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als were outstanding track athletes in South Dakota.

As Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, Luikens coached high school and elementary basketball. She loved coaching the fundamentals of basketball to third grades on up; Coaching many conference champion teams and Region Runner-up teams. Mary Ellen assisted at many basketball camps throughout her coaching career not only in Scotland but also at Bob Winter's Basketball Camp in Yankton as well as camps in Menno and at the Mitchell Corn Palace.

Coach Luikens was Volleyball Assistant Coach and Head Volleyball Coach. Scotland held the State record as the highest scoring game in volleyball ending in a Scotland lost 32 to 36!!! Mary Ellen was assistant coach for the Lady Highlanders at the State Volleyball Tournament in 1995 with a Sixth Place finish and in 1996 placing 4th. She did stats at State Volleyball Tournaments numerous times. Luikens helped with many volleyball camps not only in Scotland but also Menno and Viborg.

Mary Ellen was Special Olympics Coach at Scotland from 1974 to 1993, nineteen years; Coaching Special Needs Athletes. She attended International Special Olympics in Baton Rouge in 1983. A Scotland athlete, Carl Krampe, was a member of the South Dakota Special Olympics Team. Mary Ellen and Carl's mom Helen Krampe attended coaches' workshops with Carl Lewis, Rafer Johnson, Edwin Moses and Bruce Jenner all Olympic Athletes.

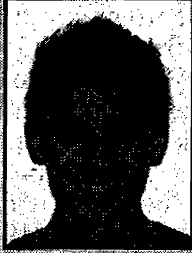
Mary Ellen played and coached fast pitch softball from age 18 to 48 for South Shore, Scotland and Menno with only one broken ankle.... sliding into second base at Florence, South Dakota and she was not even safe!!! Luikens was instrumental in starting a women's fast-pitch softball team competing with area teams for many years as well as a co-ed league.

All coaching was at Scotland... Coach Luikens was known as "MOM" by many athletes; Luikens was honored to speak at Scotland's Homecoming a couple years ago and asked the audience to raise their hand if she had coached or taught them... she was surprised on the number of hands that were raise! Mary Ellen coached two generations... going on three generations of many families! That's a lot of kids of hers! And Emily thought she was an only child!

One of Mary Ellen's past athletes, Jo (Haase) Auch, a graduate of Scotland High School, who is Assistant Executive Director of the South Dakota Activities Association, was in attendance at the Induction. Jo's duties in Pierre are Administration of girls' athletics...

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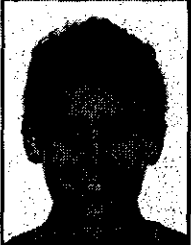
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Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers of the Codington County Courthouse, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown, SD is the time, date, and place for a Public meeting by the Board of County Commissioners to discuss and receive public input on the development of the Codington County Five Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan (Transportation Plan). The public is invited to comment on the Transportation Plan during the meeting or to provide written comment to the Codington County Auditor prior to the meeting. A preliminary draft of the Transportation Plan is available for review at the office of the Codington County Auditor, located at 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown, SD during regular business hours.

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