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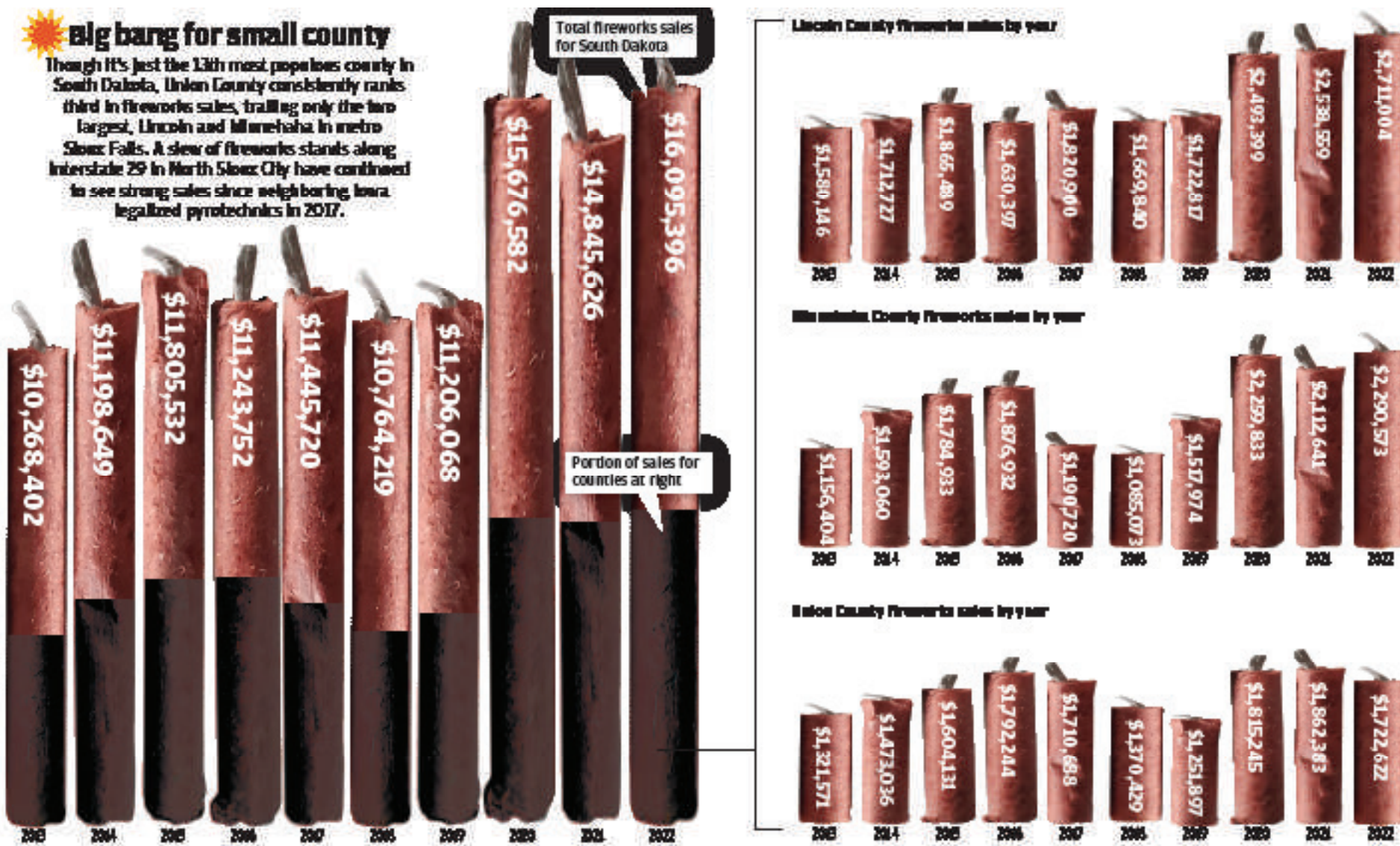
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FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

SIZZLING SALES IN S.D.

Big bang for small county

Though it's just the 13th most populous county in South Dakota, Union County consistently ranks third in fireworks sales, trailing only the two largest, Lincoln and Minnehaha. In metro Sioux Falls, a slew of fireworks stands along Interstate 29 in North Sioux City have continued to see strong sales since neighboring Iowa legalized pyrotechnics in 2017.



Source: South Dakota Department of Revenue. Note: Totals add to millions of dollars, because values are rounded.

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N. Sioux City revenues strong despite competition from Iowa

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NORTH SIOUX CITY — Fireworks sales in Union County have remained robust in the six years since neighboring Iowa legalized fireworks, a Journal analysis shows.

North Sioux City has been a pyrotechnics oasis for residents of Iowa and other states for decades, lured to a plethora of large brightly-colored stands perched along Interstate 29 in the city in the southeast tip of South Dakota, just across the border from Sioux City.

Iowa lawmakers in 2017 legalized the sale and use of most consumer fireworks, nearly 80 years after the state outlawed them following fires sparked by fireworks that destroyed large sections of the Northwest cities of Spencer and Remsen.

A Journal analysis of South Dakota Department of Revenue data shows fireworks sales in Union County each of the last three years nearly equaled or exceeded the year



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Damian Giraldo restocks shelves at Lantis Fireworks in North Sioux City, S.D., Tuesday, June 27.

Many new Iowa laws go into effect

Relaxed child labor laws, school book bans among them

TOM BARTON
Journal Des Moines Bureau

Starting Saturday, Iowa teens ages 14 to 17 can work more jobs at longer hours, low-income families will face new requirements for receiving public benefits such as food assistance, and more Iowa parents



Reynolds

Iowa Legislature to reshape education and

will qualify for child care assistance, but will have to work more hours to remain eligible.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed nearly 170 bills into law this year passed by the Iowa Legislature.

Iowa Republicans used expanded majorities in the

state government, place new restrictions on transgender youth, increase penalties for fentanyl distribution, limit the powers of the state's taxpayer watchdog — and more.

Here is a look at some of the major laws taking effect today, and what they mean for Iowans.

Banning school books with sex acts
Iowa students may notice several changes when they return to school this fall. Lawmakers this year passed a slate of

education bills into law, including a bill limiting LGBTQ instruction topics through sixth grade and barring books with sexual content from school libraries.

Senate File 496 was a top priority of Reynolds and Republican lawmakers this session. They said the measure will give parents more input into their children's education.

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