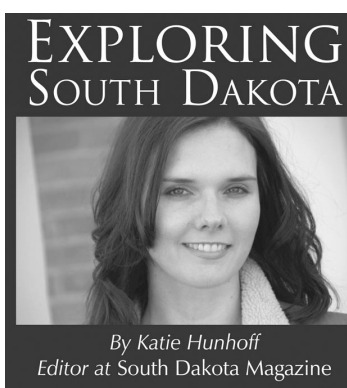


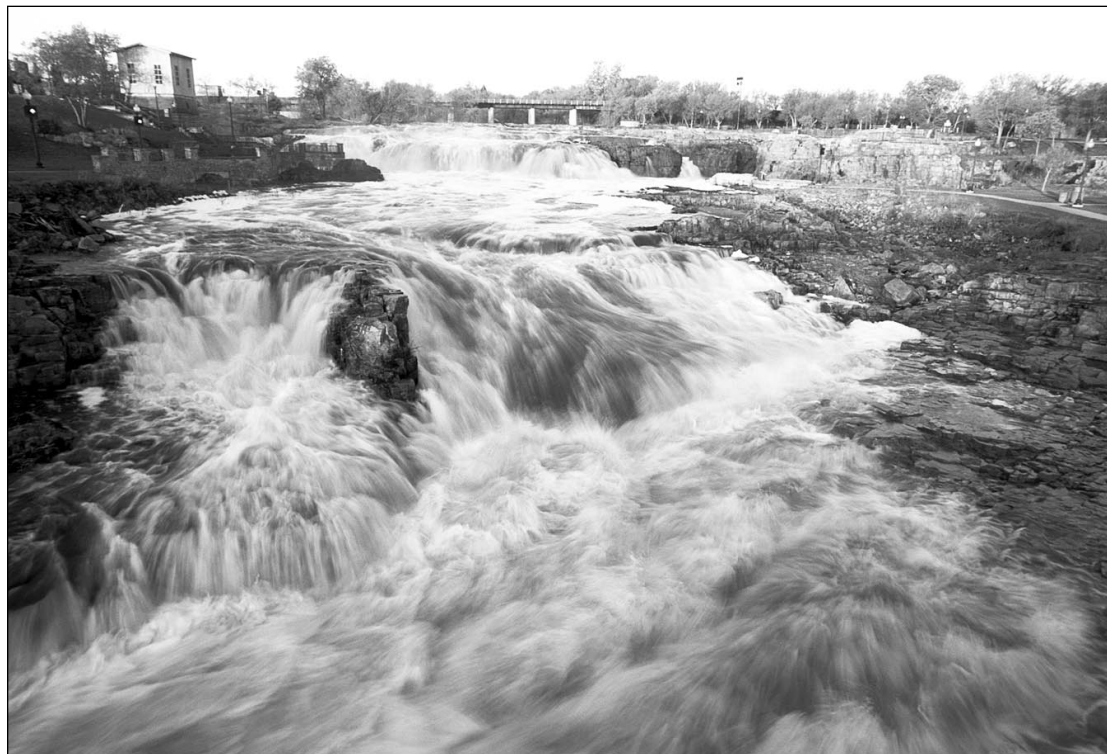
Autumn Falls



No matter where you live in South Dakota, the splendor of fall is close at hand. My favorite October destinations, however, are those rare places that combine autumn leaves and falling water — whether it's the gurgling streams of Sica Hollow in the northeast to the wild waterfalls of the Black Hills.

Murmurs from small waterfalls in Sica Hollow add to the eeriness that caused early Native Americans to name it Sica, or evil. Springs gurgling from the ground probably made scary echoes at night. And the constant flowing water beckoned both wildlife and people to the hollow, some who were fatally trapped in the Hollow's red-dish bogs. "Indians, over time, have observed either animals or possibly people getting into the bogs and not being able to get out," says Dave Daberkov, park manager of Sica Hollow and Roy Lake.

The Falls of the Big Sioux River are our state's only falls that you can enjoy while sipping a latte in an outdoor café. Not surprisingly, the falls (located near the downtown



of South Dakota's biggest city) are the most developed in the state with a visitor's center and a 50-foot observation tower, art center and café located in a restored 1908 hydroelectric plant. Falls Park covers 42 acres, the centerpiece being the waterfall's three tiers that drop a total of 80 feet.

The state's biggest waterfalls reside on the west side of the state in Spearfish Canyon. The tallest, Bridal Veil Falls, is 80 feet high and is named for its thin, wide flow. Snowmelt seeps out of a basin at the top of the falls each spring, creating the bridal veil effect.

Another of the Canyon's falls is Spearfish Falls. After being shut down for nearly 80 years as Homestake Mine

diverted the stream's water flow, Spearfish Falls began flowing in 2003 when mining ended. At 70 feet, some say Spearfish Falls are the Canyon's most spectacular due to its privacy, abundant vegetation and strong water flow. Brilliant red, yellow and orange foliage surround the waterfall.

Roughlock Falls, the third of the Canyon's large waterfalls, is the most accessible. For years, Roughlock was fenced off. In 2007 the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks took ownership of the area and built paths, viewing platforms and picnic areas. The updates created a safer environment while providing great views Roughlock is the smallest of the Canyon falls, meas-

uring around 60 feet. The name dates to pioneer days when a steep road by the creek forced wagon drivers to "rough lock" (chain a wagon wheel to control the weight of the load.)

Autumn is busy. Rural South Dakotans have crops and cattle to gather before the snow flies. The rest of us have garden hoses and lawn chairs to collect. But as the days dwindle down, where better to relax than by a rushing stream or waterfall, amid the glory of our fall foliage?

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USD, our students have opportunities to pursue national and global scholarships, enroll in signature academic programs, and (enjoy) facilities that are second to none.

With the current recession, more people are returning to school for further training or to change careers, said Regents spokeswoman Janelle Toman. South Dakota has taken strides in recent years to make higher education affordable for more students, she said.

The South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship provides \$5,000 over four years to a qualifying student who attends an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota.

In addition, the Regents have lowered non-resident tuition, which has helped offset a declining number of South Dakota high school graduates, Toman said.

"The board, several years ago, made a conscious decision to lower (non-resident) tuition to make it more attractive to out-of-staters," she said. "We need not only our own students but people from other states to come in and populate the state. Many come (to South Dakota) for college and stay."

A dramatic lowering of non-resident tuition in recent years has benefited USD and South Dakota State University (SDSU) of Brookings, which draw a large number of students from neighboring states such as Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, Toman said.

"Previously, there were different views of out-of-state students, asking if we were subsidizing them," she said. "Therefore, they increased the out-of-state tuition rate to 323 percent of the in-state rate."

"Those students voted with their feet, and that was especially felt in the corners of the state, at schools like USD and SDSU."

The non-resident tuition rate was reduced from the higher level, and out-of-staters now pay 150 percent of in-state tuition, Toman said.

The reduced tuition has helped produce dramatic results in attracting out-of-state students to USD.

Non-resident enrollment at the Vermillion-based school has increased by more than 8 percent since 2008. USD saw 2,643 non-resident students in 2009 compared to 2,452 non-resident students in 2008.

Enrollment of South Dakota students has increased 2 percent over last year. Meanwhile, enrollment of Iowa students has increased 7 percent, and the number of Minnesota students has risen 6 percent.

Abbott has set a goal of growing enrollment to 12,000. USD has undertaken a major construction phase in recent years, which has help meet the current growth mode. A number of building projects are now completed, while others are under way or on the drawing board.

In fact, the USD campus has resembled a construction zone, Abbott said.

"I think we have completed about \$155 million of construction projects," he said. "We have the room and feel like we can accommodate students."

Since 2003, total enrollment at USD has increased more than 21 percent from 7,917 students to 9,617.

During that same time

frame — from fall 2003 to fall 2009 — graduate enrollment at USD has increased by 23 percent. That includes a current 9-percent increase from last fall.

"We are very pleased to have as many students as we do, with 3.51 percent growth," Abbott said. "We are up in the number of students overall, and we are particularly pleased with the 8.85 percent increase in graduate enrollment. Both represent good numbers for us."

USD will continue its focus on research, which should bring more students, staff and dollars to campus, Abbott said.

A major boost came this week, when U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson (D-SD) announced USD will receive \$2.2 million in federal stimulus funds for medical projects and research efforts.

Research at South Dakota's public colleges has increased in recent years, producing a number of achievements, Toman said.

"For example, the medical folks at USD are doing things to make people more healthy and to create products and processes for commercial applications, particularly in biomedical research," she said.

This fall's enrollment also indicates increased cultural diversity on the USD campus. African-American student enrollment has increased by 24 percent over the previous fall, while the Asian student population has grown by 6 percent since last fall.

USD reflects an overall effort among South Dakota's public colleges for more diversity, Toman said.

"Last year, about 7 percent of our enrollment was students of color. In this state, that is primarily American Indians, although we have other ethnicities as well," she said. "At all of our campuses, we are aware of and interested in making sure they have diverse student populations. It's a challenge in this state."

The GEAR UP program provides a college experience for American Indian high school students, which can lead them to pursue a degree, Toman said.

"They have a taste of summertime on campus, and it gives them a leg up," she said.

Growth among South Dakota's public institutions is not limited to USD.

In fact, total head count at South Dakota's six public universities increased more than 2 percent over a year ago. It's the 12th consecutive year that South Dakota's public university system has reported record-high enrollments.

Total head count at the six public universities for the fall 2009 term is 33,779, an increase of 836 students, or 2.54 percent, over a year ago.

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students — based on total credit hours generated by all students within the system — increased by nearly 542 students, or 2.17 percent.

The following are the figures for South Dakota's public universities:

- Black Hills State, Spearfish: head count 4,076, up 65 for a 1.62 percent increase; FTE 2,974.6, up 63 for a 2.16 percent increase;
- Dakota State, Madison: head count 2,861, up 81 for a 2.91 percent increase; FTE 1,631.5, up 74.9 for a 4.81 percent increase;
- Northern State, Aberdeen: head count 2,672, down 133 for a 4.74 percent decrease; FTE 1,923.1, down 97.7 for a 4.83 percent decrease;
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City: head count 2,177, up 116 for a 5.63 percent increase; FTE 1,845.7, up 111.4 for a 6.42 percent increase;
- South Dakota State, Brookings: head count 12,376, up 381 for a 3.18 percent increase; FTE 10,197.3, up 297.5 for a 3.01 percent increase;
- University of South Dakota, Vermillion: head count 9,617, up 326 for a 3.51 percent increase; FTE 6,895.8, up 92.9 for a 1.37 percent increase;
- TOTAL: head count 33,779, up 836 for a 2.54 percent increase; FTE 26,468, up 542 for a 2.17 percent increase.

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MINUTES OF THE VERMILLION SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
September 28, 2009
VERMILLION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board members present: Bottolfsen, Girard, Fairholm, Lavin, Stammer.
Presiding officer present: Bottolfsen-president.
Officer present: Beermann-business manager.
Administrators present: Froke-superintendent and Cameron-high school principal.
School attorney present: McCulloch.

Item #1-510
Motion by Stammer, seconded by Girard, to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions:

- VII.A.4. USD Dakota Dome contract.
- VII.A.5. Soccer as a SDHSAA sanctioned sport.
- VII.A.6. Hyperion-study on impact to district.
- VIII.C. Graduation date, and, VIII.D. Volunteer day.

Aye: Unanimous.
Item #2-510
Motion by Girard, seconded by Lavin, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 board meeting as presented.

Aye: Unanimous.
Item #3-510
Froke presented information on the following items:

- District resource officer Clay County Deputy Paul Peterson was introduced.
- NCLB assessment report.
- Board workshop to be held mid-December.
- USD Dakota Dome contract renewal status.
- SDHSAA consideration of soccer as a sanctioned sport, and,
- Study on potential impact of Hyperion to school district.

Item #4-510
Beermann presented the following information:

- Administration changes proposed by the district's health insurance pool, and,
- Driver's education cost/revenue summary.

Item #5-510
Motion by Lavin, seconded by Stammer, to approve the anti-bullying/harassment of student's policy on second reading as amended.
Aye: Unanimous.

Item #6-510
Motion by Girard, seconded by Stammer, to acknowledge the final Contract for Purchase with First Dakota National Bank on the sale of Limited Tax General Obligation Certificates - Qualified School Construction Bonds (Tax Credit Bonds) series 2009 as presented.
Aye: Unanimous.

Item #7-510
Motion by Girard, seconded by Fairholm, to approve the change in graduation date to May 16, 2009.
Aye: Unanimous.

Cameron provided information on VHS student volunteer day that will be taking place in Vermillion on September 29, 2009.
Item #9-510
Motion by Girard, seconded by Lavin, to approve the Reading Specialist Job Description policy on first reading as amended.
Aye: Unanimous.

Item #10-510
Motion by Lavin, seconded by Fairholm, to approve the Student Pregnancy and Marital Status Policy Guidelines on first reading as amended.
Aye: Unanimous.
Item #11-510
Motion by Fairholm, seconded by Girard, to approve the extra duty payment for the following School Improvement Team members:

Sara Hage-school improvement team member at \$560.
Kelly Gilkyson-school improvement team member at \$600.
Kari Jensen-school improvement team member at \$600, and,
Kamii Dibley-school improvement team member at \$600,
Len Griffith-school improvement team member at \$560,
Anne Manning-school improvement team member at \$600, and,
Jason Gault-school improvement team member at \$560.
Aye: Unanimous.
Item #12-510
Motion by Girard, seconded by Stammer, to approve the employment of Patty Larsen as Tobacco Prevention Grant Coordinator at \$1,200.
Aye: Unanimous.

Item #13-510
Motion by Girard, seconded by Lavin, to approve the employment of Nick Amundson as drama assistant at \$560.
Aye: Unanimous.
Item #14-510
Motion by Stammer, seconded by Lavin, to approve the resignation of Connie Koch, special education assistant.
Aye: Unanimous.

Item #15-510
Motion by Stammer, seconded by Lavin, to go into executive session at 8:34 p.m. for student matters.
Aye: Unanimous.
Item #16-510
Bottolfsen declared the board out of executive session at 9:12 p.m.

Item #17-510
Motion by Fairholm, seconded by Lavin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.
Aye: Unanimous.

Mark Bottolfsen
President
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Business Manager
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the City of Vermillion, South Dakota will meet at the City Hall meeting room of said City on the 19th day of October, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at which time bids and proposals will be received, publicly opened and read at that time. The bids will be acted upon by the City Council at City Hall on the 19th day of October, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The equipment required is as follows:

New golf course wide area rotary mower
Copies of the specifications may be obtained at the office of the Utilities Engineer, 25 Center Street, Vermillion, South Dakota, 57069.

Bid security is required according to state law and the bid specifications.
Payment for the materials and services herein provided for will be in cash.

The City of Vermillion reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities

therein.
Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 5th day of October, 2009.
CITY OF VERMILLION
by
Harold Holoch,
Utilities Engineer
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NOTICE OF HEARINGS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Vermillion, South Dakota, will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, the 26th day of October, 2009, in the Meeting Room at the Chamber of Commerce and Vermillion Development Company at 916 E. Cherry Street, in the City of Vermillion, at which time the said Planning Commission will hear, consider and act upon a recommendation for the following:

A Petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Vermillion from R-1 Residential District to GB General Business District for the following described real property, viz:
S 111.75' OF E 143' OF LOT M-2 NE 1/4 13-92-52 MISC ENTRIES also known as 0916 Ratingen Strasse

Notice is further given that at the times and places aforesaid any person may appear and be heard upon all matters pertaining to the said zone change and that at said time and place the Governing Body will consider and decide whether or not this ordinance change should be approved.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Vermillion, South Dakota, will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009. Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 5th day of October, 2009.

Farrel Christensen, City Building Official
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