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## MEAT MARKET

# Meat soars while producer prices sink



Dennis Decker moves some beef in the cooler Monday at Iroquois Country Meats. Decker said the four fulltime and two part-time workers are keeping busy at his family-owned business. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

## Local processors step up to satisfy the needs of producers and consumers

BY JAMES JESSER  
Kingsbury Journal

During the past few months, the price that producers receive for their beef has plunged, while the price of beef, for the consumer, has skyrocketed to a 20-year high, according to reports from Wyoming and other livestock producing states like South Dakota. In early March, producers were getting \$115 per hundred-weight, or \$1.15 a pound, but by late June, they were getting \$95.

Bob Montross, founding member and past president of Kingsbury County Cattleman's Association, said he has seen the cattle market plunge and recover before but does not know or understand why it has plunged at this time. He is closely watching the investigation by the Department of Justice of the major packing plants and possible price gouging.

Montross said he has seen tough times before, and his advice to the other cattlemen is that they will come through the storm and that it is important to live within their means. He also added he is interested in seeing what will happen to the new, small packing plants that are opening up, such as the ones in Fort Pierre and Huron. They will not be able to compete with the large packers, who currently process thousands of head of livestock per day, while these small businesses only process 50 to 200 head a day. He believes they may create a niche in the market, and he wishes them well.

Curt Eichacker, vice-president and agriculture lender at American Bank and Trust in De Smet, said one problem that producers are facing is that the price they receive for their animals is less than the cost to produce them, causing them to work at a loss. Some government programs are available for farmers to aid them, however, such as the Small Business Association, Farm Service Agency and United States De-

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# Just how much rain did we get?

Storm leaves rain gauges and roads overflowing

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

A thunderstorm that rumbled and lit up the sky throughout the night and early morning of June 25 and 26 dumped a lot of rain in Kingsbury County, but just how much rain depends on whom you ask.

One account from Lake Preston reported .75 of an inch, while another Lake Preston dweller in a different part of town reported one inch.

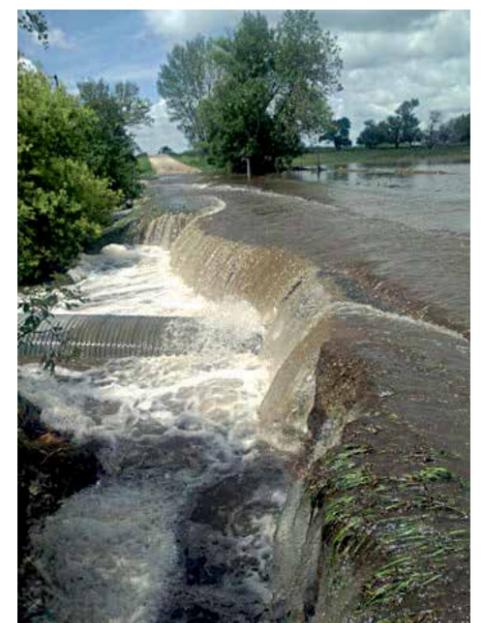
Rainfall amounts apparently increased south of Highway 14. A farmer north of Oldham reported one half inch. Dann and Michele Neises, who live nine miles west and 3/4 south of Oldham, had 2.6 inches.

At Lake Thompson, an area already struggling with excess water, one couple on Twin Lakes Road measured 3.1 inches, while their neighbors a mile away had 4.5 inches in their rain gauge.

Joan Wollschlager lives on Highway 14 about halfway between Lake Preston and De Smet. She reported 2.1 inches, while Lexi and Raymond Johnson, who live two miles east and 3.5 miles south of De Smet, reported 5.4 inches.

Scott Myers, the official National Weather Service reporter in De Smet, measured 1.86 inches for the 24-hour

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The 4-foot culvert can't handle the excess rainfall June 25, and water rushes over Scott and Erica Coughlin's driveway southwest of De Smet. (Submitted photo)

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**FOURTH OF JULY**

# Family tradition turns into celebration for many

BY DAR DEKNIKKER  
 Kingsbury Journal

For the past several years, Mike Strande has hosted a July 4 celebration on his property on the west side of Lake Preston.

"I basically just started doing it for my nieces and nephews," said Strande. "The family got together for a potluck, and then we lit fireworks."

The word spread quickly that Strandes were doing fireworks, and soon people started showing up. Strande said that people who are camped at Lake Thompson will drive in to enjoy the display. People around Lake Preston can view the display from their yards, and others park in the Strande's lot or on one of the business lots across the highway to watch. Even those passing by on Highway 14 will slow down to watch the beautiful display. Strande said he is happy that older people can sit and watch without having to drive far.

Area residents and visitors have expressed appreciation for the fact that the Strandes do this for the community.



Fireworks light up the sky July 4, 2019, during the Strande family's annual display on the west side of Lake Preston. (Photo by Mabel Andrews)



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## Want to view fireworks this weekend?

Mike Strande and his family will be putting on a firework show at dark on July 4 at their property along Highway 14 in Lake Preston.

The De Smet Volunteer Fire Department will put on their annual fireworks display beginning at dark on Saturday, July 4. The fireworks will be set off in a field near the old city shop on Front Street in the southwest part of town. People can park on Prairie Avenue or First Street. There is also a large lot at the corner of First

Street and Prairie Avenue where people have plenty of room to sit in lawn chairs and still maintain a safe social distance. Rain date is Sunday, July 5.

The Carthage Volunteer Fire Department holds their annual pork-loin fundraiser and fireworks display on Friday, July 3. Freewill offering will be taken for a pork-loin meal that will be served from 5-7 p.m. at the community center on Main Street. Indoor seating is available. Drive-up service is a new feature this year. Call ahead at 772-4173 for pickup. Fireworks begin after dark at Lake Carthage.

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## RAIN

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same town, amounts varied greatly. A couple of De Smet residents reported 1.5 inches, while more than one gauge on the west side of town measured 3.5 inches. Other reports indicated measurements in between those two amounts.

At one point during the night, water was over the road on Highway 25 in Mathews Township south of De Smet.

Scott and Erica Coughlin, who live 7.5 miles southwest of De Smet, received 6.25 inches. A steady rush of water was still running over their driveway June 26 after it became too much for their 4-foot culvert to handle.

"I've never seen the culvert not be able to handle the amount of water coming through before," said Scott.

The official report from Iroquois city limits was 3.35 inches, but the area around Iroquois varied from under 2 inches to nearly 7 inches, with the heaviest hit areas south of



The rain gauge shows 5" June 26 at the Aughenbaugh farm five miles southeast of Iroquois. (Photo by Rita Anderson)

Highway 14.

Motorists should be aware and watch for water-covered or washed out roads in Kingsbury and Miner counties.

**COURT NEWS**

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

**CARLTON PENNER**, De Smet, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

**JEFFREY NELSON**, Lake Preston, open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, fined \$122.50.

**KEVIN DONLIN**, Madison, 71 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

**MISTIE O'DANIEL**, Fort Pierre, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

**GENESIS SCHNACKENBERG**, Watertown, 40 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

**ARMANDO ARIAS DIAZ**, Huron, 71 in a 65 mile per hour zone and no driver's license, fined \$232.00.

**SKYLER STAVIG**, Watertown, 61 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

**AMBER RATIGAN**, Sioux Falls, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

**SHERIFF REPORTS**

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports four accidents in the past week.

**Jerry Waltman** of Brookings was driving a 2018 Chevy K-2500 and pulling a fifth wheel camper on June 15. He was westbound on Highway 14 when the fifth wheel camper came unhooked and veered into the north ditch. The Chevy truck suffered \$2500.00 in damages.

**Renae Aughenbaugh** of De Smet hit a deer at mile marker 125 while traveling south on Highway 25 on June 17 at 9:49 p.m. The 2015 GMC Yukon she was driving sustained \$3500.00 in damages.

**Haley Hansen** of Madison was driving east on 200th Street just east of 451st Avenue when she hit a deer on June 22 at 5:15 a.m. The 2013 Ford Taurus she was driving received \$4200.00 in damages.

**Curt Eichacker** of De Smet hit a deer while driving south on Highway 25 near mile marker 105 on June 22 at 5:15 a.m. The 2008 Ford F-150 he was driving suffered \$4000.00 in damages.

# Kingsbury Covid-19 cases up one this week

The South Dakota Department of Health data shows the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in Kingsbury County as of June 30 has risen to six, an increase of one from the previous five reported last week. Three of these are presently active and three recovered. There have been no hospitalizations.

There have been 6,716 total Covid-19 cases reported in South Dakota, showing an increase of 390 cases this past week. The number of active cases is fairly constant with 807 this week compared to 808 previously. The number currently hospitalized has decreased by 18, to 70. There have been an additional ten deaths bringing that total to 91.

Neighboring county data shows Beadle County remains the second highest number of total cases in South Dakota with 523, while active cases have decreased going from

101 last week to 73 presently. Minnehaha County ranks the highest in cases by county of residence with 3,600 total and 211 active. Brookings County added nine with 61 total cases and 14 presently active; Miner County increased by four to nine total and six active; Hamlin County stays constant with 11 total and two active; Clark County shows 14 total cases with four active and four who had to be hospitalized.

According to the Dept of Health, there have been 79,457 Covid-19 tests given in South Dakota with 8% of those testing positive. Minnehaha has had the most residents tested with 26,106 given and 3,600 testing positive. Brown County ranks as one of the highest in number of tests given at 3,594 but only 342 being positive. In comparison, Beadle County has given 2,368 tests, and Kingsbury County shows 412 tested.

## Local cities and towns receive grants for mosquito control

More than 200 South Dakota cities, counties and tribes will share in \$500,000 in grants intended to control mosquitoes and prevent West Nile Virus (WNV), the Department of Health announced on Tuesday.

In Kingsbury County, De Smet will receive \$1,846, Lake Preston, \$1,521; Oldham, \$716; and Arlington, \$1,204.

"South Dakota has a disproportionately high number of WNV cases when compared to other states.

Local mosquito control efforts play a vital role in protecting our communities," said Bill Chalcraft, administrator of public health preparedness and response for the Department of Health.

All applying communities received funding, with grants ranging from \$500 to \$20,000. Grant awards were based on the population of the applying jurisdiction and its history of human WNV cases and 46 deaths. Every county has reported cases.

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partment of Agriculture Some producers are also able to apply for forgiveness loans.

A Hutterite Colony near Carpenter relates that the pork producers are not able to sell all of their finished pork at the plants in Sioux Falls, so they have had to look to other markets. Some colonies are butchering and producing pork for private sale, while others have been shipping their hogs to whatever processing plant is available. Hogs have been shipped to Nebraska, California and Oregon. Added to the difficulty of finding a processing plant is the price, which has plunged from 60 to 70 cents a pound to 20 cents a pound live weight.

Country Butcher Shop in Iroquois is so busy processing beef, they are now booked until April of 2021. According to Casey Decker, their business has increased five times since the market plunge. They no longer process pork, but have also been purchasing boxed beef, which they process and sell as hamburger. Customers need to call ahead to set up an appointment for purchasing the meat. Dennis Decker said they are not allowing customers to come into the shop at this time,

because of COVID-19 concerns, but they will get customers' orders ready when they call and bring it out to their vehicles. Dennis said they sell beef to customers from all over the country, and the Country Butcher Shop is inspected monthly by the Department of Health.

Luke Hiebert and Jeremy Smith of rural Yale and Iroquois saw a need for butchering for consumers who purchase the finished animals from local producers, so they have been butchering chickens, pork and beef for those interested. Presently, they are working on their certification.

Michael Fast of Dakota Signature Meats in Yale reports that their business has increased since the plunge in the market. They sell beef, pork and lamb that is processed in a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspected plant in Elkton. Fast also reports on the disparity in the cost to produce and the price that the producer receives. Dakota Signature Meats sells both to local customers and online, with online sales coming from both bordering states and as far away as Texas. They have not increased their prices during this time, as their goal is to provide the customer with a good product at a fair price.



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### Last week in weather

**Monday June 22, 2020**  
High 73, Low 58

**Tuesday June 23, 2020**  
High 73, Low 55, Rain 0.24"

**Wednesday June 24, 2020**  
High 80, Low 53

**Thursday June 25, 2020**  
High 82, Low 59, Rain 0.45"

**Friday June 26, 2020**  
High 82, Low 59, Rain 1.86"

**Saturday June 27, 2020**  
High 83, Low 59

**Sunday June 28, 2020**  
High 82, Low 70

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### PHOTO OF THE WEEK

#### Flash bang

This lightning bolt struck close June 25 somewhere on the southeast side of De Smet. The thunderclap followed almost instantaneously. The thunderstorm overnight dumped varying amounts of rain on the area. (Photo by Caryn Hojer)

Submit a photo to [editor@kingsburyjournal.com](mailto:editor@kingsburyjournal.com) for your chance at photo of the week!

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# Tread on Mount Rushmore? Not on my watch

**FOR WEEKS NOW**, we have been witnessing a troubling turning point in our nation's history. We moved from calls for reform to violent riots and looting. Now, we're witnessing a radical movement committed to undoing our nation's history. Make no mistake, this movement has nothing to do with equality or justice.

In real time, we are watching an organized, coordinated campaign to remove and eliminate all references to our nation's founding and many other points in our history. Rather than looking to the past to help improve our future, the lessons of history - lessons that we should be teaching our children and our grandchildren - are instead being wiped away. This approach focuses exclusively on a person's flaws and fails to capitalize on the opportunity to learn from the virtues that person represents. This is being done deliberately to discredit America's founding principles by discrediting the individuals who formed them, so that America can be remade in a very dif-



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

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ferent political image.

America is the nation that it is because of the ideals that it was built on: "All men are created equal," they have "certain unalienable rights," and that government's purpose is "to secure these rights." Thomas Jefferson, unquestionably a flawed man, gave us this extraordinary statement of purpose. Today, instead of focusing our attention on Jefferson's flaws, as a nation, we should be focusing on what this remarkable

statement means.

In recent days, we have seen threats to memorials that honor some of America's greatest leaders. Some vandals have gone so far as to attack statues of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, the very leaders who brought the Union through the Civil War and ushered in the end of slavery in our country. These are the same men who turned Jefferson's ideal into reality.

Now we're seeing threats to Mount Rushmore. To those who would threaten America's Shrine of Democracy, I have one simple message for you: Not on my watch.

Mount Rushmore is a National Monument, and I am partnering with the federal government and offering the resources of South Dakota to make sure that proper security measures are in place. We will do everything in our power to make sure that Mount Rushmore remains as majestic and inspiring as it is today.

President Trump is visiting Mount Rushmore in just a few days, and it is

such an honor to have the President of the United States visit South Dakota, especially to celebrate America's birthday. Security measures will be in full force for the event, but we know that threats to Mount Rushmore may continue after the President leaves. We'll stay diligent about protecting it.

I want to make one thing clear: the men honored on Mount Rushmore weren't perfect; nobody is. They all had flaws. But they all had tremendous virtues as well, and they did incredible things for our country. Today, America is the greatest nation in the history of the world, and that is in no small part thanks to each president memorialized on Mount Rushmore. We can learn from their successes, and we can also learn from their mistakes. And in doing so, we must continue to fight for the American ideal that each of them spent their lives striving for: "All men are created equal."

# The older I get, the more thankful I feel

A sudden realization of a great truth

**MY NAME IS JEROD JORDAN.** I am the minister serving the people of Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church in rural De Smet, S.D. Soon, I will be another year older, and I am thankful to God for every day that I am blessed to experience. Recently, a song was released without a great deal of fanfare and excitement. The name of the song is "The Older I Get" by Alan Jackson. This song has become for me a beautiful reminder of the extraordinary blessing that life, with all of its problems and imperfections, truly is. It is my theme song for this particular time in my life.

I can especially connect with the line, "I don't mind all the lines from all the times I've laughed and cried, souvenirs and little signs of the life I've lived." My face shows every hour that I have spent working in the sun, every time I have laughed at a good friend's story and every time I have cried over my own struggles or watched helplessly as someone else struggles and suffers through their own pain, grief or loss. This song puts into words sentiments and feelings that are sometimes very difficult to express, at least for me. The truth that is expressed within these very simple lyrics were for me an epiphany. Epiphany is a word which simply means "a sudden realization of a great truth."

Another epiphany for me was also how very powerful and important forgiveness is to all of us. Not only to the one being forgiven, but the one extending forgiveness. Author and speaker Andy Andrews reports that Abraham Lincoln said that forgiveness is worthless until it

## MEDITATIONS

JEROD JORDAN

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church

is given away. "I will now and forevermore silently offer my forgiveness even to those who do not see that they need it. I will greet this day with a forgiving spirit."

Forgiving a sin committed to us frees us from the power of resentment and hate. Very often, the most difficult person for any of us to forgive is the person behind the face reflecting back at us in the mirror. Jesus died so that forgiveness may abound. If I am unable to forgive myself, am I not saying that my sin is capable of superseding Jesus' sacrifice on the cross? When considered in that context, not being able to forgive myself is offensive. Forgiveness is not to be abused as a license to sin. Forgiveness abused as a license to sin is what theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer referred to as "cheap grace." Costly grace is when my behavior is changed out of a grateful response to grace, rather than a works-based sense of righteousness. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.

I encourage you to look at the book "Mere (basic) Christianity" by CS Lewis. One statement from this remarkable author that was an epiphany to me due to its conservation of line (the ability to say in a few words what others would require volumes to express) is this, and I close with this statement of great and profound truth dealing with God's love and forgiveness:

"God does not love us because we are good; We are good because God loves us." — CS Lewis

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

### De Smet

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-854-3684, Worship services will be held at the church at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The service will be recorded and available at <http://american-lutherandesmet.org>. Everyone is encouraged to bring and wear a face mask and practice social distancing. Masks and hand sanitizer available.

**DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH**, 605-854-3065, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. for all ages, Church at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 7:15 p.m.—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 a.m., 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 9:30 a.m. They will also be live-streamed.

### Lake Preston

**LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-847-4587, Church Service resumes July 12. Can also find service on Facebook Live.

**NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-847-4587, Church at 9:00 a.m. with social distancing and CDC guidelines. Can also find service on Facebook Live.

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

### Carthage

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**, 605-772-4137, See 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 at 8:30 a.m.

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

### Ramona

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

### Oldham

**OLDHAM LUTHERAN**, Worship at 10:30 a.m.

### Iroquois

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**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**, Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Worship and 10:45 a.m., Evening services first, second and third Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

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# 'What we learn on Sunday can be with us all week'

United Methodist churches welcome new pastor

BY ANNE AAMOT  
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet and Iroquois United Methodist Churches will be welcoming a new pastor this month. Willow Lake native Tia Felberg will be taking over the reins from longtime pastor Kris Larson, who has retired after serving both parishes for many years.

Felberg and her husband Jim have five children: Adrianna, who will be a South Dakota State University student this fall, a son Kaplan in high school and triplets Sullivan, Archer and Trigg. In her free time, Felberg enjoys family activities such as sports, gaming and outside activities.

Felberg describes her husband as the calm and quiet leader of their



**New Pastor Tia Felberg is pictured with her husband Jim at daughter Adrianna's graduation. Also pictured are sons Kaplan, Sullivan, Archer, and Trigg.**

busy household. He is a Daktronics employee and enjoys working with computers. Prior to the ministry calling, Felberg was a County Social

Worker in Clark County. She also has a small contract mail route that keeps her busy.

This will be Felberg's first ap-

pointment, and she is eager to begin. Being a minister wasn't "on her radar" right away, but after being in lay ministry rotation for about a year, she found it was something that was calling her.

"When I started, I knew nothing about ministry in the sense of being THE leader, but I understood what I looked for in a leader and knew what I loved about church," said Felberg. "I knew that if I wanted to help people see Jesus, I needed to be myself. In developing my style of ministry and leadership, I am discovering a few things that I will also be bringing with me to my new position."

Felberg wants to bring humor, tangibility and authenticity to her parishes.

"Church can be a fun place, and I'd like to bring how what we learn on Sunday can be with us all week," she said.

## Two decades of ministry come to a close

BY DARCY MILLER  
Kingsbury Journal

Kris Larson, pastor of the West Kingsbury Parish that includes the Methodist churches in Iroquois and De Smet, retired from his full-time ministry at the end of June.

Larson received his license to be a local pastor in October of 1997. He was a part of a Disciple Bible study at his church when the question was asked of who would lead the Bible study. He had a whole list of people written out whom he thought would

make a good leader for the study, but when the question was asked, he said to his own surprise his hand "shot straight up in the air."

During his week-long training to lead the study, as well as several times after that, many people shared with him that he would make a good pastor. The day after he told his wife Denise that he had decided to further his call into ministry, the Methodist district superintendent called him to ask if he would pastor the nearby churches in Iroquois and Esmond. He pastored there in 1996 and 1997.

When Larson started in ministry, he was still working at Raven Industries in De Smet as well as farming. He found it difficult to juggle so much and because of that, he decided to step down from ministry.

When Raven Industries closed in 1999, Larson found a job as the man-

ager of the movie theater in Huron. He shared that it was still "on his heart to be in ministry," so he signed up to do coursework at the Methodist



**Pastor Kris Larson**

seminary in St. Paul, Minn. After his coursework, there was a need for a pastor in Iroquois, Esmond and Carpenter. This began his 20-year ministry in the area. Larson served in those three churches for the first 10 years, and then served the next five years in Iroquois, Esmond and Doland. These last five years, he has led the Iroquois and De Smet churches.

Besides leading services, Larson has led numerous weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations. He has

been involved in Sunday school, after school kids' groups, Bible studies, vacation bible school, councils and United Methodist Women meetings.

When asked who his role model is, it should come to no surprise that his "main man" is Jesus himself.

"I love Jesus. I would live and die for Him," Larson replied. "I love sharing my love for Jesus with others. I love being with people. I love worship."

Larson remains on the Methodist board of ordination and is the local pastor registrar for the Dakotas Conference. He will also continue to serve on a part-time basis for the United Methodist church congregation in Lake Preston, where he will lead services every other month.

He plans to spend his retirement visiting family, spending time with his grandchildren and enjoying nature.

## Obituaries



### Richard L. Schillinger

Richard L. Schillinger, 54, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2020. Richard was born on Sept. 10, 1965 in Sioux Falls, S.D. to his mother Carol Shellebarger and father, Nathan Schillinger.

Richard grew up in Salem, S.D. where he graduated high school in 1983 and went on to live his adult life to the fullest.

Richard is the father of three sons: Christopher, Cody and Scotty Schillinger. He is also the grandfather of three: Alicia, Nathan and Reyden.

Richard moved to Texas around 1993, where he worked as a very tal-

ented electrician. He was a talented artist and woodworker by hobby. He traveled all around Texas doing anything from small, in-home repairs to large projects in major cities. If you live in San Angelo, Texas, chances are you have been in a building that he has either wired or repaired.

Richard was known for his love of rock n' roll, outdoor living and spending time with his boys. He is loved around town and will be missed by very many.



### Shane Shannon St. Clair

Shane Shannon St. Clair, 55, died April 18, 2020, in a single-vehicle mo-

torcycle accident. Memorial services will begin at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, July 11 at the Minnehaha Funeral Home in Dell Rapids.

Shane was born April 7, 1965, to Charles and Annette (Fodness) St. Clair in Sioux Falls. His family moved to Chester, S.D. in his early childhood. He graduated from Chester High School in 1983, where he made lifelong friendships and fond memories of football, wrestling and wild antics form his youth.

He graduated from Mitchell Technical Institute Lineman College in 1988. From 1989-2015, he worked for Otter Tail Power as a lineman and service representative. His work took him to many locations supporting the communities where he was assigned.

In 2015, he was hired by Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, where he worked as a regional safety coordinator and JT&S instructor. He continued serving many communities in South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. He loved being a lineman.

In 1985, Shane also joined the South Dakota National Guard, where he served in the 114<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Civil Engineer Squadron. Using his

professional lineman training, he worked on many assignments in-country and around the world setting up hospitals and base camps and stabilizing infrastructure. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and to Iraq in 2003 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was honorably discharged in 2006 as a First Sergeant.

Shane enjoyed traveling and was known to take long vacations to savor the places he visited. Some of his favorite activities were riding motorcycle and watching his children and grandchildren at their sporting events.

Those blessed to remember Shane's life include his mother, Annette St. Clair of Chester; sister Ranae Williams (Grant) of Monticello, Minn.; sons Jordan St. Clair (Stefanie) of Luverne, Minn. and Andrew St. Clair of Lennox; grandsons Charlie, Kaleb and Jameson St. Clair; stepson Brady Anderson, as well as several other family members and friends.

Shane was preceded in death by his father, Charles St. Clair; grandparents, Walt and Edith St. Clair; uncle, Larry Howey and aunt, Barbara Sievers.

# SDSU Extension hosts AI Camp for 4-Hers

**MORE THAN 30 4-H YOUTH** involved in the beef project area traveled to Beresford, S.D. to participate in the SDSU Extension Youth AI Day Camp held March 7, 2020, at the SDSU Southeast Research Farm.

During the day camp, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialists Olivia Amundson and Robin Salverson guided youth through the process of artificial insemination (AI) in beef cattle.

“Understanding how the female and male beef reproductive tracts work is critical to a successful A.I. program,” said Audra Scheel, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program advisor for Sanborn, Aurora and Jer-auld/Bufalo Counties.

Scheel also helped organize the event, which explored all aspects of A.I.



**Rowdy Scheel and Hadlee Holt, both from Lake Preston, attended this camp from Kingsbury County.** (Photo by Wendy Denison)

“The youth asked great questions,” Scheel said. “This year marked our fourth clinic of its kind. It’s our goal to move this day camp around the state so we can provide the opportunity to youth across South Dakota. We want to see youth excited to go home and assist with A.I. on their family cattle operations.”

Once they learned the basics, youth received hands-on practice in pulling, thawing and loading semen. Max Freeman with Alta Genetics and Audra Scheel led this station.

“This is a critical part of A.I.; you can have the best technician in the world inside the cow, but if the semen isn’t handled correctly outside the cow, your conception rates will show it,” Salverson explained to youth during the demonstration.

Youth were also able to work with real, female beef cow reproductive tracts and learn how ultrasound equipment works on a live cow. Taylor Grussing, the special projects manager at Vytelle, took youth through the process of embryo collection. These breakout sessions allowed youth to see what they are working with inside a cow. According to post day camp surveys, the hands-on portion of the day received high marks by youth attendees.

“At camp, we provided youth with knowledge and hands-on techniques of A.I., but then followed that up with how to pregnancy check cows to see how successful A.I. was,” said Amundson. “This really brings the day full circle for the kids.”

## Funding approved to upgrade Oldham’s water system, consolidate with Kingbrook

Gov. Kristi Noem reported June 25 that the Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an additional \$400,000 in loan funds for Kingbrook Rural Water System to consolidate Oldham’s water system into the rural water system and make improvements to the town’s drinking water system.

The board had previously awarded \$1.245 million loan with \$945,000 of principal forgiveness for the project. The additional loan funds include a \$400,000 increased Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan with \$304,000 in principal forgiveness. Loan terms are 2.25 percent for 30 years.

The loan will be administered through the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources and will cover the estimated project cost.

“I am pleased to announce Kingbrook Rural Water System will receive this assistance,” said Noem. “The loan will allow Kingsbrook to finish making needed upgrades to Oldham’s drinking water system and ensure the residents of Oldham have a reliable and safe water supply.”

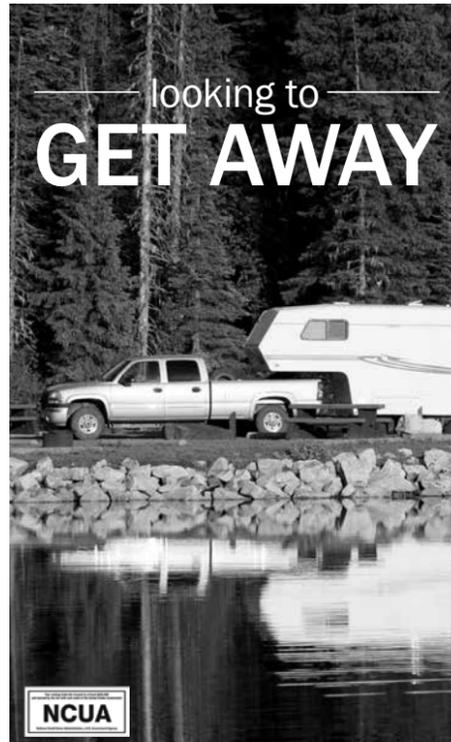
Since 2014, Oldham has had difficulty retaining a certified drinking water operator and has suffered significant, unaccounted for water loss from their aging distribution system. The city’s existing distribution system has an asbestos cement mainline

from the 1960’s. As part of the consolidation, Kingbrook Rural Water will replace the existing system with new PVC piping and new meter pits, and they will be responsible for system operation and maintenance.

The state of South Dakota and the United States Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan payment amount for the borrower.

According to Kingbrook office management, Prunty Construction of Brookings has begun work in Oldham, but work is on hold for a few days because of heavy rain in the area June 25-26 and the July 4 holiday. The projected substantial completion date is sometime in October.

Kingbrook has already been providing water to Oldham, but the city was Kingbrook’s customer and residents were billed by the city. With the changes, each customer will become a member with their own meter pit and will receive a water bill from Kingbrook. Besides all new main water lines, improvements will be made to the city’s water tower. The city of Oldham will still bill residents for sewer and garbage.



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## One final drive

Thank you to retired FAO/ Firefighter, Dan Huba. His knowledge and time spent serving on the department was much appreciated. Dan was delivered home by a few officers one last time Sunday night. (Submitted Photo)

## MENUS

### 60's-Plus Meals

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 2:** Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**FRIDAY, JULY 3:** Hamburger/ Bun, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Fruit

**MONDAY, JULY 6:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Bread

**TUESDAY, JULY 7:** Sausage Potato Omelet, Vegetable, Fruit, Blueberry Muffin

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8:** Chef Salad & Dressing w/ Protein & Veggies, Crackers, Peaches

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## SCHOOL BOARD

# 'Every district in the state is waiting'

Schools not clear yet on Covid-19 plans for new year

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

At Monday's meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education, school board members and administrators discussed possible Covid-19 concerns going into the 2020-21 school year. Superintendent Dana Felderman stated that he wants to look forward to the new school year, but he acknowledged that there may be some changes and a lot of things could happen before then. The new school year is slated to begin Aug. 19.

"Right now, no one plans to not open," said Felderman. He plans to have meetings with parents and staff to get a plan in place to move forward.

"I feel really good about it, but we'll see more (of what the plan is) in another month," he said. "Every district in the state is waiting."

Felderman also said the district still has some coaching vacancies.

The board approved new contract wording for any new coaching hires who are not certified as teachers. The contracts would specify that if such employees are hired only to coach, but the season is cancelled, they would not be paid. If a season is cut short, their pay would be prorated.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- School board members voted to table further discussion about repairing a heavily damaged storage building or replacing it until next month. The building, an old schoolhouse, had most recently been used for cold storage and has had so much water and other damage that it is no longer usable as is. Felderman said everything that was stored in the building will have to be disposed of. Removing the old structure and replacing it with a new one is estimated to cost about \$60,000, while cosmetic repairs to the old one would be about \$30,000.

"I don't like the idea of spending \$60,000," board member Travis Deni-

son said, "but I don't like putting \$30,000 into that building either."

"I think we need to do something," said board member Brett Anderson. Anderson stated that \$50 a month to rent a storage unit for the time being might be a good option. "I'd like to kick this a ways down the road," he said.

Board member Stacia Sneesby commented that it would not have to be a top-notch building if it is just for storage, and board member Amanda Wienk asked how large a new building would be.

In other business, the board accomplished items of business such as:

- Voted to name The Kingsbury Journal as their official newspaper
- Reviewed insurance matters
- Approved the 2019-20 supplemental budget and capital outlay transfer
- Accepted the resignation of head girls' basketball coach Ryan McCutcheon

The next scheduled meeting is at 5:30 p.m. July 13 in the school gymnasium



## Hey Batter, Batter — Let's Play Ball!

Play ball! The Lake Preston Ball Diamond is looking good after the updates made by the city. Summer baseball and softball was originally cancelled due to COVID-19 but has recently rescheduled for the summer. The girls' softball coach is Kristi Curd and boys' baseball coach is Ryan Sauter. (Photo by Ryan Sauter)

# Lake Preston

## LOOKING BACK

### 1886: DS Whitestockings and LP Grays take the field



**10 YEARS AGO:** RoxAnn Casper, left, Lisa Cleveland, Mary Smith and Mary Petersen, front center, are among those already wearing the t-shirts designed for this year's All School Reunion in July. T-shirts can be ordered with the registration materials by contacting members of the organizing committee or by signing up at Chuck's Grocery in Lake Preston. The t-shirts depict the historic Lake Preston school building in blue and gold as well as this year's reunion theme.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
June 30, 2010

Margaret Pochop, Deloris Olson and Mary Ann Ellington posed for a picture with a quilt that is currently on display at First National Bank. Pochop and Ellington worked together on the quilt, which was donated to the Lake Preston Community Daycare for a fundraiser. Olson, who is also a quilter, can appreciate the workmanship involved.

Glenda Odegaard, with the help of family and friends, is preparing to serve Lake Preston's All School Reunion Banquet on July 17. If you don't register immediately, you may find yourself turned away at the door. Odegaard will be catering the event with her husband, Randy, and plans to feed a few extra mouths, but when the food runs out, the food runs out.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
June 29, 1995

Steve and Shelley Strande of Lake Preston are parents of a daughter, Allison Michele, born June 22. She joins a brother, Anthony, at home. Grandparents are Bud and Dorothy Strande of Lake Preston and Bill and Sheryl Van Beek of Volga.

Azure Olson and Syrena Olson of Lake Preston participated in the recent National Piano Playing Auditions in Brookings. Both competed in the district division and were required to memorize 4-6 selections.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
July 2, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodges will observe their 50th wedding anniversary

on Sunday, July 12 with an open house at the UCC in Lake Preston.

A \$500 reward is offered for information leading to conviction of person(s) responsible for theft of feeder pigs from our lot. Contact Erling Tenneboe.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
June 28, 1945

A very large crowd attended the 60th year anniversary of the Congregational Church in Erwin. The church was filled for all services.

North Preston will celebrate the country's Independence Day Wednesday afternoon at the farm grove, which is 2.5 miles east of the North Preston Church. After the speaker, there will be kick ball, sports and races. Refreshments will be had at the stand — hamburgers, soft drinks and ice cream.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
July 6, 1920

Businesses and residential properties are being connected up with the sewer system as rapidly as workers can get the work done.

A large crowd celebrated July 4 at the Grove on Herman Reinke's place south of Whitewood Lake.

**134 YEARS AGO**  
June of 1886

At the match game of baseball between the LP Grays and DS Whitestockings on the grounds at the Latter Place on Tuesday afternoon, R.B. Mills acted as umpire, J.G. Linn and C.H. Tinkham were scorers. The game stood 36-21 in favor of the Whitestockings.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Legion seeks volunteers to set up flags

The Lake Preston American Legion will be putting up flags at 7 a.m. Saturday, July 4, at Thorsness Park, and retiring them at 7 p.m. Any help would be appreciated.

### Library reopens with precautions in place

The Dorothee Pike Memorial Library in Lake Preston will reopen July 6 with some health precautions in place. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Mon-

days, Wednesdays and Fridays. There will be a limit of two patrons at a time. (Parents with more than one child will be permitted.) Other protective measures will be posted at the entrance to the library and on the library's Facebook page, or call 847-4843 during regular business hours.

### Museum undergoes renovations

The Lake Preston Museum is closed for renovations. A grand re-opening will be announced at a later time.

## CHAMBER CHATTER

In an effort to allow for social distancing, the Lake Preston Chamber met in the city park. The annual fishing tournament updates were discussed, along with the purchase of a digital screen. Also discussed was the addition of another promotional sign for Lake Preston to be placed on the east side of town. Ceci Bode and Dar DeKnikker will be checking out options.

City wide clean-up will take place two times a year, once in the spring and then again in the fall. The city council has Regal Code Enforcement Officer David Miller looking into properties in Lake

Preston that do not meet standards of Lake Preston city ordinance.

Be watching your yards for the "flamingoes." This is a fundraiser for the cancer walk.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY DAYS

July 19: Community church service in the park

Classic Cruisers Car Show on Main Street

Chamber Bucks winner was Linda Iverson.

The next Lake Preston Chamber meeting is set for August 17. Join Chamber and get INVOLVED.

— Dar DeKnikker



### Planting for the future

For the third year in a row, the Kingsbury Conservation District has provided a tree for the graduating class at Lake Preston High School to plant. The first two years, the entire senior class participated in tree planting ceremonies during the week of Arbor Day. Because school was closed for the last quarter of the school year, the activity was postponed until June. Lake Preston class of 2020 graduates Moses Bolin, left, Alex Wienk and Jarrett Brown recently planted the Black Hills spruce in Thorsness Park along Highway 14. A Black Hills spruce grows to a height of 30-60 feet with a spread of 15-25 feet at maturity. (Submitted photo)



## Now more than ever, be well.

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### Schedule a wellness exam this summer!

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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



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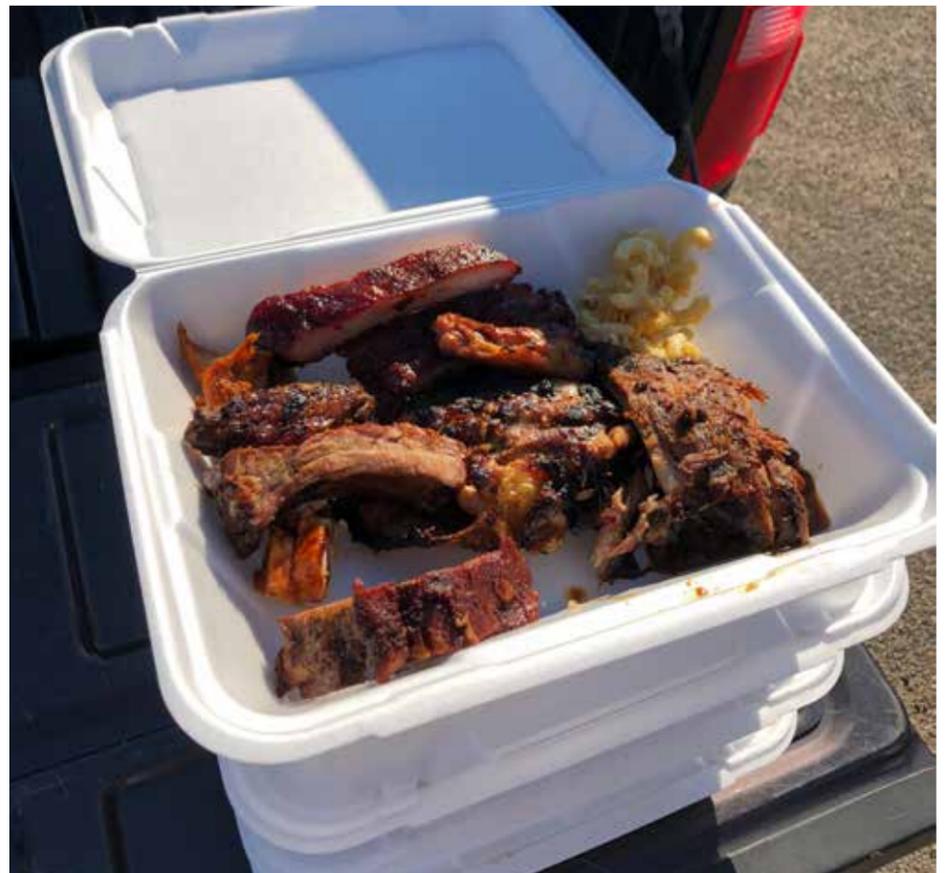
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## 'BBQ, Beer & Friends' tasted like a success



If you came hungry, you definitely didn't leave that way. The food was all-you-can-eat, and there were eight teams' meats to try. (Submitted photo)

People came hungry — and left with the meat sweats

BY JOAN WOLLSCHLAGER  
Kingsbury Journal

Last Saturday, around 140 friends and neighbors gathered on Lake Preston's main street for the evening. This open-air barbeque was held in what locals call "the ice-skating rink lot." The BBQ'ers had their tents, RV's or their "camps" set up around the lot, and there were tables spread leisurely around for seating. The food enthusiasts got to sample the chicken and ribs from each team. Eight teams participated this year, which provided some fantastic tasting for the attendees. Some contestants provided salads, baked beans or macaroni and cheese to add to the meals.

The casual atmosphere and smells of smoky barbeque lingering all afternoon were a welcome break for farmers and those "rummage" shoppers from the city-wide rummage sale that morning. Five judges were tucked away and sampled each of the teams' chicken or wings and then later the BBQ ribs. Special rules for the ongoing pandemic eliminated the people's choice award, but most patrons agreed with the judges.

Final results for the barbeque chicken category:

1. "Hillbillies BBQ" by Chad Olson of Lake Preston and Chris Mulhair of Brookings
2. "Wienking at Woodcock and Holland" with cooks Andy and Jon Wienk, Jeremy and Jayden Woodcock and Luke Holland, all of Lake Preston.
3. "Ugly Drums BBQ" with local favorite chefs Ross Olson and Stetson



Ross Olson and Stetson Eschenbaum from team "Ugly Drums BBQ" pose after the contest with "trophy." (Submitted photo)

Eschenbaum.

The BBQ Ribs from the eight teams yielded these champions:

1. "Ugly Drums BBQ"
  2. "Prairie Smokehouse BBQ" with Jim and Susan Thomas from De Smet
  3. "Legion Boys" with Jason Paul and Brett Anderson of Lake Preston.
- An overall Grand Champion by accumulated scores awarded first place to "Ugly Drums BBQ," followed by "Wienking at Woodcock & Holland" and then "Legion Boys."

If you enjoy barbeque and missed this year's event, it will all be back next summer for your extreme tasting pleasure!

# Lake Preston

## BACK ON THE DIAMOND

# Boys' and girls' teams finally take the field



### Lake Preston boys' baseball team plays first game of the season

The Lake Preston boys' baseball team had their first game (two innings) on Tuesday against Arlington. Each team played their 8-and-under boys, getting through the lineup twice. Team members include Elliot Collier, left, Cooper McDaniel, Carson Eichler, Emmerson Hesse, Jackson Pillar, Jackson Sauter, Eli McCloud, Huxley McCloud, Waylon Odegaard, Sage Smith, Weston Eichler and Ryker Eschenbaum. Their next game is on Tuesday, July 7 against De Smet in Lake Preston. This year's coach is Ryan Sauter. (Photo submitted by Ryan Sauter)



### Run, Hattie, run!

Hattie Hesby, daughter of Tyler and Emilie Hesby, proudly charges home as the Lake Preston girls tee ball team takes on Arlington at a home contest on Wednesday evening. (Photo by Kristi Curd)



### Warming up for the big game

Aubrey Exey, daughter of Jalissa VonBehren and Dylan DeKnicker, scoops up a grounder during warmups before Wednesday night's tee ball action in Lake Preston. (Photo by Kristi Curd)



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# De Smet

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Legionnaires seek volunteers to set up flags**

The De Smet American Legion will be putting up the avenues of flags Saturday at Washington Park and at the courthouse. Anyone who would like to help should meet at the Legion Hall at 7 a.m. on July 4. Flags will be retired at 5 p.m.

**School board meeting date changed**

The date of the regular De Smet Board of Education meeting has been changed to 5:30 p.m. July 10 at the school library.



**Conservation crew celebrates 'End of the Year'**

The Kingsbury Conservation planting and fabric crew for the summer celebrated with an "end of the year" party at Lake Thompson this week. They have worked hard planting trees since May, and they just finished up a few weeks ago. They have a special project they are working on but should be done next week. Among the crew are: Chris Tvinnerein, Jonah Denison, Aaron Flegel, Christian Larson, Noah Thomas, Tucker Holland, Jasper Denison, Hunter Halverson, Carter Malone, Cody Perkins and Meriah Flegel. (Photo by Tanya Flegel)

**MENUS**

**60's-Plus Meals**

*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, JULY 2:** Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Beans, Fruit Bread

**FRIDAY, JULY 3:** Fish Sandwich/ Bun, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Fruit

**MONDAY, JULY 6:** CLOSED

**TUESDAY, JULY 7:** Goulash, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8:** Cold Club Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Salad, Fruit, Dessert

## Grandma gets diploma in 1908

Grandson returns it to school 112 years later

**BY LINDSAY NOLTE**  
De Smet Middle/High School teacher

Making connections in history can be very rewarding. For one De Smet graduate, the family's reconnection has been reminiscent.

Kelly Donohue of Franklin, Tenn., recently contacted De Smet High School indicating that he had come across his grandmother's diploma from Kingsbury County dated 1908. Through a compilation of the Merrill family genealogy, Donohue noted that his grandmother, Bertha Merrill, moved with her family to Lake Preston in May 1905.

"George (Donohue's great-grandfather and Bertha's father) bought a feed stable, using grain from the farm for it," said Donohue. "Bertha went to school in the town of De Smet, to the west of Lake Preston. She graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade on June 24, 1908."

Through correspondence with Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter of the De Smet School District early this summer, Donohue offered to share the diploma with the school. Van Regenmorter gladly accepted his gift, thanking him for contributing an important piece of history for the school district.

Donohue indicated that he and his wife have taken many trips to South Dakota. He recalls travelling to Rapid City, hunting northwest of Mitchell and visiting Akaska near the Missouri River. Most notably, they travelled further east to the Vayland Community situated between Miller and Wessington. They located the one-room school house where his mother and aunt once attended, and Donohue's mother saw a picture of Abraham Lincoln that she thought she remembered. She wrote to the superintendent of that school district who replied that the property/building was now privately owned.



The 1908 eighth grade diploma of Bertha Merrill has been returned to the school by Bertha's grandson, Kelly Donohue, and is now displayed in the De Smet High School office. (Photo by Abi Van Regenmorter)

The group also toured the homestead where his mother and aunt grew up. Donohue fondly recalled a story that his mom shared during that trip.

"It was a beautiful, warm June day. The breeze was gently blowing the grass, and you could hear the sound of cows mooing in the distance," he said. "I turned to her and said something like, 'this is the most beautiful place I've ever seen,' to which she quickly replied, 'you ought to see it in January.'"

His mother told him that she and his aunt would ride one of the horses to the school, and sometimes in the winter, when school ended, she couldn't see her hand in front of her face for the blowing snow. So they'd

climb on the horse, drop the reins and give the horse a kick. Instinctively, the horse took them safely home to the barn.

Donohue recalled his teacher sharing Laura Ingalls Wilder's books when he was in elementary school.

"It's a beautiful, friendly state you live in," he said, reflecting on his family's history and connections to South Dakota.

Van Regenmorter praises the De Smet community for their "remarkable job preserving the history of the area, with many thanks to Laura Ingalls Wilder." Because of Donohue's desire to connect, Bertha Merrill's diploma has come full circle as it finds a permanent home at De Smet High School.



**Summer blooms**

Different varieties of flowers, including daisies, bloom at intervals throughout the season at the Garden of Remembrance at the De Smet Cemetery. Several high school students built the flower and rock garden in 2008 in memory of classmates who had passed away. Susan and Mark Purintun and family maintain it.

(Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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# De Smet

**DAYS GONE BY**

## 1945: 'I must get a man at once...'



**50 YEARS AGO:** Goodluck to De Smet's S. Dak. State Champion BB Gun Shooters at the U.S. Jaycee International Matches... Win or Lose... We are proud of you!! Pictured are the champions left to right, back row: Cathy Penney, Carolyn Kerr, John Hof, Lowell (Butch) Hansen, Coach. Front Row: Claus Smith, Janice Kerr, Alternate, Cindy Logan

**10 YEARS AGO**

July 1, 2010

Two De Smet World War II Veterans, **Dan Slaight** and **LaVere Coughlin**, were given the opportunity to go on the South Dakota Honor Flight to Washington D.C. There were 110 veterans on the flight between the ages of 81-97 years old.

**25 YEARS AGO**

July 1, 1995

The CBS Sunday Morning film crew were in town to film the pageant, Ingalls' Home and the Surveyor's Shanty. They also met with the fourth graders during a barbecue at the **Rod Combs'** residence.

**50 YEARS AGO**

July 2, 1970

It was a bad week-end in Kingsbury County: a fireworks explosion at Arlington fatal to one child, a night of street trouble at De Smet that brought four arrests and jailings, a call for the sheriff to assist in trouble at Oldham the same night, with two brought to the county jail. This had followed four appearances in justice court the previous Wednesday evening and two rolled car accidents in the county at the week-end, fortunate in that both drivers could walk away from their cars. The fire whistle was sounded at about 1:30 Saturday night to call out De Smet firemen to assist the two local policemen and **Sheriff Robert LaBore** in a situation of cars and their occupants, a gathering that had the potentials of an organized distur-

bance.

The 74-piece De Smet High School Band arrived home from Winnipeg on Monday evening. CONGRATULATIONS to the Trophy-Winning De Smet School Band and its Director, **Mr. Jerald Lindbloom**. The praise received in Winnipeg also expresses our feelings here in De Smet!

**75 YEARS AGO**

July 5, 1945

**I MUST GET A MAN** at once in this community to work with our District Manager. Must have a car and be over 28 years of age. The work is essential to the war effort and in line with the program advocated by the Department of Agriculture. Permanent work, good pay for man who has lived on farm.

Notice: A teacher's examination will be held in the courtroom at De Smet South Dakota Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Applicants for 1st and 2nd certificates will write Friday and Saturday only. Applicants for State General and State Primary will write Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**100 YEARS AGO**

July 1920

The De Smet National Bank is making an improvement this week in the removal of the sign board east of their building and putting in a latticework fence across the vacant space. The sign board was used only occasionally and was an eyesore to everyone.

**The Department of Health is contacting people who have been exposed to COVID-19. Here's what you can do to help keep yourself, your family, and community safe:**

- Pick up the phone when we call
- Stay at home and self-quarantine for 14 days if you've been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19
- Notify people you've had close contact with if you become ill
- Seek medical care if symptoms become severe



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# De Smet

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Lake Thompson property owners may see some relief

After years of fighting an uphill battle, property owners at Lake Thompson may finally see a plan put in action that will help alleviate current and future flooding issues. The South Dakota Department of Natural Resources sent a letter of approval last week to Kingsbury County Commissioners for a vegetation and sediment-removal plan at the Lake Thompson outlet. The approval is contingent on several conditions, and the commissioners will discuss how to proceed with the cleanup project at the July 7 meeting.

Between three and five inches of new rain fell overnight June 25-26 in the areas where many of the properties that may benefit from the cleanout are located.

### De Smet Community Women plan upcoming events

Due to the Covid-19 situation, De Smet's citywide rummage sale has been postponed until August 8, 2020.

The annual De Smet Craft & Gift Fair remains scheduled for November 14, 2020, at the De Smet Event Center.

For more information on these events, please visit [desmetDCW.com](http://desmetDCW.com) or follow us on Facebook @ [desmetDCW](https://www.facebook.com/desmetDCW).

— Contributed by Susan Eastin



### Beating the heat

De Smet area youth practice social distancing June 25 as they cool off in the De Smet swimming pool. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

## Musicians show what they've got at Junior Piano Festival

The annual Junior Piano Festival was held in De Smet April 4 and 5. The festival included 60 piano students from the area with 120 events scheduled. The Adjudicators for this year's event were our local music teachers, Kayla Vockrodt and Lindsay Nolte, and the performers represented their teachers Julie Baszler and Juanita Muser. The students performed Piano Solos, Piano Duets, Hymn Playing and Senior Concertos virtually. The ratings and awarded gold cups are as follows:

Senior **Andrew Holland** was awarded his 75-point Grand Cup by performing his second Mozart Concerto with a Superior Rating and earning a Superior Plus in Piano Solos.

**Kennadi Buchholz** and **Cori Birkel** earned their 9-year gold cups in Piano Solos.

Those earning their 6-year cups in Piano Solos were **Elizabeth Albrecht**, **Harper Anderson**, **Mirra Beck**, **Mallory Carlson**, **Neva Clubb** and **Sophia Gigov**.

**Samuel Gigov** earned his 6-year cup in Piano Duets.

6-year gold cups in Hymn Playing went to **Mallory Carlson**, **Sophia Gigov** and **Matthew Rusche**.

Those awarded their 3-year gold cup in Piano Solos were **Vada Albrecht**, **Ellie Carstensen**, **Nolan Eichler** and **Lyla Schoenfelder**.

3-year gold cups in Piano Duets went to **Jordan Botkin**, **Adalyn Gross** and **Coy Van Regenmorter**.

**Case Carlson** won his 3-year Gold Cup in Hymn Playing.

In the Senior Concerto division, **Kennadi Buchholz** received a Superior Plus rating and **Andrew Holland** re-



### Grand Cup Winner

**Andrew Holland** poses with the Grand Cup he received during the Junior Piano Festival in De Smet this year. Gold cups are awarded to piano students through a point system, ranging through 3-year, 6-year, 9-year, 12-year, Grand and President cups. (Photo submitted by Andrew Holland)

ceived a Superior Minus.

Superior Plus ratings awarded in Piano Solos went to **Jack Baszler**, **Mirra Beck**, **Jordan Botkin**, **Kennadi Buchholz**, **Case Carlson**, **Megan Dylla**, **Carson Eichler**, **Nolan Eichler**, **Andrew Heinze** and **Andrew Holland**.

Superior ratings in Piano Solos went to **Ivy Albrecht**, **Harper Anderson**, **Cori Birkel**, **Heidi Carlson**, **Nash Clubb**, **Samuel Gigov**, **Emily Heinze**, **Jace Hojer**, **Addie Jensen**, **Adrianna Larson**, **Grayson Millman**, **Leah Millman**, **Meghan Ostrander**, **Kennedi VanOverbeke**, **Seeley VanOverbeke**, **Coy Van Regenmorter**, **Bella Wilkinson** and **Cora Wilkinson**.

Superior Minus ratings in Piano Solos went to **Elizabeth Albrecht**, **Vada Albrecht**, **Clara Carstensen**, **Ellie Carstensen**, **Neva Clubb**, **Sophia Gigov**, **Jordan Gilligan**, **Grant Griffith**, **Canon Schmidt** and **Ivey Schoenfelder**.

Excellent Plus ratings in Piano Solos went to **Alyssa Asleson**, **Mallory Carlson**, **Adalyn Gross**, **Cambria Gross**, **Matthew Rusche** and **Camryn Schmidt**.

Excellent ratings in Piano Solos went to **Megan Albrecht**, **Payton Botkin**, **Logan Griffith** and **Lyla Schoenfelder**.

Superior Plus ratings in Piano Duets went to **Harper Anderson**, **Clara Carstensen** and **Nash Clubb**.

Superior ratings in Piano Duets went to **Elizabeth Albrecht**, **Megan Albrecht**, **Vada Albrecht**, **Alyssa Asleson**, **Mirra Beck**, **Jordan Botkin**, **Adalyn Gross**, **Jace Hojer**, **Addie Jensen** and **Bella Wilkinson**.

Superior Minus ratings in Piano Duets went to **Samuel Gigov**, **Grant Griffith**, **Meghan Ostrander**, **Lyla Schoenfelder** and **Coy Van Regenmorter**.

Excellent Plus ratings in Piano Duets went to **Payton Botkin**, **Jordyn Gilligan** and **Ivey Schoenfelder**.

Excellent ratings in Piano Duets went to **Megan Dylla** and **Logan Griffith**.

Superior Plus ratings in Hymn Playing went to **Heidi Carlson**, **Nash Clubb**, **Andrew Heinze** and **Emily Heinze**.

Superior ratings in Hymn Playing went to **Megan Albrecht**, **Vada Albrecht**, **Harper Anderson**, **Alyssa Asleson**, **Jack Baszler**, **Cori Birkel**, **Jordan Botkin**, **Kennadi Buchholz**, **Case Carlson**, **Carson Eichler**, **Nolan Eichler**, **Jace Hojer**, **Addie Jensen**, **Grayson Millman**, **Leah Millman**, **Meghan Ostrander** and **Seeley VanOverbeke**.

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# It's healthy to talk about bodily functions

**ONE SUMMER** during my college years, another premed student and I got a job at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis as nurses' aides. At that time, the guys were called orderlies, but we were part of the nursing department. We were taught how to clean patients' private parts without making the patient feel self-conscious and how to place urinary catheters mostly in old men with prostates that had overgrown and were blocking urinary flow.

We all have those private areas, let's not pretend otherwise. The waste disposal parts are as important to us through our lifetime as our hearts, except not quite as romantic. Try switching metaphors and famous poems simply don't have the same pizzazz. For example, try E.E. Cummings' "I carry your colon with me," or William Wordsworth's "My urinary tract leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky," or Douglass Cross' "I left my blad-



## THE PRAIRIE DOC

**RICHARD P. HOLM, MD**

der in San Francisco."

Romance aside, we are happy when our urinary tract is working well, draining the urine, removing waste and water. The kidneys collect and concentrate the urine, they deliver this yellow fluid through the ureters, the tubes from the kidneys to the bladder. The bladder is a bag to collect the urine until it is conve-

nient to be emptied.

It seems like a simple, straightforward system. However, trouble could be around the next corner. Conditions like urinary tract infections, kidney stones, bladder control problems and prostate troubles are not uncommon through the course of a person's life and can vary from causing short-term discomforts to long-lasting conditions.

One of the barriers to treatment for many people is the human problem of stigma and shame. It does not feel good to admit to anyone, even a loved one or a medical professional, that you're having troubles "down there." Let me reassure you: this is a common human condition. Shame is an enemy to a healthy, functioning body. I would instead say "join the club!" and remind you that you are not the only one with such a problem.

I am no longer the young orderly helping the old men in the Swedish

Hospital with their issues. I now find myself amazed at the magnificent function of the human body, identifying more with those old guys than I do with the young staff. All of us have bladders and urinary tracts about which there is nothing to be ashamed.

*Richard P. Holm, MD wrote this essay in February 2020. He passed away in March after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. Dr. Holm's legacy lives on through his Prairie Doc® organization. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook, featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. Central.*

# Classic S'mores, frozen S'mores, and s'more S'mores

**INDEPENDENCE DAY** is right around the corner, and for me that means fireworks, family, bonfires and s'mores!

Ever since I was little kid, I remember the excitement of going to the large fireworks displays in Mitchell or Brookings. We'd always have to go early to find a "good spot." Then the anticipation would grow as we waited for the show to begin.

I loved seeing all the different colors in the sky, and my favorites were the big booms that would shake the car. Then I'd join in with everyone else and applaud after the big finale.



## HOME GROWN

**AMY HALVERSON**

I still look forward to seeing the large fireworks displays here in De Smet, but what I enjoy most is get-

ting together with family and friends to shoot off fireworks. We always seem to wait until last minute to get ours, so it's a mad dash to run to the nearest fireworks stand to get our share to light up.

I like looking at the new fireworks that have come out, but I always end up in the kid's section picking out my favorites. I'm perfectly content with a bag of colored smoke balls, a few chickens that shoot colored "eggs," some strobe lights and a few colored fountains.

The fun part is getting together with everyone. I like sitting back and watching the big kids scramble to light their favorites first. I have my smoke balls ready for when the mosquitos start coming out and there's a lull in the action. But my favorite part is watching the little kids who aren't sure what's going on until it begins, then seeing their eyes grow big and their little hands clap as the sky lights up all around us.

When the fireworks are over, we always have a bonfire and S'mores, so this week I'm sharing a frozen

### S'mores variations:

**CLASSIC:** roasted marshmallow + milk chocolate candy bar + graham crackers

**CHOCOLATE LOVERS:** roasted marshmallow + dark chocolate candy bar + chocolate graham crackers

**CRAZY FOR BACON:** roasted marshmallow + chocolate candy bar + crispy bacon + graham cracker

**RED, WHITE AND BLUE:** cream cheese + strawberry + blueberries + roasted marshmallow + graham cracker

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s'mores recipe I found a couple years ago. They take a little time to freeze and prepare, but trust me, they are worth it!

### Frozen S'mores

1 package instant chocolate pudding (6 serving size)  
2 ½ cups milk  
16 graham crackers

7 ounces marshmallow cream  
4 ounces cream cheese, softened  
8 ounces whipped cream

Line a 9x13 pan with foil, overhanging at ends for easy removal. In medium bowl, whisk pudding and milk until smooth. Pour into pan and spread into an even layer. Chill pudding while you beat cream cheese and marshmallow cream until smooth. Fold in whipped cream. Spread over pudding. Cover with foil. Freeze layers for 6 hours or until firm enough to cut through.

Use foil to lift onto a cutting board. Break 15 crackers in half. Slice pudding into 15 squares the same size. Lay crackers on top. Place sheet pan or cutting board over and flip. Put crackers on other side. Eat right away or store in freezer in air tight bag or container. If frozen, allow them to rest at room temperature for 10 minutes before eating for best texture.



## Thank you to the people in Ward II for your support in the City Council election.

As we see the unrest around the country, it makes us appreciate our "Little Town on the Prairie" and the great people who live, work, pray, and have fun here.

Thank you to Anthony Halverson for the hard work he also did to bring attention to some of the issues we face.

Support and appreciate the many gifts we have in De Smet.

**Sincerely,  
Pam Spader**



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# It's time to revive the countryside drive

**LIFE HAS FLIPPED** a U-turn for many Americans in the last few weeks. Suddenly, people discover they have time they have never had before but with far fewer opportunities for which to use it. Social gatherings are restricted. Parks and recreation areas are closed. In spite of the limitations, families are honing their social distancing skills to perfection, making the best of the challenging situation.

People are still connecting, often with amazingly creative means. Revive the drive! Cars, buses and SUVs are steering people together, not too close, but close enough to show they care. A little girl in our small town recently celebrated her fourth birthday. The child was devastated that she could not have the usual party with friends and Grandmas and Grandpas, games, cake and ice cream, but her parents put an idea in action, and soon the child was enthralled with a new and unique entertainment. From her car seat in the family mini-van, the little girl, her sisters and parents saw evidence of a caring community. From hundreds of windows Teddy Bears smiled and waved, often holding balloons or cards with special messages. Someday, her parents will tell her the story of her traveling birthday back in 2020.

Then there was the woman who recently turned 90. For the past year her children and grandchildren had planned a huge gathering to celebrate the milestone birthday. Well, COVID-19 put a brake on that, but extraordinary circumstances led to extraordinary measures. On her special day, her children encouraged their mother to come out to the front step and enjoy the sunshine. Soon a familiar car drove by slowly with a colorful banner extended from the open window. Within seconds, more cars came and people called out good wishes. A whole caravan of nearly 40 vehicles paraded by to extend birthday wishes. The unexpected surprise, contributed by a multitude of well-wishers, made the birthday one to remember.

In a nearby community, buses led a procession of vehicles around school bus routes. Teachers and support staff drove through city streets and country roads to connect with their students and encourage them to carry on with their studies in spite of the quarantine. Routines and roles shifted, and face-to-face communication yielded to honks and waves and smiles.

More and more folks are buckling up and heading down the road. A new appreciation has emerged for sunsets. Flowers and trees seem to have suddenly appeared in landscapes, when in reality, they have been there all along but unnoticed



## NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

until now. There are places to go, sights to see and always, lessons to be learned.

Back up nearly sixty years to a Sunday afternoon on the farm where I grew up in eastern South Dakota. "Dinner" dishes were done and Dad ambled into the kitchen. "Want to go for a drive?" He addressed Mom, but my ears perked up. Sunday drives were a fascinating mix of family history, animal science, agronomy and juicy tidbits of gossip about people who lived long before I was born. I don't remember Mom ever turning down the offer. In five minutes, we headed down the driveway in the '59 Ford Fairlane 500.

No cell phones back then. No GPS navigation devices. Why would there be a need for such things? If we got lost, Dad knew which direction he needed to go, and there was no worry that we would soon be back on track. The small wing windows between the windshield and the glass on the driver's and passenger's side were cracked open, the air conditioner of that time.

The spring had been a dry one, but some of the crops were peeking through. "Look! You can row the corn already." Dad was proud of his crops, especially his characteristically straight corn rows. Mom smiled, knowing that the drives were his way of affirming his farming skills. Always, it was fun to compare the neighbors' crops.

The country roads were narrow, claiming two smooth wheel tracks with a loose gravel row down the middle and mounds of coarse rock on both sides trailing down into the grassy steep ditch. Fortunately, the chances of meeting another vehicle or being tailgated were slim on a Sunday afternoon.

With his crops still in view, Dad's head veered to the right and so did the car. Suddenly there was a crunch of tires wobbling over loose gravel and we could feel a slight pull to-

ward the ditch. Mom's right hand instinctively reached for the small chrome handle on the vent window. "Don't go in the ditch!" she said as she shot a glance at Dad. He just grinned, put the car in park and assured us he would be right back. We watched as he stopped at the barbed wire fence, lifted the top wire up and pushed the second down, then bent over and stepped between them. Out in the field, he reached in his pocket and pulled out his pliers. Opening it wide, he used one of the handles to dig down into the earth right next to a hill of corn. Then he made a quick visual inspection of the area and soon the car door slammed shut, and we were back on the road again. Mom looked at him expectantly, for she knew he was worried that the crops would suffer from lack of rain. The severe drought they had experienced growing up had to lurk in the back of their minds.

"There's still moisture about four inches down." My farmer dad sounded hopeful as we continued on the journey. A pattern usually ensued at this point, with a trek through his old stomping grounds, then to where Mom grew up and her brothers still farmed, but each drive presented different points of interest. A pair of ducks bobbed in a shallow pond, part of a slough that had nearly dried up. I asked my father what kind they were. "Probably mud hens. You don't

see many ducks or geese any more. Too dry this year." Then we cruised by an empty feedlot, and my parents talked about the brothers who had owned and lost it.

We were approaching my mom's old neighborhood. She

pointed to a wooded area where stark black trunks pointed to the clear blue sky. "Remember there was an orchard there? We used to go and pick apricots." I tried to imagine lovely green trees loaded with blossoms, but the dead trees stifled my vision. Dad turned down an unfamiliar road and I peered out my window, curious about what might be on this new route.

It seemed like we drove on forever, but it was probably just a few miles. Here and there people were out in their front yards and sent us friendly waves, but many of the places were empty, their families having moved to the city. Mom pointed to one abandoned farmhouse and recalled how she worked there one summer. Her mother had helped the woman when she lost a baby. Fields and

farms slid by, and the countryside seemed more desolate with even fewer houses.

A sod-covered approach came into view that led to a road, rather a two-wheeled path. There were signs on both sides of the narrow lane, "Low maintenance road" and "Enter at Your Own Risk." Much to Mom's dismay (and my excitement), Dad swung the Ford down that road, and we swerved and dipped along. Mom shot her husband that "Are you out of your mind?" look as her hand again reached for the security of the vent window handle. Dad's eyes met mine via the rear-view mirror, and I caught the familiar twinkle and the smirk on his face.

"I remember the old Beckner place out here. There was a brick silo and a huge white barn. My brothers and I brought the horses and wagon over on the Fourth of July. If there were enough of us, we had a baseball game," Father reminisced as we floundered a bit farther. "I think it was just over the hill..."

Between us and the hill the road dipped abruptly. In that short dent a pool of water was standing, daring us to take a dive. Mom quickly sat up straighter, looking around as if to find a good place to turn around.

The next thing we knew, Dad accelerated and charged ahead, straight into the murky pond! By this time Mom's knuckles gleamed white as they clung desperately to the vent knob, and I figured her right foot had pushed clear through the floorboard.

No doubt we would have made it, but there was a hollow lurking in the depths where water had gnawed away the earth. The right tire dropped in deep. Mom's side. Mud flew as the wheels spun. The driver tried forward, then a quick shift to reverse, unknowingly applying the principle of inertia. The hole held on. We were stuck.

Dad blew out a deep breath and turned to Ma. "How far is it to John and Willa's?"

Mom stared straight ahead and we could feel the tension stretching as tight as a rope. "Half a mile," she snapped icily. Not another word escaped her, but the message was as clear as glass. "I told you so."

He opened the door and carefully placed one tall work boot down into the mud. Then the other. With a hand on his car, my dad paused just for a second, looked in my window and winked. Then he lumbered back up the road less traveled.

Yes, even then, long ago and far away, there were places to go, sights to see and always, lessons to be learned.

*DeAnn Kruempel grew up on a farm near De Smet, S.D.*

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### STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2021-2024 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 7, 2020	Conference Call	Aberdeen Region	7:00 PM (CDT)
July 8, 2020	Conference Call	Mitchell Region	7:00 PM (CDT)
July 9, 2020	Conference Call	Rapid City Region	7:00 PM (MDT)
July 14, 2020	Conference Call	Pierre Region	7:00 PM (CDT)

Please visit [dot.sd.gov](http://dot.sd.gov) for more information on how to view the pre-recorded presentations (when available) and participate in the Conference Calls.

Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting.

**OLDHAM NEWS**

# Donations requested for youth

**BY DARLENE DEKNIKKER**  
Kingsbury Journal

Oldham Legion Auxiliary held a blood drive from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on June 10 at the Oldham Fire Hall. The numbers were down this year due lack of available community support as most community members work out of town. Those who participated donated 15 units of blood.

The Oldham Potato Day celebration has been postponed this year.

The Oldham Saloon is hosting weekly specials. To find out more call (605) 482-8122.

The food pantry will be available from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. on July 20 at the Oldham Gym (south door). To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, certain regulations will be in place.

The Oldham Lutheran Church is holding services once again. From June through September, services will start at 10:30 a.m. St. John Lutheran Church in Ramona will be holding services at 9 a.m. from June to September as well.

Clay Misar, a son of Mike and Annita Misar of Oldham, was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is receiving treatment at Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls. Clay recently completed seventh grade at Oldham-Ramona School.

Accounts to help the family have been set up at Citizen's State Bank in Arlington, Citizen's State Bank in Sinai and Castlewood and First National Bank in Ramona. Donations can be dropped off at the banks in Ramona or Oldham. Cards can be sent to Clay at Sanford Children's Castle, 1600 W. 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105.

**SPIRIT LAKE NEWS**

# 'Sundae' service a huge success

**BY ILLDENA POPPEN**

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church drive-up services 10:30 a.m. — FM 88.1 — SPRT radio.

Dick Poppen will have a short service on KWAT 9.36AM.

Thursday, June 18, Lynn and Valarie Hawkins joined Jim and Dianne Larson for lunch in honor of Lynn's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Saturday, June 20, Gordon and Chrystal Poppen of Sioux Falls brought dinner and visited the Cork Poppens for an early Father's Day observance.

Sunday at Spirit Lake Church was a huge success when tractors, 4-wheelers, old pick-ups, vintage cars, convertibles, motor bikes and little motor cars plus regular motor vehicles arrived to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cork and Illdena Poppen, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John and Margaret Kinder and Father's Day.

Jerod Jordon led devotions and gave his microphone to others in the crowd for comments. Mary and Glen Wienk furnished ice cream from their ice cream machine, and other



**John and Margaret Kinder celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.** (Submitted photo)

ice cream treats were available. Sheila Poppen was coordinator of the anniversaries with plaques, streamers and tin cans on the honored couples' cars. The evening was absolutely perfect weather.

My gauge for rainfall on Thursday measured 6/10 inch.

**ESMOND NEWS**

# Social distance to Esmond

**BY MARLIN CLENDENING**

Greetings from Esmond. After 13 Sundays of no church, Esmond Methodist Church is now having church again with fellowship. As Rita Anderson was quoted recently, the ringing of the church bell in Esmond is one of her top seven things she loves in South Dakota, and it was definitely a joyful and welcoming sound to hear in Esmond once again.

The South Dakota Magazine in the last issue featured a map of how and where you could socially distance in our 66 counties. In Kingsbury County, it showed Esmond, along with an article about why it is the place to be during this time of our lives. It also mentioned to pay respect to Manchester. The Esmond article contained three minor mistakes. I will let the readers figure out what they were.

Rick and Vicky Aughenbaugh, Gene and Joanne Schlueter and Gordy and Marilyn Skyberg were Father's Day guests of Rita Anderson.

Recent visitors at Adaline Reilly's were the Josh Keating family of Iroquois, along with Granddaughter Jana, Ashton and Josie.

Mike and Diane Ray from Fargo, N.D. visited the Wehlanders recently.

Father's Day guests of the Clendening's were the Wehlanders and Mike and Perianne of Woonsocket.

Mark, Kara Aughenbaugh and family recently attended Kara's niece's wedding, with social distancing, in Clear Lake.

History note — 1895, Esmond Stars baseball team beat Mathews 13-20; lost to Farnsworth and beat De Smet 28-12 and 11-2.

**BANCROFT BUGLE**

# 1902 town valuation of \$1,660

**BY ROSE GROTHE**

A service was held at the Le Seuer Cemetery in Bancroft Sunday morning for Joyce Ondris, a Bancroft resident, with Doug Fox officiating. She had passed away at a nursing home in Custer on April 18. Her son Randy Cooper of Pringle was here for the service.

Brad Magness of Huron was the speaker at the Orthodox Presbyterian church.

**MORE ABOUT BANCROFT**

In 1902, the village of Bancroft had the following owners: James Costello, L.O. Dill, Plocker and Foss, Samson Bartram, Dan Thompson, Andrew Rasmussen, Spencer Eggleston, J.W. Burdick, James Foss, John Imlay, J.P. Conroy, and Agnew and Thompson. Many of them owned multiple lots. There was also the schoolhouse and the Presbyterian Church. The entire assessed valuation of the town was \$1660.



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# Public Notices

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\*\*\*Unapproved Draft Minutes\*\*\*

De Smet, South Dakota  
June 16, 2020

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the County Commissioners meeting room in the Courthouse with Commissioners Steve Spilde and Shelley Nelson attending via Zoom. Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls and Joe Jensen present. Chairman Walls presided.

This meeting was recorded and available in the Auditor's office for listening.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, requested to add Budget Scheduling to the agenda.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the agenda as edited. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Walls asked the Board if there was any conflict of interest. There was none.

#### HIGHWAY

David Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss highway matters. Chris Brozik, with Civil Design, joined the meeting.

Sorenson informed the Board that paving was being done on CR 18, and gravelling is in progress on CR 15 N and 215<sup>th</sup> St. Patching followed by sealing is scheduled for CR 16, Esmond Road and the Willow Lake Road.

Sorenson presented the Board with a Haul Road Agreement for the County to receive \$25,000.00 for CR 6 used by South Dakota State DOT for hauling purposes.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded for Chairman Walls to sign the agreement. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Sorenson informed the Board the County will be receiving \$7,104.00 for one Emergency Road site for reimbursement.

Sorenson introduced Chris Brozik, who discussed the current status of the Whitewood Bridge.

Brozik also informed the Board three bridges in the county have been approved for the Preliminary Engineering Plan and the Bridge Improvement Grant Application and are now needing to be completed for a Design Grant to be received at an 80% - 20% split.

Sorenson stated the Federal Signage Program is still in progress.

Sorenson requested to move into Executive Session for personnel.

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 9:02 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:15 A.M.

#### MINUTES

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to approve the minutes of June 4, 2020. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning to review the Plats of Steffensen's Lake Addition and Hasche Addition at 9:27 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:35 A.M.

Spilde moved and Wolkow seconded to accept the Plat of Steffensen's Lake Addition as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Plat of Hasche Addition as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE CLAIMS

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded that the following claims presented to the Board for consideration be approved and the County Auditor be directed to issue warrant checks for payment of same. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

JENNIFER BARNARD 29.45 ELECTION POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 5.80 COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT, CENTURYLINK 231.41 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 1141.69 UTILITIES, DE SMET CITY 145.92 UTILITIES, INFOTECH SOLUTIONS 1944.49 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 37.20 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 350.00 UTILITIES, LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 825.00 PRISONER CARE, NORTHWESTERN 93.12 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN 176.40 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 127.25 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1187.00 UTILITIES, USPS 45.00 STAMPS, USPS 94.00 BOX #159 RENT, USPS 68.75 POSTAGE, VERIZON 181.02 UTILITIES,

#### UNIFORM ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Barnard informed the Board an application for a new Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License had been received from Jeanne Gruenhagen to continue selling beverages at Jerry's Country Estate. The current license is good through June 30, 2020 per SDCL 35-2-8 and this would replace that license if approved.

Barnard also informed the Board all license fees have been paid.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License for Jeanne Gruenhagen and Jerry's Country Estate. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION - COUNTY COURTHOUSE STATUS

Elaine Blachford - Treasurer, Caryn Hojer - Register of Deeds, Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization, Jennifer Malone - Clerk of Courts, and Lonny Palmlund - Maintenance join the meeting. Cindy Bau - Emergency Management/E911 Coordinator, Sue Koistinen - ICAP, and Mary Clair Bauer - Extension joined the meeting via Zoom.

The Board and department heads discussed the status of the courthouse and to option to reopen to the public. The discussion included the implementation of various precautions to protect the public as well as employees from the possible spread

of the Covid-19 virus.

The department heads will have a meeting on June 23, 2020 to develop a plan to present to the Board at the July 7, 2020 meeting with a tentative plan to reopen on July 8, pending any decisions made.

Hojer informed the Board there are four computers from various offices needing to be upgraded/updated to the Windows 10 platform.

#### MAINTENANCE

Palmlund informed the Board his computer is one in need of updating/upgrading and a quote had been received for \$919.99.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to approve the upgrade of the computer. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bau requested authorization to purchase a new copier and phone with the funds available in her 2020 budget.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to approve the copier and phone purchases. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Bau discussed the E911 Dispatch contract with the City of Huron. The new contract for 2021 had been received by Barnard, with the final 5% increase from 85% to 90% of the county funds to be paid to the City of Huron as our E911 dispatcher.

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded for Chairman Walls to sign the e911 contract with the City of Huron and approve the final increase from 85% to 90%. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### AUDITOR

Barnard discussed a change in the Zoom billing from monthly to annually. Barnard had received an email

with a 30% discount by making the change and had called Walls prior to moving forward.

Barnard discussed the scheduling of budget request meetings with department heads.

The Board adjourned to Thursday, July 7, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED  
Roger Walls, Chairman  
ATTEST  
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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### KINGSBURY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

\*\*\*Unapproved Draft Minutes\*\*\*

De Smet, South Dakota  
June 16, 2020

This meeting was recorded as a portion of the Commission meeting and available in the Auditor's office for listening.

The Kingsbury County Planning and Zoning Commission met Thursday, June 16, 2020 in the Commissioners meeting room in the Kingsbury County Courthouse with Roger Walls, Delmer Wolkow, and Joe Jensen present. Shelley Nelson, and Steve Spilde attended Zoom. Chairman Jensen presided.

The following plats were presented to the Board.

Plat of Steffensen's Lake Addition, Lot 1 in the East Half of the SE 1/4 and Lots 5 & 6 of Section 25, T110N, R53W, Kingsbury County, South

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### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The Kingsbury County Commission will hold a hearing at 9:15 a.m. on July 21, 2020, in the County Courtroom, to consider supplementing the 2020 Annual Budget as follows:

From the Emergency Management Federal Grant to the following budget:

Acct#101-712-429      Urban & Rural Development Other      \$11,782.50

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

Jennifer R. Barnard  
Kingsbury County Auditor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA      )

COUNTY OF KINGSBURY      )

In the Matter of the Petition of  
Jonathon Sievers  
For a Change of Name to  
Jonathon Olson      )

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IN CIRCUIT COURT

THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CIV: 38CIV20-000031

NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Jonathon Henry-Thomas Sievers the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Jonathon Henry-Thomas Sievers to Jonathon Henry-Thomas Olson. On the 27th day of July, 2020, at the hour of 3:00 pm said verified petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Gregory J. Stoltenburg Presiding, at the Court Room in the Kingsbury County Courthouse, City of De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Anyone may come and appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.

June 16, 2020 3:37:03 p.m.  
Signed: Gregory J. Stoltenburg  
Circuit Court Judge  
Attest: Jensen, Sharlene  
Clerk/Deputy

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Dakota.

Jensen informed the Board Lot qualifies for the size requirements and recommended the approval of the Plat.

Spilde moved and Walls seconded that Steffensen's Lake Addition, Lot 1 in the East Half of the SE 1/4 and Lots 5 & 6 of Section 25, T110N, R53W be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval of the recording of the Plat. All present voting via aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Plat of Hasche Addition located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 111 North, Range 55 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Jensen informed the Board there are two lots in the plat for multiple homes to be located there. Each lot meets the size requirements and recommended the approval of the Plat.

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded that Hasche Addition located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 111 North, Range 55 West be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval of the recording of the Plat. All present voting via aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Walls moved and Spilde seconded to approve the Planning and Zoning minutes from June 4, 2020. All present voting via aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from Planning and Zoning and return to regular session. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Joe Jensen, Chairman

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**LAKE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2020**

Mayor Andy Wienk called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Council members present were John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Kristen Longville, and Jim Conrad.

Kristen Longville made a motion to approve the agenda and Jim Conrad seconded it. All voted in favor.

As members reviewed documentation, council member Donna Bumann inquired about the percentage of voters who voted in this election. Mayor Andy Wienk reported that he was uncertain of the percentage but shared that turn out looked high with 56 votes in Ward III and 40 votes in Ward I.

Jim Conrad made a motion to approve the canvassing of the ballots. John McMasters seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, each member voted aye.

Next meeting will be July 13, 2020 at the City Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Minutes submitted by  
Donna Bumann

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**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the business manager on behalf of the De Smet Public School District #38-2, PO Box 157, 405 Third Street SW, De Smet, South Dakota 57231 for labor and material required for the De Smet High School 2020 Ventilation Improvements until Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Local Time for examination and recommendation to the Board of Education at a regular board meeting on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Local Time for acceptance or rejection. There will not be a pre-bid meeting, however if contractors wish to visit the site prior to bidding, the site contact is Andy Armstead, 605-854-3674, andy.armstead@k12.sd.us

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name and address of the bidder clearly identified on the envelope and the words "Proposal for De Smet High School 2020 Ventilation Improvements". Faxed proposals will not be accepted; however, faxed proposal adjustments will be accepted until the time of bid opening. Fax adjustments to 605-854-9138.

One combined bid will be accepted for all Mechanical, Electrical, & General work for the De Smet High School 2020 Ventilation Improvements; all labor and material required to provide a complete project.

Copies of the plans and specifications are on file at De Smet High School Business Office, De Smet, SD; and at the engineer's office of Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, 801 Railroad Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Copies may be obtained from the engineer's office (phone 605-225-4344) by bidders. Technical questions shall also be directed to Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, Aberdeen, S.D. at 605-225-4344.

The proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of 5% of the base proposal plus all add alternates, or a 10% bid bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to the "De Smet School District #38-2, De Smet, South Dakota".

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities and accept the proposal it deems most favorable and in the best interests of the De Smet School District after all proposals have been examined.

Susan Purintun  
Business Manager  
De Smet School District #38-2  
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**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 7:45 AM on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for a special meeting in the High School Library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres Norm Koehlmoos, Donita Garry (by tele-conference), Jared Tolzin (by tele-conference) and Barb Asleson (by teleconference). Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun.

**Agenda Approval:**The meeting was called to order with approval of the agenda with a motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by J.Tolzin. On roll call vote: D. Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Invoice Approval:** On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by D.Garry to approve payment for presented invoices.

General Fund: A.VanRegenmorter, KG Journ Adv. 57.80; J. Penney, Reimb elem supplies 27.56; A.Armstead, Reimb Tech Supp 218.00; N.Koehlmoos, Bd/Coop Mtg Trav 451.50; S.Roth, Bd Mtg Travel \$206.64; J. Tolzin, Bd Mtg Trav 206.65; D. Garry, Coop Mtg. Trav 46.20; USPS Box Rent 94.00; Dram Publ Drama Supplies 53.06; Total Advance Fund 1192.73; Avid Hawk, Prof Fee 47.93; Colonial Research, COVID supp 293.28; Horizon Health Care, Driver Phys 215.00; Midwest Bus Parts, Bus Supplies 241.69; Office Peeps, Copier Maint 102.94, COVID Supplies 275.00; Wilkinson, Attorney Fees \$1258.00; Girton Adams, 1342.50  
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**Supplemental Budget Resolution:** On motion by N.Koehlmoos, seconded by D.Garry to adopt the following Supplemental Budget Resolution #FY20-1. Bus. Mgr. Purintun reviewed the proposed changes. On roll call vote: D. Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried.

**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 RESOLUTION NO. FY20-1**

**ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:**

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.2 and after duly considering the proposed supplemental budget, hereby approves and adopts the following supplemental budget in total:

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Guidance Services	\$ 4,349
Office of the Supt	1,866
Operating Transfer Out	16,312
Total	<b>\$22,527</b>

<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND</b>	
Supt. Office	\$ 1,724
Arch./Engin. Services	8,760
Operation and Maintenance	70,136
Total	<b>\$80,620</b>

<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND</b>	
Mild to Moderate Disability	\$ 8,067
Early Childhood	10,242
Total	<b>\$18,309</b>

**MEANS OF FINANCE:**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
State Aid	\$22,527
Total	<b>\$22,527</b>

<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND</b>	
Contributions and Donations	\$17,172
Other Local Revenue	4,290
Other State Aid	3,708
Vocational Education	2,538
Fund Balance	\$52,912
Total	<b>\$80,620</b>

<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND</b>	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$18,309
Total	<b>\$18,309</b>

Shane Roth, Board President  
Business Manager - Susan Purintun  
June 29, 2020

**Adjournment:** There being no further action or business at this time, on motion by D. Garry seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. On roll call vote: D. Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye" - All voting "aye", motion carried. (7:49 AM)

ATTEST: Shane Roth .  
Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager

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# A look at Cundy's Corner

BY JILL CUNDY

My husband Brian Cundy had a dream to own his own shop, so, when the opportunity came to purchase the gas/service station that he worked at as a high school student, we decided to take the leap. We purchased the business in November of 2013 and our opening day was on Nov. 18, Brian's birthday. This gas/service station and convenience store is located in Iroquois. Many of you would remember the business as Biever's Bulk.

We live in Iroquois with our two daughters. Natalie is 12 years old and will be a 7th grader at Iroquois Middle School. She plays basketball and volleyball and is excited to go out for track. She also plays the flute. Madelyn is 9 years old and will be a 4th grader at Iroquois Elementary. She plays basketball and is in the Code Club. She is excited to be in the Little Chief Choir. We are both Iroquois School alumni. We love living in a small town and have enjoyed the relationships we have built with our customers at Cundy's Corner.

We are the only employees of our business. There are lots of long hours, but we have made it work. Brian's dad, Darwin Cundy, and his



Jill, rear left, and Brian Cundy and their daughters Natalie, front left, and Madelyn stand in front of the family business in Iroquois. The Cundys have put the gas station and convenience store up for sale. (Submitted photo)

sister, Holly Cundy, also help out. Brian does all the service work, oil changes and tire repairs. He also works on ATVs, which he really enjoys. Back when it was Biever's Bulk, Brian worked at the station after school and spent a lot of his summers on the spraying crew. After Brian graduated from Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown with a degree in automotive technology, he worked many years at NAPA Auto Parts in Huron. He was also the service manager at Titan Machinery. Now, Brian splits his time between Cundy's Corner and AA Motorsports in Huron.

I am responsible for the finances and advertising. I have degrees in marketing and business management and work experience doing both. My work experience includes program director for the Huron

Chamber and Visitors Bureau, marketing coordinator for M-O Federal Credit Union and finance officer for the city of Iroquois. For the past 15 years, I have been business manager for Iroquois School.

Over the past seven years, the business has continued to grow. We expanded the convenience store and added services. Fuel is available 24 hours per day at the credit card pumps. We also sell tires, auto parts, batteries, dog food, softener salt, dyed fuel and propane.

Brian had back surgery in December of 2017. That was a big obstacle for our business, but we had a lot of support and help from our family, friends and customers. Brian is doing well now, but we have decided to put our business up for sale and start a new chapter in our lives.

## The Chief: Looking Back

**JUNE 30, 1910:** The twentieth annual commencement of the common schools of Kingsbury county will be held at De Smet this evening. There are 109 eighth grade graduates. Those from Iroquois are Jessie Brown, Dephane Hammond, Florence Stephens and Eunice Stratton.

**JULY 3, 1930:** Interest in golf among Iroquois pleasure seekers has apparently increased this summer over last year, many of the younger set having taken up the game. The course is kept in fine shape.

**JUNE 28, 1951:** Pete's Home Store, "Over Fifty-two Years In Iroquois." 4<sup>th</sup> of July Specials: Orange Juice for 32 cents, Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls for 24 cents, 10 pounds of sugar for 99 cents.



## Grab a book!

This lending library was donated to the Iroquois School by Deb and Stu Magsam who moved recently to Iroquois from Minnesota. The structure holds books for all ages. People can take a book to read and bring it back, or they can donate one. (Submitted photo)

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## CARTHAGE NEWS

# Pigeon holes

BY LORELEE NELSON

Gary Stroud, Sioux Falls, Bob and Deb Stroud, Redfield, and Kevin and Lorie Stroud, Phoenix, Ariz., spent a week with Donna Stroud helping with work projects.

Harriet Hattervig and Mark and Lisa Hinkley, De Smet, spent Monday in Sioux Falls as Harriet had medical appointments.

Lisa Hinkley spent Wednesday with her mother, Harriet Hattervig.

Rain reports of 4-7" in the area. The auxiliary spillway was running over Friday, but not for long, and was done running over by Saturday. The last time the auxiliary spillway ran over was June 1984.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The pigeon holes from the original

post office in Carthage are still in Carthage, hanging on a wall in Lorelee Nelson's home. After she and husband Verlyn Nelson were married, she discovered them in his shop full of tools. She suggested they hang it in the house and he kiddingly told her if she made something for his tools, she could have it in the house!

Sometime later, he came across the yard with the pigeon holes and hung them. He also had the sorting table that stood under the pigeon holes, and three of the ornate legs were used as spindles on top of a built-in bookshelf at the Nelson farm, where Andrew Nelson now lives. The fourth leg was made into candle holders for the Nelsons and for Stan Meyer. Verlyn made the oak table top into a child's table for his daughter, Gretchen, and it is in their

home in Stillwater, Minn.

There are 35 smaller holes and 35 a bit larger, with quite a few still having the state labels under them. It is still in its original finish. According to "Carthage, Gem of the Redstone," the first post office was established in 1882; a new one was built in 1917 but burned in 2001, and the present post office moved in 2002.

The pigeon holes are full of souvenirs and Carthage memorabilia. One item is a postcard from Carthage, S.D. with a silly saying on the front, mailed from Carthage in 1913 to Hartland, Minn. It was found at an antique sale in Algony, Iowa. Another is three folding hangers from Corkins Store, found at an antique store in Brookings. According to the Carthage History Book, Corkins sold out to Weigold and Nordby in 1928.

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# LEBER: ‘You can make your own advantages by doing a little more every day’

FROM BACK PAGE

ing care of yourself in turn leads to taking better care of your family.

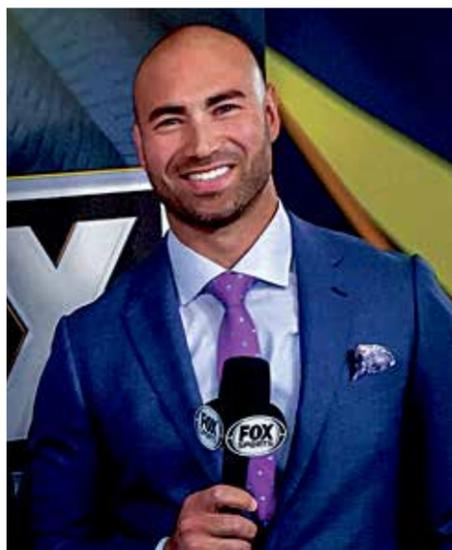
## MAKING IT IN THE NFL

Leber began his NFL career with the San Diego Chargers in 2002. He diligently prepared himself for the draft by working out for the Senior Bowl in Alabama, participating in the NFL Combine, and interviewing agents in his college apartment. Then came the wait, knowing that his life could change with one phone call. It was a relief when the phone call came on the first night of the draft. So much had led up to that point; the hugs and emotions were overwhelming.

Leber’s ability and leadership were immediately apparent as he was named a 3-time player representative while with San Diego. He was selected to both the Pro Football Weekly and Football Digest All Rookie teams in his first year as a Charger. He was injured during training camp of his third professional season, and again during the season itself. In 2006 Leber signed as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings where he played five seasons and continued to demonstrate outstanding leadership both on and off the field. Leber finished his 10 years of professional playing with the St. Louis Rams in 2011.

## PLAYER SAFETY

Equipment has changed a lot since Leber’s high school and college career. No longer is it thought that “size and bulk keep you safe”. At one point, using his own funds, Leber’s motivation to play better led him to purchase a titanium face mask to make his helmet lighter with better



**After 10 years in professional football, Leber began working as a broadcaster and analyst for the NFL as well as working with the KFAN-Minneapolis radio station.** (Contributed photo)

weight distribution. He feels with the advancement of technology, equipment will keep getting better and better, for the safety of the players.

## MORE ATTENTION AS BROADCASTER

Leber’s decision to retire was a combination of things, including the yelling and screaming of his body, telling him through pain and fear that he just couldn’t do it anymore. Eventually, fear of further neck injury and dealing with bone-on-bone arthritic knee pain took a toll. It was more than he wanted.

Not playing on a professional level, Leber misses taking on the personal challenges with the constant analysis of preparation. He enjoyed not only playing the game, but, even more so, the strategy behind prepar-

ing for the game. Football challenges and pushes you every day. The fellowship of the players is also a rewarding experience as you develop relationships with a common bond.

Knowing he wanted to stay close to the game, Leber began working as a broadcaster and analyst for the NFL and working on the radio (KFAN – Minneapolis). He is seen and heard more now as a broadcaster, making it more intense with the public. He indicated this brings him more acknowledgement on the street than when he was a player, and that it is “fun to talk sports as a broadcaster and interviewer.”

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS NFL SEASON

Leber feels the Vikings are facing challenging times this season. They are a young team in some places, and as a result they need to learn to play together and learn what to expect of each other — something veterans of the game have already accomplished. The first third of the season will be a “feeling out period”, and they may stumble out of the gate at first.

Attendance at games will depend on the practices established by the city and state they are playing in. Therefore, televised games will be different for the viewing fans and for those fans planning to attend. With the COVID-19 issues, training camp will be more of a sterile environment with no spectators. He feels that the NFL guys are willing to comply with the COVID rules as long as they can play the game. In spite of the COVID 19, the NFL will put forth their best efforts to have the games.

## LIFE OUTSIDE FOOTBALL

Leber still lives in the Cities and

likes the idea of always having something to do, even though he likes it “back home” where one can take a deep breath and roam free. Today, Leber enjoys his family time doing things together such as fishing and just the joy of taking family out. He always tries to find something to occupy his mind, including becoming a self-taught fly-fisherman, something he always wanted to do and now finds he has the time to learn.

## NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HARD WORK

Leber’s advice to young people (and people of all ages): “There is no substitution for hard work.

“You can make your own advantages by doing a little more every day than anyone else. SELF-DOUBT can do more harm than anything else you can imagine. You don’t have to believe everything you are told or fit into somebody else’s box just because of where you are from.”

Leber says he was told that he was just a small-town South Dakota guy, so at the time he didn’t necessarily see that as a benefit. In fact, when he first went to college, he was asked things such as, “Do you have colored television?” or “Do you still have covered wagons?” These questions made him wonder if he was good enough, but he now realizes that South Dakota kids have a true work ethic and true grit bred into them. You need to look inward and know who you are.

If you don’t believe this, just take a look at Ben Leber today!

*Our thanks to the Wilf Family (owner of the Minnesota Vikings), their staff and Ben Leber for their support of the Kingsbury Journal. — Bob and Nancy Montross*

# FISHING

FROM BACK PAGE

fowl friends that fly above you while you cast out your line and the sound of the waves flapping against the shore.

This summer’s first fishing trip was a little different; we all had to keep our distance, so we put on our waders and headed out to one of our favorite places where the road and bridge that are underwater makes it a perfect place to cast. With that, the lines were in the water and the reeling and casting started.

The conversation included questions like, “what are you fishing with,” and, “do you have a steel leader on?” Also heard was, “you better, because the northern pike will snap

your line.” Then, “where in the world did you get that rod and reel?” My brother David is always getting new fishing equipment to try them out.

It’s all about being in the great outdoors together, seeing who catches the first fish and the biggest fish. It was a great day to fish and enjoy my family.

David had to go back to work, so the next day Tom, Diane, Jay and I headed for the lakes again. Diane likes to go along with us, but she enjoys a nice walk, looking for different wild flowers and just enjoying being by the lake. She then sits in the jeep and listens to us chat. Tom was the first to catch a big one! It was a “big hog,” which is what we call those big northern pikes. I stopped and took some photos of it, but then the contest was on. Within 30 minutes, I

thought to myself that I had a snag, but no, it was a big one and a fighter. I would reel it in, and it would run back out, this game continuing for quite a while.

“What do you have on there?” Tom kept asking.

“I don’t know, but it’s a big one!” I said.

Finally, I tired it out, and it came up. It was huge! A big hog!

After I yelled at Jay to come help, he came over with the net and scooped him up. It was so big we had to walk back to shore with it, being so careful not to lose it. Then it happened: I fell right on to my knees and my pole, but Jay saved the fish. I was not in very deep water, but my wad-

ers filled up with water. I was soaked. I always make things interesting!

It was a big northern pike. I loved pulling it in even though it wasn’t as big as the one Tom caught. Photos were taken, then back we went to the water to catch the evening walleyes. We had some great talks and lots of laughs while casting. Some may say it’s not about the fishing, but for my family, it is all about the love of the sport.

I love spending time with my most favorite people on earth, watching the South Dakota sunset, listening to the birds, hearing the waves hit the shore behind us and enjoying the most beautiful lakes I know, Lake Thompson and Lake Henry.

**Tom Ward landed a great Northern Pike while wader fishing.** (Photo by Patti Slater)



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**EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW**

## Lessons from a life in football

Retired linebacker Ben Leber shares his thoughts on the Vikings, the NFL season and the value of hard work

**BY NANCY MONTROSS**  
Kingsbury Journal

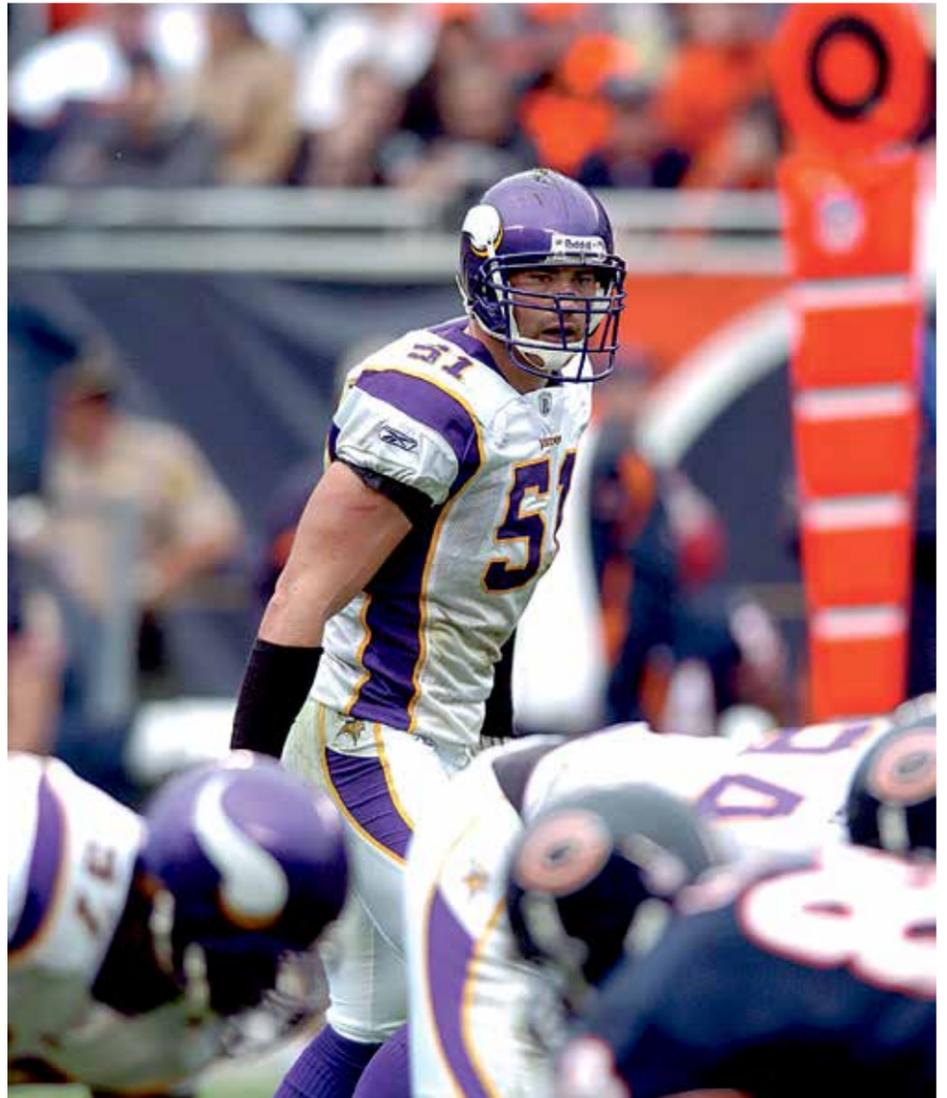
As a boy, retired Minnesota Viking linebacker and NFL broadcaster Ben Leber had aspirations of being an astronaut or joining the Air Force. He didn't start playing football until he was a seventh grader in Vermillion, S.D., where he would eventually be named to several high school All-America teams. He knew of the Vikings but didn't really understand the full impact they had until he began playing with them in 2006. His skills and hard work brought him both high school and college athletic and academic accomplishments.

**DEVELOPING SELF-MOTIVATION**

After high school football in South Dakota, Leber's college career began at Kansas State where he attended on a full-ride scholarship. He credits his linebacker coach, Brent Venables (a 2016 Broyles Award for the nation's top assistant coach), as the individual who helped him achieve his level of athletic performance — in a way that is no longer available to coaches. Leber describes him as a "vocal motivator" and says this brought a self-motivation aspect to his life and a mental and physical push going forward, resulting in an "I could do more" attitude that pushed him beyond what he thought he could do.

**BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COLLEGE AND THE PROS**

When asked to compare his college career with his professional career, Leber said in some ways it was



**Ben Leber signed as a free agent with the Minnesota Vikings in 2006, where he played five seasons at linebacker.** (© Rick A. Kolodziej / Minnesota Vikings)

as different as night and day. In college, it was harder as you were often "changing gears", going from the academic studies to football with the player rules and balancing a college social life in between.

As a professional, you were in a business which you lived every day. Pro football is a job. Living the life of a professional football player did not

make family life easy. It is difficult to balance being at top performance to play football and being a family man. With the high stakes, high pay and pressure of professional football, one needs to be somewhat selfish, taking care of yourself physically and mentally as you realize a short-lived opportunity. Ultimately though, tak-

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*Kingsbury County residents Bob and Nancy Montross count the Minnesota Vikings among the many relationships developed through their Beef Bucks program. The Vikings graciously granted the Kingsbury Journal an interview with retired Vikings linebacker and NFL broadcaster Ben Leber, who played high school football in South Dakota.*

## Fishing with the family

**BY PATTI SLATER**  
Kingsbury Journal

Do you know how lucky we are to live only 10 minutes from two of the most beautiful lakes around? It is extra nice for me because I get to share these lakes with my husband Jay and my brothers Tom and David Ward and their families, which include their wives Diane and Annie and their children, Chase, Kim, Krissy.

Fishing is in our blood; our dad taught us how to fish, and my family

has passed this love of the sport onto their children. If you know my family, you know we are very competitive, even when we fish. When one of us has caught something, the others must catch something too.

All in all, it's about spending time together. After losing our sister Julie, I think it means even more to us to spend time together, just enjoying each other.

It's about the beautiful South Dakota sunsets, the wonderful water

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**Patti Slater handles a true Lake Henry hog!**  
(Photo by Jay Slater)