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First National Bank Contribution to the DEX: Dakota Events Complex Announced

Huron, SD – The South Dakota State Fair is excited to announce that First National Bank has made a \$250,000 contribution to the DEX: Dakota Events Complex. The DEX is a new, multipurpose livestock and equestrian complex at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron.

“We are so pleased to support the construction of the Dakota Events Complex. Having a facility of this caliber will be such a wonderful addition to the state fairgrounds and the Huron community. We can’t wait to attend our first event there and look forward to enjoying it for many years to come,” said Spencer White, branch president of Farmers and Merchants Branch of First National Bank in Huron.

The DEX will provide exhibit space for over 13,000 4-H and FFA students across the state and expand the event hosting capabilities of the fairgrounds. Throughout the year, the DEX will also serve as a major draw for livestock shows, 4-H competitions, FFA Conventions, and rodeos as well as concerts, thrill shows, and more from across the country.

First National Bank is a family-owned community bank that first opened in Pierre, SD in 1934. Now with 17 branches across South Dakota and Colorado, First National Bank has grown but their hometown approach to banking hasn’t changed. The bank takes great pride in treating each and every one of our customers with the attention and care they deserve. Their ability to combine big bank strength with local decision making is what sets them apart from the rest. First National Bank continues to be recognized as one of the nation’s top performing banks and their team of dedicated bankers takes pride in identifying opportunities and creating solutions for their customers and communities.

The DEX is the new multipurpose livestock and equestrian facility replacing the Open Class Beef Complex destroyed by fire in 2020. The 150,000 square-foot facility will be able to house two full-sized equestrian arenas and seat up to 5,000 people and have two show rings with 1,700 cattle stalls. The facility will be heated for year-round usage. The DEX will have a pre-function and concession area with restrooms. The DEX will be open for the 2023 State Fair.

If you would like to learn more about the DEX or are interested in contributing to the project, please visit <https://www.sdstatefairfoundation.com/>.

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