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# County Explores Ways to Stay Safe, While Still Conducting Business

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Much of the June 6 Kingsbury County Commissioners meeting focused on safety precautions that the courthouse put in place because of COVID-19. Three of the commissioners and the county auditor were present in the commissioners' room, while States Attorney Gregg Gass, two commissioners and some other

meeting participants attended via Zoom on the computers or phones. The first cases of COVID-19 in Kingsbury County were identified June 1.

Although courthouse offices have remained staffed, public access to the buildings has been limited since March 17. Gass said the courthouse is doing a good job working around the restrictions.

"Nationwide, the death rates for people diagnosed with COVID-19 are about

6 percent," said Gass, "but in South Dakota, it's closer to 1 percent. Maybe our nursing homes are doing a better job."

Gass added that reopening is an individual decision for each county. But, he asserted, "If it ain't broke, you don't fix it."

Gass said the court is still utilizing Zoom for a lot of defendant pleas, and some clients are appearing via written

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## South Dakota's longest-running celebration on hold due to Covid-19

The Crouse & Crew clowns, sponsored by Larson Farms, have been a tradition in the Old Settlers Day parade for years. Learn more about the early history of the 133-year-old celebration and plans to keep it going on page 12.

## Miller Was a Giant Among South Dakota Historians

BY DALE BLEGEN

South Dakota historian and author John E. Miller, whose books first opened De Smet and the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder to serious historical research, died May 1, 2020.

A bench in Miller's memory acknowledging everything he has done to promote De Smet, has been placed in a special spot at the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library. The inscription on the bench reads "In Memory of John E. Miller, South Dakota Historian and Author, Friend of Laura's little town."

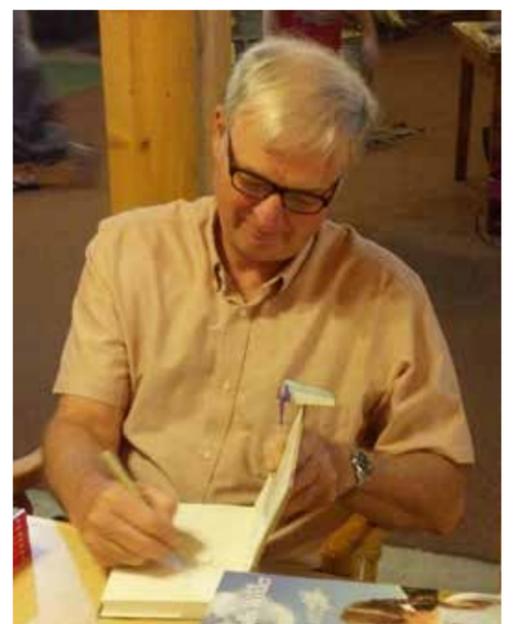
Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff to Gov.

Kristi Noem, whose grandfather was Sen. Henry Poppen, a lifelong De Smet resident, wrote on the SoDak Governor's website his memories about Miller.

Miller, who taught history at South Dakota State University, was Venhuizen's adviser when he was a student there. Venhuizen said Miller was not someone who was flashy and his courses were always about the material, not about him.

Miller was born in Beloit, Kan., and spent most of his growing up years in various small towns in Missouri. His father was a Lutheran minister; his

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# County Lists Five Covid-19 Cases

## Minimal to Moderate Community Spread

The South Dakota Department of Health reports an upsurge in COVID-19 cases in Kingsbury County to a total of five, with three of these presently active.

While the county has seen an increase, the number of active cases in South Dakota has decreased from 1,094 cases last week to 1,003 as of June 8, 2020.

Kingsbury County is listed with minimal to moderate community spread. Two people in the county

have recovered from the virus. There have not been any deaths or hospitalizations.

As of June 8, 5,471 total cases were reported in South Dakota. 92 are currently hospitalized, and there have been 62 deaths.

Neighboring county totals show Beadle County with 204 active COVID-19 cases, 176 recovered; Brookings County with 23 total cases, 16 recovered; Miner County with three total, one recovered; Hamlin County with seven total, four recovered.

The number of South Dakota counties reporting zero cases has decreased this week from 13 to nine.



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Members of the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library pose with the memorial bench dedicated to John E. Miller, South Dakota historian and author. Shown are Evelyn Twite, rear left, Gail Anderson, Assistant Librarian Jenny Todd and Roxene Helms; Librarian Mary Purintun, seated left, and Lynn Lee. Sharon Peterson, library board president, was not present.

## MILLER

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mother a housewife.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri and his master’s and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the faculty at SDSU in 1973 and South Dakota became his home.

“He was one of our state’s outstanding historians,” Venhuizen said.

Miller believed you could write important history about one’s home. His book, “Looking for History on Highway 14,” had special meaning to Venhuizen because he spent much of his adult life along this highway.

“He was a giant of South Dakota history,” Venhuizen wrote, noting Miller’s work in updating and revising Herbert Schell’s “History of South Dakota.”

Miller’s books, “Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Little Town,” “Becoming Laura Ingalls Wilder,” and “Laura Ingalls Wilder and Rose Wilder Lane” were the first to look closely at De Smet and Wilder’s books by a professional historian. These books are available at the library in De Smet and at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society and at the Ingalls Homestead gift shops.

Miller also wrote six other books and numerous articles about South Dakota and the Midwest.

He was a frequent visitor to De Smet and was appreciated for his work in promoting the town and for the precedent he set for other authors to research and write historically about Wilder’s books.

When Miller visited De Smet, he made connections and friendships

along the way.

His wife, Kathy, a retired Brookings elementary school counselor, said he enjoyed his visits and talking with De Smet residents.

“John believed in the importance of state and local history. His approach to history included studying the connections between people and the everyday experiences of those people. He very much enjoyed visiting De Smet and talking with its residents and tourists,” Kathy said.

Ann Lesch of the Ingalls Homestead is a big fan of Miller’s. She said she was always glad to see him come to the Homestead where he would not only relate his knowledge of local history, he would listen carefully to her perspective. He also visited with tourists and Lesch said she thinks Miller enriched Wilder’s stories with his historical perspective and writing.

“He understood the appeal of Laura’s stories and their historical value as windows into the settlement of De Smet,” she said.

Miller was an active member of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society and participated in its activities and programs, Tessa Flak, the society’s director said.

And Miller spent many hours at Ward’s Store and Bakery autographing his books. A friendship with Patti Slater, owner of Ward’s Store, was a result.

The bench in his memory was purchased as a tribute from the De Smet community with donations from The De Smet News, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, the Ingalls Homestead, the De Smet Development Corporation, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society and Ward’s Store and Bakery.



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# COMMISSIONERS

FROM PAGE 1

power-of-attorney, although some cases are still heard in the courtroom.

County Treasurer Elaine Blachford told commissioners that her office is falling behind on their workload under the current restrictions. She said that she and other employees in her office are not getting a chance to get caught up on their usual treasurer duties. She asked about opening public access to the treasurer's office. Blachford explained that when staff has to go outside to people's cars, it takes a lot of time, and she added it could actually be more dangerous working with people in the close quarters of the entryway than it would be for them to come into the main building.

"We have to get back to normal sometime," said Blachford. "There are 21 counties that have opened back up."

Blachford asked if it would be possible to open one office and leave the others closed.

Director of Equalization Tammy Anderson said she would prefer that the courthouse offices remain closed until the first of July.

"My concern is that the numbers are just starting to go up in Kingsbury County. Once we start opening the doors, we will be getting people in from other counties, and they will be using the restrooms," Anderson said.

She also stated that she does not have plexiglass barriers in her office.

Commissioner Delmer Wolkow asked if it would be possible to limit access to just the main floor.

"Eighty percent of transactions take place at those windows on the main floor," he said. "People that have to deal with the public are running outside and using their own cell phones. They are going above and beyond the call of duty."

"I wish more people would use the mail," Commissioner Shelley Nelson commented. She asked if they could limit access to the restrooms.

Commission Chair Roger Walls said that when they first limited access to the courthouse, they really didn't understand what was coming with the virus.

"We're standing here shaking in our boots thinking the sky is falling," he said. "The sky isn't falling, but we do have to be aware."

"Are we shaking in our boots? No," Nelson responded. "We're aware

of it, but why when we are starting to get cases in the county would we open up now?"

Jennifer Barnard added her concerns about working with the public outside the courthouse during the summer.

"I'd hate to see someone have a heat stroke in the parking lot," Jennifer Barnard said. "I can honestly see both sides."

Barnard said she had spoken to Emergency Manager Cindy Bau, who had recently answered a questionnaire about offices re-opening. One of the questions asked was if there is a plan in place if a courthouse employee gets sick. There is no such plan in place yet. Barnard noted that if one employee gets sick, they would all have to go on quarantine, as would anyone they had been in contact with.

Register of Deeds Caryn Hojer, a member of the De Smet Volunteer Rescue crew, said they have been told to expect a surge of COVID-19 in the next couple of weeks.

Gass said he wanted to speak for a moment as a citizen and not the States Attorney. He said he has basically moved his office equipment to his home, and his secretary is working from her home.

"It's not convenient, but it limits my office to exposure from the public," said Gass.

Lonny Palmlund, who handles building and lawn maintenance at the courthouse, said he could modify a window outside of the treasurer's office, with a pass-through slot, so people could access services from the deck outside.

"If that window would work, at least you could stay in your office and not have to run out to people's cars," Commissioner Joe Jensen said.

"That window is a good compromise," Nelson said. She said she feels for Blachford, but also knows that others don't feel comfortable opening up.

"They are talking that this could go on for another year or 18 months," she stated. Nelson added that they need to get a plan in place in case one of the courthouse employees gets sick.

"You will know immediately if this (the window modification) reduces the burden on your office," said Palmlund.

After much deliberation, the commissioners approved the plan to modify the window.

Walls said the bar and café in Iroquois had been following county guidelines about allowing customers inside. He asked Gass if they needed

to continue to follow those restrictions. Gass advised that it was not up to him or the county to decide. Since the establishment is in Iroquois city limits, they should consult their city attorney.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners met with County Highway Superintendent Dave Sorenson. Sorenson asked if he could apply for a community access grant that might help with repairs to County Road 18. The road is used to access the golf course, some residences and the De Smet Cemetery where some of the Ingalls graves are located. Part of the road is owned by the city, but Sorenson said it is only a block and a half, so the county has always maintained it and taken care of snow removal.

"We just leave the blade down and plow the snow, since we are going that way anyhow," Sorenson said. The commissioners approved a resolution for Sorenson to apply for the grant.

Sorenson reported that his crews have been working as much as possible on Fridays, and that it would continue through June and July. He also reported they are putting up a lot of new signs, including minimum maintenance and 911 Avenue and Street signs on county roads. He explained that the signs were part of a grant.

Commissioners Delmer Wolkow and Nelson both reported they had received a call from a county resident who had concerns about what he called poorly maintained county roads. The caller was also concerned about people fishing on the Oldham road that crosses Lake Thompson.

Gass advised that while it is illegal to fish from a state highway, there is no law that prohibits people from fishing from a county road. However, tickets can be issued if people are parked in a no-parking zone or if they are obstructing traffic. Wolkow added the caller told him he could not get down the road with farm equipment at times because of the cars parked on both sides.

The commission went into two executive sessions. The first was to finalize contract negotiations with the county highway department and union representative Kooper Callaway. The second, with Gass and Lake Thompson property owner Jim Knight, was to discuss possible litigation regarding the cleanout of the outlet.

Following the second session, the commissioners passed a motion for Gass to submit a cleanout plan to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and to approve paying the engineering bill for \$4,750 to Brosz Engineering. The engineering firm determined where the hard bottom of the outlet is, a step DENR required before the cleanout could begin. The county will use some of the \$10,000 they allotted last year toward the cleanout project. Property owners will be responsible for costs beyond the \$10,000.

Knight commented that the lake is going down and people are enjoying it more. He also said the property owners have had some discussion with township boards about road repair, but they didn't want to proceed until they knew what Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was going to provide.

Commissioners Walls, Jensen and Wolkow officially canvassed the votes from the June 2 primary election. Kingsbury County voters were in step with most of the statewide choices.

## COURT NEWS

**Kayla Thompson** plead guilty May 4 to possession of a controlled substance. On June 1, she was sentenced to pay \$800.00 in fines and costs and four years in the state penitentiary with four years suspended on the following conditions: supervised probation for three years with 30 days of house arrest, complete a chemical dependency evaluation, shall not consume or possess alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or substances, complete 40 hours of community service, shall voluntarily give a sample of bodily substance for testing purposes and voluntary submit to a search and seizure of her personal effects, vehicle and residence during the period of her probation, pay fines and costs as ordered and pay for the cost of her court appointed attorney.

**Dustin Smith** of De Smet plead guilty to disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to ten days in jail and \$300.00 in fines and costs. Ten days in jail is suspended on the conditions that he pay fines and costs as ordered, be a law-abiding citizen for six months and pay the fees for court appointed attorney.

**Jason Vandenoever** of Sioux Falls plead guilty to disorderly conduct domestic. He was sentenced to \$325.00 in fines and costs and ten days in jail. Ten days in jail is suspended on the conditions that he pays fines and costs as ordered, be a law-abiding citizen for 360 days and consume no alcoholic beverages for 360 days.

**Dylan Ketcham**, Hartford, 65 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

**Jamie Nelson**, Arlington, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

**Landon Moser**, Watertown, no driver's license, fined \$122.50.

**Luisa Flores-Gutierrez**, Brookings, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

**Clint Broderson**, Belle Fourche, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

## SHERIFF REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports three motor vehicle accidents in the past week.

**Cole Gilbertson** of Garden City, S.D. was traveling northbound May 27, on Sherwood Avenue on a 2000 Buel motorcycle when the throttle stuck. The motorcycle fell on its side and slid into a parked 2009 Honda Odyssey owned by Robert Mader of Marshfield, Wis. Gilbertson was cited for no motorcycle license and no financial responsibility. The motorcycle suffered \$8500.00 in damages, and the Odyssey suffered \$500.00 in damages.

**Timothy Schwartz** of Huron hit a deer about 10:30 a.m. May 28, while traveling west on U.S. Highway 14. His 2011 Chevy K-3500 suffered \$7500.00 damage.

**Michael Cook** of Hetland was driving south bound on 441st Avenue near 206th Street on May 31. Cook veered to the right, going into the west ditch, and struck a private driveway. The 2008 Buick Lacrosse CX he was driving suffered \$4500.00 in damages.



**Jessica Virchow, Deputy Kingsbury County Treasurer, sits ready to assist patrons to the courthouse. Because of COVID-19 concerns, access to the Kingsbury County Courthouse has been limited since March. In order to provide more efficient service, the windows outside the county treasurer's office were modified this week to allow people to do business from the front deck treasurer's office, while still maintaining limited access to inside the building.**

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## Last Week in Weather

**Monday, June 1**  
High 94, Low 65

**Tuesday, June 2**  
High 86, Low 64

**Wednesday, June 3**  
High 86, Low 55

**Thursday, June 4**  
High 78, Low 56

**Friday, June 5**  
High 78, Low 56

**Saturday, June 6**  
High 78, Low 61

**Sunday, June 7**  
High 92, Low 70

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## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



## Sunset skies

This beautiful photo was taken north of Norm Koehlmoos's farm on May 29. Matthew Hojer, Blake Koehlmoos and Austin Hoffman were busy wrapping bales. The image was one of the 605 Day photo submissions. 605 Day celebrates our great state through photos and videos. "605" represents the state's area code, with South Dakota being one of only twelve states to have a single area code. View this photo in glorious color online at [kingsburyjournal.com/photo-of-the-week/](http://kingsburyjournal.com/photo-of-the-week/) (Photo by Matthew Hojer)

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# The Protests Served Their Purpose — Now It's Time to Problem Solve

**PROTESTS HAVE A PURPOSE.** People protest when they feel like they're not being heard. For the last week, we've seen countless protests because of what happened to George Floyd while in the custody of the Minneapolis police. Personally, I couldn't even make it through the video of his death because it was so gut-wrenching. There is no one that thinks that what happened to George Floyd was okay.



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

**KRISTI NOEM**

The protests have served their purpose. The question before us now is: What do we want policing to look like going forward? That's at all levels – city, county, and state.

There's no governor in America that has trusted their people to make the right choices more than I have these last several months. And there's no governor in America more willing to work with her people to find solutions to our problems – be that policing or otherwise. It's time to problem solve.

Policing is largely a state and local issue – the vast majority of police officers are local, not federal, and the

laws they enforce are local, not federal. If we want to change the nature of policing, South Dakota must take the lead on that ourselves.

In America, the street doesn't settle or resolve this policing question, or any other public policy question. Rather, it's the hard work of study, review, debate, negotiation, and accommodation. Then, we decide what is the best action.

One-liners on social media aren't the answer. People need to ask themselves: What are the facts? What are

the consequences? What can history teach us? Our American political system is deliberative, so we must take the time to do the hard work of looking at these things from all angles.

One thing I have noticed about public discourse in America today is the immediacy of it all. Social media and the internet have made it easy to communicate quickly – instantly, in fact. That's a great tool, but it has also made it easy to communicate thoughtlessly. In the race to be heard, too many of us have given up trying to make an argument. Instead, we compete to see who can shout the loudest.

America is a place where all voices can be heard. Free speech is one of our most fundamental rights. I see legitimate protests raising important concerns, and I hear those concerns. But I also see violent actors who are trying to do an end-run around public discourse. They want to intimidate and silence opposing views. They want to short-cut public debate through fear. They want to make people scared. This is un-American. The biggest lesson I've learned

when tackling public policy issues is that there's no institution more important than the family. We are blessed with great families in South Dakota and in America. Whatever your family looks like, make sure you're a strong family.

I say that because what's been taking place across our country shows that some of our families need a lot more attention. Parents need to know if their kids are out throwing rocks at cops. Brothers and sisters need to know if their siblings are looting and vandalizing businesses. Grandparents need to know if their grandkids are intentionally trying to destroy our way of life.

Violence is never the answer. Violence will not be tolerated by me, and it should not be tolerated by you. We have an opportunity to be better. But that requires us to be bold, to respect one another, listen to each other, and work together on our path forward.

*This column is adapted from Gov. Noem's op-ed that originally ran on FoxNews.com.*

## Primary Election Results Tabulated

**BY DONNA PALMLUND**  
Kingsbury Journal

Kingsbury County had a 28.82% voter turnout June 2 for the primary election, with 1,010 of the 3,504 registered voters casting ballots.

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE SENATOR:**  
**Mike Rounds vs. Scyller J. Borglum**

Statewide: Rounds- 74.8%, Borglum- 25.2%

Kingsbury County: Rounds- 77% (569 votes), Borglum- 23% (173 votes)  
Kingsbury Absentee ballots: Rounds- 83%, Borglum- 16%  
Arlington: Rounds- 67%, Borglum- 32%  
Badger: Rounds- 68%, Borglum- 32%  
De Smet: Rounds- 75%, Borglum- 25%  
Iroquois: Rounds- 70%, Borglum- 29%  
Lake Preston: Rounds- 69%, Borglum- 30%  
Oldham: Rounds- 58%, Borglum- 41%

**HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE:**  
**Dusty Johnson vs. Liz Marty May**

Statewide: Johnson- 76.2% (66,942 votes), May- 23.8% (20,942 votes)

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**  
**Joe Biden vs. Bernie Sanders**

Statewide: Biden- 76.8%, Sanders- 23.2%  
Kingsbury County: Biden- 77% (210 votes), Sanders- 21% (55 votes)

## What's Different With Swimming Pools In The County This Year

**Two Pools Will Open With Restrictions**

**BY RITA ANDERSON**

Summer is here, temperatures are in the 90's and children are anxious to go to the local pool. Due to COVID-19 concerns, however, the swimming pools in Kingsbury County are operating differently from previous seasons.

The Lake Preston pool is closed for the 2020 season. The city of Lake Preston is taking advantage of this time to make major improvements. The entire decking is being replaced, and repairs are being made to the inside wall of the pool.

The city of Arlington has plans to open their pool on June 15. Signed waivers will be required to enter the pool, and body temperatures will be taken of all who enter. Currently, they do not plan any occupancy restrictions since the large size of the pool allows for a great deal more

swimmers than daily attendance numbers have shown in the past.

The city of De Smet swimming pool opened on Saturday, June 6, to anxious children as they waited for the water temperature to rise high enough to swim. Kristy Hubbard, De Smet pool director, reports they have been at full attendance almost every session.

Different this year for the De Smet pool patrons are the COVID-19 restrictions. Each person must have a signed waiver to swim, and body temperatures are taken as they enter the swim area. Waivers may be obtained at the pool or online at [cityofdesmet.com/pdf/swimming-pool-waiver.pdf](http://cityofdesmet.com/pdf/swimming-pool-waiver.pdf)

Social distancing is observed with only thirty people allowed in the pool at one time. Those attending are separated to different areas.

A reservation to be one of thirty people allowed in the pool is not required but is recommended. Reservations can only be made for 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., when the pool opens for each session. This reservation will

be held for 15 minutes after the designated time and then forfeited to the next person awaiting entry. Call the pool at (605) 854-9122 for reservations.

"We ask people to be understanding of the new safety regulations and supportive of the lifeguards' decisions," said Hubbard. "It is up to the lifeguards to enforce the new rules."

Season passes may be purchased at the pool for a cost of \$25 for individuals and \$60 for families. The swim pass does not allow a person to automatically enter the pool.

**DE SMET POOL HOURS**

**Sunday - Friday:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.  
**Saturday:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Swim lessons will be given in two sessions:

**Session 1:** June 22 - July 2  
**Session 2:** August 3 - August 13.  
Children wanting to start Level 1 must be beginning kindergarten in the fall. The cost is \$20/student.

### Updates to City Campsites

**Lake Preston**

**Donations for new electric for each site!**

For a donation please contact the City Finance Office at 111 3rd St. N.E.; 605-847-4140 or mail to PO BOX 397, Lake Preston SD, 57249.

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Sale ends June 30<sup>th</sup>





## Fire aftermath at Lake Poinsett

A fire destroyed nine campers, three large fishing boats, one pontoon and a Ford pickup at the Sunset Campground near Lake Poinsett on the evening of June 8. Many more campers were damaged, but no one was hurt in the fire. A cause has not been determined. There was severe weather in the area at the time. (Photo by Gordie Skyberg)

### MENUS

#### Lake Preston 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, JUNE 11:** Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12:** Father's Day Meal: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Fruit Dessert, Bread

**MONDAY, JUNE 15:** Turkey Club Sandwich, English Pea Salad, Fruit

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16:** BBQ Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread Muffin

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17:** Fish, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple, Whole Grain Bread

#### De Smet 60s-Plus Menu

Ward's Store & Bakery is serving senior meals for breakfast and for lunch. Please call (605) 854-3688 to be added to the list.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11:** Chicken Fried Steak

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12:** Taco Salad

**MONDAY, JUNE 15:** Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16:** Goulash

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17:** Pizza

## City Landfills — What & When?

Disposing of grass clippings and large items for refuse is a constant need for Kingsbury County residents. Because there is not a designated county landfill site, residents must contact each city office where they reside to find locations and materials accepted.

Each city has different names for the sites and fees applied:

#### DE SMET

Restricted Use Site located southwest of city

- Hours May – September: Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon; Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Rates double for all non-city Kingsbury County residents & triple for non-Kingsbury County residents
- Fees vary from \$5 to \$30, depending on item and size of load

#### Materials Accepted:

- Compost Pile: grass/leaves/garden rubbish (No bags/containers may be left at site)
- Burnable Trench: trees, untreated lumber, wood pallets, untreated wood
- Non-Burnable Trench: fiber glass garage doors; cement/plaster/sheetrock/asphalt shingles;
- Wood & furniture/sofas/mattresses/box springs; storm doors/windows/bathroom fixtures
- Metal Pile: appliances (compressors must be detached); auto body parts/lawnmowers; furnaces/duct-work
- Tires: All types of tires

**Materials Not Accepted:** oil, paint, chemical containers, paper, plastic, electronic, cardboard, automotive filters, microwaves, plastic bottles,

fluorescent light bulbs, insulation, foam board

#### LAKE PRESTON

Rubble Site located northeast of the city

- Summer Hours: Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Materials Accepted:** leaves, branches, trees

**Materials Not Accepted:** painted wood; refrigerators/freezers

#### ARLINGTON

Restricted Rubble Site located north of the city

- Open to Arlington residents
- Rates: Residents may pick up one "free dump" card/year for one pickup or 8' trailer load; Charges for any other dumping dependent on size of load; Doubled for non-city residents
- Hours: Spring to Winter: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Materials Accepted:

- Trees; grass; leaves; garden rubbish
- Trees/lumber
- Cement/plaster/sheetrock/asphalt shingles
- Sofa/mattresses/box springs/windows
- Upholstered furniture/storm doors
- Bathroom fixtures
- Appliances
- Metals: auto bodies/parts/sheet metal
- Lawn mowers/furnaces/duct-work
- Tires



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Myrtle Warne, Bryant, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on June 17th.

To help her celebrate, her family is requesting a card shower. Cards and greetings may be sent to

P.O. Box 35 in Bryant, SD 57201



# Wild Weather Rips Through County

Tornado sirens sounded shortly after midnight Tuesday in Kingsbury County. Phone alerts and TV news reports confirmed a tornado on the ground eight miles southwest of the Lake Thompson State Recreational area moving toward De Smet and Lake Preston. Radar also indicated rotation over Lake Thompson and in the Erwin and Badger area.

Kingsbury County Emergency Manager Cindy Bau said a tornado warning is a 3 to 5-minute steady

blast. They do not blow an all-clear signal. Bau said people should continue to monitor the weather once they come out of their basement or shelter area.

No property damage or injuries were reported from either of those systems, but rain continued to fall throughout the day. At 7:45 a.m., total rainfall in De Smet was 2.6 inches. Within the next 30 minutes, another 1.65 inches had fallen with more rain falling off and on throughout the day.



Areas of the KCCC Golf Course in De Smet, including the bridge by the #3 tee box, were flooded following Tuesday's heavy rainfall. (Photo by Donna Palmund)

# Flexibility During Remote Learning

BY LINDSAY NOLTE

De Smet Middle/High School teacher

Flexibility has always been a unique characteristic of educators. However, moving to online methods of instruction in March due to the COVID-19 crisis saw many teachers go back to the drawing board when planning lessons for and delivering instruction to their students. Learners in my classroom were fortunate to be able to utilize school-issued Chromebooks at the middle and high school levels. But, the convenience of having a device didn't always ensure great internet connections for every student.

I transformed my dining room table to a classroom with my laptop, bonus old Gateway computer screen and various school supplies. Meanwhile, my husband, who is also a teacher, set up a math classroom complete with a wall-to-wall white board in our basement. For two months, we conducted various Zoom meetings, held video chats, had lengthy text conversations and participated in a vast amount of e-mail correspondence with learners and their parents. My cat was often known to make an appearance on screen.

I utilized Google Classroom as a learning platform to help organize and give remote assignments. Technology tools such as e-mail, text messages and a host of digital programs and tools for learning practice and assessment were also employed.

Some of my colleagues found success with traditional methods of instruction with textbooks, workbooks and worksheets. In my English classroom, I had already utilized several technology tools so students were somewhat familiar when switching to a full online curriculum. No matter the method, we as teachers found ourselves giving feedback in new ways as we guided our students through the end of a historic school year.

Our staff and administration or-

ganized a class schedule for Zoom meetings, which gave students the chance to meet with teachers and classmates for video and audio conferencing, collaboration and chats. It was helpful to make connections virtually; with this technology, students could work one-on-one with teachers, utilize small groups for instruction and participate as a whole group for some classes.

Deadlines for assignments were an on-going experiment to see what would work best. Some students established a routine for at-home learning early on and preferred to complete their work in small increments each day. Others seemed to tackle projects and longer tasks in larger chunks and needed extended deadlines to demonstrate their learning around other responsibilities and commitments. According to feedback from students, most preferred to receive their agendas at the beginning of the week and then devise their own schedules for completion by the end of the week.

While communication was varied, I believe this type of learning encouraged great conversations and self-advocating for middle school and high school learners. Keeping in contact with parents continued to be important, as well, when referring to understanding concepts, completing and submitting school work and continuing to foster important relationships formed earlier in the school year.

Teachers, administrators, and all school staff certainly had to flex their intellectual muscles during this alternate form of learning, but credit should certainly be given to students, as well. Navigating online learning platforms, becoming regular attendees at Zoom meetings, meeting deadlines in creative ways and responding to online feedback were no small tasks. I am incredibly proud of how my students in De Smet proved themselves to be creative and resilient during this time of distance learning.

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## Clean, clean, clean!

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

- countertops & tables
- doorknobs, light switches & handles
- faucets, sinks & toilets



[covid.sd.gov](https://covid.sd.gov)

**COVID-19 Questions: 1-800-997-2880**

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Support appreciated for Oldham-Ramona student

Clay Misar, an Oldham-Ramona student who just finished 7th



grade and son of Mike and Annitta Misar, was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is receiving treatment at Sanford Children's Hospital (the Castle) in Sioux Falls.

An account has been set up to receive donations for Clay at First National Bank in Ramona. Donations can be dropped off at Ramona or Oldham or sent to First National Bank, PO Box 67, Ramona, SD 57054. Checks can be made out to the Misar family. Any funds to support the family would be greatly appreciated.

If children want to help, have them draw pictures for Clay to look at in the hospital! He is a huge Seattle Seahawks fan, and he loves the farm, horses and sports. Pictures can be dropped off at the school. Be on the look-out for "Pray for Clay" bracelets, too!

Please keep Clay and his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

## LATI president's list announced

Area students named to the president's list for the spring 2020 semester at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown include Katelynn Gehm, Allison Larson, Shane Sattler and Hallie Tolzin of De Smet, Cody Perkins of Lake Preston and Mariah Zutter of Iroquois.

To qualify for the president's list, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale. Gehm and Zutter both had perfect 4.0 scores.

## Cundy named chief nursing executive



De Smet native Denise Cundy, MS, BSN, RN, NE-BC has been named chief nursing executive for Unity-Point Health in

Des Moines, Iowa, effective May 31. Cundy takes over the position after Deb Moyer's retirement in May.

Cundy has 22 years of nursing leadership experience, including nursing roles in medical/surgical, critical care, emergency medicine, dialysis and academia.

Cundy earned a diploma in nursing from Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing in Sioux Falls, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) at Huron University and master of science with a focus on nursing education from South Dakota State University in Brookings.

## After Mosquito Bite, Returning to Normal

BY MARY LEE  
Kingsbury Journal

As I got out of my car, Galen Wallum was walking across the yard to greet me. His gait was slower and slightly uneven, but his smile was bright. Wallum has definitely come back from a personal journey. Thinner and a little weary yet, he is determined to return to normal.

In October, 2019, Wallum was tearing down a wood fence for framing materials. A well-known artist for his wonderful depiction of western life, he knew the corral boards were perfect for his art. While taking down the 1,200 feet of barn wood north of Lane, S.D., he noticed the area was swampy and believes that he was bitten by a mosquito. He doesn't recall anything different about working there, but just a few days later, Wallum became very ill.

As he was unloading the lumber at his home near Manchester, he became sick to his stomach, began vomiting and got a terrible headache. He doesn't remember much about the day after that, but apparently had made it to the house where he was found in his bed by his girlfriend, Theresa.

"It came on quick," said Wallum. Theresa found him unconscious. "It was very scary," said Theresa. "I called the ambulance. I thought he was having seizures."

Wallum, suffering from fever and seizure-type activity, was taken to the Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital ER. From there he was flown to Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

With testing, it was determined that Wallum had acquired encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain caused by an infection. He spent two weeks in the intensive care unit of Avera McKennan and then went back home to the Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital for two additional weeks in swing bed. Wallum had returned to his home when complications sent him back to the Sioux Falls Veterans Administration CLC for a month.

Wallum explained that his passion of painting started as a youngster. His mother was a teacher at the schoolhouse north of Manchester, and Wallum attended country school with her, starting when he was four.



Galen Wallum of rural Manchester is slowly recovering after being bitten by a mosquito last fall near Lane. He is a well-known western artist. (Photo by Mary Lee)

"She gave me crayons to keep me busy," he said.

Maybe those were the instrumental years that started his lifelong work. Wallum attended country school, then went on to graduate from Iroquois High School. After high school, Wallum served in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division as a Chinook Helicopter flight engineer. Normal service for this type of flight crew was to run for resupply, but Wallum recalls the flights with casualties.

"There were 88 casualties that we flew out of Saigon over a couple of days," he said. Those days have remained with Wallum, and he has used his art for therapy with a series of paintings of Vietnam.

After the completion of his service in Vietnam, Wallum returned home and went on to school at Oklahoma State Tech to obtain his art degree.

Wallum has shown his art in several galleries over the years. He recalls working with a woman from Arizona to put his western art in her gallery. He also remembers selling his art early on to bankers and business people in the area. Acknowledgements and awards over the years include a 2nd place at Oklahoma College, the Harvey Dunn Award and a public sale in De Smet a few years ago.

Many paintings are also on hand in their house, with several in the "in process" stage. Wallum explained that he often paints the background and lets it sit and talk to him before finishing. One will be of a favorite horse of his, and another will be a scene of a sink hole his horse and he once fell into. Titles on his paintings also have a little humor to them. Wallum feels that he has possibly 100 paintings on hand but has painted many more over the years.

"Someone once told me that I am South Dakota's best kept secret," he said.

Since returning home last Christmas Eve, Wallum has been working to get stronger every day. He admits he is weaker, has lost a substantial amount of weight, has occasional headaches and uses a cane from time to time. He has a Home Health nurse visit weekly to monitor his recovery. Wallum is hoping to regain his driving license soon, and he recently discovered through the VA that he was also eligible for a Purple Heart during his service years.

"I am in the process of getting that," he said.

His easel is set up in his home, a therapy in itself, and Wallum states that he is back working with his oils.

## Looking for Good News Among Trying Times

*"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

MATTHEW 28:20B

**"REJOICE! REJOICE!** Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel." Wait a minute: aren't those words from an Advent hymn, words that we sang about six months ago, as we were impatiently waiting for the season of Christmas? Why would we want to look at words of a hymn that is usually thought of as being specific to only a few weeks of the year? Those are questions that I posed to our congregations this past Sunday, when I referred to the same words, the same hymn.

The word, the name, 'Emmanuel,' means 'God with us.' We often think of God's Son, Emmanuel, as being with us only in the physical form

## MEDITATIONS

VICAR BRAD SANDERSON

Lake Preston/North Preston  
Lutheran Church

of a human man, born as a baby as human beings are. Here in the very last words of the Gospel of Matthew, the writer records Jesus promising us that he is with us always, not just in a physical form two thousand years ago, but with us in our hearts through his words put into our ears. The writer of Matthew's gospel concludes his book with a most wonderful promise given by Jesus: the promise that he is with us always, to the end of the age.

We certainly know that we are living in trying times. We have lived

with the COVID virus situation for about three months, and just recently, during the past couple of weeks, we have been hearing the news filled with reports of riots and division sparked by the death of a man while being arrested. We long for some good news for a change!

And here we have that good news! The good news that in spite of our fears of what is happening around us in this world, in spite of our failure to trust God's word, in spite of our anxiety, our biases, our personal wants and wishes and demands, in spite of our failure to forgive as we want to be forgiven, the good news is that God's own Son is indeed with us, giving to us his word of forgiveness for our failures and giving us his word of hope for our salvation. Rejoice! God is with us always!

# Obituaries



## Myrtle Collins

Myrtle "Myrt" Margaret (Noem) Collins of Florence, Ky., formerly of Williamstown, Ky., died May 29, 2020.

Myrt and her twin sister, Mildred, were born near Erwin, at the farm of their parents, Julius and Alvina (Lilleskov) Noem. They were baptized at East Bethania Lutheran Church. They attended a country school near Erwin and graduated from Bryant High School in 1949.

Following graduation, Myrtle moved to Kentucky where she met and married Richard Collins on Sept. 29, 1950. She worked in the insurance business until her retirement. She enjoyed playing guitar with her husband in several country music bands. She and Richard loved to travel and regularly attended Noem family reunions. Her pranks and laughter will forever ring in our memories. She was greatly loved by family, friends

and co-workers. She had a deep curiosity, love and devotion to her Lord and Savior.

Myrtle is survived by three sisters: Norma "Laney" Lutz of Waxahachie, Texas, Joyce Noem Litz of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Mildred "Millie" Hotchkiss of Humboldt, S.D.; one sister-in-law, Virginia Noem of Independence, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; three brothers: Curtis, Norwood and Ralph Noem; her brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

Services will be announced at a later date.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another; and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* HEBREWS 10:24-25

### De Smet

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-854-3684. They will be holding a drive-in worship for the next couple of weeks starting at 9:30 AM. Please enter the south parking lot from the west entrance (by the elementary school). The recording of the service will be uploaded around noon on Sundays to [americanlutherandesmet.org/sermons](http://americanlutherandesmet.org/sermons)

**DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH**, 605-854-3065, Sunday School at 9:00 for all ages, Church at 10:15. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:15 — all invited!

**DE SMET COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 605-854-3927, Church at 9:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH**, 605-854-9362, See website for more information

<https://prairiebaptistdesmet.org/>

**SPIRIT LAKE PRESBYTERIAN**, 605-237-9565. Drive up service each Sunday at 10:30 and on Facebook Live and FM88.1 SPRT radio. See their Facebook page for updates

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 605-854-9961, Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 605-854-3149, Church will have in-person worship at 9:30am. They will also be live-streamed.

### Lake Preston

**LAKE PRESTON/NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-847-4587. See their Facebook page for updates and Livestreams of services.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST/UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 605-983-5471, See Facebook for more information

### Carthage

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**, 605-772-4137, See their Facebook page for videos and details.

### Erwin

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 605-625-5085. No services right now.

### Bryant

**BRYANT UCC**, 605-625-5085. No services right now.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**. Mass at 11:30 a.m.

### Arlington

**UNITED METHODIST**, 605-983-5471. See Facebook page for updates

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**, 605-854-9961. Mass has resumed! Sunday 8:30am

**LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-983-3220; See their Facebook page for updates.

### Ramona

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**. Sundays in June: Drive-in worship at 9:00 a.m.

This is the most current information we have. Please send updated information to [mail@kingsburyjournal.com](mailto:mail@kingsburyjournal.com) or call 605.854.3331

# The Dessert Food Group

**FROM A YOUNG AGE**, I was taught about the five basic food groups: protein, fruits, vegetables, grains and dairy. Growing up, I remember constantly seeing images of the food pyramid or food plate and how much of each food group everyone was supposed to try and consume each day.

The one food group never mentioned, but one of the most requested in my household, is dessert! As long as our meals have some sort of protein and grain, they are acceptable. Vegetables are a great addition. Fruits are optional. But the one thing that can never be missing is dessert!

I love trying new dessert recipes, and my family always enjoys sampling my creations. No one complains when I make extra desserts, and even those that don't turn out looking like they should always get eaten. But if the cookie jar is empty and there are no treats on the counter, you'd think the world has come to an end.

Normally, keeping up with the dessert demand isn't too hard, but as the temperatures rise, my desire to start the oven lessens. As I'm writing this, it's 91 degrees outside. The last thing I feel like doing is starting up the oven to bake a dessert. Our air conditioner has enough trouble keeping the house cool without me adding additional heat, so this time of year I start making desserts that require no oven.



## HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

### Unbaked Fudge Cookies

4 cups oatmeal  
 1/2 cup coconut  
 1/2 cup nuts (optional)  
 3 heaping tablespoons cocoa  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 Mix together in a large bowl and set aside.

1/2 cup milk  
 2 cups sugar  
 1/2 cup butter  
 Mix these three ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to a rapid boil. Boil for one minute. Then pour over the oatmeal mixture. Stir well. Drop by tablespoon onto wax paper covered cookie sheets. Cool and serve.

### Cookie Tips

Unbaked cookies don't have to be cookies! You can easily make any unbaked cookie recipe into bars by just pouring the mixture into a greased or parchment lined pan. Cut and serve.

Make extra cookies and freeze them for later. Double wrap cookies in plastic food wrap to protect them from odors. Remove as much air as possible and label them with the date made. Cookies can last up to 3-4 months in the freezer!

*Need some tips and tricks? Submit your questions to [amy@kingsburynews.com](mailto:amy@kingsburynews.com)*

One of my favorite no-bake recipes is Unbaked Fudge Cookies. I remember my mom, Janice Eining, making these all the time for my dad, my brother and I. It was one of the first recipes I called her for when I moved out into my own place and wanted to make a dessert for the first time.

This is an easy recipe that will definitely take care of anyone who has a sweet tooth. There are a lot of variations to this recipe, but this one is my favorite. Just make sure you use three heaping tablespoons of cocoa to get all that chocolatey flavor!

# Updates From the Kingsbury Farm Service Agency

BY DAMON STORMO  
 Kingsbury County FSA

## 2020 CROP CERTIFICATION

The 2020 maps have been sent out by email or mail. If you have NOT received your maps, please contact the office. Also, if you are operating or own new land, please contact the office so we may update your records.

FSA offices are not allowing producers inside due to COVID-19. Once you have finished planting, please fill out your maps and either mail or email the maps to the office. We will enter your information and send the acreage report out for signature.

By mail: Kingsbury FSA Office, PO Box 180, De Smet, SD 57231, or email: [rochelle.stout@usda.gov](mailto:rochelle.stout@usda.gov)

The final day to report 2020 acres is July 15, 2020.

## 2020 KINGSBURY FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION

The nomination period for the Kingsbury County FSA county committee begins on June 15, 2020. Nomination forms must be post-marked or received in the Kingsbury County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 1, 2020.

County Committees allow producers to have a voice on local federal farm program implementation. All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers, are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 3, which includes producers located in Hartland West, Hartland East, Badger West, Badger East, Denver North, Denver South, Spring Lake North and Spring

Lake South.

More information about county committee elections is available at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

## CFAP - CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Agricultural producers can now apply for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the coronavirus pandemic. FSA staff members are available via phone, fax and online tools to help producers complete the applications. Eligible producers that had livestock, crops, specialty crops and dairy may apply. A complete list of eligible livestock and crops, the application and a payment calculator are now available online at [www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap)

# Lake Preston

## New Equipment Brightens Up Playground

City will be taking bids on the old equipment

BY TREVA CASPER

Nothing screams recess like new playground equipment. In May, the old playground structure at the Lake Preston Public School was removed, and a new set from Crouch Recreation Inc. was installed. This new blue and gold equipment includes structures for students to climb, swing or slide during their free time.

In order to keep tax dollars local, Smith Construction, Aron's Electric and McMasters Gravel were involved in the installation process. To prepare the area, Bob Bode Construction took down four interior trees on the playground due to maturity and status. This also allowed space for the placement and building of the new system.

"The old structure had provided a great deal of fun for countless Lake Preston students over the years, but many of the parts that were needed to make repairs were not available due to the age of the structure," said Dana Felderman, school superintendent.

Installed in 1991, the old equipment had many areas that were rusted, and the platforms did not have plastic coverings, raising concerns about safety. Having new equipment was discussed as benefiting the students and improving the playground. By maximizing the budget, they were able to acquire as much equipment as possible and add a slide and tire swing to the playground system.

Funds for the equipment came from multiple sources. In Felderman's first year as elementary principal, students participated in



The Lake Preston School prepares for the students' return in the fall by installing new playground equipment. The equipment was purchased with money raised through a fundraiser, a donation from the Progressive Community Women of Lake Preston and generated capital outlay. (Photos courtesy of Dana Felderman)

a cookie dough fundraiser in which they raised approximately \$4000. Then the school received a generous donation from the Progressive Community Women of Lake Preston in the amount of \$3500. The remaining funds were generated from capital outlay.

Accommodating many students at one time, the equipment will keep students in the elementary busy and active during recess. Felderman has observed that there are many climbers who should enjoy all the opportunities this set offers. Three elementary teachers of varying grades were part of the committee to select the equipment.

The old equipment is currently on

the school property behind the buses. The school will be taking bids for the equipment as is at a future date. The equipment is in tough shape, and the bidder would need to sign an agreement that they are purchasing it in that condition. More information will be coming on this.

Last summer, Jeremy Woodcock removed many ash trees around the school, and this summer five maples and five lindens were planted around the school property. Two of those will be planted within the playground area. The school plans to get on a rotation of planting trees each spring due to the ash trees coming to the end of their age.

Students can expect to use the

new equipment when school starts on Aug. 19. In the meantime, the playground and basketball hoops will be ready for public use starting June 8, according to CDC guidelines as deemed necessary.

"With the opening of the school playground, hand sanitizer has been placed by the entrance gate, along with information on CDC guidelines and recommendations," said Felderman. "There are also mobile hand sanitizer stations placed throughout the basketball courts and playgrounds, along with signs to ensure we are using the facilities safely."

Get active and play it safe on the new playground equipment at the Lake Preston School.

### LOOKING BACK

## 1945: Low-Cost Car 'To Suit The Average Person' For \$8,500



25 YEARS AGO: Alumni officers have been finalizing plans for this year's all school reunion. Officers are Warren Casper and Ted Rich, co-vice-presidents; Rose Tolzin, president, Arlyn Jensen, treasurer; and Cheri Carlson, secretary. (picture attached)

### 10 YEARS AGO

June 9, 2010

Tara Scheidt was one of the youngest competitors in the 21st Annual Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament. She and her dad, Tim Scheidt, were the only father-daughter team on the lake.

This year's winners circle included Drew Casper and Paul Casper, who took first on Sunday and caught the day's big fish; Keenan Roth and Brian Fritz, who placed first on Saturday and had the big fish of the day; and Ryan Sauter and Mark Sjolie, who placed second both days but first over all.

### 50 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1970

The church organ that served at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church for decades was transferred this week to a new home where it will take its place beside other pioneer memorabilia in South Dakota.

### Elaine Nelson of Lake Preston

is among 97 Spring High School graduates who have accepted scholarships at Northern State College for the 1970 Fall Semester.

### 75 YEARS AGO

June 7, 1945

Mr. & Mrs. Will Garrey and daughters and Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Bergen and Nancy helped Otto Hasche celebrate his birthday Friday evening.

Ford & General Motors promise a low-cost car "to suit the average person." Observers say that spending for a new car would be \$8,500.

### 100 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1920

The grade across the lake, where the cement bridge is northeast of town, is under water.

With progress being made in constructing the new roof to E. A. Austin's gas filling station, the attractiveness will give it an advantage.

# Lake Preston

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

# Band Teacher Retires After 30 Years

BY VIKKI HASCHÉ

Thanks to an algae bloom in Lake Summit, Lake Preston has been blessed to have Joel Warne's talents and leadership in their band program for the past 30 years.

In 1990, Joel and his wife, Tersia, decided that it was time to make a change for their family. Joel had been teaching in Summit since graduating from Madison in December of 1981, and he loved it. However, he was starting to feel that it might be time for a change, and when he learned that the fishing at Lake Summit wasn't going to be good for a few years, that solidified his decision.

He still wasn't too interested in coming "home" though, and it was former Lake Preston Administrator Paul Nelson who convinced him to at least come in for an interview. Although he already had other job offers, he decided to at least do the interview.

"After that, it just felt right," said Warne.

Warne describes a childhood where Sundays were spent playing music with his dad, uncles and grandpas. When he was a senior in high school, he used his study halls teaching himself to play instruments like the bass guitar, trumpet and trombone. He was worried that teaching wouldn't be the right fit for him because he was shy, but he had confidence that his degree would open the door to something. The hundreds of students who have had the honor to play in one of Warne's bands are thankful that he took that chance.

"Band will forever and always be my favorite and most precious memory of high school," said Jeani Vincent, class of 2000. "We were good and we were proud! We all worked hard because we knew it was expected, and he somehow made us do this without any of it feeling like work. It was so much fun!"

When he began in Lake Preston, he joined Lynne Brown, who was the young, relatively new music teacher, and the two built up the music program. They worked very closely to get students involved in the fine arts.

"We encouraged the idea that we want as many kids in as we can get, and let's make it the goal that participation is the most important thing," said Warne.

Every other year, the two produce a musical dinner theater during the month of December where almost, if not every, student in the high school is involved in some way. They have even won the Exemplary Participation Award from the Activities Association for having the highest percentage of all students participating in music.

"We have been blessed to have Joel work with the students of Lake Preston," said Brown. "He instilled in them a pride for musical performances that come with hard work and high expectations. He gave the students the gift of the love of music for a lifetime."

His amazing marching band performances are one of the things



**"He is one person that can make a band of 15 students sound like a band of 30 students."**

LAKE PRESTON SUPERINTENDET  
DANA FELDERMAN, ON  
JOEL WARNE'S LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Warne is most known for. The very first marching event he took Lake Preston students to is a memory that stands out for him.

"The kids were grumping and moaning at me because they didn't want to stay for the awards ceremony, saying they always get last place," said Warne. "We stayed, and when they announced the awards... we got second. You could have heard a pin drop...nobody cheered at all. All the other schools had been cheering and screaming, but our kids were so amazed they didn't. That was a pretty special trophy."

Preparing for marching band is one of the things he says he will miss. For many years, he even wrote his own arrangement for a song that the students had chosen. He says that this always made him nervous, but if the number of awards his marching bands have received over the years is an indication, the judges were never disappointed. Traveling to competitions with his students was also a highlight for Warne.

"Several times when we got back from a marching event, I would be asked to come to the office when I got unpacked," remarked Warne. "It made me nervous. I was thinking, what happened that I don't know about? Then, I would get to the office and be told that someone from the convenience store called and wanted us to know that you and your kids

were just the nicest kids and so polite. That meant a lot to me."

Marching band isn't Warne's only claim to fame, though. Lake Preston has also been known for its amazing pep band.

"Playing at the games and having everyone get riled up because the band was so good and powerful was so fun," said Billi Aughenbaugh, class of 2014. "We'd get done playing, head to the concession stands, and people from the other towns would tell us how awesome the band was. To this day, I still have people tell me how great our band was and how much fun it was to hear us play."

Especially impressive is the fact that a pep band, by nature, is not the whole band. In a small school, many of the band members are now the players in the ball game.

"How does he continue to get freshmen and sophomores to play instruments like juniors and seniors?" said Dana Felderman, Lake Preston superintendent. "He is one person that can make a band of 15 students sound like a band of 30 students."

Warne noted that his pep bands were often largely made up of the "B Band" students, sometimes reaching down into the 6th grade, which makes their incredible sound all the more impressive.

The plan was for Warne's final year of pep band to culminate with an appearance at Round 1 of the Boys State B Basketball Tournament.

"Lynne planted the seed that this would be a good year," Warne said.

LPHS was chosen to play on Thursday, which Warne describes as 'the best day, when everyone is still a winner and is excited to be there'.

"We had plenty of songs ready and all the school songs. The 8th graders were going to join us. I was looking forward to people hearing us play," said Warne.

Of course, the tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Warne also wore several other hats at the school. He was the geography teacher and also taught psychology and sociology in rotating years.

"Mr. Warne was the type of teacher that kids enjoyed being around. His demeanor carried into his classroom responsibilities. His students enjoyed how he delivered his curriculum and his sometimes-funny jokes," former Superintendent Tim Casper said.

He had even started playing the role of crossing guard in recent years, because in a small school, you do what you can.

If there is a silver-lining to the way the year ended, it is that he didn't have to say good bye at that final concert. It would have been so hard.

"I would like the community to know that I truly appreciate the job and the chance to work with the kids and work in this community," said Warne. "I appreciate the opportunity to have raised my kids here, and there wasn't a better place for me. The confidence that people had in me is appreciated. The great kids, the great parents...that meant the world to me."

# Award-winning Counselor Retires

BY VIKKI HASCHÉ

"The worst job interview ever led to a career that became my life's work," Cathy Kazmerzak Nelson said in describing how she became Lake Preston's guidance counselor back in 1988.

She was called in by then Superintendent Cal Higgins, who told her to come to the school to talk. She quickly found a babysitter and rode her bike to the school dressed casually in a t-shirt. To her surprise, she walked into a room with Higgins and two others dressed in sports coats and ties! The trio must have seen something in her, as she was quickly hired and has been serving as the school guidance counselor ever since.

Kazmerzak Nelson says that when she and her husband, Ron, decided to make Lake Preston their permanent home, she thought through what she could do that would be a benefit to the community. She continued her schooling and received her master's degree in counseling in 1988, which was followed by that fateful interview.

Since she hadn't even finished her internship hours when she got the call from Higgins, much of her first year was actually an unpaid internship. Now, after 32 years, she is retiring from the school where she has played an important role in the lives of so many children.

As in many small schools, her job title has evolved over time. First, she took on the role of Oral Interpretation coach.

"At first I felt like a fish out of  
See NELSON, page XX



**"The worst job interview ever led to a career that became my life's work."**

CATHY KAZMERZAK NELSON

# De Smet

## Old Settlers Day: 133 Years of Tradition

Will it continue as the longest running celebration in South Dakota?

BY RITA ANDERSON

June 10, 2020, should be the 133rd Old Settlers Day celebration in Kingsbury County. Recognized as the longest running celebration in South Dakota, this designation is in jeopardy. The event has been postponed this year due to coronavirus concerns.

On De Smet's first June 10, 1890 celebration, a procession appearing to be a mile long was seen approaching the city from the west. It was Esmond residents, headed by six white horses pulling a carryall containing 42 young ladies in costume, each representing a state in the Union. The De Smet Leader newspaper called it the greatest day ever seen within the county.

This began De Smet's June 10th celebration, now called Old Settlers Day. La Joy Clendening Thompsen, who has since passed away, chronicled much of the history of Old Settlers Day within her writings of the history of the Esmond community published in May 1985. Thompsen was also the granddaughter of Ross Clendening, the man who drove the team of horses leading the parade of Esmond citizens to De Smet in 1890.

So where did Old Settlers Day originate? It began as a county picnic on June 8, 1887, in Esmond, a small community in the southwest portion of the county. A fox chase, basket dinner, ball games, foot races, pony races, band concert and speakers were the events of the day. It was reported that 1,000 people attended, being the largest group of people ever assembled in Kingsbury County.

The celebration continued in Esmond on June 9, 1888, with approximately 400 people, described as "only the reckless," attending on a terrible rainy day.

The following year brought 'a red-letter day' in Esmond on June 5, 1889, with great weather for the 3rd annual meeting of the Old Settlers Reunion. Every road leading to the tiny village was full of teams from early morning on. Gov. Arthur C. Mellette spoke to an estimated 3,000 people attending. The schedule included a sunrise salute of 42 guns, ball games, pony and ox races, music, fox races and a tug of war of "Esmond against the World." Trains were detained at Esmond until the end of the day to accommodate travelers.

In 1890, the Esmond Old Settlers Association and the Central Kingsbury County Old Settlers united with De Smet in sponsoring the Old Settlers' Reunion in De Smet on June 10.

As reported by the De Smet Leader, thousands of people came in all manner of conveyances – whole families in their lumber wagons and carriages by the hundreds. The Erwin delegation arrived headed by their band, and special trains came from the east and the west.



The De Smet Fire Department, with sirens wailing, has been a popular tradition in the De Smet Old Settlers Day Parade. They also sponsor the popular street dance each year.



People gather to celebrate Old Settlers Day on Main Street in De Smet in 1914.

It was a large parade going south on Calumet Avenue, finishing in front of a grandstand near Court-house Square. The band played and several dignitaries spoke.

A merchant's carnival was followed by entertainment in the opera house that was reported as "filled to the doors." 24 ladies performed the drill of the carnival. They carried banners on which were printed the names of each De Smet firm they represented and had their dresses bedecked with articles from the stores. The Brookings band played, along with many singers and performers.

As the years progressed, the schedule changed, but June 10 remained for decades as the day everyone should take off work to celebrate. Events came and went, but the parade remained the main event with the De Smet American Legion Post traditionally leading with patriotic flags, followed by the De Smet Fire Department with their sirens wailing. Also



View down Main Street during the first Old Settlers Day in De Smet in 1890.

featured were politicians, tractors, bands, floats and horses, as well as candy tossed to anxious children. For 25 years, Roy Campbell or his father were Grand Marshall for the parade.

It is a prestigious honor for Kingsbury County's oldest settlers to register for badges which designate the number of years each has been living in the county. Local alumni often use this date to return for family and school reunions. Laura Ingalls Wilder returned from her home in Mansfield, Mo. to attend in 1931, as did famous artist Harvey Dunn, in 1930.

In the book, "De Smet Yesterday and Today," which contains stories



Roy Campbell, Grand Marshall, age 70, in 1968, the last year he led the parade.

and news articles compiled by Caryl Lynn Meyer Poppen, Mrs. Tom Coughlin recalls that around 1907 the event featured a young girl hanging by her teeth from a wire stretched from the top window of the Peavey elevator to a pole erected on the north corner of First Street and Calumet.

For many years, Noggles, a station agent, had a special railroad car that brought a merry-go-round and a reed organ that played band music, which could be heard all over town.

Horse races were held many years on the track northwest of town. Street dances, ballgames, band concerts, picnics and carnivals were common happenings.

The event was changed in recent years to be held the weekend closest to June 10, and then to the second weekend in June. There are plans to hold the parade and celebration in August this year as school is opening.

"Aug. 15 is the tentative date to hold Old Settlers Day this year, tied into a back to school celebration pending COVID-19 issues then, De Smet School District Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter said. "A parade and activities in the park are planned. We welcome other activities that others would like to see happen."

# De Smet

## Municipal Election Scheduled for Next Tuesday

De Smet's municipal election, originally scheduled for April 14, was postponed because of COVID-19 and is now set for next Tuesday.

**WHAT:** Municipal Election  
**WHERE:** De Smet Event and Wellness Center (for social distancing)  
**WHEN:** Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 16.

Absentee voting can be done until June 15 at city hall or, if a voter is ill, by messenger until 3:00 p.m. on Election Day. Call 854-3731 with questions regarding absentee voting.

**WARD III**  
 Two open seats. Open seat, currently held by George Cavanaugh. Open seat, previously held by Norm Whitaker who is not seeking reelection.

**WARD I**  
 One open seat, currently held by Butch Hansen

**LOWELL "BUTCH" HANSEN**  
**Council history:** Ward I incumbent (two terms), three terms in a previous ward  
**Focus:** "I want to see our city grow in population, business and industry"  
**Issues:** One of the biggest issues the council is facing is improving main street and city infrastructure.  
 "The first step is adding the water main loop to the east side of the city. This will enable continued supply of water to both the industrial park and the entire east side."  
**Background and Occupation:** Hansen has farmed in the De Smet area his entire life.  
**Family:** Hansen and his wife, Barb, have raised three daughters.

**DENNIS TOWERS**  
**Council history:** Ward I newcomer  
**Focus:** Towers is retiring in October and said that being retired will give him plenty of time to serve on the city council.  
**Issues:** "Water and sewer issues are my main concerns. There are issues that need to be taken care of before the town has major problems, and it can be done."  
**Background and Occupation:** Towers has lived in De Smet for about 15 years and has worked for the Kingsbury County Highway Department for 12 years.  
**Family:** Towers has two grown children. He and his partner Roxane "Sam" Aaneson have been together for 21 years and she has a grown daughter whom he helped raise.

**WARD II**  
 One open seat, previously held by Alex Botkin who is not seeking re-election

**PAM SPADER**  
**Council history:** Ward II newcomer  
**Focus:** De Smet is a great little community, and Spader wants to see it grow, prosper and move forward.  
 "De Smet is a great place to live, work, start a business and raise a family. Our focus should be on promoting and taking pride in our city."  
**Issues:** Spader says the city should improve main street to make it more welcoming and inviting, but she is against losing any more parking spaces downtown.  
 "I hope that we can do this project and keep it budget-friendly," she said. "We want the tourists to be so excited about their experience in De Smet that they go home and encourage others to visit here."  
 Spader's other concerns are keeping the De Smet Event & Wellness Center more sustainable, making the swimming pool more friendly for children, parents and grandparents, city infrastructure and housing.  
**Background and Occupation:** Spader is a lifelong resident of De Smet. She operated a clothing store in De Smet for 21 years and is now a chiropractic assistant at Dobson Chiropractic Clinic. She has served on LIW Board of Directors, LIW Pageant, Altar Society at St. Thomas Church and as a member of Chamber of Commerce.  
**Family:** Spader and her husband, Kevin, have three grown children.

**ANTHONY HALVERSON**  
**Council history:** Ward II newcomer  
**Focus:** Halverson wants everyone to know they can communicate with and trust him.  
**Issues:** Some of the most important issues in the community are looking at budgets and seeing where they can make appropriate cuts. The city also needs to look at updating the current infrastructure.  
 "I also believe that before we decide to go forward with a project that is going to cost a substantial amount, it should come to a public vote," he said, adding that if new ordinances are tabled, council members could go out and explain proposed ordinances to people in their respective wards.  
 "I want to make sure people know that they are the voice to the community and, if elected, I will make it a priority that every single person in Ward II will be heard."  
**Background and Occupation:** Halverson, a 2011 graduate of De Smet High School, lived in Willow Lake for a time but says he couldn't leave De Smet behind. He and his family moved back in 2019 and he works for the Kingsbury County Highway Department.  
**Family:** Halverson and his wife, Ali-sha, have three young children.

**GEORGE CAVANAUGH**  
**Council history:** Unopposed Ward III incumbent. This will be his fourth term.  
**Focus:** "I love serving the people of this great community."  
**Issues:** Cavanaugh believes the most important issue the city is facing is infrastructure.  
 "Main street, sewer and water have to be fixed as soon as possible, knowing that all our water and sewer lines are the same age."  
**Background and Occupation:** Cavanaugh is a 1983 graduate of De Smet High School and works in De Smet at CMI.  
**Family:** He and his wife, Cindy, have a grown daughter and a son who will be a senior at De Smet High School this fall.

**SHON ASLESON**  
**Council history:** Unopposed Ward III newcomer  
**Focus:** "I decided to run for city council to become more involved in my community and be a positive voice for the people and their families of my generation."  
**Issues:** COVID-19 and trying to thrive as a community during this new normal way of living during this pandemic, present and post.  
 "What is the timeline for the main street upgrades, and how we can draw young people to move here and raise their families."  
**Background and Occupation:** Asleson is a lifelong resident of De Smet and a 1998 graduate of De Smet High School. He works in De Smet with Castlerock Construction.  
**Family:** Asleson and his wife, Barb, have a grown son and two school-age daughters.

### DAYS GONE BY

## 1970: 'Lose 10 Pounds in 10 Days on Grapefruit Diet'



**50 YEARS AGO:** Children and youth were lined up Monday afternoon waiting for the hour of the season — the opening of the swimming pool in De Smet, and 158 were admitted for their first swim of the summer.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
*June 9, 2010*  
**Farm Girls on the Loose** arrived at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Schoolhouse to help strip wallpaper. Community members were also invited to get into the fun and enjoy the camaraderie.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
*June 14, 1995*  
 Approximately 960 people were served at the barbecue at Washington Park during the Old Settler's Day celebration. The barbecue was sponsored and served by Peoples State Bank.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
*June 11, 1970*  
 Lose 10 pounds in 10 days on the grapefruit diet! This is the revolutionary grapefruit diet that everyone

is suddenly talking about! Literally thousands upon thousands of copies have been passed from hand to hand in factories, plants and offices throughout the US & Canada. Word of its success has spread like wildfire! A copy of the new and startling successful diet plan can be obtained by sending \$2 to the Grapefruit Diet Publishers. Money back guarantee! (Ad in the newspaper)

**75 YEARS AGO**  
*June 7, 1945*  
**PFC. Glen Gilbertson** who spent more than two years as a German Prisoner of War is back in this country and will be home soon.

Kingsbury County is behind in the 7th War Loan Drive with only 54% of its quota of "E" bonds purchased, \$188,392 of the \$346,000 assigned to the county.

# De Smet

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

## Three School District Employees Are Leaving



**BRUCE WOLKOW**

**How long have you worked for the De Smet School District?** 10 years  
**What was your position for the district?** Custodial and Maintenance for Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School  
**What was your favorite part of your job?** Being around the kids was something I did not expect to enjoy that much.  
**How has education changed in the past 10 years?** Technology, kids walking around with computers and laptops – transition from computer lab. Now it's handheld.  
**What are your plans for retirement?** Not having to get up at 4:30 in the morning. More traveling (Grand Canyon), Minnesota Twins, NASCAR – time to do things – even in South Dakota.



**LINDA FOLEY**

**How long have you worked for the De Smet School District?** 4 years  
**What was your position for the district?** Paraprofessional at the Middle School/High School  
**What was your favorite part of your job?** I would say that my favorite part of the job is the relationships built with both staff and students, and secondly, feeling that I made a positive difference in students' education. I loved when students came into the resource room frustrated because they could not understand a concept, but after working together they would start to relax as the material began to make sense to them. When a student with whom I had studied to prepare for a test came back proud of their grade, that was a terrific feeling. And I just found the kids to be so much fun!  
 I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with than the resource room staff. They became more than just co-workers, and I consider them some of my closest friends today.

**How has education changed in the past 10 years?** To go back 10 years would mean that I was looking at education at that time from a parent's perspective, which can be very different in some ways from an educator's perspective, but a couple of things come to mind. The use of technology in the classroom has grown exponentially in the past 10 years. This has brought a lot of positives, but some new headaches as well. It was often difficult to keep up! But there is no question that technology is going to be a big part of every student's future, and that is ultimately our job- to prepare students for the future.

Also, there seems to be a big push in education right now to do "group work," which again, can be good and bad. But I think the most important and fundamental aspects of education remain the same, and those are an excitement for learning and the building of relationships between teacher and student, and also teacher and parent. When the excitement and the relationships come together in the classroom, good things are going to happen, regardless of the teaching methods popular at the time.

**What are your plans for retirement?** I am not actually retiring. Matt and I are in the process of building a home near Coleman and I will eventually be looking for work near that area. Depending on how long it takes to complete the house, I may be back at school in the fall working as a sub until we are able to move. It was rough suddenly being thrown into distance learning this spring, as I was not really able to say good-bye to everyone, so it's nice to think that I may still get to see staff and students a bit this fall if we are able to return to school.



**LISA HINKLEY**

**How long have you worked for the De Smet School District?** I have worked for De Smet School for eight years. Prior to that, I taught English language arts and Spanish at Willow Lake for 17 years.  
**What was your position for the district?** Special education paraeducator  
**What was your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of the job as a para was really getting to know the students because we worked together in smaller groups. I loved seeing the light in their eyes when they understood something new.  
**How has education changed in the past 10 years?** Technology is by far the greatest change in education since I began teaching some 35 plus years ago.  
**What are your plans for retirement?** Retirement plans are rather on hold due to virus concerns, but I've been able to work in my yard and give extra care to my mom. I hope to spend more time with my husband and my daughter and her family as well, camping and traveling.

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## De Smet United Methodist Church Provides Meals and Fellowship

The De Smet United Methodist Church has sponsored a free monthly meal for the community since 2011. This event, called "The Sharing," happens on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the format has changed to drive-thru and delivery during the months of May and June.



Pastor Kris Larsen and Arlen Larsen visit during The Sharing. Originally designed as an event to help those with limited resources, The Sharing has evolved into a time of fellowship and socializing for members of the community.



Prior to the pandemic, the meal was served in the basement of the church. Church members, Thrivent Financial Services and Horizon Health Care have all sponsored meals throughout this past year. Katelynn Gehm, Lynell Tande and Janice Poppen prepare meals for The Sharing.



Denise Larsen prepares to deliver meals during The Sharing on June 2, 2020. Over 48 meals were delivered or picked up by community members.

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# De Smet

## School Board Focuses On Keeping Students, Staff Healthy

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Much of Monday's De Smet Board of Education meeting revolved around balancing coronavirus concerns with getting back to normal for the 2020-21 school year.

Darcie Lee, a Registered Nurse at Horizon Health Care and the official school nurse, gave a presentation on various health services that students receive. Some of these include flu immunizations, hearing, eye and dental exams, sports physicals and health education talks.

"We did a lot of stuff. The biggest thing is the flu shots," she said. Lee said flu shots are important because, while the shot might not prevent the flu, it lessens the severity of the illness and the risk of dying from it.

She also cautioned that there is a strong possibility that people may contract both influenza and COVID-19 at the same time when flu season hits, which makes flu shots even more important. Lee said she didn't want to sound like a doom-sayer, but cautioned that they should expect another round of COVID-19 in the middle of flu season. She recommended that the school have plans in

place for when students and faculty get sick.

"Do you have enough substitutes if teachers get sick?" Lee asked. She spoke about sneeze guards and face masks and asked if they would know how to communicate with people who might read lips if people are wearing face masks. She also asked if there would be daily temperature checks, or how sporting events, including fan attendance, might be handled if social distancing needs to take place.

"I'm not telling you what to do," Lee said. "I'm just saying you should be prepared and have a plan in place. We don't want to have to shut down like we did last year."

Lee also said that last school year, she had been having two 30-minute sessions a week with fifth grade students using the Friends Resilience Program. This program helps teach young people how to develop healthy social, emotional and coping skills. Lee said the program was dropped when COVID-19 hit.

"I recommend we pick it up again. I do think it is worth looking into, with the same class," Lee said.

The board also discussed that the summer athletic program at the school is closed for a week because

local positive cases created a coronavirus concern.

Continuing the conversation about moving forward with the new school year, board president Shane Roth said, "We could have a multitude of things (illnesses) every week. Distance learning works for some, but not all. Students need to be here."

Roth pointed out that even when someone is able to get a test, they might be good one day and not the next. Roth said that at his place of business, some employees are very concerned about the virus and some are not at all, with a lot of people in the middle. He pointed out that there is no mass testing for the virus or testing to see if someone has antibodies.

"We've got to trust that if a kid isn't feeling well, their parents will keep them home," he said. "We can't be closing school every 14 days all year long."

Roth added that he didn't want to downplay the situation.

"It's dangerous and it kills people. We do need an overview of where our comfort level is at," he added.

Board member Barb Asleson and Roth will work together as a back to school committee to form a comprehensive plan. Since the school and

city share the De Smet Event & Wellness Center, they plan to ask some city officials to join the committee.

Athletic exams were scheduled to take place in April, but had to be postponed. Students will go to a local clinic for sports physicals before fall sports begins.

"We are playing catch-up," Superintendent Abi VanRegenmorter stated.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- Principal Andy Armstead reported that 14 students are signed up for driver's ed classes, scheduled to begin June 15. Armstead said they had planned to use the gymnasium for a classroom, but may utilize the library as there is plenty of room for social distancing. Megan Ulrich of Groton will teach the class.

- The De Smet and Lake Preston schools have entered into a shared teaching plan for band and choir. De Smet teacher Kayla Vockrodt will teach band in both schools and Lake Preston teacher Lynne Brown will teach vocal music in both schools.

- The board moved the date of the July meeting to July 10, with the budget hearing scheduled for July 20.

## De Smet Senior Scholarship and Academic Awards

### GRACE ALBRECHT

- High Academic Honors
- Presidential Education Award
- Student Council Scholarship
- American Lutheran Church Heritage Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### KALEB AMUNDSON

- David Wilson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### BAYLOR BECK

- High Academic Honors
- John Philip Sousa Band Award
- Presidential Education Award
- South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship
- Regents' Scholar Diploma
- Entringer Classic Scholarship
- Lyle Signs Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### REYNA BECK

- High Academic Honors
- Regents' Scholar Diploma
- Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week Scholarship
- Entringer Classic Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### MELODY CRAIN

- High Academic Honors
- PEO Scholarship
- Weerstra-Krick Ag. Memorial Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### DANIEL DEDEYNE

- High Academic Honors
- Presidential Education Award
- FFA Darling Ingredients Inc. Scholarship
- Huron Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau Scholarship
- Kingsbury Klassic Cruisers Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### KEARRA ELKINS

- Millicent Atkins Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### ABIGAIL FLOOD

- High Academic Honors
- Presidential Education Award
- South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship
- Regents' Scholar Diploma
- Coyote Commitment Scholarship
- American Bank & Trust Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### HUNTER HALVERSON

- De Smet Community Scholarship

### ANDREW HOLLAND

- High Academic Honors
- National School Choral Award
- Presidential Education Award
- South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship
- Regents' Scholar Diploma
- Lee Schlagel Memorial Scholarship
- Dean's Scholarship
- Wolf Pact Scholarship
- National Honor Society Scholarship
- American Lutheran Church Heritage Scholarship
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society Scholarship
- Baszler Family Scholarship
- De Smet American Legion Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### JOSHUA LARSON

- High Academic Honors
- Presidential Education Award

### EMILY MARTENS

- Academic Honors
- Entringer Classic Scholarship
- Blood Drive Scholarship
- American Bank & Trust

### Scholarship

- Arlene Harris Memorial Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### KOBY SPADER

- De Smet American Legion Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### BRODEN LESCH

- De Smet Community Scholarship

### SAVANNA VINCENT

- De Smet Community Scholarship

### MICHELLE WIESE

- High Academic Honors
- Presidential Education Award
- Regents' Scholar Diploma
- Presidential Merit Scholarship to Florida International University
- Kingsbury County Snow Queen Scholarship
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society Scholarship
- Donovan Twite Memorial Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

### AUTUMN WILKINSON

- High Academic Honors
- Presidential Education Award
- Regents' Scholar Diploma
- Briar Cliff University Academic Achievement Scholarship & Presidential Gold Scholarship
- Briar Cliff Women's Basketball Scholarship
- ALCW Scholarship
- Lyle Signs Scholarship
- Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas Scholarship
- American Lutheran Church Heritage Scholarship
- DVC Scholarship
- De Smet Community Scholarship

## VOTE



### Pam Spader for city council

Vote June 16th at the  
Event Center from  
7am-7pm

*Thank you!*

*Thank you to all who attended the Cruise for Adam in Oldham a couple of weeks ago. The donations were very much appreciated. -Adam, Jerome and Bonnie Nelson*



## BANCROFT BUGLE

# Some History Of the Osceola Schoolhouse

BY ROSE GROTHE

Rose Grothe visited Eileen Strickler in Iroquois Tuesday afternoon.

Gayle Grothe, Brookings, visited Rose Grothe Friday afternoon and joined her for supper.

Sharon Pieper, Valley Springs, and Bob Olsen of Iowa came Saturday to visit her mother, Rose Grothe, having breakfast together at the local café. They later visited Sharon's sister, Janice White of Brookings.

Linda Perry and Rose Grothe attended the outdoor church service at the Spirit Lake Church on Sunday morning.

Carol and Doug Fox hosted a 5th birthday party on Sunday for their grandson, Sullivan Fox, son of Jason and Dr. Alese Fox of Huron. Jon and Mollie Fox and girls of Bancroft also attended.

Sympathy to Beverly Geyer as her brother, Lyle Christensen of Huron, passed away on May 11. Graveside service with full military honors was held at the Richland Cemetery in Carpenter.

## MORE ON THE OSCEOLA SCHOOL

Jim Currier and the rest of his class had a unique bond with their teacher, Miss Opal Graham. She started teaching when they started 1st grade, and her last year of teaching was their last year of school, or 8th grade, so they only had one teacher throughout their schooling.

## SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

## Birds Visit With Improving Weather

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

Duane Poppen, Aberdeen, was an overnight guest of his parents, Cork and Ildena Poppen, Wednesday, May 27. Thursday, he took his parents to Sioux Falls for a doctor appointment for Cork. He returned to his home that evening.

With all this nice weather, farm-

ers are getting fields planted that were not touched last year.

Lots of Baltimore Orioles and an occasional hummingbird visit my bird feeder. Boy do those orioles like grape jelly.

Dorothy Haug, rural Willow Lake, stopped for a short visit at Cork Poppen's home. She brought rhubarb treats.



## Worship at a distance

**Around 20 cars pulled into the Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church lawn on Sunday, June 7, for the drive-up worship service with Jerod Jordan, CRE. This service received 544 views on Facebook as far as Nebraska, Illinois, and Texas.**

## ESMOND NEWS

## Esmond buildings

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

Esmond area is still pretty much shut down, so no church services and very little movement.

Crops planting is close to being completed; it is much different than last year.

More on how the town has dispersed and scattered: The Frost house was moved to Wallum's Corner by Fred and Muriel Wallum (not the last one that sat here, but

the first one years ago).

The Wilson, Barber and Pool Hall building was moved to northeast of Carthage and became the Wilson Farm House.

Wikle house moved around Esmond and is now the home of Marlin and Jeanette Clendenning.

The first schoolhouse was moved to the Plumb farm, one and half miles east of Esmond, and made into a home.

The water tower was sold and moved by flat cars to Fairview, S.D. and is still in use.

History note – In 1905 the population of Esmond Township was 423.

## CARTHAGE NEWS

## How the 1912 Byrsa Got Its Name

BY LORALEE NELSON

Donna Stroud flew into Sioux Falls Thursday after spending the winter in Mesa, Arizona. Bob and Deb Stroud, Redfield, met her at the airport. They had lunch at Justin Stroud's before returning to Carthage.

Mark and Lisa Hinkley, De Smet, visited her mother, Harriet Hattervig, several times this last week, helping her with various projects.

Carrie Munger of Howard recently donated a 1912 and a 1913 Byrsa to the Campbell Straw Bale Museum.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The first Carthage High School graduating class was in 1911. The 1912 Byrsa was the first yearbook put out by CHS.

According to this Byrsa, there reigned in Tyre a king named Belus. He had a son and a daughter, and as he was dying, he left his kingdom to his two children with the provision that the daughter's husband would retain the reins of the government. The young brother was not agreeable to this arrangement and caused his sister's husband to be put to death.

The sister, friends and followers escaped in several vessels landing on the coast of Africa. She asked the natives for enough land as she could enclose within a bull's hide. When this was granted, she cut the hide into strips and with them enclosed a spot upon which she built a citadel. She named it Brysa, meaning "a hide."

Around this fort, the city of Carthage arose and soon became powerful and flourishing.

And that is where the word Byrsa derived according to the 1912 Byrsa! The picture on the cover is of a bull's hide, split in half, lying out flat.

## NELSON

FROM PAGE 11

water because most coaches were English and theater majors. However, it turned out to be a really fun way to get to know the kids," said Kazmerzak Nelson.

Then, when long-time FACS teacher, Natalie Iverson, retired, Kazmerzak Nelson took on the role of teaching the foods class for the high school students.

She also became involved in the Kids First Afterschool Program when it first started in Lake Preston. She stated that she liked the program and what it did and offered for the kids after school. Eventually, she became the director of the program.

Throughout her career, she says that it became her passion to make sure the students had the opportunity to reach their goals and to not close any doors on opportunities. She met with each elementary class every week and helped many stu-

dents and their families navigate the process of college applications and scholarship opportunities.

"Cathy has impacted many students' lives throughout the entire PreK-12 student body at Lake Preston. It was always great to witness her greet elementary students in the morning and tell our students goodbye from her afterschool position at the end of the day," said Lake Preston Superintendent Dana Felderman. "She was always willing to chaperone events, work recess duty, go to higher education and scholarship events and attend extracurricular activities. By doing these things outside of school, she was involved with our students of all ages in the school."

Guiding the students to find the right fit for themselves after high school and helping them find the financial resources to make that happen has been a major part of the work she has accomplished at Lake Preston High School.

"Mrs. Nelson often shared her years of experience in dealing with

different colleges and universities, which helped me get a better feeling for which would fit me best," said Peter Schukking, a former student. "Furthermore, she found many scholarship opportunities and communicated those effectively to help make college more affordable."

Kazmerzak Nelson was also one of the original incorporators of the Lake Preston Higher Education Foundation. She has served as its treasurer ever since its beginning in 1999. She has been an important part of the work that has gone into growing this program that awards money not just to a select few Lake Preston graduates, but to every student. In its first year, each graduate was awarded a \$50 book grant. Through hard work on fundraising events and many generous donations, the program grew and grew. This year's 2020 LPHS graduates each received a \$1500 scholarship for their college or technical school expenses.

Although she describes the end of her career as a "fizzle" due to the

coronavirus pandemic that separated her from her students, there was one big "bang" as she received the Orv Schmeiding Award. This is the top award given by the South Dakota School Counselors Association, "to recognize outstanding service to the area of school counseling over an extended period of time."

Kazmerzak Nelson says that she has enjoyed looking through the little notes and trinkets that students have given her over the years, and says she will miss her colleagues and their daily conversations. She will especially miss, "watching the kids grow up and learn to solve their problems to be the wonderful people that they are...and they don't always see that they are."

Tim Casper, former Lake Preston superintendent, sums it up well.

"Mrs. Nelson was more than a school counselor for the Lake Preston Public School. She was the type of person that just wanted to help our students and district in any way."

**IROQUOIS NEWS**

# Exploring the World From Home

SUBMITTED BY MARLYS PESKY

If you happen to encounter an orange shorts-clad walker in or around the Iroquois area this summer, don't worry, they're not lost. This is most likely Scott Beehler, the Iroquois School District's high school social studies teacher.

Beginning in May, Beehler began to go out on daily walking excursions around the local area enjoying the nice weather and racking up mile after mile. He was encouraged to do this by his sister, a registered nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., who introduced him to an exercise app called Strava, which tracks your activity using your phone's GPS.

Interest in these excursions grew as Scott came across another app called My Virtual Mission on Facebook that allowed him to join virtual challenges located around the world. Known as the Conqueror Challenges, these virtual missions ranged from crossing the English Channel (21 miles) to traveling the legendary Route 66 (2,280 miles) and many more in between. Individuals or teams are able to link other exercise apps or manually enter activities that can be measured by distance such as walking, running, cycling, swimming or kayaking to name a few.

Signing up for any of these challenges cost around \$30 and includes access to the app and free shipping of a medal, which a participant receives upon completion of the mission.

"I think that the virtual missions



**Iroquois social studies teacher Scott Beehler has walked just over 265 miles already this summer by joining virtual challenges located around the world. So far, he has completed three challenges: the Incan Trail located in the Andes Mountains of South America (26.2 miles), Hadrian's Wall, which is a trail across northern England that follows the ancient Roman wall built across the island (90 miles) and the Great Ocean Road of southeastern Australia (149 miles).**

are a great way to keep track of and encourage anyone to get out and be active in any way they are able or comfortable doing," Beehler said when asked about his exercise routine. "Not only is it a lot of fun to explore the world, but staying active and healthy during COVID-19 and social distancing is even more important than ever before."

Beehler plans to continue his workouts throughout the summer, focusing on his next virtual mission, a 280-mile journey through the Grand Canyon.



High winds over the weekend brought down the top half of this evergreen tree in Iroquois. (Photo by Mary Wienbar)

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# Public Notices

## NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION MUNICIPALITY OF DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA

A Municipal Election will be held on the 16th day of June, 2020, in De Smet, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m., Central time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following offices will be filled:

<b>ALDERMAN WARD 1 (TWO YEAR TERM)</b>	<b>DENNIS E. TOWERS JR. LOWELL R. HANSEN</b>
<b>ALDERMAN WARD 2 (TWO YEAR TERM)</b>	<b>ANTHONY HALVERSON PAM SPADER</b>

Furthermore, the following individuals have filed certificates of nomination in the office of the Finance Officer for the positions to be filled, and are unopposed:

<b>ALDERMAN WARD 3 (ONE YEAR TERM)</b>	<b>SHON ASLESON</b>
<b>ALDERMAN WARD 3 (TWO YEAR TERM)</b>	<b>GEORGE P. CAVANAUGH</b>

The polling place for all wards of this municipality is the De Smet Event Center, 705 Wilder Lane.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the City Finance Officer at 605-854-3731 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020.  
Tracey Larson  
Finance Officer  
City of De Smet

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION LAKE PRESTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

A municipal election will be held on June 23rd in Lake Preston, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

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

At the election, the following office will be filled:

**Alderman Ward I, two- (2)-year term, Alex Post**  
**Alderman Ward I, two- (2)-year term, Gary Buer**  
**Alderman Ward III, one- (1)-year term, Brian Verhey**  
**Alderman Ward III, one- (1)-year term, Jim Conrad**

Furthermore, the following individuals have filed certificate of nomination in the office of the Finance Officer for the positions to be filled, and are unopposed:

**Mayor, two-(2) year term, Andy Wienk**  
**Alderman Ward II, two- (2) year term, Joe schnell**  
**Alderman Ward II, two- (2) year term, Donna Bumann**  
**Alderman Ward III, two- (2) year term, John McMasters**

The polling place for the entire municipality shall be at the community room located on Third Street and Main in Lake Preston, South Dakota.

Any voter who need assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the municipal finance office at (605) 847-4140 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Brenda Nesseim  
Finance Officer  
6-10-2wc

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## KINGSBURY COUNTY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR NEW UNIFORM ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on June 16, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Kingsbury County Courthouse to consider in full or in part the following request for a new Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License Application:

Jeanne Gruenhagen requests a Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License be issued in her name in order to continue the sale of malt beverages at Jerry's Country Estate in the NE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 109, Range 56 West of the 5th P.M., Baker Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

All persons interested therein may appear and be heard before the Board of Adjustment at said hearing or may file written comments with the County Auditor at 202 2nd St SE, De Smet, SD 57231, prior to the hearing.

Jennifer R. Barnard  
Kingsbury County Auditor

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## CITY OF LAKE PRESTON

Pool Decking Bids were opened June 1st at 7:00 pm at the City Finance Office.

- 1) I'll Do It Constructors \$96,000.00
- 2) Bode Construction \$38,061.29

Final decision was made June 1st – Awarded to Bode Construction.

Ambulance met on May 28th in regard to the Ambulance Shed. Final decision was awarded to Tailored Structures for \$119,749.00.

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF LAKE PRESTON AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS—MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	General Fund
Beginning Balance	1,009,996.50
Revenues and Other Sources:	
Taxes:	
Property Taxes	294,013.21
General Sales and Use Taxes	196,788.37
Amusement Taxes	132.00
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	621.44
Licenses and Permits	99.00
Intergovernmental Revenues:	
State Shared Revenue	21,974.32
County Shared Revenue:	30,504.06
Charges for Goods and Services:	
Sanitation	37,023.90
Culture and Recreation	5,700.93
Investment Earnings	519.22
Rentals	4,205.00
Contributions and Donations from Private Sources	100.00
Liquor Operating Agreement Income	8,663.31
Other Revenues	44,616.80
Total Revenue and Other Sources	644,961.56

Expenditures and Other Uses:	
Legislative	20,721.29
Executive	2,777.37
Elections	767.91
Financial Administration	105,130.16
Other General Government	25,188.74
Police	30,160.00
Fire	23,420.89
Highways and Streets	153,026.54
Sanitation	40,234.58
Cemeteries	3,500.00
Health	1,279.92
Ambulance	300.16
Recreation	33,189.08
Parks	13,473.77
Libraries	18,850.40
Economic Development and Assistance	5,709.53
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	477,730.34

Transfers In (Out)	0.00
Special Item (specify)	0.00
Extraordinary Item (specify)	0.00

Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	167,231.22
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Ending Balance:	
Nonspendable	0.00
Restricted	27,544.40
Committed	0.00
Assigned	0.00
Unassigned	1,149,683.32
Total Ending Fund Balance	1,177,227.72

Governmental Long-term Debt	0.00
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### PROPRIETARY FUNDS—MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Ambulance Fund
Beginning Balance	56,133.40	(4,960.08)	61,572.29
Revenues	137,980.74	76,866.12	73,255.79
Expenses	135,608.32	76,633.39	87,149.39
Transfers In (Out)	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Enterprise Long-term Debt

The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the municipal finance officer at 847-4140.

Municipal funds are deposited as follows:

Depository	Amount
FIRST BANK AND TRUST- LAKE PRESTON SD	1,278,684.88

Brenda Nesseim  
Finance Officer

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# Public Notices

## REGULAR MEETING OF LAKE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2020

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Finance Office on Monday, June 1st, at 7 p.m. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, Donna Bumann, Jon Wienk, Joe Schnell. Also, present Brenda Nesseim, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Joan Wollschlager, and Brian Verhey. Present via teleconference: John McMasters, Kristen Longville, and Jim Conrad.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andy Wienk at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Donna Bumann to approve the agenda with two additions; Library Board and the Truck Route. All in favor, motion carried.

No Public Comments.

**Fire Department- Semi Annual Report:** Andy Wienk stated that they had purchased the new truck, very nice for the price. Training has started up again, 3 new firefighters going through the classes. Fishing tournament is coming up, Chase the Ace will be happening in to future, hopefully soon.

Motion by Jim Conrad, seconded by Donna Bumann to approve the May 4th regular meeting minutes. Jon Wienk abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

No Committee Reports

**Water/Sewer/Street Report:** Doug Bumann inquired about getting the notice of bid out as early as possible for phase 1 of the large project next year. The cans behind the firehall were discussed, trying to decide whom has volunteered in the past to collect them etc.

Brian Zeeck stated that SDRWA had been here last week and sucked out valves, DENR is requesting a fence be put in around the concrete rubble site. Discussed the rubble site- we don't except painted wood or refrigerators or freezers and also discussed an iron baler coming to town to get the white iron from the rubble site. The iron baler also mentioned he could get rid of any vehicles people would want gone.

**Finance Office Report:** Brenda Nesseim stated she had a utility accounts to discuss in executive session. The West Nile Grant had been filled out and submitted. Discussed quote from Barrett's in DeSmet for flooring in the finance office, decided to get more options for the council to see. Brenda Nesseim inquired about getting a budget committee meeting set up to get a head start on the 2021 budget, decided in July after elections. In the next few months, we will move forward with loan and grant signing, changing the ordinance, and reading resolutions for phase 1 of the project. William Ranft whom works at the rubblesite just needed to be bumped up to minimum wage. Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Jon Wienk to adjust William Ranfts wage to \$9.30 to keep with 2020 minimum wage. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by John Wienk, seconded by Donna Bumann to approve the following claims once viewed in person as presented: All in favor, motion carried.

A&B Business Inc. \$102.38, printer contract; Airgas \$6.00, ambulance; Amazon \$74.44, books, dvds; Aron's Electric LLC \$929.31, LEDs & misc.; AT&T \$206.15, phones/tablets; Avera Health Plan \$851.95, health ins.; Bode Construction, LLC \$867.35, culvert/karbons; Bowes \$126.83, Connecting

## SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT**  
**DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**April 14, 2020**

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of the name.

For City Alderman, Ward 1, two-year term, you may vote for one or leave it blank.

DENNIS E. TOWERS JR.

LOWELL R. HANSEN

## SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT**  
**DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**April 14, 2020**

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of the name.

For City Alderman, Ward 2, two-year term, you may vote for one or leave it blank.

ANTHONY HALVERSON

PAM SPADER

Point \$80.00, service; Cooks \$4951.82, dumpster/city trash; Core & Main \$1,910.96, water/sewer; Dakota Pump \$4,615.37, west lift-station; DENR \$260.00, drinking water fee; DOR \$220.31, taxes; Full Throttle Design \$206.00, FD graphics; Hasche Construction \$1,060.00, crushed rock; Kingbrook \$5,911.50, water purchased; Kingsbury Co. \$1885.00, contract law; Kristi Curd \$750.00, softball salary; LP Auto \$41,927.68, misc.; Maynard's \$30.76, FO; McLeod's \$43.23, absentee voting; McMasters Gravel \$608.57, crushed gravel; Medary Acres \$109.38, flowers; Northwestern Energy \$226.18, natural gas; Office Peeps \$7.91, office supplies; SD One Call \$5.25, April; Ottetail Power Co \$2,077.87, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$2,390.70, ambulance, city, FD; Raven \$387.44, ambulance gowns; Ryan Sauter \$750.00, baseball salary; Stryker \$.21, missed amount; Tailored Structures LLC \$13,001.55, Museum; TCM \$152.63, magazine sub.; The Arlington Sun \$232.25, publishing; Sioux Falls Two Way Radio SVC \$164.95, FD; Winwater Works \$3,768.99, water; Women's World \$59.60, magazine sub.

Motion by John McMasters, seconded by Jim Conrad to approve the financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Donna Bumann inquired about if we were receiving city tax payment from online orders.

**Old Business:**

Building permits for 3 projects a deck, fence, and car port were viewed and discussed. A few locations in town were discussed.

**Nuisance Properties:** Discussed quit a few properties that were not getting mowed. Brenda Nesseim stated that she had gotten a lot of phone calls, and had reached out to the owners- they were very nice about it. Discussed blowing the grass into the streets- how unsafe that is for motorcycles and bicycles and how hard it is on our storm drains.

**Campground Improvements:** Fire Pits

were discussed, getting personalized ones from LP Auto and getting cement pads to anchor them down to the ground. Electric to all camping sites was discussed- decided it was previously approved so hopefully soon Aarons Electric can get it started. Brian Zeeck inquired about adding rock in an area, decided to Advertise if anyone is wanting to get rid of any rock to contact us. Joe Schnell inquired about the paint colors on the merry-go-round that he is refinishing. Comment from Facebook Live that people are driving on grass where we took down the posts, discussed that we eventually will be putting in a draping fence structure.

**New Business:**

**Employee Health Insurance-** Avera: Motion by Jon Wienk, seconded by John McMasters to approve the 1500 Avera health plan. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Replacement Election Worker:** Motion by Jon Wienk, seconded by Kristen Longville to replace Sandy Gullickson with Kathy Koch as an election worker with a wage of \$9.30 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Set date to Canvas Ballots June 24th- June 30th: Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Jim Conrad to canvass ballots on June 24th at 7:00pm. All in favor, motion carried.

**COVID- Resolution 110-20:** Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Kristen Longville to pass resolution 110-20. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

**Opening of Pool Bids:** Two bids were submitted- Do it Construction \$96,000 and Bode Construction \$38,061.29. Discussion about details of the construction, Motion by Jon Wienk, seconded by Donna Bumann to award pool decking project to Bode Construction for \$38,061.29. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

**2019 Annual Report-Missed @ May Meeting:** Brenda Nesseim stated that Rebecca Lollings from ELO had been in office working on the 2019 audit.

Andy Wienk stated that it was discussed to setup a committee to oversee financials per quarter, every year there is recommendation to have more oversight, being there is only one finance officer. Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Jim Conrad to approve the 2019 Annual Report. All in favor, motion carried.

**Emergency Response Plan & Vulnerability Assessment- State:** Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Jim Conrad to approve the emergency response plan & vulnerability assessment. All in favor, motion carried.

**109-20 Kingsbury Journal Resolution:** Motion by Jon Wienk, seconded by Joe Schnell to approve resolution 109-20. Roll call vote. All in favor, motion carried.

**Surplus Items:** 2 old street sweepers, 1 old fire truck, 1 cop car, 1 pull behind packer, 1 rescue fire truck. Discussed having Jeremy Woodcock and Doug Bumann get some appraisal values to get them listed and surplus.

**Mowing position:** Will be discussed in executive session for personnel.

**Summer Rec Program:** Donna Bumann stated that she would like it reinstated- Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Jim Conrad to reopen summer rec for summer of 2020 with Kristi Curd and Ryan Sauter as coaches. All in favor, motion carried. Discussed contacting surrounding towns to see where to get the dirt for the field.

**Library Board:** Margaret Wilde has decided to step down as President of the Board. Cathy Nelson has been nominated and voted in as the New President. Cathy's current term as Trustee goes till May 2021. Margaret was also nominated and voted to have her term as a Board Trustee renewed for a 4-year term. Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Jim Conrad to approve both changes to the library board. All in favor, motion carried.

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# Public Notices

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**Employee/Council Concerns:** Brian Zeeck stated that the showers in the tornado shelter will need to be addressed, burst pipes-not getting winterize properly.

Brenda Nesseim stated she was not impressed with zoom/Facebook live – having technical problems through whole meeting. Inquired if anyone was familiar with zoom to contact her to help her out.

Kristen Longville stated that she only had concern with several lawns not getting mowed.

Andy Wienk stated that he had gotten multiple complaints about trucks traveling on Park Ave S. Local sheriff's office has been contacted several times, discussed that the actual truck route road is not passable. Long discussion on contacting baker township to see if it can be improved- maybe helping with graveling it. A previous grant for Park N was discussed, lots of negative responses. Discussed the large project coming up, that they are only patching what they will be tearing up, not actually replacing the whole road.

Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Kristen Longville to go into executive session at 8:40 pm for legal and personnel. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 8:56 pm.

Motion by Kristen Thompson, seconded by Donna Bumann to hire Lynne Brown for summer help at \$11.00 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kristen Longville, seconded by Jim Conrad to move Nicholas

McAdams to part-time snow removal at \$15.00 per hour, as he has left his full-time status. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Brenda Nesseim, Finance Officer  
Andy Wienk, Mayor  
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## MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ERWIN APRIL 2020

Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Sherry Bell on April 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Legion Hall. Members present were Sherry Bell, Myrna Knadle, Curt Krumbach and Jerry Popkes.

Meeting Agenda was presented and Popkes made a motion and Krumbach 2nd to approve agenda.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and Popkes made a motion and Krumbach 2nd to approve.

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$206.14, KRWS \$33.00, Lake Preston Times \$94.93, Menards \$60.47, Lyle Signs \$38.85, and CNA Surety \$100.00. Popkes made a motion and Krumbach 2nd to pay the bills.

Popkes made a motion and Krumbach 2nd to extend the Emergency Resolution 2020-1 until May 4, 2020.

Discussed plugging the old well and Bell will check into this.

The Town also Thanked Curt Krumbach for his time served on the Board. Crystal Penn will serve on the Board for a 3 year term.

There being no further business, Popkes made a motion to adjourn and Krumbach 2nd.

The next regular meeting will be held May 4, 2020 at Erwin Legion Hall.

Myrna Knadle, Finance Officer  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$19.22.

## MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ERWIN MAY 2020

Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Sherry Bell on May 4, 2020 at the Legion Hall. Roll call was taken, members present were Sherry Bell, Myrna Knadle, Jerry Popkes and Crystal Penn.

Meeting Agenda was presented and Popkes made a motion to approve and Penn 2nd.

Minutes of the April Meeting were read. Popkes made a motion to approve and Penn 2nd.

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$293.03, KRWS \$33.00, Lake Preston Times \$65.49, Prairie Ag Partners (fuel) \$139.00, and WITT Constr. and Rolloff \$344.07. Penn made a motion to pay and Popkes 2nd.

Discussed the Amended Emergency Resolution 2020-1 allowing the Erwin Bar to reopen with limited Customers and Social Distancing in place. This Amended Resolution will be reviewed monthly at the Town Meeting.

Repairing the roof of the city building was discussed and Bell will get an estimate for this repair work.

New street signs should be replaced sometime this summer.

There being no further business, Popkes made a motion to adjourn and Penn 2nd.

The next meeting will be held June 1, 2020 at the Legion Hall.

Myrna Knadle, Finance Officer  
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## MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF ERWIN JUNE 2020

Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Sherry Bell on June 1, 2020 at the Legion Hall. Roll call was taken, members present were Sherry Bell, Myrna Knadle, Jerry Popkes and Crystal Penn.

Meeting agenda was presented and Popkes made a motion to approve and Penn 2nd.

Minutes of the May meeting were read. Popkes made a Motion to approve and Penn 2nd.

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$317.24, KRWS \$33.00, Lyle Signs \$50.00, Wilkinson & Schumacher \$86.00, Sue Christoffer (mowing) \$135.00, and payroll \$577.19. Penn motioned to approve and Popkes 2nd.

Penn motioned to allow the amended Emergency Resolution 2020-1 to expire and will review monthly as needed.

Penn made a motion and Popkes 2nd for Bell to remain on as President of the Board.

Minutes of the Town meeting will be published in the Kingsbury Journal. There being no further business, Popkes made a motion to adjourn, Penn 2nd.

The next meeting will be held July 6, 2020 at 7:00 at Legion Hall.

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**BASEBALL**

FROM BACK PAGE

children at the ball diamond. Coaches Kristi Curd and Ryan Sauter, along with City Finance Officer Brenda Nesseim, have been busy contacting parents, collecting registrations and scheduling times at the ballfield. City maintenance crews have begun getting the dugouts and ballfield in shape for another season at Thorsness Park. Sauter plans to hold the boys first practice on Tuesday, June 9, and Curd will be practicing with the girls' teams on Wednesday, June 10.

Sauter is entering his second year as coach, but this marks Curd's eleventh year with the girls' softball team. Curd didn't think she would be able to have the opportunity to coach this year, understanding that it was a difficult decision that the council made during a very uncertain time. While she appreciates the council's decision to re-evaluate and allow the programs to continue, she hopes that parents, players and spectators will still practice proper CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy.

The best part about starting up softball for Curd is that the youth are excited to be playing again.

"I have heard from some of my former players that they can't wait to see me and play ball again, and that is all I need to hear to make it completely worthwhile," said Curd.

Both coaches are uncertain what teams they will be able to field this season, but they are both more than willing to make it a fun-filled learning experience for everyone interested in signing up. Registrations can be found on the City of Lake Preston website at www.lakepreston.com or are available for pickup at the city finance office.



**Brothers James and Thomas Molengraaf anxiously await the the 7:00 a.m. horn to start the Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament. Participants are sent out in two flights to reduce congestion and the weigh in.** (Photo by Cody Magnuson)



**The top three teams in the Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament: (L to R) Buddy Roberts, Randy Roberts, Adam Doerr, Mike Zell, Corey Rost, Ryan Danforth.** (Photo by Jim Girard)



**Lake Preston Firemen assist the tournament fishermen in launching and loading their boats. High winds made this task very challenging. This event is one of the few that provides such great service to the fishermen.** (Photo by Connie Girard)

**OUTDOORS**

FROM BACK PAGE

fisherman and his equipment," said Ryan Sauter, local fishing guide and tournament participant.

The tournament's headquarters were moved from Lake Thompson Recreation Area on Saturday to the East Boat Ramp on Sunday to assist the fishermen in launching and loading their boats. A total of 292.62 pounds of walleye were weighed, down from over 600 pounds in previous years.

The two-day tournament paid the top eight places overall, best weight each day, largest walleye for each day and 31st place.

- 1st place** – Mike Zell & Adam Doerr, Huron – 18.77 lbs.
- 2nd place** – Buddy & Randy Roberts, Sioux Falls – 16.63 lbs.
- 3rd place** – Corey Rost, Madison, and Ryan Danforth, Garretson – 15.35 lbs.
- 4th place** – Cody Magnuson, Madison, and James Girard, De Smet – 14.58 lbs.
- 5th place** – Austin Ellingson, Dell Rapids, and Kevin Muilenberg, Mitchell – 14.56 lbs.
- 6th place** – David Lentsch, Wentworth, and Dustin Lentsch, Sioux Falls – 13.68 lbs.
- 7th place** – Greg Pettersen & Cale Corbin, Madison – 12.71 lbs.
- 8th place** – James Molengraaf, White, and Thomas Molengraaf, Brookings – 12.62 lbs.
- Biggest walleye, first day** – Derek Meshke, Brookings, and Alex Klaus-termeier, Sauk Centre, MN – 4.39 lbs.
- Biggest walleye, second day** – Cody Magnuson, Madison, and James Girard, De Smet – 7.89 lbs.
- Most pounds of fish, first day** – Buddy & Randy Roberts, Sioux Falls – 11.57 lbs.
- Most pounds of fish, second day** – Cody Magnuson, Madison, and James Girard, De Smet – 12.69 lbs.
- 31st place** – Jon Franka & Dan Schmidt, Colman – 1.98 lbs.

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Lake Preston's Michelle Bunker (right) handles the ball against Centerville's Krista Dierks during their semifinal game in the 2006 state Class B girls basketball tournament in the Civic Arena. It was the first and only state-tournament appearance for the Divers, who finished fourth.



Lake Preston teammates Kristen Hesby (left), Chantelle Casper (middle) and Jaryn Casper go up for the block against Sully Buttes' Ashley Newcomer during their first-round match in the 2004 state Class B volleyball tournament in the Civic Arena. (Photos by the Watertown Public Opinion)



Lake Preston's Jaden Denison (30) runs ahead of Dell Rapids St. Mary's Jacob Glazier during their Dakota Valley Conference football game in the fall of 2013. The Divers now co-op with Arlington in football. Lake Preston advanced to the 2001 state Class 9B football championship game.

## DIVERS: Back-to-back track titles, 9B football runner-up among accomplishments

FROM BACK PAGE

They helped the Divers repeat as state champions as seniors in the spring of 1991. Tracy won the 100- and 200-meter dashes, finished second in the 400 dash and provided a strong anchor leg to help Lake Preston finish second in the 1,600 relay. Stacy was third in both the 100 and 200 and anchored two winning relays for the Divers.

"I'm going to miss these guys a lot. We've got better athletes on our team than when I first started. Everyone helps the team out a lot," Tracy Stewart said after the meet. "It would have been tough to not win the team title."

The Stewarts, who later continued their track and field careers at South Dakota State University, combined to win the Class B 100 dash five years in a row at the state meet — Stacy three times and Tracy twice.

### FOOTBALL

A big offensive line was the backbone for the 2001 team that was likely the best in school history and was ranked No. 1 in the state.

On the quick turf inside the DakotaDome in Vermillion, it was Roslyn quarterback Tyler Lee and the speed of the Vikings that quickly ended Lake Preston's hopes for a state football championship.

Lake Preston scored late in the game after sophomore reserve Adam

Odden dashes 68 yards to set up an 8-yard touchdown run by senior Mark Nelson.

"If it could go wrong today, it did," said Lake Preston head coach Kurt Buckwalter. "They took us out of our element and we just couldn't get anything going."

Lake Preston fielded a football team through the 2014 season. The Divers are now part of a co-op with Arlington.

### VOLLEYBALL

Arlington has fielded one of the strongest Class B volleyball programs in the state since the mid-1980s, but Lake Preston definitely held its own with a state-tournament appearance in the 1980s, four in the 1990s and three in the early 2000s.

The 2003 Divers bounced back from a first-round loss to win the consolation championship in the state tournament at Rapid City.

"We decided after losing that first match that we just wanted to end with the best record we could and that meant winning two more matches and the consolation championship," said Lake Preston head coach Doreen Dirksen. "We had a very good team. We had three big hitters and a group of girls who gave their heart and soul whenever I wanted them to."

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Divers didn't seem over-matched when they made their debut in a state tournament in March of 2006 in the Civic Arena. Lake Preston opened with a 48-34 win over perennial state-tourney participant Harding County.

"These girls have never been to a (state) basketball tournament, but they have been to plenty of volleyball tournaments so worrying about them being thrilled to be here wasn't an issue," said Lake Preston head coach Mike Kroll after the team's win over Harding County. "They have tournament experience and they know how to act there. They struggled early, but I don't think it had anything to do with that."

Lake Preston fell to Centerville in the semifinals and then lost to Sully Buttes in the third-place game.

### OTHERS

Lake Preston is now also combined with Arlington in competitive cheer, but the Divers enjoyed success on their own in the sport — which

had its first state competition in 2007.

Lake Preston was the top Class B stunting, non-tumbling small squad in both the 2009 and 2010 state competitions. The Divers were also the overall Class B runner-up behind Dell Rapids St. Mary in 2010.

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# Sports + Recreation

## YOUTH BASEBALL



Keira Odegaard is one of the many youth looking forward to the start of summer recreation in Lake Preston this week. (Photo by Kristi Odegaard)

## 'Put Me In, Coach'

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

It's official. With baseball and softball seasons in Lake Preston underway, summer can finally start. On a unanimous vote last Monday night, the Lake Preston City Council decided to re-instate the summer recreation program.

With the uncertainty of what COVID-19 would look like for our city, back in March, the council had erred on the side of caution and had cancelled the popular summer recreation programs, along with closing the city swimming pool. The Lake Preston City Pool remains closed so it can receive some much-needed repairs, but the council felt that it could offer some normalcy for our

See **BASEBALL**, page 22

## De Smet postpones youth baseball

Youth baseball was scheduled to begin last week for De Smet players, with the first home games scheduled on Monday. Because there are now positive cases of COVID-19 in De Smet, games and practices are postponed this week.

"De Smet Baseball is being cautious, and we want to make sure all our players, coaches and family stay safe," coach Wes Clubb said.

The coaches will re-evaluate the situation on Sunday and make a decision about next week. They plan to reschedule planned games with Castlewood for later in the year.

## Windy Conditions Challenge Tournament Fishermen

**SIXTY-ONE TEAMS** competed for more than \$9,200 in cash prizes during the 31st Annual Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament on June 6 and 7. The event was organized by the Lake Preston Chamber/Four Lakes Forward and the Lake Preston Fire Department. This is one of the longest running tournaments in the state of South Dakota.

Organizers said COVID-19 nearly put a damper on this year's event.

## OUTDOORS

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To receive approval from the Game Fish & Parks, the social hour and rules meeting had to be cancelled. Participants were provided written rules and had to check in Friday before the event. The weigh-in also

was modified to prevent people from gathering at the weigh-in area.

The pandemic wasn't the only challenge presented to the participants. The weather also threw a curveball to the fisherman. Sustained wind in the 30's and gusts over 40 miles per hour both days created four to five-foot waves on the lake.

"The wind challenges both the  
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## THE LAST 35 YEARS: LAKE PRESTON DIVERS

# Remarkable Achievements



Kristen Longville of Lake Preston (237) passes the baton to teammate Kiana Hoff during the Class B girls' medley relay on the final day of the 2015 South Dakota State High School Track and Field meet at Rapid City. The Divers won back-to-back state Class B girls' track championships in 1990 and 1991. (Photo by South Dakota Public Broadcasting)

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Two state Class B girls' track and field championships, a magical football season that ended with a state runner-up finish and nine trips to state girls basketball and volleyball tournaments head the list of highlights these last 35 years for Lake

Preston High School.

The top accomplishments include:

- A remarkable four-year run for the girls' track and field program. The Divers finished second in the state Class B meet in 1988 and 1989 and followed that up with state championships in 1990 and 1991.

- That dream football season in 2001 when the Divers went 11-0 and advanced to the state Class 9B football championship game before falling to Roslyn 50-8.

- A very successful volleyball program that qualified for State

B tournaments in 1985, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2003 and 2004.

- A trip to the 2006 state Class B girls basketball tournament — the first ever for the Diver girls and the school's first state-tournament berth since the boys played in the one-class 1935 state tournament.

## TRACK

Speedy twin sisters Tracy and Stacy Stewart were the stars of the Lake Preston teams that were among the best in the state in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

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