that the existing fences lie on the true and correct boundary and new fencing, if any, will be the responsibility of the purchaser pursuant to SD statutes. The property is sold in as is condition and as a cash sale with no financing contingency. Sold subject to existing easements, restrictions, reservations, or highway of record, if any. Information is deemed to be correct but it is not guaranteed. All prospective buyers are encouraged to inspect the property and verify all data provided. Statements made the day of sale take precedence over all written advertising. Real Estate licensees are agents for the seller. Sold subject to confirmation of owner.

For additional information, maps and pictures visit:  
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## GARVEY FAMILY LAND AUCTION

194.81 +/- acres near Gayville, SD

To be sold in two parcels

Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 10:00am

Auction held at Minerva's, Yankton, SD

The Garvey family will offer 194.81 +/- acres of prime farm land south of Gayville, SD. The land is located 1 ½ miles south of Hwy 50 on 450th Ave. This is some of the most productive land in the region. The property has good access and lays level to the eye. The tenant has been notified and this property is yours to farm next season.

The land is being sold by legal description in two separate parcels known as Parcel 1 (78 +/- acres) and Parcel 2 (116.81 +/- acres). The land has not been surveyed for this sale and the owners make no representations of boundaries or fence lines. Parcel 2 includes 4 grain bins as part of the purchase.

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### Legal Descriptions

**Parcel 1:** Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE4 SW4 & SW4 SE4) Section 23, Township 94 North, Range 54 West, Yankton County, SD 78 +/- acres.  
2014 Real Estate Taxes due in 2015: \$2,461.44

**Parcel 2:** North Half of the Southwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter Except Tract 1 of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (N2 SW4 & NW4 SE4 EXC TRACT 1 NW4 SW4) Section 23, Township 94 North, Range 54 West, Yankton County, SD, 116.81 +/- acres.  
2014 Real Estate Taxes dues in 2015: \$3,612.70

### TERMS:

- A 4% Buyers Premium and sales tax will apply.
- The following non-refundable down payments from the winning bidder(s) are due the day of the auction:  
Parcel 1: \$125,000  
Parcel 2: \$175,000
- The winning bidder(s) will be required to sign agreements to purchase the day of the sale.
- Real Estate Taxes are current. 2015 Real Estate taxes due in 2016 will be the responsibility of the Seller.
- An Owners Title Insurance Policy and closing fees will be split 50/50
- Closing will take place at Yankton Title Company.  
Parcel 1 will close between January 4th, 2016 & January 11th, 2016.  
Parcel 2 will close on or before December 30, 2015.
- Possession will be given at closing, subject to the rights of the current tenant.
- The Parcels will be sold separately and not combined.
- New Harvest Land Brokers, LLC are representing and working on behalf of the sellers.
- Information herein believed to be accurate but not warranted. All announcements made on the day of the sale take precedence over any printed material.
- This auction is open to the public.

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