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FIRST QUARTER ISSUES AND ANSWERS

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ISSUES AND ANSWERS SOURCES

Jon Michaels Forum program is the longest running original interview program still on the air in Sioux Falls radio history. Forum with Jon Michaels has been honored with the KELOLAND "Jefferson Award", the Children's Hospital & School's "Perfect Wings Award", the South Dakota Education's "Golden Apple Award", Sioux Falls "Jaycee of the Month" (twice), The Sioux Falls Lions highest award, the "Melvin Jones Fellowship", The Sioux Falls Public Relations "Bright Idea" (lifetime achievement award) and the Downtown Sioux Falls "Volunteer of the Year Award".

ISSUES AND ANSWERS ASSERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT: From the Federal to State and City Council...transparency is the most sought-after necessary goal.

VETERANS: Homeless Veterans should not be freezing to death in a parking garage and Women Veterans need a “Stand Up” to catch up.

NATIVE AMERICANS: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator for the Attorney General to a Native American running for the Sioux Falls City Council...a voice is starting to be heard.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: State Human Trafficking has an office now and McCrossin explains their boy's programs for trafficked and abused boys

MAJOR ECONOMIC EVENTS: Huge gatherings are out sizing current facilities.

RECREATION: Fun promotions and generational entertaining events that keep growing every year in Sioux Falls.

GOVERNMENT:

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Feb. 11	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Theresa Stehly about the upcoming Counselor and School Board election deadlines, Property taxes, Riverline District, bees, floweres and more.

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Feb. 18	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with U.S. Attorney Alison Ramsdell, Chief Federal Law Enforcement Officer for the District of South Dakota, and Gregg Peterman, First Assistant U.S. Attorney.

from their website:

The office of the United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota sees its roots in the United States Attorney for the District of Dakota Territory. Including parts of what are today Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming along with all of what is North Dakota and South Dakota today, Dakota Territory was largely Lakota land ceded to the United States by the Yankton Treaty in 1858. In Sioux languages, Dakota means “allies.” Dakota Territory officially became

an organized territory on March 2, 1861, shortly before Abraham Lincoln took his office. In 1863 the size of the territory was reduced to the area that is today North and South Dakota. From 1861 to 1883, the territorial capital was Yankton, now South Dakota. In 1883, the territorial capital was moved to Bismarck, now North Dakota, where it would remain until statehood. Coincidentally, the first governor of the Dakota Territory was President Abraham Lincoln's own personal physician, William A. Jayne. The first territorial court of Dakota Territory was established in 1861 in Yankton. The first United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota was William E. Gleason.

VETERANS:

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Jan. 21	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Eric "Pinnacle" Weber of the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls about the three freezing deaths in such a short time in downtown Sioux Falls. One in three homeless are Veterans

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Mar. 17	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Jill Baker, Executive Director for the Community Action For Veterans, about their Stand Up for Women Veterans event.

From their website:

MISSION: Developing communities of care for veteran and military families living in South Dakota.

Contributions are used to facilitate connections within a statewide network of local partners. Together, we strive to create a better world for these families, and we thank all of you for helping us to achieve that goal.

Brief History

Community Action for Veterans (the CAV) was originally established in 2015 as an offshoot initiative of the MILVETS (military and veterans) committee of the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. We found initial success by coordinating special events focused on veteran and military family health and wellness. Many of our event partners continue to engage with us for strategic planning sessions, participate in committee meetings, and serve in an advisory capacity to improve outcomes for military-connected individuals across South Dakota.

NATIVE AMERICANS:

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Feb. 04	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Allison Morrisette, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator about a serious situation in South Dakota

from Attorney Generals press release:

The attorney general's office has put a new focus on crimes against Native American people, recently hiring two women to address problems Vargo described as interrelated: human trafficking and missing or murdered Indigenous people.

The state's Native American communities suffer from what advocates describe as crisis-level rates of people going missing or killed. Currently, 57% of people who are listed in the attorney general's database of missing people are Native American, despite them representing less than 9% of the state's total population. It's a problem that is not restricted to South Dakota. Tribes, federal agencies and state governments nationwide are trying to tackle a decades-long crisis of missing and murdered Native

Americans and Alaska Natives.

Allison Morrisette, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who previously worked in the Pennington County State's Attorney's office, will be South Dakota's new Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator. Mary Beth Holzwarth, who previously directed an organization dedicated to child sexual assault prevention called Endeavor 52, will be the Human Trafficking Coordinator.

Vargo said they would focus on pulling together resources to address crimes that often cross tribal and state boundaries.

"No single entity or agency can solve the problems that we face," he said at a news conference. "We all face some of the same problems and we have to face them together."

The hirings, however, come almost two years after the Legislature created the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator in the attorney general's office.

Rep. Peri Pourier, a Democratic state lawmaker who spearheaded the effort to create the position, said at the news conference that she was frustrated that it had taken so long to hire someone, though she credited Vargo with making it a priority once he was appointed to the office in June.

"I am actually glad it took Attorney General Vargo to come to the table," she said. "This is a problem that is going to take all of us."

Vargo has also proposed a commission, made up of advocates, state leaders and tribal officials, to advise the attorney general's office.

The hiring delay had come under the previous attorney general, Jason Ravnsborg. He had told the Legislature that he was supportive of the position, but he had not received the funding from the Legislature to do it.

Native Hope, an organization affiliated with St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, stepped in to fund the position with a grant for the first three years. Vargo said the funding will help the position get started and anticipated the state would fund the position after that.

Morrisette, the new Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator said in a statement she was determined to change how Native Americans see the state's law enforcement.

"A lot of my relatives feel they are overlooked," she said. "My job with the Attorney General's Office is to ensure that is not true."

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Mar. 31	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Allison Renville and Jacklyn Franklin about Allison's run for City Council.

from her website VoteRenville.com:

Originally from Sisseton, South Dakota Renville got further involved in the Sioux Falls scene in 2022 after spending 18 years focusing on media representation and her political activism. Motivated by the recent need for realistic and relatable community leadership, she feels confident in a run with such historical significance. She will be working hard by focusing on community outreach and campaign recruitment in these weeks to come.

Renville has dedicated her career to civic engagement and is an advocate for domestic violence victims, Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, and the Justice Impacted. Allison also served as the Public Information Officer for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate throughout the pandemic, all very crucial experience she will bring as an At-Large Council member for Sioux Falls.

Platform Ideas

Families

Universal income

Child care

Internet Access

Increase focus on

Mental health

Community resources

Workers

Job Training

Redirect resources to focus on labor and employee education and opportunities.

Encourage more labor focus grant ideas, working toward more workers rights advocacy.

Transient & Houseless Folks

Redirect and encourage new grant ideas

Focus on mental health

Housing programs

Vouchers

Designated areas

Repurpose properties

Justice & Public Safety

Reentry specific programs

Anti-death policy

Decriminalize possession by ingestion

Re Enforce policy and procedures

Address surveillance and consequence in hit and runs

Pedestrians

Cyclists

Stationary motorists
Increase focus on neighborhood empowerment
Community Health
Securing realistic access to services
Expansion of opportunity and outreach
Transportation
Autonomy and Healthcare navigation
Broader Grant allocation
Tuition expenses
Internet access
Human Relations
Refocus on Historical Preservation
Community surveying and town halls
More inclusive narratives and advocacy
Uphold South Dakota values as an adaptability effort
rather than motivated by political affiliation and divisive
ideology.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Jan. 07	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Becky Rasmussen of Call to Freedom in Sioux Falls and in Pierre...Mary Beth Holzwarth, South Dakota Human Trafficking Coordinator about trafficking in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the Midwest.

from the SD Attorney's website

Mary Beth Holzwarth began her new job as South Dakota' Human Trafficking Coordinator on Nov. 28. For the past 13 years she has served as the CEO of Endeavor 52, a grassroots organization dedicated to child sexual assault prevention. "Joining the Attorney General's Office in this new role gives me the opportunity to carry on my work combatting childhood sexual abuse and widen my focus to address other manifestations of exploitation including sexual and labor trafficking," said Holzwarth.

from Call to Freedom's website

Sex and labor trafficking trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation occur at growing rates across the United States, including in the state of South Dakota. Several intersecting factors, including extreme poverty, geographic isolation, and homelessness, result in high levels of

victimization across the state. Call to Freedom is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit based in South Dakota dedicated to bringing wholeness to all individuals impacted by sex and labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

Founded in 2016, Call to Freedom hired its first full-time staff member in 2018 and has grown to 23 full-time staff united by their passion for ensuring survivors of trafficking and exploitation are believed and supported by their community. Staff members bring decades of experience combatting violence and providing community-based services and include previous South Dakota Department of Corrections staff, social workers, law enforcement, and addiction recovery specialists.

The majority of our direct service staff had worked with Call to Freedom in their prior roles as community-based service providers and joined call to Freedom because of their passion for its holistic, person-centered approach. Our staff are uniquely positioned to serve trafficking survivors, given their experience working with people who have experienced trauma, responding to crisis situations, and identifying community resources available within the Sioux Falls community and across South Dakota.

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Mar. 10	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks					

with Christy Menniing Vastenhout, Chief Development Officer of McCrossans, about their upcoming fundraising banquet.

from their website:

McCrossan Boys Ranch is a private nonprofit 501 (c) 3 charity organization in Sioux Falls dedicated to providing New Hope for a Better Life. We reach out to boys between the ages of 12 to 20 who have experienced conflict in their lives. At McCrossan Boys Ranch we are fortunate to have our boys surrounded with dedicated and caring individuals that are living examples to the life the boys are striving for. Through values, goals, education and skills we prepare our boys to live a balanced life outside the Ranch. We also provide the boys with one-on-one counseling as well as specialized educational services so they can heal and grow intellectually. Through ranch activities such as horsemanship, 4-H, Boy Scouts and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, each boy is given the opportunity to learn and expand their horizons.

Sioux Falls Nonprofit Campus Information

McCrossan Boys Ranch is located Northwest of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It is just off of Interstate 90 on Marion Road. The 90-acre campus provides a real Ranch atmosphere. Residents are housed in cottages and there is an on-campus school, gymnasium, chapel, outdoor recreation field, riding arena and livestock barn located on

the campus. Several staff are also housed on campus.

LARGE ECONOMIC EVENTS:

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Feb. 25	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Jared Wiklund, Director of Communications of Peasants Forever and Quail Forever, about the big Festival and Banquet this weekend.

From their website:

SEMINAR STAGES SEMINAR STAGE PUBLIC LANDS PAVILION

The Public Lands Pavilion features an exciting lineup of dynamic speakers and an exhibitor area celebrating the country's 800 million acres of prairies, forests, mountains, and public lands open to all Americans for hunting, hiking, and exploring.

SEMINAR STAGE BIRD DOG STAGE

One of the most popular and highly anticipated events of National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic, the Bird Dog Stage returns with a star-studded roster of trainers will be dispensing wisdom, advice, and stories.

SEMINAR STAGE PATH TO THE UPLANDS STAGE

The Path to the Uplands stage presented by ALPS

OutdoorZ brings together a variety of well-respected influential story tellers from across the country to encourage individuals to find their own unique pathway into the outdoors.

SEMINAR STAGE HABITAT STAGE

The Habitat Stage is back again with a line-up that is sure to have something for everyone. Learn from experts on topics ranging from pheasants to quail to predators, to creating high quality habitat on small acreage to gardening for pollinators

TECHNICAL & POSTER SESSIONS UPLAND BIRD SESSIONS

This event packs years of experience and research into a handful of presentations and posters. You'll have a chance to interact with today's leading researchers on quail, pheasants, and other upland birds. Join us as we discuss all things upland bird

SHOW FLOOR ATTRACTIONS FRIDAY BIRD DOG PARADE

The annual Bird Dog Parade will kick-off the 2024 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic on Friday, March 1st at 11am. This event is unique to National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic and is highly attended. There will be over 100 dogs representing over 40 different sporting dog breeds!

SHOWFLOOR ATTRACTION YOUTH VILLAGE

Youth Village helps connect kids to nature and the uplands through a variety of hands-on activities and learning

stations. Activities this year will feature all-time favorites such as an indoor BB gun range, coloring stations, inflatable archery range, and more!

SHOWFLOOR ATTRACTION HABITAT HELP DESK

The Habitat Help Desk is an area of the show floor dedicated to helping landowners meet their habitat goals. Landowners can consult with trained wildlife biologists on how to improve their acres for wildlife habitat, as well as what local, state and federal conservations programs their properties qualify for

TICKETED EVENTS THURSDAY CONCERT FOR CONSERVATION

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, in partnership with Pepper Entertainment, are proud to announce the first-ever Concert for Conservation, featuring Trampled by Turtles w/Chester Floyd & Carl Hansen LIVE at Washington Pavilion on Thursday, February 29, in Sioux Falls.

FRIDAY FRIDAY NIGHT UPLAND RALLY

Join us Friday, March 1st to celebrate alongside passionate upland hunters and conservationists with great food, silent auction, raffles and more! Doors open at 5 pm in the Ramkota Event Center. Includes daily admission to show floor and an Annual Pheasants Forever Membership.

SUNDAY WOMEN ON THE WING BRUNCH

Spread your wings and join us Sunday morning for brunch

and mimosas! Hear from inspiring leaders in the community, learn how to get involved, and cheers with our Women on the Wing community. This year proves to be bigger than ever as we continue this Sunday brunch celebration.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY BIRD DOG FIELD CARE CLASS

Our bird dogs deserve more than we can provide, even in the best of circumstances. Come to the Bird Dog Field Care Class and leave with the knowledge, confidence, and equipment to provide the care our K9 companions need to keep them healthy and in the field.

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Mar. 24	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Josh Brewer, CEO and Evangerlist for Lifelight, about the next downtown Festival this time at Nelson Park.

from their website:

WHAT MAKES LIFELIGHT UNIQUE?

- Every Lifelight event and the LifeLight Youth Center is FREE to the public and is done by faith, and yet is still able to maintain top-quality production and event.
- LifeLight reaches and attracts multi-generations who gather together in the name of Jesus.

- Lifelight involves many church denominations, working together in unity based on the truth of God's Word and the essentials of the Gospel.

We view ourselves as missionaries, and base our work from Acts 1:8, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." We exist to proclaim the Gospel through music and the message. While on a missions trip to Mexico in 1998, God grabbed a hold of Alan's heart with the mission of "Taking the Church outside the walls." What started out as a festival on a church lawn has now grown into an international ministry involving many who have a heart to reach people with the Gospel. In John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life." From this verse the LifeLight ministry was born. Our founding principle is to offer all events/Youth Center FREE of admission so that All may come, and All may freely hear the Gospel message of Jesus Christ!

MISSION STATEMENT:

VISION STATEMENT : Giving everyone a chance to say yes to Jesus through focused driven evangelism.

PURPOSE: To present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to all who attend. Through contemporary (culturally relevant) Christian media and short-term mission trips, we seek to reach people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Our

goal is to proclaim the truth about who Jesus is and how we can know him in a real and personal way; He is the only way to eternal life.

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY: This is God's ministry. He has raised it up and He will sustain and maintain it.

HIGH IMPACT RECREATION AND SPORTS:

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Jan. 14	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks about the coming Tacos and Tequila Festival with Brian Jamros, President of the Sioux Falls Canaries, and Nick Noland, President of Social House Promotions in Kansas City.

from the Tacos and Tequila website:

<https://tacosandtequilasiouxfalls.com/>

Tacos and Tequila Festival is coming to Sioux Falls, SD at The Birdcage on August 17th, 2024!!

DON'T MISS hip hop legends:

Lil Jon

Ginuwine

Chingy

Ying Yang Twins

Petey Pablo

Twista

Mike Jones

We're bringing the whole festival experience, including:

NEW Tequila Tasting Lounge

NEW Shot Bar

The areas BEST Taco Chefs

Hand Crafted Margaritas

Chihuahua Beauty Pageant

Queso & Salsa Competition

Lucha Libre Wrestling

AND MORE!

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Mar. 03	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Huset;s Speedway General Manager Doug Johnson about the upcoming summer season starting on May 12th.

from their website: husetsspeedway.com

"HUSET'S SPEEDWAY ADDS \$100,000-TO-WIN HUSET'S HIGH BANK HUSTLE TO \$250,000-TO-WIN BILLIONAUTO.COM HUSET'S HIGH BANK NATIONALS

Inside Line Promotions – BRANDON, S.D. (Nov. 8, 2023) – A pair of six-figure World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series events will highlight the four-day BillionAuto.com Huset's High Bank Nationals, which runs

June 19-22, 2024.

In addition, the Outlaws will return to Huset's Speedway Labor Day Weekend for a new two-day Huset's Shootout with the finale paying \$40,000 to win, marking six races for the World of Outlaws this year at the high-banked dirt oval.

The marquee event in June kicks off with the inaugural two-day, \$100,000-to-win Huset's High Bank Hustle (June 19-20). That's followed by the even bigger two-day \$250,000-to-win, \$5,000-to-start BillionAuto.com Huset's High Bank Nationals (June 21-22), which equals the largest payout in World of Outlaws history – established last season with this event. Each of the opening night races (June 19 and June 21) will pay \$20,000 to the winner.

A complete format for each event during the BillionAuto.com Huset's High Bank Nationals week will be released closer to the crown jewel event.

Four-day ticket packages are currently on sale at <http://www.HusetsSpeedway.com>.

The new two-day Huset's Shootout on Labor Day Weekend will run Saturday, Aug. 31, and Sunday, Sept. 1, with the winner of the event finale receiving \$40,000.

The event is part of a tripleheader with action beginning on Friday, Aug. 30, when the Cressman Sanitation 410 Outlaw Sprint Cars kicks off the weekend with the Bull Haulers Brawl Season Championship presented by Folkens

Bros. Trucking.

Three-day ticket packages and camping for the Huset's Shootout go on sale Thursday, Nov. 9, at <http://www.HusetsSpeedway.com>."

HUSET'S SPEEDWAY FEATURING SEVERAL MARQUEE EVENTS AND STRONG WEEKLY PROGRAM IN 2024 SEASON

Inside Line Promotions – BRANDON, S.D. (Nov. 20, 2023) – The 2024 racing season at Huset's Speedway will showcase 22 nights of competition highlighted by four events that pay at least \$40,000 to win.

The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series visits for six race nights. The four-day BillionAuto.com Huset's High Bank Nationals runs June 19-22 with the special \$100,000-to-win Huset's Hustle on June 20. The event finale pays \$250,000 – a World of Outlaws record – to the winner for the second straight year.

Additionally, the World of Outlaws invades the track during Labor Day Weekend (Aug. 31 and Sept. 1) for the Huset's Shootout capped by a \$40,000-to-win main event.

The famed 14th annual Silver Dollar Nationals is July 17-20 with the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series taking part in the final three nights, including the \$53,000-to-win finale.

Multiple other nights offer stout payouts, including \$20,000 to the feature winner during the other two nights (June 19 and June 21) of the BillionAuto.com Huset's High

Bank Nationals.

There is a \$7,000-to-win Border Battle race for the Cressman Sanitation 410 Outlaw Sprint Cars on July 28.

The 2024 season kicks off at Huset's Speedway on May 12 with the traditional Mother's Day Opener.

The three featured divisions at Huset's Speedway – the Cressman Sanitation 410 Outlaw Sprint Cars, the Wyffels Hybrids RaceSaver Sprint Car Series and the Nordstrom's Automotive Late Model Street Stocks – will all be part of the opener and will each have at least 11 weekly shows.

All three division championships were separated by less than two dozen points in 2023 when 38 different drivers earned at least one feature triumph during the 48 total A Mains at the track.

Featured nights next season include Heiman Fire Equipment Night on June 2, Frankman Motor Company Night on June 9, the Ben Nothdurft Memorial during Bargain Barn Tire Center Night on July 17, Kwik Trip, Inc., Night on July 20 and the Folkens Brothers Trucking Bull Haulers Brawl Season Championship Night on Aug 30.

Also of note, the first night of the Silver Dollar Nationals on July 17 will feature the Tri-State Late Models and the Dirt Crown Stock Cars. The Tri-State Late Models will return the following night during the opening round of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series action. The final two nights of the event welcome the Malvern Bank Super Late Model Racing

Series.

Additionally, the season finale Huset's Shootout featuring the World of Outlaws on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 will have the Midwest Sprint Touring Series in action both nights.

Visit the Huset's Speedway website for the complete 2024 racing schedule.