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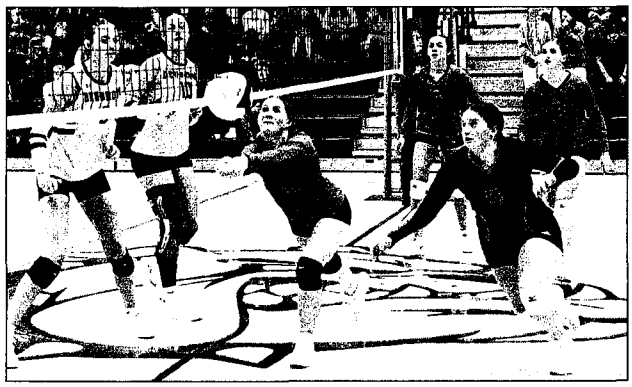
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KEEPING THE BALL IN PLAY at the net is Milbank freshman Haydyn Mitthun-Dunnihoo during Milbank's volleyball match against Deubrook Area on Tuesday, October 6, in Milbank. Avigail Howard (#5) rushes to aid with Violet Johnson (#4) and Adison Pauli (#2) ready to make the return.

Junior Varsity Lady Bulldogs Stumble in Volleyball Losses

The Milbank High School junior varsity volleyball team lost to Ortonville, MN, and Deubrook Area in recent action. The Lady Bulldogs fell to 6-8 overall on the season.

Milbank 0, Deubrook Area 2

Milbank surrendered a 2-0 loss to the Deubrook Area Dolphins on Tuesday, October 6, in Milbank. Set scores were 25-8 and 25-9.

"We needed to work on facing obstacles and working as a team," Kelli Pillatzki, coach, shared. "We did a good job of serving and being up for changes."

Sophia Bass and Brielle Grabow led the Lady Bulldogs at the service line, going 3-3 serving each.

Kendra Grong facilitated Milbank's offense with four assists.

Keira Untalan led the Lady Bulldog attack at the net with two kills. Grabow, Grong, and Kaci Zinter followed with one kill each.

Untalan solidified Milbank's defense in the back row with seven digs. Bella Hicks tallied four digs, and Grabow, three digs.

Milbank 0, Ortonville 2

Milbank suffered a 2-0 defeat at the hands of the Ortonville Trojans on Monday, October 5, in Ortonville, MN. Set scores were 25-12 and 25-18.

"We needed to work on serve receive passing and communicating effectively," Pillatzki, coach, shared. "We did a good job of keeping playing and improving skills."

Paisley Ericsson led the Lady Bulldogs at the service line, going 7-9 serving with three aces.

Ericsson also facilitated the Milbank offense with three assists. Hicks followed with two assists.

Grabow directed the Lady Bulldog attack at the net with four kills. Lorn Harstad, Untalan, and Zinter added one kill each.

Ericsson and Hicks led Milbank's defense in the back row with six digs each. Harstad followed with four digs.

Bass solidified the Lady Bulldog defense at the net with two solo blocks and one assisted block. Untalan also tallied one assisted block.

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C-Team Suffers Back-To-Back Losses in Volleyball Action

The Milbank High School C-team volleyball team came up short against Deubrook Area and Ortonville, MN, in recent action. The Lady Bulldogs fell to 4-9 overall on the season.

Milbank 1, Deubrook 2

Milbank battled, but fell 2-1 to the Deubrook Area Dolphins on Tuesday, October 6, in Milbank. Set scores for the Lady Bulldogs were 19-25, 26-24, and 4-15.

Kaci Zinter led Milbank at the service line, producing three aces. Kendra Grong followed with one ace.

Sophia Bass, Hailee Lester, and Zinter fueled the Lady Bulldog attack at the net with three kills each. Joselyn Owen added two kills, and Sydnee Weyh, one kill.

Grong facilitated the Milbank offense with 12 assists.

Grong led the Lady Bulldog defense in the back row with nine digs. Kenzey Anderson tallied seven digs. Lester collected five digs; Jenna Pederson, four digs; Weyh, two digs; Owen, one dig; Marley Pinkert, one dig, and Zinter, one dig.

Milbank 0, Ortonville 2

Milbank lost 2-0 to the Ortonville Trojans on Monday, October 5, in Ortonville, MN. Set scores were 25-11 and 25-17.

Owen led the Lady Bulldogs at the service line with two aces. Grong followed with one ace.

Zinter paced Milbank's attack at the net with four kills. Owen tallied two kills, and Weyh, one kill.

Grong facilitated the Lady Bulldog offense with seven assists.

Grong also led Milbank's defense in the back row with six digs. Zinter tallied five digs; Bass, two digs; Anderson, two digs; Weyh, two digs, and Pinkert, one dig.

Bass collected one solo block to lead the Lady Bulldog defense at the net.

Lady Bulldogs Beat Trojans; Fall to Dolphins in Volleyball

The Milbank High School varsity volleyball team split games with Ortonville, MN, and Deubrook Area in recent action. The Lady Bulldogs moved to 7-10 overall on the season.

Milbank 0, Deubrook Area 3

Milbank couldn't keep pace with the Deubrook Area Dolphins and fell 3-0 on Tuesday, October 6, in Milbank. Set scores were 25-11, 25-16, and 25-15.

"Deubrook is a strong team and they put a lot of pressure on us throughout the match," Mandy Snaza, head coach, shared. "We had some good moments, but struggled to find consistency and get into a rhythm.."

Adison Pauli led the Lady Bulldogs at the service line, going 10-10 serving with three aces. Avigail Howard followed, going 10-10 serving with two aces.

Zora Henrich spearheaded Milbank's attack at the net with five kills. Violet Johnson, Bailey Koepke, and Keira Untalan added four kills each.

Howard led the Lady Bulldog's defense in the back row with nine digs. Henrich and Johnson followed with eight digs each.

Johnson facilitated Milbank's offense with 13 assists.

Milbank 3, Ortonville 0

Milbank outmatched the Ortonville Trojans 3-0 on Monday, October 5, in Ortonville, MN. Set scores were 25-19, 25-17, and 25-22.

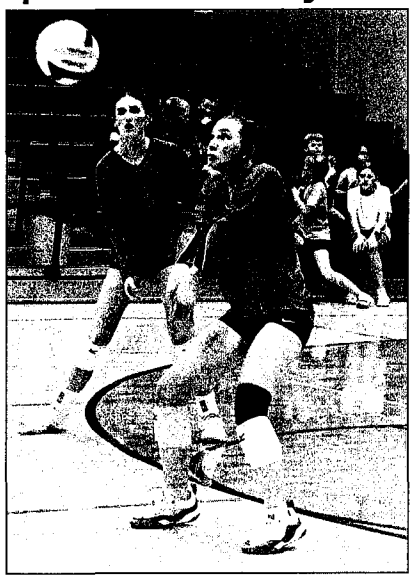
"We came out aggressive and did a great job putting pressure on Ortonville from the service line," Snaza, head coach, shared. "I thought we played with good energy and stayed in control throughout the match."

Henrich led the Lady Bulldogs at the service line with nine aces. Johnson followed with six aces, and Haydyn Mitthun-Dunnihoo tallied three aces.

Koepke solidified Milbank's defense at the net with three blocks.

Pauli led the Lady Bulldog defense in the back row with 17 digs. Lorn Harstad followed with 13 digs.

Johnson facilitated the Milbank offense with 21 assists.



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LADY BULLDOG BELLA HICKS bumps the ball, with Adison Pauli (#2) ready to act, during Milbank's volleyball match against Deubrook Area on Tuesday, October 6, in Milbank.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: **Permit to Construct the PowerOn: Big Stone South to Brookings County to South Dakota/ Minnesota Border Project, an approximately 90-mile long 765 kV Transmission line and associated facilities and an approximately 5-mile long 345 kV Transmission line and associated facilities in Grant, Deuel, and Brooking Counties, South Dakota**

WHEN AND WHERE

BROOKINGS: **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CT**
Brookings Inn, 2500 E. Sixth St., Brookings, SD 57006

MILBANK: **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT**
Milbank School Theater, 1001 E. Park Avenue, Milbank, SD 57252

CLEAR LAKE: **Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. CT**
Clear Lake Community Center, 218 Third Ave. S., Clear Lake, SD 57226

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public meeting at each of the above time and place on an application to construct the PowerOn: Big Stone South to Brookings County to South Dakota/Minnesota Border Project (Project), an approximately 90-mile long 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Grant, Deuel and Brookings Counties in South Dakota and associated facilities including the Big Stone Station Expansion in Grant County, and the 345 kV Brookings County Substation expansion (consisting of an expansion of the current 345 kV Brookings County Substation and a new expansion area to enable the 765 kV connection approximately five miles away in Brookings County. The Project also includes an approximately five-mile long 345 kV transmission line connecting the Brookings County 345 kV Substation Expansion to the Brookings County 765 kV Substation expansion. Applicants anticipate construction to be completed and the Project in service in 2034.

The purpose of each public input meeting will be to hear public comments regarding the permit Application and the Project. At the meetings, Applicants, Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company, will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the Grant, Deuel, and Brookings County and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed maps of the Project may be accessed on the Commission's website at puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2026 Electric Dockets, EL26-026.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission Staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input meeting or may be obtained from the Commission's website. Applications for party status must be filed with the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CT, November 3, 2026. All party status applications are subject to the approval of the Commission.

The Commission will also accept comments in writing, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail until the time of the decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by providing testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have party status in order to submit written comments.

Following the public input meeting, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, the Commission's staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, the Applicants must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (605) 773-3201; puc.sd.gov; puc@state.sd.us; 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

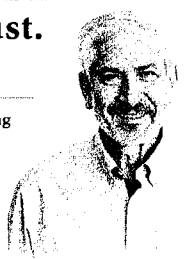
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