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LAKE PRESTON

Generous gift lightens load for future grads

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Thanks to the generosity of the late Christena Beck, the financial burden of attaining a post-secondary education will be a little lighter for future graduates of Lake Preston High School.

Beck, who passed away in 2018, established a \$400,000 scholarship fund in her will for Lake Preston graduates. The fund is formed in memory of Christena and her parents, Alfred and Mettie Beck, and will be known as the Beck Educational Scholarship Trust.

Todd Wilkinson, who acts as trustee for the fund, said the final steps to form the trust have now been completed after

a court delay due to COVID-19.

"This is a tremendous gift by Christena for the Lake Preston community," said Wilkinson.

Income from the trust will be used to fund scholarships for Lake Preston graduates enrolled in post-high school education and skills training. A selection committee will be responsible for determining recipients.

"Scholarship funds from the trust should become available in a year or two," said Wilkinson.

Beck was born in 1919 on her family's homestead north of Lake Preston. She

stayed on the farm with her parents, actively working and managing it her entire life.

"Christena enjoyed making decisions and selling her own grain," said Ed Wilkinson, a close neighbor of Beck. "She was very smart and had a great memory. She was always concerned about kids and was generous beyond belief."

That concern and generosity will now live on in the lives of Lake Preston youth who will advance their education through the Beck family's generous donation.



Christena Beck

'Every Crisis Has New Heroes'



Recent De Smet High School graduate, Andrew Holland, honors those lost by joining thousands of musicians at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day playing Taps Across America. Visit kingsburyjournal.com to hear Andrew's performance. (Photo courtesy of Randy Holland)

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH

Every crisis has new heroes. During the 9/11 attacks, they were the first responders running into burning and crumbling buildings as others ran out. Now, during the Coronavirus pandemic, the most visible heroes are the health care professionals, who are saving others and risking their own lives while doing so.

MEMORIAL DAY

These heroes have much in common with the people that we honor today – America's fallen veterans. They are men and women who have sacrificed their own lives so others could live. They are both elite and ordinary. They are elite in the sense of character. Giving your life so others could live is the ultimate definition of selfless.

They are ordinary in the fact that they represent the diverse fabric of our country. They are rich and poor, black and white, male and female. They come from every ethnicity and background. In short, they looked like anyone of us.

As we celebrate the selfless and untiring performances of the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings to mind the military medics, doctors and nurses who sacrificed their lives while treating others on the battlefield.

One such hero was Pharmacist Mate Third Class Jack Williams. The Navy Reserve corpsman was only 20 years old when he landed on Iwo Jima 75 years ago.

On March 3, 1945, James Naughton, a Marine in Williams' unit, was wounded by a grenade. While under intense enemy fire, Williams dragged Naughton to a shallow depression and treated his wounds. Williams used his own body as a screen and was shot four times. Yet he continued.

After he treated Naughton, Williams dressed his own wounds. He then proceeded to treat another Marine, despite his own immense pain. While heading to the rear, he was hit by a sniper's bullet

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The Memorial Day program that was scheduled to take place at the courthouse Monday was canceled due to rain. This photo captures the strength that we have as a nation. (Photo by Katlin Johnson)

HEROES

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and killed. For his actions, Petty Officer Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor.

We also remember Army veterans like Lieutenant Sharon Lane.

According to her biographer, Philip Bigler, Lt. Lane threw herself into her work as a nurse. While serving in Colorado, she requested a transfer to Vietnam.

"There, at least, you are busy 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week," she said in a 1968 letter to her parents.

Her dedication was obvious, even as she treated enemy Viet Cong soldiers who would return the favor by kicking, cursing and spitting at their American captors.

In the early morning of June 8, 1969, Sharon's tour of duty ended. A Soviet-built rocket struck the hospital. Lieutenant Sharon A. Lane was killed in action at age 25.

If she were still here, her skills as a nurse might still be benefiting us during the current crisis. But not all of the heroes working during the COVID-19 pandemic are in the healthcare industry. Grocers, first responders, delivery workers and drive-through restaurant employees are just a few of the many people that we rely on to provide vital services for society while risking their own safety.

The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers, cooks and administrative clerks have all paid the ultimate price. At sea, on land or in the air – military service requires great risk.

Roy Knight, Jr. was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. On May 19, 1967, he was shot down while attacking a target on the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos. He was posthumously promoted to colonel. Last year, a joint team from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency discovered and later identified Col. Knight's remains.

When his remains arrived at Dallas's Love Field, a crowd had gathered to witness the dignified transfer of the flag-draped casket from the Southwest Airlines jet into the receptive arms of the military honor guard. One observer reported that the entire crowd fell silent.

The Southwest flight was piloted by another Air Force veteran, Col. Knight's son, Bryan. Bryan Knight was only five-years-old when he said goodbye to his father as the elder Knight left for Vietnam.

This is yet another legacy that these heroes leave behind. A legacy that includes their sons, daughters, grieving

parents, grandparents and friends.

Their heroic acts are sometimes performed to protect those with whom they serve. Corporal Jason Dunham was a squad leader with the Third Battalion, 7th Marines in Iraq.

On April 14, 2004, his squad approached a Toyota Land Cruiser. After his squad discovered AK-47s in the vehicle, the enemy insurgent exited and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the unit. The driver dropped a grenade.

To save his fellow Marines, Corporal Dunham made the ultimate sacrifice. He threw himself on the grenade and tried to use his helmet to shield the blast. Severely wounded by the grenade's fragments, Cpl. Dunham was taken off life-support eight days later.

Corporal Dunham died so other Marines could live. He, too, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his gallantry.

Approximately one million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives in defense of our nation since the founding of this great Republic.

Not all have died from enemy fire. Some have died from diseases that have too often festered around war zones. Often times, deaths from disease and accidents outnumbered casualties caused by enemy weapons.

During the Spanish American War, 60 soldiers of the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment volunteered to serve as nurses. Thirty-six of them would later die of yellow fever or malaria.

A generation later, the flu would kill nearly 16,000 U.S. soldiers in France during World War I. Another 30,000 American servicemembers died in stateside camps. These men and women could have isolated safely in their homes. But they knew they had an important job to do. A mission to accomplish. They were all on a mission to serve.

Even when the enemy is an invisible virus or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful. The U.S. military has already lost servicemembers to COVID-19.

This Memorial Day as we continue to honor those who fell for us in battle, let's also pause to remember those who have also sacrificed their lives while serving others.

May God bless them and may God bless you for remembering them here today.

Thank you.

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ASPIRING LEADERS

FFA Members Earn State Degrees

BY KATLIN JOHNSON
Kingsbury Journal

MEMBERS OF THE Lake Preston FFA and De Smet FFA chapters were recognized by the South Dakota FFA Association for earning their state degrees. This is the highest degree of membership granted by the South Dakota FFA Association. This year, only 282 members across the state are receiving the degree, which recognizes members for their involvement in leadership and community service activities, as well as recording their Supervised Agricultural Experience projects. They were honored during the virtual 92nd SD FFA Convention on Wednesday, May 13.

Daniel DeDeyne also received 9th place in the Ag Mechanics Career Development Event. This event includes tool and tractor part identification, welding, a written test with questions about electricity, reading land maps, GPS and a wide variety of other topics. In addition, Koby Spader received a gold medal in land judging.

The broadcast can be viewed at <https://www.sdaged.org/watch-live>.



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Let's Make Kingsbury County #1!

Census count falls below national response rate

BY RITA ANDERSON
Kingsbury Journal

IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, homes across the country received information on how to complete the 2020 census. Soon after, this once-in-a-decade count of every person in the United States began.

The census website shows how households in each community within the nation have responded, and Kingsbury County is ranked 1,328th. Nationwide, the self-response rate stands at 60.1%. Kingsbury County falls behind, with 58% registered to date.

Comparing response rates by state, South Dakota is in the middle with a rate of 59.8% and ranking at 25th. The number one state presently is our neighbor, Minnesota, exceeding all others at 70% of the population responding.

The race to become number one in the 2020 Census response rate is important. Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners and many others will use the data in population to make critical decisions. It will impact Kingsbury County for the next decade.

The potential impact extends beyond what many may realize. Our schools, medical facilities, roads and other programs and services may be improved in the coming years due to the information gathered during this census. These are programs that can specifically support rural areas, families, older adults and children.

The following are the self-response percentages and rankings for some Kingsbury county communities out of the 289 total communities in South Dakota.

RANK	TOWN	PERCENT RESPONDING
50	De Smet	62.8
56	Arlington	56
60	Lake Preston	61.1
132	Badger	41
151	Oldham	34.7
197	Hetland	27.3

The process for registering for the 2020 census is simple. Visit www.my2020census.gov. You will need the log-in information that the Census Bureau sent to you in the mail.

If you no longer have the log-in, submit your address and name. The step-by-step format makes it easy to enter in your information as well as the information of those living with you.

Individuals can also register by calling the Census phone number at 844-330-2020.

The Census Bureau will be contacting those who don't respond either by mail or face-to-face. Please be careful of any scams when responding to a caller.

Let's see which of our communities will be the first to reach 100%. If you need any assistance, call (605) 203-0216.

NEWS BRIEFS

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to cover the following events and/or meetings.

- Lake Preston and De Smet City Council Meetings (once a month)
- Lake Preston School Board (once a month)
- Kingsbury County Commissioner's Meeting (bi-weekly)

If you are interested in writing articles or write-ups for any of these,

please email editor@kingsburyjournal.com and let us know!

Last Week in Weather

- SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020:** High 61, Low 50, Rain 0.20
- MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020:** High 67, Low 43
- TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020:** High 62, Low 44
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020:** High 68, Low 54, Rain 0.01

- THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020** High 66, Low 56, Rain 0.04
- FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020** High 72, Low 54
- SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020** High 75, Low 54
- SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020** High 74, Low 74, Rain 0.69

Opinion

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Former Publisher: Nice Work!

Congratulations on producing your first issue of the Kingsbury Journal. It is a fine-looking newspaper, and everyone who contributed to its production should be proud of the final product.

We were particularly impressed with how well you balanced the familiar elements found in the old publications with the new design and approach.

It is important for those in our communities to realize the power of their vote and voice is local. And that voice is weakened without a newspaper bringing the information they need.

We wish you continued success in this grand experiment in community journalism you have undertaken. Keep up the good work.

Dale Blegen and Catherine Tritle
*The De Smet News and
Lake Preston Times*

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Pushing to plant

With better weather conditions this spring, farmers are working hard and letting the dust fly as they get fields ready for planting. Sporadic showers have stopped farmers occasionally, but overall, farming spirits are optimistic. (Photo by Mary Lee)

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Thanking the Fallen

THIS MEMORIAL DAY we once again have an opportunity to say “thank you” to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that the United States remains the greatest country in the world.

I invite you to join me in taking a pause and reflecting on the many men and women – countless South Dakotans – who have given their lives in defense of our Constitution. As President Calvin Coolidge once noted, these brave men and women “made the cause of America their supreme choice.”

We can do them no greater honor than to thank them for their sacri-



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KRISTI NOEM

rice, hold them in our memories, and fight hard to preserve the freedoms that they died to defend.

To the families that have lost a loved-one in service to our country, our thoughts and prayers are with you this Memorial Day.

South Dakota is a fantastic state, and I thank God every day that Bryon and I were blessed to raise

our family in this great country. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new challenges to freedom in this country. But it is especially in times of crisis that we need to fight for the liberties that make America special.

Our nation was founded on the principles of freedom and limited government; these are things that our Founding Fathers fought to establish and enshrine in our Constitution. Countless brave men and women throughout our nation's history have put themselves second to the greater good. They responded by swearing an oath to support and defend the Constitution. If they can give their lives to defend our liberties, then our response must be to

cling tightly to the Constitution, to freedom, and to the things that make America the greatest country ever. This holds especially true when threats to liberty arise, even if such threat be a global pandemic.

I know South Dakotans are eager to get out of their homes and enjoy the warm weather. But while you're out barbecuing with your family and thanking God that he has blessed our great country, let's take a moment to remember our bravest heroes.

Have a conversation with your children and grandchildren; teach them about our freedoms and liberties. And let them know just how grateful we are for everyone who has sacrificed to make those liberties possible.

We can do them no greater honor than to thank them for their sacrifice, hold them in our memories, and fight hard to preserve the freedoms that they died to defend.

Three babies, three different births

While babies have always been born on their own timetables, COVID adds another wrinkle

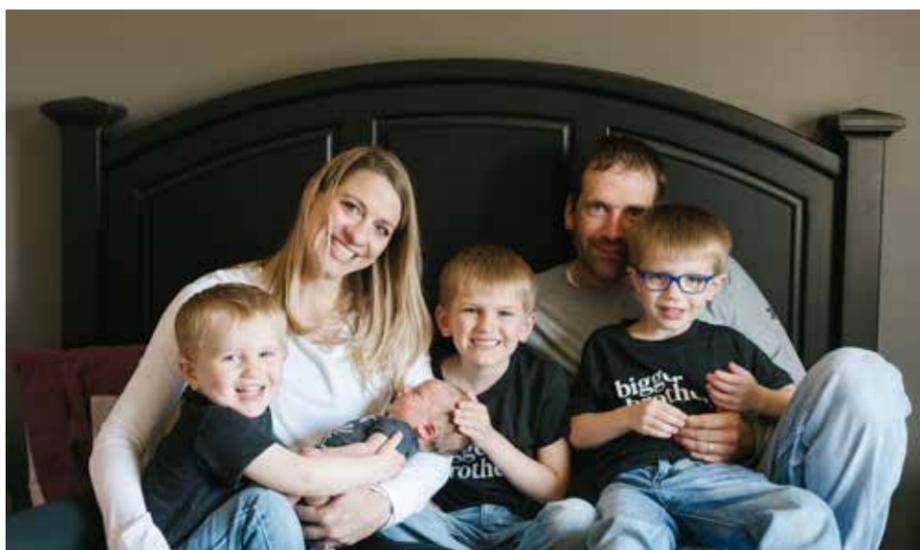
BY KATLIN JOHNSON
Kingsbury Journal

Sometimes plans don't always go the way we want or expect them to go. Certainly, with COVID, plans have gone array in many aspects of our lives. There may be things that you are doing now or have done recently that you never thought you would do in your lifetime. When plans change, we can either adapt or crumble, but either way, the change is happening.

I was very fortunate. I had my son, Odin Arvid (now three months), on Feb. 27, before the closures and restrictions started happening. I delivered my son at the Brookings hospital. No facemask. No visitor restrictions. No fear yet of COVID. I only had to get through what was an already known natural delivery due to a previous back surgery, and I had my husband Keith there to help me through it.

Fast-forward two months, and Billi (Hasche) Aughenbaugh delivers a healthy baby girl. Ronni Kathryn was born at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls on April 23. Aughenbaugh remembers her first experience with social distancing on March 24, prior to Ronni's arrival. She talked about how the changes were minor, with chairs being blocked off and a limit to one person accompanying her to appointments. Then it changed to no one extra, screening at the door, and the clinic workers in masks.

Once she went into labor and delivery, she and husband Matt were both required to wear masks. Luckily for Aughenbaugh, the hospital was not as strict on requiring that a mask be worn at all times, so she was able to take it off while in the deliv-



Amanda and Jesse McMillan welcomed their fourth boy, Jennings Wesley, into this world on May 5. Due to COVID-19, the McMillan's decided to deliver Jennings in the comfort of their home. Also pictured (from left to right) are Lukkes (2), Jackson (6) and Thomas (4). (Photo provided by Amanda McMillan)



Katlin and Keith Johnson capture a family photo with their new addition, Odin Arvid, born Feb. 27 at Brookings Health System. Brother Theo (3) smiles enthusiastically for the camera in excitement of having a little brother. (Photo provided by Katlin Johnson courtesy of Sam's SnapShots)

ery room when needed.

With visitor restrictions, grandparents Steve and Vikki Hasche of



Billi and Matt Aughenbaugh hold their baby, Ronni Kathryn, born on April 23 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D. (Photo provided by Billi Aughenbaugh)

Lake Preston and Tim and Renae Aughenbaugh of De Smet weren't able to visit, so they met little Ronni for the first time over a Zoom call. There was no contracted photographer available like there was when I had my first son Theo there, so

the nurse took Aughenbaugh's first family photo. The hospital gave the Aughenbaughs the option of staying for two nights, but with Ronni doing really well, they decided to leave after one.

Fast-forward to May 5, the day that Amanda (Lee) McMillan of Dell Rapids, but a De Smet native, delivered Jennings Wesley in her home basement in an inflatable pool, all prepared by her husband Jesse. Being a nurse and working on a labor and delivery unit for a time, McMillan never had plans to give birth at home. She talked about how she believes in the quality and safety of health care in our region, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed things.

As she prepared for a home delivery, she continued to attend her OB appointments. McMillan lined up one of her friends, a healthcare provider, as well as her cousin, a nurse, to be present during labor and delivery.

With everything planned (again) and knowing that she could always go to the hospital if needed, McMillan began to feel more at ease. After Jennings was born, she realized there were things that usually got done at the hospital that she had to figure out, like filing for a birth certificate and completing the newborn hearing and metabolic screens.

In the end everything worked out, and McMillan was happy with her decision to deliver at home. This experience will always be a unique story in her family. She is not advocating for home deliveries, and given a different time, she would have had Jennings at the hospital like her other three boys. If you are considering giving birth at home, you need to make sure you consult with your physician and have precautions in place.

COVID has changed how many of us do things, whether we are able to prepare for that change or not. Plans will not always go the way we want, and we cannot control that, but we can control how we handle them.

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The money collected on a \$107.50 speeding ticket is distributed to the following sources: \$39 to the school district in the county where the violation occurred, \$30 to the Law Enforcement Officer Training Fund, \$23.50 to the Unified Judicial System for court automation, \$6 to the Court-Appointed Attorney & Public Defender Fund, \$5 to the Victim's Compensation Fund, \$2 to the Court-Appointed Special Advocates Fund, \$1 to the 911 Telecommunicator Training Fund and \$1 to the Abused and Neglected Child Defense Fund.

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Kristina M. Falconer, Arlington, Failure to use Child Passenger Restraint System, fined \$25.00.

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Kayden Hansen, De Smet, Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility, fined \$222.50 and sentenced to 5 days in jail. Jail time is suspended on the conditions that he pay fines and costs and be a law-abiding citizen for a period of 6 months. His license is suspended for 30 days.

Eris Arias Lopes, Lake Preston, Driving Under the Influence first offense, fined \$782.00 including costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Jail time is suspended on the conditions that he pay fines and costs, be a law-abiding citizen for 1 year and complete an alcohol evaluation and recommended treatment. His license was revoked for 30 days.

Sierra Burg, Brookings, Possession Two Ounces of Marijuana or Less, fined \$500.00 and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Jail time is suspended on the conditions that she pay fines and costs and be a law-abiding citizen for a period of 1 year.

David Alvarez, Canby, MN, Petty Theft First Degree – More than \$400.00, fined \$500.00 and sentenced to 60 days in jail. Jail time is suspended on the conditions that he pay fines, costs, court appointed attorney fees and be a law-abiding citizen for a period of 1 year.

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Kingsbury County Covid-19 Task Force formed

Keeping leaders connected may help response to virus

KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

When the world changed in March of 2020, and Covid-19 became a household word, Kingsbury County businesses and residents began to meet via conference call. Cindy Bau, Kingsbury County Emergency Manager, led the organization of the group that has been formed into what is known as the Kingsbury County Covid-19 Task Force. Meetings are held on a bi-weekly basis.

“With so many uncertainties with this virus, I just felt it would be a good idea to have a wide range of people from across Kingsbury County voicing concerns, comments, and sharing good information to keep us

all up-to-date on what we could do to help keep our residents safe,” said Bau.

During the beginning of the pandemic, several positive cases occurred as close to Kingsbury as Beadle County, and that is when Bau started forming the group.

To date there are about 74 people who participate on those calls including the State's Attorney, Sheriff's Office, County Commissioners, Auditor, City Councils, Development Corporations, Schools, Food Service, Food Pantry, ICAP, Ministerial, Game Fish and Parks, Lake Thompson State Recreation Area, Medical Clinics, Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital, Good Samaritan Society, Avantara Arlington, Fire Departments and Ambulance Services.

When an entity is unable to attend, they can email or call Bau

ahead of time with any information they want to share, and she presents on their behalf.

Bau has received many positive comments about the calls, specifically from new residents of Kingsbury county.

“It makes them feel connected to what is going on here,” Bau stated.

Bau plans on continuing the calls as long as people are willing to attend.

“I would like to encourage everyone to remain diligent in keeping up with handwashing, social distancing and staying home if you should not be feeling well,” Bau said. “With restrictions loosening up, people may feel a false sense of security. This is by no means over yet, so please keep practicing the recommendations from the CDC to keep not only yourself but your family, friends and co-workers healthy.”

Experimenting makes cooking more fun

MY EARLIEST AND MOST CHERISHED memories are “helping” my grandma, Florence Schroeder, in the kitchen while we listened to Hank Williams and Dolly Parton on her little transistor radio. The kitchen felt like a sacred place for us cooks, and later became a place for everyone to gather to enjoy our creations and each other's company.

I've always loved being in the kitchen recreating old favorites or trying new recipes for my family to enjoy.

TIP: Shredded cheese

Ever wonder why bags of shredded cheese don't melt like freshly grated cheese? It's because of a substance added to prevent it from clumping together called powdered cellulose, which is actually sawdust!

Always buy block cheese and shred it yourself. It will save you money, melt better and have more flavor than any pre-shredded cheese you can buy. Bonus — no sawdust!

Need some tips and tricks? Submit your questions to amy@kingsburynews.com

HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

My first love was baking, because everyone loves baked goods, and the praises for a job well done came often. I still love to bake, but I must admit the fact that you can't “play” with the recipes much has turned me more toward cooking.

I love finding a new recipe with a handful of ingredients and trying it out, then making it again but switching it up a bit with whatever I already have on hand to make it my own. Of course, I tend to just dump ingredients in most of the time, so when I get high praises, I regret not keeping track of how I did it. With the spread of COVID-19, people are spending more time in their own kitchens, and many are struggling with what to cook or how to cook it. Whether you are just learning to cook or are a seasoned cook who is stuck in a recipe rut, this food column is meant to inspire. I have collected many recipes and kitchen tips over the years, and I am excited to help you feel more confident in the kitchen.

My favorite recipes are ones with six ingredients or less that only require one pot or pan. Besides the obvi-

ous benefit of easy clean up, they are great for when you're short on time or when you want to switch out ingredients and give it your own twist.

Here is one of my favorite recipes for the crock pot. It's a simple recipe that can be thrown together fast and be easily adjusted. I substitute hash browns for tater tots, cheddar cheese for colby-monterey jack, and I add taco seasoning or onion powder and garlic powder to give it a little more flavor.

Enjoy!

Cheesy Chicken Tater Tots

32 ounces frozen Tater Tots
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut in bite-size pieces
3 cups shredded colby-monterey jack cheese
¾ cup milk

Grease bottom and sides of crock pot. Layer half of the Tater Tots on bottom. Sprinkle with one cup of cheese. Top with chicken. Salt and pepper.

Top with another cup of cheese. Add remainder of Tater Tots and cover with remaining cheese.

Pour milk over top.

Cook on high for 3-4 hours or low for 5-6 hours.

Little known facts about grocery shopping

BY MARY LEE

During the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the grocery store is an essential businesses for all of us, as shoppers would quickly grab needed items and head back home. With society beginning to slowly return to “normalcy”, and shoppers venturing out of the house again and into stores, here are some fun facts about trips to the grocery store.

• The average shopping trip takes 41 minutes. If multiplied by the 1.5 trips per week average, that's over 53 hours per year you are spending in

the grocery store.

• If you want to get in and out quickly, head to the grocery store on the weekdays. If you wait until Saturday or Sunday, you're going to spend an average of 7 minutes more time in the store.

• Saturday is the prime time for grocery shoppers. Approximately 41 million Americans choose this day for their weekly shopping.

• To avoid crowds, Monday or Tuesday are the lightest days.

• Women are more likely to clip coupons (57%) compared to male shoppers (41%).

• Going to the grocery store without a list is a guaranteed way to forget something or spend more than you planned. 69% of women say they make a list before going shopping compared to 52% of men.

• Just 5.6% of total disposable

income pays for grocery purchases, compared to 4.3% for dining out.

• On an average day, 32 million Americans head to the grocery store to pick up necessities. That works out to 1 in 7 adults who are shopping at any given time.

• A weekly shopping bill for primary spenders of multi-person households come to \$118 on average. Single shoppers spend about half that, averaging \$60 a week.

• The biggest chunk of the shopping budget goes toward the middle aisles of the store. Nearly 25% of grocery shopping dollars are spent on processed foods and sweets.

• Not being able to find what you need usually isn't an issue at your typical supermarket. For example, in 2014, the average store offered more than 42,200 items on average.

SOURCE: CREDITDONKEY.COM

Benefits Beyond Honey are the Bees Knees



Beth Poppen shows two of her hives. Beth is a newcomer to beekeeping and has found a joint love between bees and gardening. (Photo courtesy of Roxana Poppen)

Beekeepers follow their passion with added benefits for the environment

BY ANNE AAMOT
Kingsbury Journal

In the past, beekeeping was thought of as an industry that only large-scale operations could utilize, but recently hobbyists and local gardeners have been taking an interest in small-scale beekeeping.

With the advancement of the internet and the availability of resources, “bee farmers/hobbyists” have been springing up in the Kingsbury County area, like local hobbyists Jim Ogren, Beth Poppen and Jennifer Anderson.

Ogren has been a beekeeper for over 30 years. He usually harvests his honey in late August or early September so the bees can have a rebuilding time before the cold of winter sets in. Adee Honey, the largest honey producer in the nation, has been helpful to Ogren by supplying bees and purchasing excess honey.

Poppen and Anderson, on the other hand, are relatively new to beekeeping. Poppen’s initial interest came last year after reading about the positive pollination effects on gardens, whereas Anderson became interested after hearing about the benefits bees can have on the environment.

“I’m always looking for things that will make my garden better,” Poppen said.

Package bees, or “nucs” as they are referred to by hobbyists and bee farmers, are often sold out early, but Anderson has had luck purchasing them from Kelly Beekeeping. Runnings also offers bees for sale. Poppen has purchased from Runnings but was also fortunate enough in her



Youth visit the Bill and Roxanna Poppen farm last summer for the 4H Growing Youth Program. (Photo courtesy of Beth Poppen)

“Beekeeping for me isn’t a moneymaker, but I sure do enjoy working with them.”

JIM OGREN, who has been a beekeeper for over 30 years

first year to capture a wild swarm of bees to add to her beekeeping ventures.

Although her hives only produced enough honey for her bees to use as food for the winter, Poppen is not discouraged, as a first-year hive can produce anywhere from 0-100 pounds of honey.

All three agree that mites, beetles, ants and pesticides play a part in the productivity of the bees. Like any species, these “predators” can cause havoc on a bee hive by limiting their productivity or causing colony collapse, where the bees either leave the hive suddenly or die.

When Ogren originally started beekeeping, he was influenced by a neighbor who had hives. From there, his knowledge was fostered from books and magazines.

“There wasn’t the internet when I got started, so that sure helps a lot now,” said Ogren.

Both Poppen and Anderson added that books, magazines and YouTube videos help with the learning curve.

Beekeeping is not only a passion for these three hobbyists, but a benefit to the environment. As small producers, their market is tailored more for personal use or gifts for friends.

“Beekeeping for me isn’t a moneymaker,” said Ogren, “but I sure do enjoy working with them.”

Starting a beehive requires some research and has certain requirements, including registration with the state. For those interested in beekeeping, a good place to begin is by contacting Bernie Hendricks of Brookings, S.D., who serves as the South Dakota Department of Agriculture state bee inspector. Last summer, Hendricks was a guest educator at Growing YOUth Gardens, a program that teaches the children of Kingsbury County about gardening.

De Smet

De Smet Transit Expands Services

The new ten-mile radius will extend services to Lake Preston residents

BY RITA ANDERSON
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet Transit Service announced that it has expanded rural transportation services to a larger area outside of the De Smet city limits. The bus will travel to homes in an approximately ten-mile radius. This extends the services to Lake Preston residents.

The popular transit program has been in service in De Smet since February 2020, but was temporarily shut down during the recent Stay-At-Home efforts brought on by the COVID-19 virus. It has resumed operating full-time.

Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekly and as needed on evenings and weekends. Please try to call 24 hours in advance to assure accommodation.

“We encourage more ridership. Rides are available to everyone of all ages, and you can call last minute during the week. We are also here on the weekends to give rides to church or special events if you let us know a day ahead,” said Jim Pekron, full-time bus driver.

The bus is handicap accessible.

Safety precautions are being observed. The bus is sanitized after each ride. Riders are seated with social distancing and are asked to wear a mask. Cloth masks that riders can keep for reuse are available on the bus, or people may bring their own.

Rides are used for a variety of purposes including trips to stores, medical appointments, employment, school, church and restaurants. Transportation of children to and from day care is also a provided service. Drivers also pick up meals or groceries to deliver to residents at home.

Call (605) 830-1676 to schedule a ride. Cost is \$1/ each way per ride.

This service is operated through cooperation of the ROCS (Rural Office of Community Services) and the City of De Smet.

Keeping Children Fed During School Closures



School lunches are prepared for weekly pick-up in the De Smet School District. Families and daycares picked up the meals in a drive-through model where school staff brought the food to the vehicles. (Photo by Abi Van Regenmorter)

Meals aren't just about food — they provide normalcy and consistency, too

BY ABI VAN REGENMORTER
Kingsbury Journal

COVID-19 changed the lives of families nearly overnight. Schools were closed, employment was paused and socializing was halted. However, one factor that remained unaffected was the school lunch programs in De Smet, Iroquois and Lake Preston.

All three districts provided lunches for no charge to children, ages 0-18, in their districts. These meals included an entrée, fruits, vegetables and milk. The programs were funded through the South Dakota School Nutrition Program, as well as the United States Department of Agriculture. In order to aid in providing meals to these students, some members of each community donated materials or food items for each district to use. De Smet used mini Babybel cheese donated by Bel Brands (Jake Anderson) and Maynards of Lake Preston donated bags for the Lake Preston program.

Across Kingsbury County, school cooks offered families normalcy, consistency and healthy meals. While school buildings were closed, these unsung heroes quickly adapted to providing meals for students to have in their own homes or daycares.

DE SMET

How many students served each day (average)? 225

Timeframe: Started on March 17 and ended May 22.

What was served/how did you decide on meals? School cooks decided the menu by determining what would be easy for families to prepare, yet still meet school nutrition guidelines. Pizza, french toast sticks, ham sandwiches, tangerine chicken, sloppy joes and popcorn chicken are a few examples of meals.

How were meals delivered to families? Lunches were both picked-up and delivered to homes daily during March 17-April 3. Then meals transitioned to weekly pick-ups to reduce the chance of spreading COVID starting on April 6.

IROQUOIS

How many students served each day (average)? 116

Timeframe: started on March 23 and ended on May 20

What was served/how did you decide on meals? Our food service decided on the menu. Originally, the meals started out as sandwiches. About halfway through the closure, cooks added items such as hamburgers,

chicken nuggets and fajitas.

How were meals delivered to families? Bus routes were used to deliver meals to the student houses every day.

LAKE PRESTON

How many students served each day (average)? 70

Timeframe: Started on March 18 and ended May 15

What was served? Breakfast was cereal-fruit and milk. Lunch was a sandwich (alternated turkey/cheese ham/cheese or peanut butter) chips, carrot/celery sticks, granola bar/fruit snacks or a cookie and milk. Lisa Cleveland, food service manager in Lake Preston, felt this worked better than a hot meal as it became hard to order certain food items.

How were meals delivered to families? The first week lunches were picked up at the school after that buses delivered sack lunches in town and in the country daily.

De Smet

Good Samaritan Center celebrates amid COVID-19

This year's event included goofy hats and special treats of popcorn and ice cream

BY JORDAN RUSCHE

Through the week of May 10-16, De Smet Good Samaritan Center celebrated National Skilled Nursing Care Week with its residents and staff.

The 2020 theme, "Sharing Our Wisdom," showcased the insight and knowledge to be learned from seniors. Although the celebration was a little different this year, Good Samaritan Society De Smet staff and residents did not let the COVID-19 pandemic keep them from celebrating.

In the past, they have hosted many social events throughout the week, including inviting volunteers, friends, family and community members to join in the celebration. The week's celebration consisted of commemorating Mother's Day, wearing goofy hats, sharing residents' words of wisdom via Facebook and serving special treats of popcorn and ice cream.

"[The staff] have worked tirelessly these past several weeks to do everything they can to help prevent the spread of COVID in our building," Johnson said when asked about how



In other years, the celebration has included many social events with family and volunteers. This year, with visitor restrictions in place, it looked different.

the center is handling COVID-19.

Johnson also explained the extra measures they have taken to ensure safety, including enforcing visitor restrictions, performing daily health screenings for every employee, wearing face masks and face shields, delivering three meals a day to each resident's room and preparing a COVID-19 unit in the event of a positive case.

The staff have also worked hard to meet the psychosocial needs of the residents by scheduling one-on-

one activities, conducting weekly video calls to family and hosting a walk-around parade. The community was invited to walk the perimeter of the building to engage the residents through closed windows. Animals were also invited to visit residents from the outside, with one CNA bringing along her horse.

The South Dakota Department of Health is in the process of conducting COVID 19-specialized surveys to nursing homes. Good Samaritan De Smet was surveyed on May 5, receiv-

ing zero deficiencies.

"Some administrators would be nervous having a surveyor walk in a day after returning, but not this administrator," Johnson said, referring to how she returned from maternity leave the day before being surveyed. "This team goes above and beyond for the residents and for each other. I have the utmost confidence and respect for them. All of the recognition for this COVID-19 preparation goes to them. They are inspirational, and I am so proud of them."

DAYS GONE BY

1970: Senior Skip Day heads to Lake Okoboji

10 YEARS AGO

May 26, 2010

Chamber Chat — Only 19 Days before the festivities of Old Settler's Day begin! The parade committee is almost formed! De Smet Chamber is hosting its first rib contest on July 4 in Washington Park, so mark your calendars!

25 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1995

Dan and Jean Slight were named Bulldog Boosters of the Year and were honored at the annual sports banquet.

50 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1970

The final award night and spring concert of Erwin High School was held Wednesday at the auditorium. The mixed chorus sang several songs, accompanied by **Dixie Doyle**, **Marlene Muser** and **Yvonne Rossel**. **Douglas Kazmerzak** and **Yvonne Rossel** sang a duet, "There's a Hole in the Bucket," accompanied by **David Warne** on the guitar. The mixed octet sang "Moon River." The music was under the direction of **Mrs. Dale Jones**, and each grade sang songs



10 YEARS AGO: Progress is slowly being made on the Third Street Project. By Tuesday afternoon, work was being done on the main connection to the water tower, and residences in the first phase of the project (Prairie Avenue to Harvey Dunn Avenue) were all hooked into the new main. The new man holes on Prairie Avenue were also completed. When the water portion is complete, work will begin on the street portion.

under the direction of **Mrs. Gale Warne**.

Senior Skip Day for the class

started as they gathered to go to Lake Okoboji, Iowa. Parents of the students and class advisors, **Mrs. Don-**

ald Wolkow and **Bill Farris**, drove cars and chaperoned the group.

75 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1945

Establishment of a beef production program has been announced by the War Food Administration, effective May 19. On good and choice cattle, subsidy payments will be made at the rate of 50 cents per 100 on live weight.

Erwin news — The badger which had been doing so much damage at the cemetery was caught this week.

The "Let's Go Club" met at the home of **Mrs. Kenneth Glover**. Two new members were taken in — **Mrs. Chester Skyberg** and **Mrs. Claus Smith**. Bunco was played, and **Mrs. Lawrence Myers** won the prize. **Mrs. Smith** won the prize chance.

100 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1920

The support of everyone in De Smet is asked for the campaign to clean up the city. In order to bring cases of neglect before the proper authorities, the commercial club authorized the publishing of complaint blanks in both the De Smet papers.

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De Smet



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MENUS

60s-Plus Menu

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THURSDAY, MAY 28: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, vegetable, bun, fruit, dessert

FRIDAY, MAY 29: Cheese soup, sandwich on bun, vegetable, fruit, dessert

MONDAY, JUNE 1: Hawaiian salad, bun, dessert

TUESDAY, JUNE 2: Chicken hotdish, bun, dessert

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3: Chinese chicken, egg rolls, dessert



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De Smet alum wins national livestock nutrition award

His new research studied using rye hybrid in cattle diets

BY KATLIN JOHNSON
Kingsbury Journal

De Smet native and South Dakota State University Ph.D. graduate student, Warren Rusche, received first place in the national Graduate Student Poster Competition for his research project on livestock nutrition.

This competition is held annually by the Plains Nutrition Council (PNC). The PNC is an educational and professional organization for persons who work and serve as feedlot nutritionists, nutrition consultants, research scientists and educators in livestock science. The goal of the Council is to enable its members to more effectively cooperate with

each other and to serve the livestock feeding industry more successfully.

The competition normally takes place during the Plains Nutrition Council Spring Conference; however, since the conference was canceled



Warren Rusche

this year due to COVID-19, the competition was held virtually.

The PNC selects 32 submissions to be displayed. Of those 32, seven are chosen to present their research projects to a panel of PNC members.

Rusche, who is currently working as a SDSU Extension beef feedlot management associate, presented his research project on the replacement of corn with a rye hybrid in finishing diets fed to beef steers and the impact it has on growth performance and carcass traits.

Although rye is typically not used as a feed grain because it is low yielding, Rusche decided to use a rye hybrid that was produced by KWS Cereals USA, LLC. The experiment involved feeding cattle four different diets, each with a different ratio of corn versus hybrid rye.

The information gathered showed that the hybrid rye was most efficient when used to replace one-third of the corn. The change in diet also resulted in no significant changes in carcass traits.

"Previous recommendations limited rye to no more than 25% of the total diet, but we proved that we can in fact feed more of the hybrid rye to cattle," Rusche said.

His research is now the first data presented on hybrid rye in cattle diets in North America.

Along with his own research, Rusche assisted in the research of fellow SDSU graduate student Ellie Buckhaus, whose project placed fourth in the conference. Her research project studied corn silage hybrids and inclusion in finishing steer diets.

"In our research, increasing the amount of corn silage in the diet produced more pounds of beef per acre of cropland," Rusche said. "For cattle feeders growing their own foodstuffs, it's another option to consider."

Rusche's results, along with that of the other finalists, will be used to formulate recommendations that can be used by beef cattle producers in the northern plains.



Swimming Pool Opens June 5th

(Water Temperature Permitting)

Closes August - 15th (Doggie Night 6-8 PM)

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June 21-28

August 3-10

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Sunday ~ Friday

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1 ~ 4:45

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De Smet



Congratulations 2019-2020 Athletic Award Winners

While the annual De Smet High School Athletic Banquet could not be held this year because of COVID-19, Emily Martens, Reyna Beck, Autumn Wilkinson, Baylor Beck and Craig Bjordahl were recently honored as outstanding contributors to De Smet High School athletics. The Michael J. Entringer Scholarship recipients are Baylor Beck, Reyna Beck and Martens. Baylor Beck was named Outstanding Senior Boy Athlete, while Reyna Beck and Wilkinson share the Outstanding Senior Girl Athlete award. Craig Bjordahl received De Smet Athletic Booster of the Year. (Photo courtesy of Blaine Beck)

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Lake Preston

Essential Workers Drawing!

BY BRENDA NESSEIM

City Finance Officer, Lake Preston

To give back to the community during this tough time, the city of Lake Preston has organized weekly \$25 chamber bucks drawings for essential workers employed within the city limits. Nominations are made by contacting City Finance Officer Brenda Nesseim or through The City of Lake Preston South Dakota Facebook page.

Drawings began five weeks ago and will continue for a total of eight weeks. Week Four and Week Eight are special weeks when all the nominations go into the drawings. At 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nesseim goes live to draw the week's winner.

WEEKS 1-5 WINNERS:

Week 1: Susie Buer, Maynard's
 Week 2: Sherry and John McMasters, LP Café Owners
 Week 3: Mike Jenkins, Deputy Sheriff
 Week 4: Nate Josephson, Josie Repair Owner
 Week 5: Jim Andrews, Farm Supply

This fun activity has kept community members involved and excited about being an "essential worker!" Watch their Facebook page or contact City Hall to make nominations for the last few weeks of this drawing. Check out their page every Wednesday for drawing winners!

MENUS

60s-Plus Menu

The Lake Preston Café is available for dine-in and take out. Please call (605) 847-4605 by 9:00 a.m. to place orders.

THURSDAY, MAY 28: Ham, company potatoes, vegetables, fruit, wheat bread

FRIDAY, MAY 29: Spaghetti, meat sauce, vegetable, fruit, garlic bread

MONDAY, JUNE 1: Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable, fruit, whole grain bread

TUESDAY, JUNE 2: Fish sandwich/bun, scalloped potatoes, pea salad, fruit

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3: Chef salad and dressing with protein and vegetables, crackers, peaches

Need Dairy? Now They've Got That



Thanks to Truus and Gramham Schukking, owners of Dutch Dakota Dairy of Lake Preston, the Lake Preston Food Pantry has a new refrigeration unit. The couple applied and received a grant through the Midwest Dairy Association. Pictured is Truus and Vicar Brad Sanderson with the Lake Preston Lutheran Church showing off the new unit. (Photo courtesy of Truus Schukking)

Food pantry receives grant to buy a refrigerator

BY TRUUS SCHUKKING

The Lake Preston Food Pantry recently received a refrigeration unit thanks to a Community Relief Grant through Midwest Dairy Association, an organization which represents 6500 Midwest dairy farmers.

Truus and Graham Schukking, owners of Dutch Dakota Dairy of Lake Preston, applied for the grant

which allows the local food pantry to have dairy products, as well as other perishable foods, on hand during distribution days.

The Lake Preston Food Pantry is administered through the Lake Preston Ministerial Association and is located in the back room of the Sharper Image Barber Shop on Lake Preston's Main Street. Currently, the food pantry is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.

Individuals may make an appointment for other times by contacting Lake Preston Lutheran Church.

Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome to stop by during the regular distribution times. There are guidelines and suggestions as to the amount of food an individual or a family may pick up, and the pantry is stocked with non-perishable canned, boxed, or packaged food items. Frozen meat, especially hamburger, is available as well.

For more information about the Lake Preston Food Pantry, please contact Vicar Brad Sanderson at Lake Preston Lutheran Church. (605) 847-4587.



In Memory of the Fallen

Although there wasn't a Memorial Day service in Lake Preston due to COVID-19, the Avenue of Flags was still displayed thanks to Porter L. Rich American Legion Post #63 and volunteers. They put up flags in the Lake Preston Cemetery and at the park. (Photo courtesy of Renae Olson)

Lake Preston

LOOKING BACK

1995: Graduates “Will Take LPHS With Them”

10 YEARS AGO
May 26, 2010

The Lake Preston American Legion, Porter L. Rich Post, will hold a Memorial Day program at 10:30. The guest speaker is **Justin McLaughlin**.

25 YEARS AGO
May 25, 1995

Rodney Olson received the loyal fan award at this year’s athletic banquet in Lake Preston.

Twenty students graduated from Lake Preston on May 20. **Matt Warne** wrote in the Blue and Gold about the Class of '95, “Whether they regret leaving or relish it, one thing is certain, they aren’t completely gone and never will be. They will take LPHS with them everywhere they go, and we here will keep them with us.”

50 YEARS AGO
May 28, 1970

Mike Salter, LP High School Junior, won 4th place in the pole vault in the State Class B Track Meet in Rapid City last weekend.

Captain Stanley A. Rauch, a fighter pilot in the U. S. Airforce, is now stationed in Vietnam.

75 YEARS AGO
May 24, 1945

Ms. Marlys Lundquist, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lundquist**, and **Pvt. Duane Blinsmon**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Orland Blinsmon**, were united in marriage Saturday in Huron.



10 YEARS AGO: The Progressive Community Women were hard at work developing a perennial bed in Thorsnes Park. Working on the project on March 16 were **Korlyn Casper, Ann Muser, Kevin Curd, Elaine Blachford, Kim Jensen, Kathryn Koch and Lanet Tolzin**.

Work started last week on the construction of **Nick Thompson’s** new garage building, which is being built just west of the Baldwin Oil Company’s Service Station.

100 YEARS AGO
May 27, 1920

The interest of the town and the

interest of the farmer are in large measure identical. Good farms help the town, and a good town helps the farmers.

Work on the sewage is progressing nicely. The ditching machine being on the home stretch with its part.

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Business owners, employees, residents and more pose for this collage created by Brenda Nesseim to show their solidarity and support for everyone in Lake Preston. COVID-19 has taken its toll on everyone in the community. Together, we will get through this! (Photo by Brenda Nesseim, City of Lake Preston)

Holding It Together, Beyond Corsets and Girdles

A RECENT TOUR of my favorite department store revealed a multitude of empty shelves. Mother Hubbard would have empathized. The entire wall that had nestled soft, white packages of toilet paper was bare. There were three lonely cans of bean-with-bacon left in the soup aisle. Considering the shortage of toilet paper, it is understandable that people decided this was not the time to add fiber to their diets.

Born long after the Great Depression, I don't remember having to do without much of anything, but I have been told that in the past, Americans have had to deal with severe shortages. World War II was a time when the people on the home front sacrificed for the soldiers doing battle. Tires, sugar, meat and butter were a few of the items that were rationed.

"Make it last, make do, or do without" became the motto, and as a nation we stepped up to the plate.

I am certain some of the shortages made life difficult, but it is true that necessity is the mother of invention, and even in the most devastating times in life, there is humor to be found.

Tanks, battleships, and wiring demanded tons of rubber. Before the war, the substance was imported mostly from Southeast Asia and supply was adequate, but the bombing of Pearl Harbor changed that and the need became desperate. People turned in extra tires and old galoshes to government collection centers. Driving was limited while tires were recapped, patched and worn down to treads. At that time synthetic rubber was only a gleam in inventors' eyes.

Stretch the old imagination and consider all the other things that were made with rubber-- like elastic. At that time fashion was forefront



NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

for many women, and tiny waists were in vogue. Women bragged about being able to span their waistlines with their hands and meet thumb-to-thumb, pinky-to-pinky. In their dreams!

In order to accomplish such a feat, certain gizmos were required: corsets and girdles. So, during WWII, American women especially felt the pinch. Clothing manufacturers substituted whale bones for the elastic in those cinch-up devices. Women found other ways to hold up their garments, especially underwear.

Long after this period in history, females fondly reminisced, likely proud of their part in winning the war. My mom had four sisters, and all had survived hard times. All were experts at doing without. I was fascinated with their stories, and on the rare occasions when they were together, I stuck around to listen.

One Sunday afternoon, they were

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all gathered around our kitchen table. Mom set the coffee pot on a hot pad in the middle of the women and pulled up a chair. With a smirk, she glanced at Julia.

"Do you remember when we wore bloomers?" Julia shot back a warning look, but then smiled. I did not even know what bloomers were, but I pulled in a chair, too, ready to hear the tale.

Bloomers were an extra set of underwear, kind of poofy, made of cotton. They were fastened at the waist and at the bottom of each leg, which ended just below the knee, with elastic. It seems that the elastic in Julia's bloomers had reached its limit of stretches, so, being the smart, innovative girl she was, she used a safety pin to run a string through the waistband. As long as the string stayed tied in the front, all was well.

One winter day Julia, Lilly and little sister, Emma, rode to town with Dad. He dropped them off at the store and went to the elevator to pick up a bucket of molasses. The twins, Julia and Lilly, had orders from Ma to purchase the groceries on the list. Lilly took Emma's hand and started for the coffee shelf.

Julia headed for the barrels of dry goods to find the navy beans. Just as she bent to remove the cover from a container, she felt a slight draft of cold air puff under her skirt. Her bloomers had fallen to the floor in a heap!

Like any girl, her first instinct was to look around quickly to see if

anyone had seen. Relieved that no men were about, she stepped out of those bloomers, snatched them up and shoved them inside her coat. Suddenly, Julia heard a child's giggle from the next aisle. Emma knew!

Lips pursed to keep from laughing, Lilly rushed through the remaining shopping. Julia did her best to help, though she was somewhat handicapped keeping her left arm clenched against the bloomers.

Twenty years later, five sisters in Mabel's kitchen remembered. Emma started to giggle as she looked across at Julia.

"If you could have seen the look on your face!" Lilly broke out in laughter, as though she had kept it in all that time. Ida looked at Mabel and they chuckled. Julia began laughing, and soon her whole body shook. The ailment was obviously contagious. Tears streamed down from five pairs of eyes as I stared at my mom and my aunts.

At the time, as a young girl, I just figured they were silly old ladies, having a good time, drinking coffee on a Sunday gathering. Looking back now, I think they just needed to laugh.

DeAnn Kruempel grew up on a farm near De Smet, S.D., the sixth child of Harrison and Mabel Wolkow. She attended school at Erwin and De Smet, married Vicar Robert Kruempel and lived in Benedict, N.D., Toeterville, Iowa, Akron, Iowa and Missouri Valley, Iowa. She now resides on an acreage near Logan, Iowa, and is employed as Children's Librarian at Missouri Valley Public Library. DeAnn has written a series of books (four published so far, fifth to come out soon), "Promises to Keep," which are available at Amazon.com.

ESMOND NEWS

Grave Flags Placed for Memorial Day

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

Amy Zeller was a recent visitor at the Wehlander's.

Lee and Selma Dunham were home for Memorial Day Weekend.

The Iroquois American Legion placed grave flags on the veteran graves at Iroquois and Yale Cemeteries.

The community of Esmond put grave flags on the graves of veterans at the Esmond Cemetery.

Due to the virus and the low volume of news in the final edition of the De Smet News, this reporter started a series of how Esmond has grown. For the new readers, that report will be reprinted in this issue and then will be continued in this publication next week.

Esmond is still alive and has spread its wings to many places over the years.

For example, the Jeffers, the Fingerson and the Wietzel houses were

moved to DeSmet.

Two houses were moved to Huron.

The depot freight building was moved to the Jack Hansen farm one half mile west of Esmond and then to a farm east of Huron.

The Kinley house/post office was moved to the Fred Gehm farm near DeSmet and is still in use, and a blacksmith/garage shop moved to near DeSmet.

The Graves-Morin store ballroom was torn down and the lumber was used to build the barn where Roy Wade lived.

The north Costello house moved to west of Oldham and is still in use.

The barber shop went to the Herman Dubro farm in Beadle county and is now a shop, and the Congregational Church moved to Carthage. Wow! Esmond is now in three counties and we are just getting started - more next time.

The Gift of Self Control

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Self-control is not easy is it? The urge to serve our own interests comes naturally for us. The discipline and desire to put the needs of others first does not come naturally. But, if we want to win souls for God, then we need to be controlled enough to put the needs of others our own.

The Apostle Paul gives a personal example of this in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; ¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law...I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

In the verses that follow (1 Cor. 9:24-29), Paul compares this battle to the self-control and discipline athletes embrace when training for a race. If they want to win the race, then they need training. Similarly, if we want to win souls for Jesus, we too need training. Self-control is

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fundamental in this. So, how do we receive and grow in this discipline?

In Galatians 5:23, Paul tells us that one of the Fruits of the Spirit is self-control. When the Spirit of God comes to live within us at salvation, he also instills in us the desire to please God and to serve him. We now know the immense gift of salvation, and we long for others to have this gift. We willingly submit ourselves to self-control and training in order to serve God better in this area. The desire to do this comes from God and his Holy Spirit living within us.

As we all know, it is a process. When we come to faith, we are not immediately patient and controlled, but through time, God shapes us and trains us like athletes for Jesus. The hope is that through self-control, we might be able to reach even more souls for God and his Kingdom (similar to Paul). Thanks be to God that he helps us in this process.

God bless you all this week as God's Spirit fills us with self-control.

Is your paper missing something?
Tell us at editor@kingsburyjournal.com

IROQUOIS NEWS

Sports Day Uncertainty Due to Covid

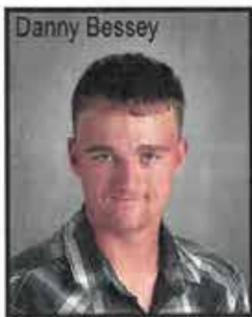
BY MARLYS PESKEY

Friends gathered in front of Gerri Aughenbaugh's home to pay tribute to her as she recently lost her battle with Leukemia while in Arizona. The Iroquois fire truck led the drive by while 25 plus cars lined up to say goodbye. Gerri was a big asset to our community and will be missed.

Lois Rounds, a former Iroquois resident, passed away at Sioux Falls Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls last week. A private immediate family service was held at Welters Funeral Home in Huron on Saturday.

Several cousins and sister-in-law followed the family to the burial at Iroquois Maplewood Cemetery on a beautiful Saturday, and while social distancing showed their respect to Lois and the family at the cemetery.

Plans at this time are uncertain for the annual Iroquois Sports Day in Iroquois. This event is usually held the third week in July. Something will be held at some point this summer/fall. Will keep you posted as we see how things go with Covid-19. We hope people continue to be safe from this virus.



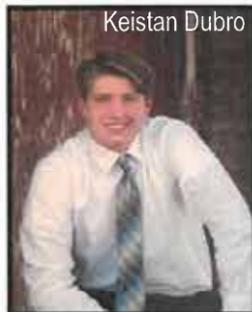
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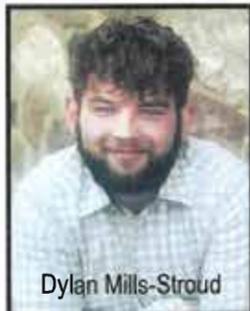
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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!!

While their Senior Year didn't end as planned, these Iroquois Graduates took flight and will soar to new heights.



With 15 children, 42 grandchildren, and 68 great grandchildren, a normal Mother's Day for Marge Blue, 94, of Iroquois, is a large family gathering with a shared cookout, potluck supper. Due to COVID-19 precautions this year, Mother's Day found family greetings from her brood of 125 posted on signs in her yard. (Photo by Karen Bohlander)



Let's get fired up!

May is Beef Month and we're excited to show our support to the cattle industry.

Each week we will be giving away Beef Bucks to the 25th, 50th and 75th customer*.

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REGULAR MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL MAY 13, 2020

The De Smet Common Council met in regular session on May 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Bret Jensen, Alex Botkin, Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Norman Whitaker, Jay Slater (via live streaming), Mayor Gary Wolkow, FO Tracey Larson, and City Attorney Todd Wilkinson. Absent: none.

Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Wolkow reminded those joining the meeting via live streaming or by phone, to please mute their devices to prevent background noise.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Botkin, seconded by Jensen, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2020 Regular Meeting, April 21, 2020 Special Meeting, and April 30, 2020 Special Meeting, all voting aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Whitaker, to approve payment of the claims as presented, all voting aye, motion carried. The claims are as follows: PAYROLL \$35,639.05; OASI Benefit 2,726.37, Aflac, ins. premium 280.95; Dearborn National, life insurance 158.40; Delta Dental of South Dakota 274.76; VSP 190.96; Health Pool of SD, health insurance premium 7,329.28; SDRS, retirement benefit 3,901.88; Mediacom, utilities 252.79; Mediacom, utilities 75.17; Share, supplies 5,428.33 Visa, utilities, supplies, repairs & maintenance 1,093.96; De Smet Postmaster, postage 55.00; Postmaster, Grover variance 44.80; Mediacom, utilities 111.49; Arbor Day Foundation, membership dues 35.00; Avid Hawk LLC, supplies 35.00; Barrett's Flooring, repairs 789.60; Building Sprinkler, Inc. repairs/maintenance 475.00; Butler Machinery Co., repairs & maintenance 1,254.54; Cari Cavanaugh, meter deposit refund 125.00; Century Link, utilities 497.64; City of De Smet, utilities 323.10; City of De Smet, supplies 31.53; Collaborative Summer Library, supplies 143.80; Connecting Point, repairs & maintenance 35.00; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, sanitation services 255.25; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, residential garbage 6,529.74; Cowboy Country Store, fuel 412.00; De Smet Trustworthy Hardware, supplies, repairs & maintenance 338.55; De Smet Welding & Machine, repairs & maintenance 496.60; DEMCO, supplies 160.34; Department of Health, water labs 28.00; The De Smet News, library publishing & supplies 75.70; Environmental Equipment & Service, repairs & maintenance 255.92; Express Embroidery, supplies 599.23; Feld Fire, fire dept. equipment 23,223.00; Hawkins, Inc., chemicals 2,310.36; Heartland Paper Company, supplies 749.16; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, repairs & maintenance 62.00; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, repairs & maintenance 220.00; Kingsbury County Auditor, law enforcement contract 6,283.33; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, utilities 260.15; Kristy Hubbard, reimburse for supplies, maintenance & repairs 83.34; Krohmer Plumbing, repairs & maintenance 2,671.11; Maynard's, supplies 95.64; McCune Electric, repairs 157.01; McLeod's, supplies 60.92; Micro Marketing LLC, library supplies 168.45; Midwest Glass, building repairs 10,080.83; Napa, supplies 121.73; Northwestern, utilities 542.24; O'Keefe Implement, Inc., supplies, repairs & maintenance 731.85; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies 107.37; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies 569.55; Ottortail Power Company, utilities 5,296.84; Palmlund Automotive, repairs & maintenance 65.28; Postmaster, supplies 230.00; Reader

Service, supplies 18.33; Reed, debt service 1,448.41; Reed, debt service 690.58; Reed, debt service 2,500.00; RDF Newspapers, Inc., publishing 515.61; Rich's Gas & Service, fuel & supplies, 387.45; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax 274.21; SD Department of Revenue, sanitation sales tax, 445.24; SD One Call, locates 14.70; Share Corp, supplies & chemicals 2,806.57; Smith's Lumber, supplies & maintenance 1,008.24; Spencer Quarries/Commercial Asphalt, repairs & maintenance 371.00; State of South Dakota, utilities 35.59; Swimming Pool, supplies 300.00; The Arlington Sun, supplies 49.98; Uline, repairs 47.95; Helms & Associates, airport taxilane project 648.81; Helms & Associates, airport turnaround project 11,458.50; Markel Specialty Commercial, insurance premium 350.00; Mediacom, utilities 457.76; Mediacom, utilities 75.17; Visa, supplies, utilities & repair 427.62.

NEWSPAPER: The City of De Smet was notified that a group of volunteers would be re-establishing the local newspaper that recently closed. It is necessary for the City to designate a newspaper as its official paper. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to approve Resolution 2020-3, designating the Kingsbury Journal as the official paper, all voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3

WHEREAS, the City of De Smet has been notified that volunteers for the local Kingsbury Journal will be operating the local newspaper business; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City of De Smet designate a newspaper published in Kingsbury County, South Dakota as its official paper for legal notices, and to discontinue publishing legal notices with the Arlington Sun.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Kingsbury Journal is hereby designated as the official legal newspaper for the City of De Smet, South Dakota.

All voting "aye", Resolution declared PASSED and ADOPTED on the 13th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF DE SMET
SIGNED: Mayor - Gary Wolkow
Finance Officer - Tracey Larson

Mayor Wolkow thanked all the people who have worked to get the local newspaper operating again.

ZONING: Motion was made by Botkin, seconded by Cavanaugh, that the Council be convened as the Board of Adjustment, all voting aye, motion carried. The Board of Adjustment was called to order by Mayor Wolkow.

This being the date and time public noticed for the hearing on Variance Application #86 submitted by Jennifer Grover, the board discussed the variance application. Grover has requested a variance to allow the construction of a 12' x 28' accessory structure to reside in during the construction of the primary residence up to five years on the following legally described property: W2 of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, and the E 15' of Lot 4, Block 5, Carroll's Addition, De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota and addressed as 508 2nd Street, SW, De Smet, South Dakota. Notice of the hearing was properly given by certified mail and by publication of the publication of the Notice of Hearing in conformity with Section 3.04.05 of the City Zoning

Ordinance.

The location of the proposed construction was previously reviewed by Alderman Jensen. Concerns were expressed by board members as to the length of time Grover would reside in the accessory structure. Jennifer Grover spoke to the board in support of the proposed variance request. Three adjacent landowners were present for the variance application review.

Upon conclusion of the hearing and the Board having considered the application and evidence presented, enters its findings as follows:

1. That property legally described as W2 of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, and the E 15' of Lot 4, Block 5, Carroll's Addition, De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, is located within the city limits of the City of De Smet and the Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction over the application.
2. That the property is currently zoned "R-2 General Residential".
3. That all the adjacent properties are zoned "R-2 General Residential".
4. That Article IV Supplemental Regulations, Chapter 4.03 Accessory Building, state that no accessory building shall be used for dwelling purposes.
5. That the proposed accessory structure would be used as a dwelling unit for over one (1) year.
6. That the proposed accessory garage would be constructed further than the required property line setbacks.
7. That the proposed accessory structure would be constructed 30 feet from the principal residential structure.
8. That Article III Administration, Chapter 3.01.05 Expiration of Use Permit, states that construction work must be substantially completed within one(1) year or a new permit must be obtained.
9. That none of the adjoining property owners appear in favor to the proposed variance.
10. That the Board of Adjustment take into consideration each application on its own accord.
11. That ordinances have been approved and adopted to protect the De Smet residents and properties within the city limits.
12. That the reasons set forth in the application justify denying the variance.

Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to deny the Variance Application #86 as submitted for the 12' x 28' accessory structure to be used for dwelling purposes, upon roll call vote, voting aye: Hansen, Jensen, Botkin, Slater, Whiter, and Cavanaugh, voting nay: none, motion carried.

Mayor Wolkow declared the City Council back in session.

VARIANCES & BUILDING PERMITS: Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to deny Variance #86, submitted by Jennifer Grover for an accessory structure, upon roll call vote, voting aye: Hansen, Jensen, Botkin, Slater, Whitaker, and Cavanaugh, voting nay: none, motion carried. Five building permit applications were presented and reviewed by the council. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Botkin to approve building permit application Josh Halverson - privacy fence, Leonard Rumbolz - deck, Brandon Vockrodt - privacy fence, and James Thomas - deck, upon roll call vote, voting aye: Hansen, Jensen, Botkin, Slater, Whiter, and Cavanaugh, voting nay: none, motion carried. Motion was made by Cavanaugh,

seconded by Botkin, to approve the building permit application submitted by Troy Halverson for a fence and two additions to the primary structure with the condition that the addition to the front of the residence meets the thirty foot front yard setback from the property line requirement, all voting aye, motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: This being the date and time advertised motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to reissue on-off sale malt beverage with SD Farm Wine licenses as follows: Baackers II, Wheaties Sports Bar, Kingsbury Club House, General Store, Maynard's, Oxbow, Cowboy Country, The Main Stop, and Dollar General, all voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-1: Information regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic and the stages for moving forward to reopen De Smet was discussed by the council. Many business owners and one medical professional were present in person to comment on the current situation. Restrictions are being relaxed throughout South Dakota and are limiting the number of patrons in an establishment by a percentage of the occupancy restrictions for on-premise consumption of food/drink. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, to approve amending Resolution 2020-1 to allow establishments to open to 50% of building capacity at a time for on-premise consumption of food/beverage excluding employees, with six (6) feet social distancing between people, businesses being responsible to monitor their establishment, to be effective May 13, 2020 until June 10, 2020, with no additional special meetings to be held unless drastic changes happen with the number of COVID-19 cases prior to June 10, 2020. Motion was seconded by Botkin, upon roll call vote, voting aye: Hansen, Jensen, Botkin, Whitaker, and Cavanaugh, voting nay: Slater, motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to declare the HP Compact 6,000 5 Pro Computer, Serial #NXL1211LY3 with keyboard and monitor for disposal at the electronic recycling collection, and a 2010 Woods FZ17K zero turn mower with approximately 1,108.0 hours as surplus property, and to approve Shawn Wolkow, Larry Janish, and Jay Slater, to appraise the 2010 Woods FZ17K zero turn mower, all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CHIP SEALING AND CRACK SEALING BIDS: Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater to accept the bid from Th Road Guy for chip sealing 26,700 sq. yds, without option #1 for the fog coating, in the amount of \$1.40/sq. yd. and accept the bid from Highway Improvement, Inc. for crack sealing approximately 25,000 lineal feet in the amount of \$0.58/lineal foot, all voting aye, motion carried.

CLARK ENGINEERING: Shane Waterman, Engineer for Clark Engineering met with the council to introduce himself to the council and discussed the current water looping project that the city is working on with Clark Engineering/IMEG.

AIRPORT: Engineers Michael Schmit and Karen Schaefer, with Helms & Associates, met with the council via video conference, to update the council on the final inspection of the taxilane expansion and concrete hardstand airport project. Schmit and Schaefer explained that there is one approach leading to a leased area that needs to have a better

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Public Notices

Continued from preceding page drainage pipe and crushed rock than what currently installed. The approach improvement will require a change order to the project in the amount of \$5,620.50. The change order will still be within the project budget and grant funding amounts. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$5,620.50 for the approach grading and surfacing, all voting aye, motion carried. Schmit and Schaefer reported to the council that the De Smet airport has been approved for a \$20,000 Cares Act grant to be applied to operating expenses and the airport grant funding for the turnaround project will be increased from 95% to 100%. Five bids for the turnaround taxiway construction were opened on April 30, 2020 and have been reviewed by the engineer. Total project cost will be \$821,000.00. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh to approve tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0063-014-2020, Turnaround Taxiway Construction, Base Bid be made to J&J Earth Works, Inc., Milbank, SD, in the amount of \$690,155.90 upon receipt of a FAA Grant offer, and to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the FAA grant offer and all necessary paperwork for the contract documents, all voting aye, motion carried. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Slater, to approve acceptance of the Cares Act grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for airport operation and maintenance expenses and approve the mayor as the authorized person to sign all documents for the Cares Act grant, all voting aye, motion carried. An estimate in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Helms & Associates for platting of land that will be deeded to the City with an option in the amount of an additional \$1,500 to plat the entire airport property were presented to the council. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the platting of the land to be deeded to the city and the entire airport in the total amount of \$4,500, all voting aye, motion carried.

WILDE AIR: Isaac Wilde, via video conference, met with the council to request leasing additional land adjacent to the land he leases at the airport. Wilde would not be putting any structure or permanent containment pad on the additional land requested. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve leasing and additional 70'x 80' south of the lot Isaac Wilde currently leases, all voting aye, motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Botkin, seconded by Jensen, to approve going into executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss contract negotiations and personnel, all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Wolkow declared the council out of executive session at 7:19 PM.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS: Wes Clubb met with the council to discuss ideas for holding the summer baseball program and still follow COVID-19 safety precautions. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by to approve Aaron Grubb, Ryan Ransom, Mike Tordoff, Kyle Salter, Jesse Rigge, Jim Millman, Logan Millman, Wes Clubb, and Matt Kees as volunteers to coach baseball, volunteer coaches will be required to have a background check completed, and the money budgeted for baseball coaching in the amount of \$3,600.00 will be paid to De Smet Baseball, all voting aye, motion carried.

MOSQUITO GRANT: Motion was made by Botkin, seconded by Whitaker, to approve applying for the SD Dept. of

Health Grant for mosquito control, all voting aye, motion carried.

AERIAL SPRAYING APPLICATION: An aerial spraying permit application with the required documentation was submitted by Brady Fast dba Fast Ag Air. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Hansen, to approve the aerial spraying permit application submitted by Brady Fast dba Fast Ag Air, all voting aye, motion carried.

AIRPORT PAYMENTS: Motion was made by Botkin, seconded by Slater, to approve pay request #23 in the amount of \$648.81 to Helms & Associates for the airport taxilane and concrete hardstand project, and #13 in the amount of \$11,458.50 to Helms & Associates for the airport turnarounds project, all voting aye, motion carried. These airport project expenses will be reimbursed by 95% & 100% from grant funding.

DE SMET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Rita Anderson, De Smet Development Coordinator, reported to the council that they have been keeping busy with notifying local businesses of COVID-19 regulations and funding availability; has been working on grants for the local newspaper; the community daycare project is still moving forward and has a person interested in running the daycare; the housing assessment has been completed and will be presented to the council in the future; and work continues for housing projects.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Motion was made by Hansen, seconded Botkin, to approve the April, 2020 Cash Balances Report as presented by the Finance Officer, all voting aye, motion carried.

OVERTIME: Motion by Botkin, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the overtime hours for the month of April as presented, all voting aye, motion carried.

OTHER: Other non-action items of discussion were as follows: 1) April law enforcement report; 2) the city pouring a permanent containment pad at the airport; 3) soil testing at the airport; 4) keeping the Library and City Hall closed until the June regular meeting; 5) opening up the community and park restrooms; 6) the SRF loan approved for the water looping project in the amount of \$565,000.00 with an interest rate of 1.875% for 30 years; 7) property clean-up reviews; and 8) age and condition of the water tower.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Mayor Wolkow thanked the City Hall staff for the extra work that has been done during the COVID-19 pandemic even with the office being closed to the public.

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Hansen.

To comply with SDCL 6-1-10. Publication of Payroll information, the payroll changes were effective May 1, 2020 as follows: Parks & Buildings Supt., Cole Munger \$18.20/hour.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor
ATTEST: Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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**CITY OF LAKE PRESTON
NOTICE FOR POOL DECKING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that bids will be received at the Finance Office until 5:00 P.M. on June 1st, 2020, and will be reviewed that evening by the City Council of Lake Preston South Dakota, at City Hall, for replacing of

pool decking. Contractor is responsible for all work and materials. Submit sealed bids in writing to the City of Lake Preston, PO Box 397, 111 3rd St NE, Lake Preston South Dakota 57249. The City of Lake Preston, South Dakota reserves the right to reject any and all bids received. Must include Certificate of Liability insurance with bid. For more detailed information and to setup a time to visit the location - please call Brian Zeeck 605-203-3030. 13-5-3wk

**AMBULANCE SHED BIDS –
CITY OF LAKE PRESTON**

Ambulance Shed Bids were opened May 20th at 7:00 pm at the community room. Only Ambulance personnel attended.

- 1) I'll Do It Constructors \$211,680.00
- 2) SS Contracting \$107,619.58
- 3) Callies Homes \$222,360.00
- 4) Tailored Structures \$119,749.00

Final decision will be made at the monthly Ambulance Meeting May 28, 2020.

**CITY OF DE SMET
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
ON A PROPOSED VARIANCE**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on June 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM at De Smet City Hall to consider in full or in part the following proposed variance:

PERMIT NO. 88: Troy Halverson for a variance to Chapter 2.07 "R-3" Combined Residential District Section 2.06.05 Area Regulations 3. Minimum Yard requirements & Article IV Supplemental Regulations, Chapter 4.03 Accessory Buildings of the De Smet City Zoning Ordinance. The request, if granted, would permit the applicant to construct an awning addition to the front side of the residential structure and a separate addition to the side of the residential structure on the following property: W100' of Lot 6, Block 1, Drake's Addition, De Smet, South Dakota and addressed as 312 Front Street NW, De Smet, South Dakota, on property zoned as R-3 Combined Residential District, to build an awning addition to the front side of the residential structure closer than the required 30 feet from the front (South) property line, and build a separate addition to the side of the residential structure closer than ten (10) feet from an existing accessory building.

All persons interested therein may appear and be heard before the Board of Adjustment at said hearing or may file written comments with the Finance Officer at City Hall, 106 Calumet Avenue, De Smet, SD prior to the hearing.

Tracey Larson
Finance Officer
City of De Smet

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
ON A PROPOSED VARIANCE**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on June 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM at De Smet City Hall to consider in full or in part the following proposed variance:

PERMIT NO. 87: Chad Kruse for a variance to Chapter 2.06 "R-2" General Residential District Section 2.06.05 Area Regulations 3. Minimum Yard requirements of the De Smet City Zoning Ordinance. The request, if granted, would permit the applicant to construct a garage addition to the residential structure on the following property: W90' of Lots 20 & 21, Block 5, 1st Railroad Addition, De Smet, South Dakota and addressed as 107 3rd Street SW, De Smet, South Dakota, on property zoned as R-2 General Residential District, to build a garage addition to the residential structure closer than the required 25 feet from the rear (South) property line.

All persons interested therein may appear and be heard before the Board of Adjustment at said hearing or may file written comments with the Finance Officer at City Hall, 106 Calumet Avenue, De Smet, SD prior to the hearing.

Tracey Larson
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City of De Smet

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
APPLICATION
FOR ISSUANCE OF SIDEWALK CAFÉ
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES AND
CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The De Smet City Council in and for the City of De Smet, South Dakota, on the 10th day of June, 2020, at the hour of 5:00 p.m., at the De Smet City Hall, will meet in regular session to consider the following applications for a Sidewalk Café Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Consumption Permit to operate within the municipality, which has been presented to the De Smet City Council and filed in the City Finance Officer's office:

- Baackers II, LLC, W 105' of Lots 10 & 11, Block 1, Original Plat, De Smet, (Sidewalk Café Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Consumption Permit).
- Wheaties, Lot 17, Block 2, Original Plat, De Smet, (Sidewalk Café Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Consumption Permit).
- Dakota Grills and Catering, LLC dba Grumpy's, W118' of Lots 8 & 9, Block 3, Original Plat, De Smet, (Sidewalk Café Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Consumption Permit).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT any person, persons, or their attorney may appear and be heard at said scheduled Public Hearing who are interested in the approval or rejection of any such applications.

Dated at De Smet, South Dakota, this 27th day of May, 2020.

Tracey Larson
Finance Officer
City of De Smet, South Dakota

Public Notices

LAKE PRESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at the school gymnasium. At 5:30 PM President Olson called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Jerod Olson, Steve Carlson, Brett Anderson, Josh Warne, Amanda Wienk, Travis Denison and Stacia Sneesby. Business Manager Curd, Superintendent Felderman, Tech Coordinator Odegaard, Principal Bothun, and Teacher Rep Lynne Brown were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Olson.

ACTION 130- Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to approve agenda as the order of business. All voted aye, motion carried.

There was time allowed for public comments and conflict disclosure, with none being heard.

ACTION 131- Motion by Anderson, second by Carlson to approve the consent items of the minutes of April 14th, April 2020 financials and May 2020 bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances Apr-20

Apr-20	General	Capital Out	Sp.Ed	Pension
Beginning Balance	\$1,032,725.85	\$1,491,366.07	\$279,830.02	\$42,932.49
REVENUES				
Ad Val Taxes, Gross Receipts	\$56,787.72	\$28,407.16	\$24,254.28	\$ -
County Apport	\$423.65			
St.& Fed.Aid	\$47,505.00	\$ -	\$292.28	
Int.,Adm,Rentals	\$452.85	\$ -	\$ -	
Expenditures	\$(158,426.03)	\$(7,451.10)	\$(25,218.34)	\$ -
Ending Cash Balance	\$979,469.04	\$1,512,322.13	\$279,158.24	\$42,932.49
	Food Serv	Driver Ed	T&A	
Beginning Balance	\$9,683.52	\$ 1,753.44	\$87,775.58	
Revenue				
Sales	\$50.00			
Fed/State Reimb	\$ -			
Fees/Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400.54	
Expenditures	\$(7,798.55)	\$ -	\$(387.72)	
Ending Cash Balance	\$1,934.97	\$1,753.44	\$88,788.40	

GENERAL FUND

Supplies: A-OX Welding \$20.83, Bindert, D. \$23.43, Discover \$3,123.72, Heartland Paper \$31.09, Hillyard \$16.50, Josten's \$91.82, Lake Preston Café \$28.76, Maynard's Food Center \$292.47, Roy's Sport Shop \$265.00; Services: Connecting Point \$160.00, Lake Preston Automotive Repair \$482.91, MK Fischer Photography \$360.00, Tvinnereim C. \$300.00; Utilities: CenturyLink \$125.48, City of Lake Preston \$289.51, Cook's Waste \$213.72, Northwestern Energy \$1,450.62, Ottertail Power \$1,260.66; Fuel: Coles Petroleum \$60.12, Prairie Ag Partners \$1,223.56; Dues/Fees: EWell Education Services \$40.00, Horizon Health \$548.25, NASSP/NHS \$385.00, NESC \$21.30, Sam's Club \$220.00, Sanford Health Plan \$23.40, SDHSAA \$660.00; Insurance: Northern Plains Insurance Pool \$3,030.79; Publications: RFD Newspapers \$162.48 General Fund Total: \$14,911.42

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Improvements: Bode Construction \$2,015.31, Kingsbury County Conservation \$270.00; Software: Impact Applications \$435.00, Mystery Science: \$999.00; Technology Equipment: Marco Technologies \$13,812.72; Playground Equipment: Miracle Recreation \$33,408.97 Capital Outlay Fund Total: \$50,941.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Tuition: Children's Home Society of Sioux Falls \$10,166.72, Sioux Falls School District \$1,194.93; Service: NESC \$3,388.77

Special Education Fund Total: \$14,750.42

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Services/Supplies: Appeara \$88.88, Culligan \$30.00; Dues/Fees: Brandon Valley School \$2,000.00, School Nutrition Assn \$48.50; Food: Dean Foods \$721.27, Earthgrains \$492.20, Maynard's Food Center \$165.85, US Foods - Sioux Falls \$2,426.20;

Food Service Fund Total: \$5,972.90

Grand Total: \$86,575.74

April Payroll: General \$110,352.64 Benefits \$35,392.55; Special Education: \$11,806.59 Benefits: \$4,333.91; Food Service: \$4,176.52, Benefits \$1,492.45; Total April Payroll: \$167,554.66.

Business Manager Curd reviewed the preliminary budget with the board. She noted that there are several moving parts to the budget. Most notably, the uncertainty of the general fund revenue due to state aid received from state. Board asked about adjusting the capital outlay expenditures in the next fiscal year. Since this the preliminary budget is a rough draft, a number of changes can be made prior to passing the budget. By statute, the annual school budget needs to be adopted no later than October 1st.

Curd then informed the board that the Kingsbury Journal is planning to have their first issue produced on May 20th. Felderman added that until it's up and running they suggested that the school could run it's legals in both Arlington Sun and Kingsbury Journal until June or July.

Shared services with the "Share Our Strength" food service buying group was discussed along with the Lake Preston-DeSmet sharing of band and vocal instructors.

Much discussion followed regarding the music shared service agreement. Curd noted that both instructors would be contracted by each original school district only, and shared as part of their other duties as assigned. She would work with the DeSmet business manager, and the staff involved to calculate a cost to each school. Felderman added that the staff members appear willing to help take care of their respective music programs in each schools as this would allow them to focus on their strengths.

Felderman reported on the correspondence he received from ASBSD on their policy revision process. He added that it would be a good move, as many board policies are either obsolete, need to be struck out, or are outdated.

Felderman updated the board on the planned Graduation activities. He hoped to make this the best commencements that the school could have while still holding true to CDC guidelines. Parade will follow the walk-thru commencement exercises.

Felderman then noted that the playground equipment did not come out of the ground very easily, causing damage to the structure. This would need to be noted as we surplus the equipment. Those who wish to bid on it will need to sign a hold harmless agreement.

ACTION 132 – Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to accept the resignation of JH football coach Sampson. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 133 – Motion by Anderson, second by Denison to vote for Tom Culver for East River at Large, Dan Conrad as the Division I Rep, Marty Weistmantel as the Board of Education Rep, and yes on amendment A on the SDHSAA ballots. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 134 – Motion by Wienk, second by Carlson to approve shared music agreement with DeSmet School. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 135 – Motion by Warne, second by Sneesby to accept the quote from Active Heating for the HVAC in the Auxiliary gym. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 136 – Motion by Warne, second by Wienk to approve the ASBSD board policy revision agreement. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 137 – Motion by Anderson, second by Carlson to surplus the playground equipment for disposal. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 138 – Motion by Warne, second by Carlson to close the pension fund and move funds to general fund per SDCL. All voted aye, motion carried.

NESC report was presented by President Olson. He noted that Lake Preston's share is calculated at \$32,414. NESC, who is also part of NPIP, reported a decrease to their health and dental plans. Odegaard presented her quarterly technology report which included data from current and prior ERate expenditures along with the rotating schedule for technology purchases. Curd noted that the successful grab and go lunch program will end on May 15th.

Bothun's board report included tips on how to improve staff morale. She also reported on the activities for staff and students in the upcoming days. Felderman updated the board that he was looking into opening driver's training session in the near future. The driving portion may be delayed as that is more difficult to stay within CDC guidelines. He noted that staff has been working on finalizing the class schedule for next year.

ACTION 139- Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1, Motion by Denison, second by Warne to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. All present voted aye, motion carried.

President Olson exited during Executive Session at approximately 7:40 PM.

ACTION 140- Vice President Carlson declared out of executive session at 8:14 PM.

ACTION 141- Motion by Anderson, second by Sneesby to approve the teaching contracts for Heidi Woodard, Renae Olson, Amanda Hoover, Mariah Nelson(addendum), and Morgan Fischer (addendum); driver's education contracts for Klark Thomsen and Jordan Solberg; classified contracts for Shellie Olson, Tony Jensen, Patricia Nelson, Mary Smith, Lisa Cleveland, Tersia Warne, Angie Jensen, Barb Jones, Shelby Fonder, Corey Tvinnereim, Don Brandner, Shane Waikel and Loretta Malone; and coaching/extracurricular contracts for Dana Felderman, Kristi Odegaard, Tonya Bumann, Deb Olson, Renae Olson, Morgan Fischer, Lynne Brown, Kristi Curd, and Jennifer Stofferahn. Roll call vote was taken with following members voting aye: Anderson, Wienk, Denison, Sneesby and Carlson. Warne recused. Motion carried.

ACTION 142 - Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. All present voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Lake Preston Main Gymnasium.

Kristi Curd, Business Manager
Jerod Olson, President of Board

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Hats off to Kingsbury County Residents and Businesses

NOW THAT WE, THE CITIZENS of Kingsbury County, have a paper again, it is important to chronicle how individuals and businesses have handled the beginning of this COVID-19 crisis. 'Hats Off' to everyone in our region who stepped up to the plate doing things extremely well at this critical time with:

- Voluntary quarantine of selves and families
 - Creative teachers and parents changing the way our children are educated
 - Medical personnel unselfishly giving their time and taking personal risks to be there for our sick
 - Businesses willingly closing their doors and finding other ways to do business
 - Manufacturing businesses doing everything right to be able to continue their operations
 - The generosity of so many to help others.
- This says so much for our region as we all isolated in some way to keep everyone safe.



LOOKING FORWARD

RITA ANDERSON

There are many positive things happening in our communities! "Hats off" to our businesses as they continued to operate and improved their services, websites and social media presence. They have found additional ways to give even greater quality customer service. Our local businesses:

- Put themselves at risk to serve us
- Put in extra hours and began doing more to reach their customers online and with Facebook
- Posted daily specials and ser-

vices they could still provide

- Posted pictures of items in the store so we could shop from home locally
- Opened stores for pickup and delivered when there were special circumstances
- Took time during lower foot traffic to remodel.

These improvements will be in place to make businesses stronger and serve all of us in the future.

Reports from the local banks showed that many businesses in our area applied for the EIDL (Emergency Injury Disaster Loan) and PPP (Paycheck Protection Program). It was important that everyone quickly worked together to access this funding in assisting our businesses to get through this time financially.

Our businesses are now reopening their doors with each operating in their own way and doing everything they can to sanitize and keep us safe. Our local businesses certainly went the extra mile to provide for us. Now it is our time to return that favor and

shop local. Show them that we appreciate their efforts and the safety of being able to shop near home.

This has been a crisis economically, medically, individually and in almost every aspect of our lives. It has hit us all in our pocketbook. The same is true for our local governments. Taxes from these businesses will help them as they work to provide us the same services and continue with necessary projects with less tax revenues.

So be thankful, stay safe and shop local. Our businesses need YOU. Remember:

- Call our stores and ask if they have a product or can order it
- Check the comparable prices - our local stores always provide more personal service
- Remember that our local businesses will be here to deliver, install and provide service for you
- Spend dollars locally - it goes back into our community
- Thank businesses for all their extra efforts.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in all the voting precincts in Kingsbury County.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central daylight savings time on the day of the election.

The polling place in each precinct of this county is as follows:

Arlington City Hall	202 W Elm St	Arlington	SD
Badger American Legion Hall	Main Street	Badger	SD
Iroquois Fire Hall	120 Ottawa St. S	Iroquois	SD
Kingsbury County 4-H Building	107 Lyle Ave NE	De Smet	SD
Lake Preston Community Room	215 N Main	Lake Preston	SD
Oldham Fire Hall	101 Railroad St	Oldham	SD

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor
Kingsbury County

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Visit the park, but keep it safe

BY KATLIN JOHNSON

DO'S

- Do visit the parks that are close to your home to avoid stops.
- Prepare before you visit by checking with the park to know which areas are open so you know that you may need to bring.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others and practice good hand hygiene by washing for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer.
- Play it safe around and in swimming pools.

DON'T'S

- Visit parks if you are sick or were recently exposed (within 14 days) to COVID-19
- Visit crowded parks
- Use playgrounds as the virus can spread when touching contaminated equipment and then touching your hands, eyes, nose, or mouth
- Participate in organized activities or sports, due to the close proximity required to participate

Recommendations from the CDC. For more information, visit cdc.gov



Be smart and safe outdoors.

Take advantage of South Dakota's natural beauty and many recreational activities—but do it responsibly. Keep these things in mind when enjoying the outdoors:

- Stay close to home & limit activities to small family groups
- Choose a different location or time to visit if it's crowded
- Practice social distancing—stay 6 feet apart from others



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Cathy Nelson, a former counselor with the Lake Preston School District, received the Orv Schmieding Award for the 2019-2020 school year. This award is presented to one school counselor in South Dakota every year in recognition of continued contributions to the school counseling profession over the duration of a career. She was nominated by Iroquois school counselor, Dan Kennedy, pictured above with Nelson. Nelson is now retired after school counseling for 32 years within the Lake Preston School District. (Photo courtesy of Dan Kennedy)

Dakota Wesleyan University announces Spring dean's list

Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU), Mitchell S.D., recently released its Spring 2020 dean's list which includes 329 university students with 19 of those students in Kingsbury county and the surrounding counties of Hamlin, Beadle,

Miner and Brookings.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point scale. They also must complete at least 12 hours of academic work during the semester.

KINGSBURY COUNTY

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The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Here are two things you can do to stay safe:

- 1. Practice good hygiene**
 - Wash hands often with soap & water for 20 seconds
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, & mouth with hands
 - Always cover your mouth & nose with a tissue or the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- 2. Disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily**
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OUTDOORS: Opening land to natural grasses quickly creates new habitat

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summer, what I found was that flowers, grass and broadleaf edge grew nearly 5 feet in many places. By opening the natural seed bank back up to sunlight and releasing the land from the grips of the brome grass, I'd created a mini shelter belt of cover and seeds for all manner of bird and mammals to use.

A good way to accomplish this is strip disking. Strip disking is one of the simplest, most effective and cost-effective techniques for improving wildlife habitat. Deer, pheasant, turkey, rabbits and songbirds are some of the many species that benefit.

Strip disking simply involves the use of a disk to disturb the soil and the process can turn a thick mat of grass into something wild and productive. Disking provides numerous benefits to improve wildlife habitat. The process creates natural succession by cutting up and killing the grassy brome.

It creates bare ground by reducing matted litter accumulation, stimulating germination of desirable seed-producing plants and increasing insect populations for birds to feed upon.

Most fields here are filled with fescue, brome or canary grass. Those species have little or no value for wildlife. Strip disking encourages the natural re-generation of annual warm season plants that are a major native wildlife food source. These species provided our ranch with vital pheasant and turkey brood rearing habitat, giving newly hatched chicks a diet rich in insects. I've also witnessed does with new fawns in tow bed them down in these thick stands as they browsed on broadleaf weeds, while ignoring acres of clover and soybeans.

When the soil is exposed, seeds of annual plants can germinate and grow, which greatly enhances plant diversity. Most of the acres I strip disked were a monoculture of cool season grass. Many of the new annual plants produce leafy browse that provides food and cover during late summer. But my favorite byproduct of strip disking is the screening cover and thermal boundary it provides during our brutal winters. Screening cover also provides our deer a sense of security and helps hide them while they feed from the prying eyes of possible road hunters or poachers.

If turkeys and pheasant habitat production is a goal, strip disking creates areas of bare soil that pro-



Taking advantage of the time and perspective the offseason months provide is as important as the hunt itself, says the author, pictured here with a dandy whitetail. (Photo by Dana R. Rogers)

Strip disking is one of the simplest, most effective and cost-effective techniques for improving wildlife habitat.



A quick visit with your local NRCS office or wildlife department office is an important first step for free advice and information on cost-share programs to help with food plots and other habitat-related enhancements you'd like to make on the properties you hunt. (Photo by Dana R. Rogers)

vide dusting areas for birds or new areas for sowing additional types of seeds valuable as wildlife food and cover. Through several years of trial and error, I've achieved the best results by practicing strip disking along the edges of our shelter belts or lower profile food plots like clover or soybeans. Our pasture grasslands, where there is little or no edge, are transformed to productive wildlife habitats through this simple process.

Ideally, strip disking should be done in linear strips at least two disk width's or between 15-20' across. Additionally, to prevent erosion, the strips should follow the contour of the land and be separated by undisked strips at least as wide as the disked area.

The goal is to work the ground deep enough to kill the majority of the existing vegetation. If the sod mat is too thick to allow adequate soil disturbance with a disk, then haying, plowing, a controlled burn or any combination can be used to remove the vegetation prior to disking.

This article was adapted from an article originally published in Outdoor Forum magazine.

Here's a sneak peak at next week's paper:

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After 14 years of living in South Dakota, Kristen Luethmers decided to try walleye fishing and landed her first walleye. As the weather improves, more fishermen (and women) are hitting the shorelines. The evening bite has been very good on area lakes. (Photo submitted by Mike Luethmers)

Time to Register for the Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament

The 31st Annual Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament is scheduled for June 6 - 7, 2020.

Entry forms can be found on the Lake Thompson S.D. Tourism Facebook page or by contacting Korlyn Casper at (605) 860-8415.

Spots are filling quickly, with a limit of 60 teams. Due to COVID-19, instead of a meeting and social, teams will be provided a written copy of the rules. One member of each team must stop at the Lake Preston Firehall on Friday evening to complete registration, and a Calcutta auction will be held at 7:00 p.m. for those interested.

This event is coordinated by the Lake Preston Chamber of Commerce and Lake Preston Volunteer Fire Department.

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CrossFit AVA Honors Vets with Unique Athletic Challenge



Participants come together for the annual Murph Challenge. Cross-Fit AVA does not require you to be a member to participate at their gym. They have a "drop-in" rate of \$15. To see what they offer and their prices, go to <https://crossfit-ava.com/>. (Pictured back row, left to right) Blake Van Regenmorter, Sheila Schmidt, Darcie Tolzin, Devin Krup, Derek Lund, Terry Schmidt, Kennedy Longville. (Front row, left to right) Trace Van Regenmorter, Callie Aylward, Jennifer Malone, April Peterson, Amy Kruse, Laurie Bunker, Austin Aylward (co-owner), Victoria Albrecht (co-owner).

BY KATLIN JOHNSON
Kingsbury Journal

CrossFit AVA hosted their annual "Murph Challenge" at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2020.

The Murph challenge is a nationwide, well-known workout that includes a 1-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats, and another 1-mile run. The challenge typically falls on Memorial Day.

Although co-owners Austin Aylward and Victoria Albrecht have hosted this challenge for many years, this is the first year in their new building and under their new business name, CrossFit AVA, previously named Get Fit.

"For us, we do it to have a good time," said Albrecht. "It's a fun way for us to do our honoring over Memorial Day weekend."

The Murph Challenge is an an-

ual fundraiser of the LT. Michael P. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Foundation, presented by Forged. This foundation was founded in 2007 to honor the life, memory and sacrifice of Lieutenant Michael Murphy and awards over 27 scholarships annually. Since 2014, Forged has raised \$1,000,000 for the Foundation. This annual challenge is one of the primary means of funding for the Foundation.

OUTDOORS

Making cover for wildlife on your land

Better options available, without the steep price tag

BY DANA R. ROGERS

Restoring portions of your land to its natural state can have many benefits, including more and better cover for deer and more diverse wildlife. And it is often the least expensive alternative for creating cover for wildlife.

As land managers trying to in-

crease cover for our deer herds and provide more hunting options in the fall, we have many options available to us, but most of them seem to take years to come to fruition. And all of them come with an increasingly steep price tag.

Trees and brush cover can take years to grow. Grain seed for food plots like corn and soybeans is rising sharply, especially if you choose Roundup Ready varieties to reduce competition and increase yield. This increases the calories for deer late in

the season, but is it worth the investment?

Fuel, fertilizer and chemical herbicides all push for a larger piece of our management budget each year.

Recently, I've discovered a different, more economical way to quickly and efficiently increase the ground cover on our family ranch. Like most areas that have been used for traditional cattle grazing operations, our family ranch has been dominated by brome grass for decades. Gone are the seas of tall and short grass

prairies that once stretched from the Canadian Prairie Provinces down to central Texas.

When I began to work a few acres of prairie grass into food plots 5 years ago, I stumbled upon an added benefit. Much of the land I planted into food plots hadn't been farmed for over 50 years and had long reverted back to near virgin prairie.

During that first year, I planted a few acres into sorghum without the use of any herbicide. Later that

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