

Always Local

SDPB's local programs highlight the best of our communities.

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Dakota Life

Every community in South Dakota is unique. **Dakota Life** visits a dozen communities each year and tells their stories, partnering with residents to share their journeys and ensure they are fairly represented.



South Dakota Focus

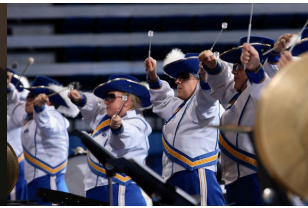
Format changes to the presentation of SDPB's public affairs TV program have lent themselves to creating a season-long story arc and telling in-depth stories on a related topic. In 2023-2024 the **Focus** was on the South Dakota education experience. In 2024-2025 the topic is Tourism.



In the Moment

Lori Walsh and her team produce a daily program that brings together thought leaders, authors, educators, community leaders, and citizens to discuss topics of interest to people across the state. These conversations are candid, yet informative.





Documentaries

SDPB has created award-winning documentaries highlighting the history and culture of South Dakota. Our unprecedented series **Images of the Past** tells stories from the earliest settlement to modern innovations and recreation.

South Dakotans appreciate documentaries about **Vanished South Dakota: Towns of Yesterday**, **Cultivating Creativity**, **Points of Pride: Quilting in South Dakota**, **The Pride of the Dakotas** – SDSU’s marching band, **Badger Clark: Poet Among the Pines**, **Surviving the Flood of '72**, and the cultural importance of buffalo in **Tatanka: A Way of Life**.

We also work with independent producers to provide them with a statewide forum for their productions: **Oyate Woyaka – The People Speak**, and **Howasteya Oyuspapi – Capturing Their Good Voices**, which document the preservation of native languages of the Lakota, Nakota, and Dakota. And programs that present intimate reviews of the Arts – like **The Power of Possibility: The Impact of Public Art in South Dakota**, **The Pomp Room**, **I Really Get into It**, **Panorama South Dakota**, **Viriditas: Twenty-first Century Hildegard**, and **Elevate**.

Other

For the past 4 years we have expanded the viewers of the **Custer State Park Buffalo Round-up** to a statewide, even worldwide audience.

For 27 years, SDPB has partnered with the Healing Words Foundation to present **On Call with the Prairie Doc**®. This year, **Prairie Doc Radio** will join our statewide radio audience, deepening the partnership.

SDPB partners with the **South Dakota Symphony Orchestra** and **The Levitt at the Falls** to provide live streaming of their concerts, expanding the reach and giving those who otherwise can’t travel to the venues the chance to experience a wide variety of music.



Always There

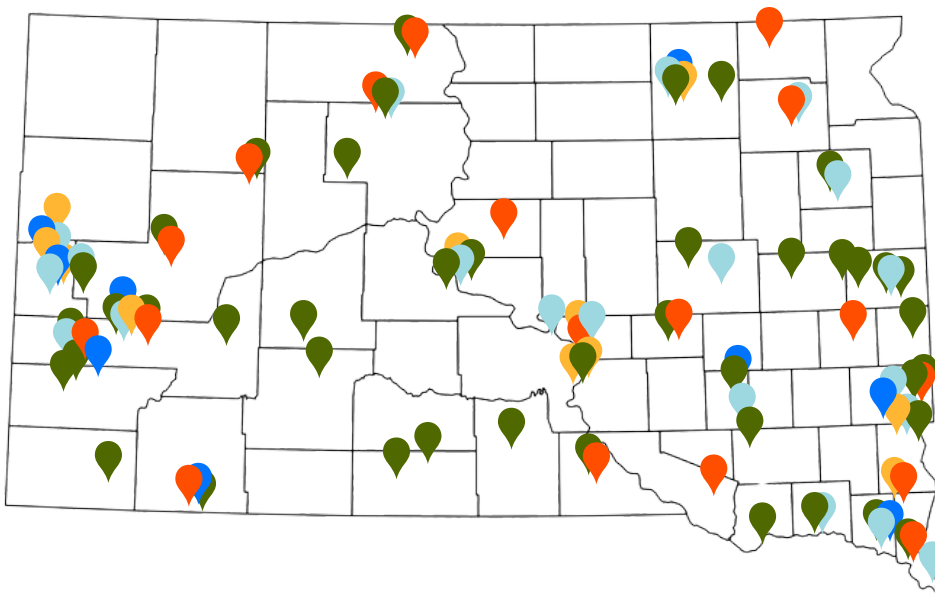
Stories from every side of the river



Engaging with communities is a priority at SDPB. We work to cultivate meaningful connections with individuals and groups in communities throughout the state. By actively participating in local events, SDPB aims to foster a strong sense of collaboration and partnership within our South Dakota communities.



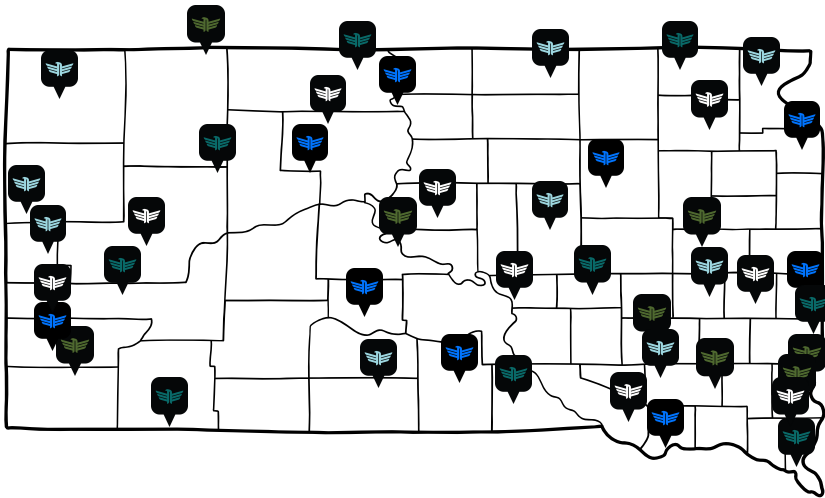
COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2023-2024



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FEATURED COMMUNITIES

In 2020, a new format of Dakota Life was introduced, aiming to highlight different communities and dig deeper into the unique stories that define South Dakota. This transformation encouraged a broader reach across the state, allowing SDPB to uncover hidden gems and stories that make South Dakota exceptional. This change strengthened engagement, cultivating a sense of connectedness and pride within the communities as they discovered and celebrated the diverse stories contributing to the rich history of South Dakota.



SEASON 23
2020-2021



Fort Pierre, The Corn Palace, Freeman, Newton Hills State Park, Canton, Lemmon, Hot Springs, De Smet

SEASON 24
2021-2022



Redfield, Winner, Eagle Butte, Custer, Murdo, Springfield, Mobridge, Milbank, Flandreau

SEASON 25
2022-2023



Sisseton, Howard, Parkston, Miller, Leola, Buffalo, Lead, Belle Fourche, Mission

SEASON 26
2023-2024



Hill City, Union Center, Timber Lake, Onida, Fort Thompson, Wagner, Beresford, Madison, Webster

SEASON 27
2024-2025



Britton, Wessington Springs, Elk Point, Faith, Pine Ridge, Garretson, McLaughlin, Burke, Box Elder

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