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FOURTH QUARTER ISSUES AND ANSWERS

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By Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels

ORIGINAL LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMS OF RESPONSE

"FORUM" is produced in-studio by Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels for thirty minutes and airs every Sunday morning. Jon Michaels has been doing this program since the FCC first required it in 1977. Jon has received the "GOLDEN APPLE" award from the South Dakota Education Association, the "BRIGHT IDEA" award from the Sioux Falls Public Relations Network for "lifetime achievement", the "GOLDEN WINGS MEDAL" from the Children's Care Hospital and "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" from Downtown Sioux Falls (formerly Main Street). Jon has also received awards from the Associated Press over the years of what is still the longest running public affairs show host in Sioux Falls radio History.

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND ASSERTAINMENT

1. HOMELESS: *Every year a human being freezes to death in Sioux Falls...last year two.*

2. SIOUX FALLS VETERANS: *From Pearl Harbor to South Dakota's famous Battleship X to the new South Dakota Veteran Cemetery in Sioux Falls...Military is a big part of our culture.*

3.WHAT ONE MAN CAN DO IN A SMALL TOWN: *Our area of South Dakota small towns have "one-man heroes" that have started the impossible in many lives that now effect even far away countries.*

4. SIOUX FALLS "HEALTH FOR YOUR LIFE": *It takes a village to start a family .and Sioux Falls is a "Huge" village for family health.*

5. ALL ABOUT THE KIDS: *Radio raises over \$200,000 for the Children's Miracle Network and volunteers advocate for children involved with the Judicial system...that is Sioux Falls*

6. SIOUX FALLS RELIGION: *We take a look at our Jewish community during troubling times and also visit our history of Anti-Catholic hate in our Sioux Falls past.*

SIOUX FALLS HOMELESS:

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Nov. 12	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Eric "Pineapple" Weber, Chief Executive Officer, and Administrative Assistant & Pastor Laura Thompson about the human needs of our community.

From their website:

We are excited for our Christmas Celebration that is on December 25th. We have 3 different times for your family to pick from to join us on Christmas Day.

#1 -Chapel Service – 11:00am – 11:30am

Meal service – 11:30am – 12:00pm

#2 -Chapel service – 1:00pm- 1:30pm

Meal service – 1:30pm – 2:00pm

#3 -Chapel service – 2:00pm-2:30pm

Meal service – 2:30pm – 3:00pm

UGM Chapel and meal servicemen's center – 220 n weber avenue

UGM toy and clothing distribution main office – 701 E 8th

street

Toy and clothing distribution follows after each meal service. Please contact our office at 605-334-6732 for questions. If you would like to volunteer, please email Laura Thompson at lthompson@ugmsiouxfalls.com.

need help with life essentials and for those who are ready to build stable futures.

Program Details

Contact our Men's Center to learn more about program opportunities and ways to serve your needs.

Shelter beds are located in the clean and substance-free environment of our Men's Center with overflow capabilities as needed during extreme weather conditions.

We offer three wholesome meals daily for men who spend the night at the Mission and attend chapel service.

Basic medical care is provided by our on-site health clinic.

Clean showers and personal-hygiene items are provided.

Case management care is available to connect men with social services and resources for housing and employment.

Contact us to learn more about program opportunities.

We're Hiring For all Men's Center program questions and spiritual development opportunities, contact Todd Hill or Justin Heckel at 605-357-8271 or

office@ugmsiouxfalls.com.Women's Shelter

We offer women, children and families the physical essentials and the emotional and spiritual guidance they need to achieve stability.

Know someone who needs help?

Our weekly support group was designed for any women who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault of any kind. Contact us at 605-553-5388 to learn more.

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Let's ConnectLove working with kids?

Contact us to learn more about volunteer opportunities at our Women's Center.

Contact us to learn more about hiring opportunities at our Women's Center.

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Moving into the Union Gospel Mission Women's Center provided me with a safe place that I needed so desperately. I was also surrounded with mentors to help pay my debts, save money, stay mentally healthy and even have weekend visits with my son!

- Roechelle Williams

Community Health Worker, Sioux Falls, SD

INSPIRING STORIES OF HOPE A Safe Place To Call Home

Roechelle Williams needed a safe place ... away from the abuses she had endured ... away from meth and alcohol ... away from the triggers that tempted her back into addiction again and again.

If she could find a safe place, she could work on the long list of requirements to get her son back: get out of debt, stay sober, find and keep a steady job and move into a place of her own.

Thankfully, she knew about Union Gospel Mission.

Roechelle had stayed at the Mission twice, and she knew they would welcome her back. "I was sober, but I needed to get away from the triggers or I would start using again. And that meant losing my son for good."

Moving into Union Gospel Mission would provide her with that safe place she needed so desperately, and with mentors to help her pay her debts, save money, stay mentally healthy and even have weekend visits with her son!

“I had a great job in construction,” she says. “I was pulling up my credit score, but I still had felonies and evictions against me. I needed to find a landlord willing to work with me. There were just a lot of barriers to knock down.”

In our Women’s Center, Roechelle met each challenge and finally achieved her greatest goal—getting her son back! But there was one more exciting change to come...coming back to UGM to work! Read more on this story in our Fall 2021 newsletter.

For all Women’s Center program questions and volunteer opportunities, contact us at 605-334-6732 or office@ugmsi

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Dec. 10	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Major Marlys Anderson of the Sioux Falls Salvation Army about their "kettles" and the army of needs for Sioux Falls.

from their

website:<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/siouxfalls/>

Need Knows No Season

Approximately 13 percent of South Dakota residents fall below the federal poverty level, which is just over \$24,000 for a family of four.

Short-term solutions like emergency rent and utilities assistance offer immediate help for individuals and families who are homeless, living in poverty or facing a financial crisis. Our Work Enablement Program and Pathway of Hope help participants transition back into the workforce after unemployment and work toward breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

How We Help Overcome Poverty

The following programs are available through our Family Services at 900 N. Cliff Ave. Call 605-332-2331 for more information or to make an appointment. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 1-4 p.m.

Emergency Rent and Utilities Assistance

A person shouldn't have to choose between putting food on the table and paying the electric bill, but sadly, these are often the choices that people living in poverty are forced to make. We offer emergency rent and utilities assistance to help individuals and families make ends meet during times of financial crisis.

Appointments for rent and utilities assistance can be made Monday through Friday between 1 and 3:30 p.m. (last

client appointment is 3:30 p.m.).

For utility assistance please provide a disconnect notice, notice of action from Minnehaha County dated within 30 days of your appointment with us, a photo ID, social security cards for all members of the household and proof of income.

For rent assistance please provide an eviction notice, notice of action from Minnehaha County dated with 30 days of your appointment with us, a photo ID, social security cards for all members of the household and proof of income.

Back-to-School Shopping for Families in Need

Outfitting kids with clothes, shoes, backpacks and supplies before the start of the school year can put a financial strain on low-income families. That's why each August we invite approximately 80 children from Lincoln and Minnehaha counties who are enrolled in our youth development programs or who have been assisted by our Family Services to start their school year off on the right foot by inviting them to our back-to-school shopping spree, sponsored by Hofer Trust. We are especially grateful to Eastside Kohl's and their staff for their patience and kindness and for allowing the families to visit the store early to get their back-to-school shopping done.

Coats for All

Winter in South Dakota can be harsh, which is why for the

past 31 years we've partnered with KDLT News, Billion Automotive, Shipley's Garment Spa and Results Radio to collect winter coats and accessories for people in need. Our goal is to keep men, women and children in Sioux Falls warm during South Dakota's coldest months.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets

The holidays can be more stressful than joyful when the budget is tight. That's why we partner with Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center and Hy-Vee to provide delicious Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need. At Christmas, our partnerships with First United Methodist Church, Empire Mall and 30 Angel Tree collection sites ensure that there will be food on the table and gifts under the tree.

Prison Toy Lift Program

We make Christmas possible by providing gifts to children whose fathers are incarcerated.

Pathway of Hope

The goal of Pathway of Hope is to guide families living in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties with children 18 years and younger through crisis and instability to a place of security in order to ultimately break the generational cycle of poverty. We offer strengths-based casework, providing services such as:

financial counseling and planning

goal setting with manageable action steps
job training, referrals and employment assistance
assistance with securing housing and childcare
emotional and spiritual support

Pathway of Hope works with people where they are, offering practical guidance to help families overcome obstacles and achieve their big-picture goals, one step at a time.

Every day, more than 106,000 people in South Dakota are at risk of going hungry.

One out of 8 individuals is food insecure, meaning they might not know where their next meal will come from. We help people in need get access to nutritious food and find relief from hunger.

Hunger Is More Than Numbers

Hunger goes beyond the statistics. While the effects of hunger aren't always obvious, the truth is, you likely have a neighbor, co-worker, acquaintance or relative who is struggling with hunger or food insecurity. We are here to help.

How We Help Cure Hunger

We welcome anyone in need who walks through the doors, including the homeless, people in need of a little extra help during a difficult season, older adults and families struggling to feed their growing children. We

provide these services to help cure hunger in Sioux Falls:

Emergency Food Pantry | Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Family Services Center, 900 N. Cliff Ave.

605-332-2331

Our food pantry serves more than 1,100 low-income individuals and families from Lincoln and Minnehaha counties each year. Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., the pantry offers packaged and canned food, as well as fresh fruit, produce and meat. Individuals and families visiting the food pantry are asked to provide name, number of people in the household and their ages.

Sallie's Table Weekend Feeding Program | Saturday and Sunday from 5-6 p.m.

Worship and Service Center, 800 N. Cliff Ave.

605-332-2331

On Saturday and Sunday evenings when all other feeding programs in the area are closed, we serve a nutritious meal year-round to homeless and near-homeless people who do not have enough to eat on a regular basis.

Between 300 and 400 homeless and low-income individuals and families in Sioux Falls enjoy food and fellowship at Sallie's Table each weekend.

Senior Food Commodity Boxes

Worship and Service Center, 800 N. Cliff Ave.

605-332-2331

Older adults are often among the most vulnerable to hunger and food insecurity, which is why we offer a monthly food program specifically for low-income seniors age 60 and older. We serve approximately 440 older adults every month.

Food boxes are available for pick-up the second Thursday of each month. Homebound seniors can also make arrangements to have their food box delivered. For more information or to apply to the Senior Food Commodity Box program, please call 605-332-2331.

Sunday Morning Community Breakfast | Sunday from 9-10 a.m.

Worship and Service Center, 800 N. Cliff Ave.

605-332-2331

On Sunday mornings, when all other feeding programs in the area are closed, we serve a hot, sit down breakfast to homeless and near-homeless populations.

SIOUX FALLS VETERANS:

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Nov. 5	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Actual interview with Sgt. Shriver, Director of the Peace Corp, about the USS Battleship South Dakota. Recorded in the early 1950's.

from Wikipedia:

USS South Dakota (BB-57) was the lead vessel of the four South Dakota-class fast battleships built for the United States Navy in the 1930s. The first American battleships designed after the Washington treaty system began to break down in the mid-1930s, the South Dakotas were able to take advantage of a treaty clause that allowed them to increase the main battery to 16-inch (406 mm) guns. However, congressional refusal to authorize larger battleships kept their displacement close to the Washington limit of 35,000 long tons (36,000 t). A requirement to be armored against the same caliber of guns as they carried, combined with the displacement restriction, resulted in cramped ships. Overcrowding was exacerbated by wartime modifications that considerably strengthened their anti-aircraft batteries and significantly increased their crews.

South Dakota saw extensive action during World War II;

immediately upon entering service in mid-1942, she was sent to the south Pacific to reinforce Allied forces waging the Guadalcanal campaign. The ship was damaged in an accidental grounding on an uncharted reef, but after completing repairs she returned to the front, taking part in the Battle of Santa Cruz in October and the Second Naval Battle of Guadalcanal in November. During the latter action, electrical failures hampered the ability of the ship to engage Japanese warships and she became the target of numerous Japanese vessels, sustaining over two-dozen hits that significantly damaged her superstructure but did not seriously threaten her buoyancy. South Dakota returned to the United States for repairs that lasted into 1943, after which she was briefly deployed to strengthen the British Home Fleet, tasked with protecting convoys to the Soviet Union.

In mid-1943, the ship was transferred back to the Pacific, where she primarily operated with the fast carrier task force, contributing her heavy anti-aircraft armament to its defense. In this capacity, she took part in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands campaign in late 1943 and early 1944, the Mariana and Palau Islands campaign in mid-1944, and the Philippines campaign later that year. In 1945, she participated in the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and bombarded Japan three times. Following the end of the war in August 1945, she took part in the initial occupation of the country before returning to the United States in September. She later moved to the Philadelphia Naval

Shipyard, where she was laid up in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet until 1962, when she was sold for scrap.

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Nov. 19	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) had the honor to interview Col. Glen D. Frazier, of the few survivors left of the Bataan Death March in WWII.

(from the description about his book "Hell's Guest" on Amazon:

“It was the 1930s in southern Alabama where cotton and cornfields were the backdrop of my childhood stage. I was growing up just like everyone else—wrapped in a simple and predictable way of life. Folks were the same, weather was the same, the calendar was the same. It was such an uncomplicated time that I could never have imagined that in just a few short years the entire world would be engulfed in war and that I would be caught in the middle of it. Where I lived in Lowndes County, events in Europe and Asia, as menacing as they were, seemed light-years away. I would soon discover that they were not so far away after all.” So begins this powerful memoir about a teenage boy who, during the summer of 1941 after his high school graduation, realizes he’s in love with a 16-year-old beautiful brunette he has known since first grade. In the heat of a grief-stricken and passion-filled moment,

however, he makes an impulsive decision that will change his life in a dark and cruel way. Running away from home, he falsifies his age and hurriedly joins the Army, telling none of his family or friends. Within a month, he is halfway around the world, stationed in the Philippines, propelled into manhood, and all too soon engaged in horrific combat against the Japanese. After months of fierce fighting, Frazier's heart is broken and his mind is numb as he watches while Old Glory is lowered and replaced by the Japanese flag of the Rising Sun. Overnight everything changes and his freedom, along with the freedom of thousands of others, instantly disappears. During the next seven nights and six days, and for 90 miles, he is subjected to the unspeakable and inhumane horrors of the infamous Bataan Death March. But that is just the beginning. Frazier becomes a shell of a man as he suffers three and a half years of brutal and unmerciful treatment as a prisoner of war in the Philippines and later in Japan. In *Hell's Guest*, Colonel Frazier shares his dreadful experiences most poignantly, including the endless agony of torture, slave labor, solitary confinement, starvation, lack of adequate clothing against the elements of the weather, and all types of other abuse. At the same time, his hatred for the Japanese grows into an all-consuming force, and someday, if he survives, he is determined to get even. This captivating story doesn't end with the surrender of the Japanese army. Frazier will eventually return home yet still remain a prisoner of his own bitterness and anger—

enemies that will continue to inflict wounds that no doctors can heal. This compelling story cannot be put down until the last chapter is read and true freedom and peace are regained. "Colonel Frazier's story of survival makes him a hero—his story of forgiveness makes him a legend!" (Timothy Frost, retired Staff Sergeant, United States Army)

Glen passed away in 2018

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Nov. 26	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.
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Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Erin Brown, Director of the South Dakota Veteran's Cemetery north of Sioux Falls.

from their website:

Veterans Cemetery

The South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery is the first federally funded, state-owned and operated veteran's cemetery in South Dakota. Its official dedication date was Memorial Day 2021. The first veterans were laid to rest on June 4, 2021.

What is Provided

- * Gravesite or Columbarium Niche
- * Pre-placed Grave Liner (Standard Size)

* Headstone/Niche Cover

* Perpetual Care

Cost

Veteran

\$0 (all burial options)

Spouse

\$948 (all burial options)

*Fees for spouse/eligible dependents cannot be prepaid and are subject to change.

Burial Arrangements

The funeral director or the next of kin makes burial arrangements for an eligible Veteran, spouse or dependent at the time of need by contacting the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. A spouse or dependent is buried based upon the eligibility of the Veteran. To establish the Veteran's eligibility, a copy of the Veteran's military discharge document or a DD214 must be provided. If these documents are not available, the cemetery must be provided with sufficient military information to allow the cemetery to access federal U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and/or military records to establish eligibility. The cemetery staff will set a tentative date for the committal service pending verification of service and character of discharge, and will notify the applicant when the committal service is scheduled. The

proposed date and time will be approved only when the cemetery verifies eligibility and confirms the arrangements.

Floral Policies

Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time. Temporary containers and water are provided in locations around the main cemetery drive. Floral items will be removed from graves by cemetery personnel as soon as they become faded or unsightly. Artificial flowers may be placed on graves during the periods specified on the floral regulation signs located at the administration building. Plantings, statues, vigil lights, breakable objects of any nature and any other type of commemorative items are not permitted on the graves

Committal Services

The cemetery can do seven committal services per day, Monday - Friday, on a first-come first served basis, every hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (3 p.m. is cremation only). Committal services are limited to 20 minutes. All committal services should be brief and need to start on the hour at the scheduled time. Families who extend their services can greatly affect others who have reserved the following time. All committal services are held in the committal shelter. This ensures the family's safety and provides a fitting location for military honors and the ability of our staff to continue cemetery operations. The remains are removed from the committal shelter for burial

following the family's departure and are never left unattended by cemetery staff. Clergy services and other arrangements are the responsibility of the family or family representative. These arrangements are normally coordinated through the chosen funeral director.

Casket

A pre-placed graveliner is provided by the cemetery for all casket burials. Casket gravesites are permanently marked with an upright headstone. Cremation (In-Ground)

In-ground cremation gravesites provide a traditional burial option for cremated remains. In-ground cremation gravesites are marked with an upright granite headstone. The choice for the placement of cremated remains either in-ground or above-ground will need to be determined by the next-of-kin. Cremation (Columbarium)

The columbarium provides an above-ground option for cremated remains. Columbarium niches are marked with a granite niche cover. The choice for the placement of cremated remains either in-ground or above-ground will need to be determined by the next-of-kin.

The cemetery will serve as a hallowed resting place for all eligible veterans and family members. South Dakota Veterans Cemetery - Phasing Plan

[Click here to view the phasing plan for the cemetery.](#)

South Dakota Veterans Cemetery - Wreaths Across America

Click here to learn more about the program and the South Dakota event.

WHAT ONE MAN CAN DO IN A SMALL TOWN:

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

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with John Mogen (a 17 year member of the Sioux Falls Salvation Army and 45 year leader of Mogen's Heroes) and Doug Lund about their 45 year celebration of their band. Bring a picture of your time with the band over the last 45 years and have fun at the DT Holiday Inn on Nov. 4th with doors open at 5:30 pm as a fundraiser for the Salvation Army. The band has been part of raising millions of dollars for non-profits.

from the SD Music Association Rock and Roll Hall of Fame:

Mogen's Heroes began "having fun making music" Halloween night of 1978. Founded by Waubay native John Mogen and today featuring Wagner native Dennis Gale on guitar and Redfield kid Bill Hoffman on drums, the trio loves to play any event that wants to have fun. Averaging approximately fifty gigs a year spanning four decades, the Mogen's Heroes band van has seen a lot of territory. Forty years of consecutive playing might seem like a long time. Who says they're stopping soon?

Link to a video:

Mogen's Heroes - Live in the Roofgarden!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEcqK5mUqpk>

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

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977), talks with Bruce Blumer from Tea, SD, about his nonprofit, Haiti Alive, and his book, "It's Not My Problem...Or Is It".

from his website: HaitiAlive.org:

"Piti piti zwazo fe niche li"

Little by little the bird builds its nest

Haiti Alive is a nonprofit organized to serve God and to bring hope, health, and happiness to the people on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. We convey the message of Christ through the areas of education, healthcare, and ministering to those in need, especially women, children, and the elderly.

Grades 1-9 / Computer Lab / Language Lab / Daily Meal / Nurse on Staff / Bus to pick up the children / Security 24 hours a day

Dr. William & Hello Doctor coordinate medical care

through two clinics.

There is a shortage of medical care across the island of LaGonave. The medicine and care provided through our clinics are truly life-giving and life-saving. Mobile clinics travel to small villages, to provide care for those who have no access to medical care or are unable to travel. You can provide medicine, salaries for staff, and transportation for mobile clinics through our healthcare programs.

The goal of the Haiti Alive Village is to provide a hand-up for women by constructing simple homes, allowing women and their families to move away from difficult living settings, and providing women equity by owning a home and property.

"Men anpil, chay pa lou"

Many hands make the load lighter

contact@HaitiAlive.org

605-770-5156

1035 N Spencer Ln

Tea, SD 57064

EIN: 46-4179487

SIOUX FALLS "HEALTH FOR YOUR LIFE":

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Nov. 22	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Erik Galkowski, State Director of AARP South Dakota, about what 100,000 members in just South Dakota are doing.

From their website aarp.org

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to the more than 100 million Americans 50-plus and their families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation's largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org/about-aarp/, www.aarp.org/español or follow @AARP, @AARPenEspañol and @AARPadvocates on social media.

Advocating for people age 50-plus is at the heart of our mission. It's part of what we do every day from our national office in Washington, D.C., and from offices in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. On health security, AARP fights to protect Medicare, expand access to health care, lower prescription drug prices, support caregivers and protect nursing home residents. On financial stability, we fight to protect Social Security, establish savings plans for workers and stop scams and fraud. We also work to combat age discrimination in the workplace and speak up for the vulnerable and underrepresented on issues like affordable housing and food security.

AARP is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that doesn't endorse candidates or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. Its members come from across the political spectrum, and AARP has a long record of making sure that elected officials from both parties address the issues that matter to all Americans age 50-plus, including protecting Social Security and Medicare.

Our advocacy efforts have been nonpartisan since our founding in 1958. We have worked with Republican and Democratic administrations and members of Congress, governors and state legislators from both parties to achieve many victories for older Americans, including:

Fighting for Health Security

Lowering prescription drug prices: We helped to lower

prescription drug prices by empowering Medicare to negotiate prices of certain drugs, to cap out-of-pocket costs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries and to impose tax penalties for drugmakers that increase prices faster than inflation.

Adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare: In 2003, AARP worked with the George W. Bush administration to create Medicare Part D, which for the first time provided Medicare coverage for prescription drugs, and worked with Barack Obama's administration to close gaps in Part D coverage.

Providing Medicare coverage for telemedicine: During the COVID-19 pandemic AARP called on Medicare to expand coverage of telemedicine and for increased tax credits for health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act.

Bringing low-cost hearing aids to market: We successfully pushed for the authorization of over-the-counter hearing aids, an affordable and convenient solution for millions of Americans experiencing moderate hearing loss.

Protecting people with preexisting health conditions: AARP supported passage of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, which expanded health insurance access, prevented a costly "age tax" to purchase insurance, and required insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions.

Helping families care for loved ones: AARP supported the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, which provides unpaid

leave to employees for care of a family member or to take care of their own health.

Fighting for Financial Security

Preventing Social Security privatization: AARP fought against turning Social Security into risky private accounts and to ensure Social Security remained an earned guaranteed benefit.

Protecting Social Security COLAs: AARP fought against efforts by both parties to reduce cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security, which are especially critical when prices are rising.

Expanding and protecting pensions: We advocated for expanded opportunities for workplace retirement savings, including for part-time workers, and to protect pension benefits that workers have earned.

Protecting the medical expense deduction: AARP fought to protect the medical expense tax deduction to provide some measure of financial help for those with high health care expenses.

Fighting to Protect Consumers

Protecting consumers from telemarketers: AARP supported the rollout of the National Do Not Call Registry in 2003.

Protecting older workers from discrimination: AARP worked diligently to ensure passage of the Age

Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act in 1990, which protect workers 40 and older from age discrimination in the workplace.

AARP also has a long history of nonpartisan voter engagement. As a nonpartisan organization, we don't support or contribute to political candidates, parties or campaigns — and never have.

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Dec. 24	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Sioux Falls Police Officer Bridget Devlin, Sioux Falls Fire and Rescue Officer Steve Fessler and Ken Versteed, Executive Director of the Community Blood Bank..

from their website:

Tuesday, December 26 Scheels (41st St. & Western Ave.) between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *All who donate blood receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Wednesday, December 27 Camille's Sidewalk Cafe' (41st St. & Grange Ave.) between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-

shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket, and a free meal certificate, compliments of Camille's Sidewalk Cafe'.

Wednesday, December 27 Texas Roadhouse (4307 W. Empire Pl.) between 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. "All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket, and a Texas Roadhouse Sidekick certificate.

Thursday, December 28 Hy-Vee (37th St. & Minnesota Ave.) between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Thursday, December 28 Hy-Vee (E. 10th St.) between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Friday, December 29 Firehouse Subs (West 41st St.) between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket, and a free sub, compliments of Firehouse Subs of Sioux Falls.

Friday, December 29 Firehouse Subs (East Arrowhead Pkwy.) between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket, and a free sub,

compliments of Firehouse Subs of Sioux Falls.

Tuesday, January 2 GreatLIFE (Willow Run) between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Tuesday, January 2 Midwest Communications (500 S. Phillips Ave.) between 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcakes's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and a Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Tuesday, January 2 Washington Pavilion (301 S. Main Ave.) between 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Thursday, January 4 JJ's Wine & Spirits (3300 W. 57th St.) between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, \$10 JJ's gift card, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Friday, January 5 Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Headquarters (39th St. & Minnesota Ave.) between 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Friday, January 5 Sioux Falls Police Department (320 W. 4th St.) between 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, Texas Roadhouse Sidekick, and (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket.

Saturday, January 6 Remedy Brewing Co. (401 E. 8th St.) between 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *All who donate receive an event t-shirt, Oh My Cupcake's voucher, (2) Sioux Falls Skyforce game ticket, and a "pint coin" redeemable for your fav. brew compliments of Remedy Brewing Co.

RELIGION FROM WARS TO HATE IN SIOUX FALLS:

DATE	PROGRAM	TIME	LENGTH	START	DURATION
Oct. 29	FORUM	8:00 AM	30 MIN.	8:00 AM	30 MIN.

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with Steve Rosenthal, Administrator of the Facebook group "South Dakotans for Israel" about how the war in Israel affects those of the Jewish community in Sioux Falls.

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

Public Affairs Director Jon Michaels (since 1977) talks with John McLaughlin, Ph.D. about Catholic discrimination in Sioux Falls and where he grew up in Alabama. John is also a pioneer in special health and education.

from his website:

John McLaughlin, Ph.D. has been an education entrepreneur his entire working life. At age 24 he started a school for students who benefited from a highly personalized education. Now in its forty-third year, Benton Hall Academy in Nashville has served thousands of students many at challenging periods in life. In the mid-80's John become an associate professor of educational

administration at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. While a professor he researched the role of the private sector in school reform and started the influential Education Industry Report, tracking private investment in the education arena. He left his tenured post in academia in 1997 to focus full-time on the business of education and behavioral health.

Monsignor Louis J. Delahoyde told me a few decades ago when I was interviewing him for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Sioux Falls in the early 80's... about the KKK attacking the Sioux Falls Cathedral in the early 20's. A Catholic candidate for the President of the US led many to believe the Pope would take over our country. Over 500 members of the KKK paraded through downtown Sioux Falls and up to the steps of the Sioux Falls Cathedral.

They pounded on the front door and demanded to search the whole church for any arms that they thought were being hidden and stockpiled there. The KKK also murdered a Catholic Priest in Lead SD.