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KINGSBURY COUNTY

Lake Thompson outlet plans move ahead

Jim Knight appointed to work with contractors

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

Tuesday's Kingsbury County Commissioners' meeting was held in the courtroom rather than the commissioner's room to promote social distancing, and all commissioners in attendance wore masks. Commissioner Steve Spilde, State's Attorney Gregg Gass and Jay Gilbertson, manager of the East Dakota Water District, joined via Zoom.

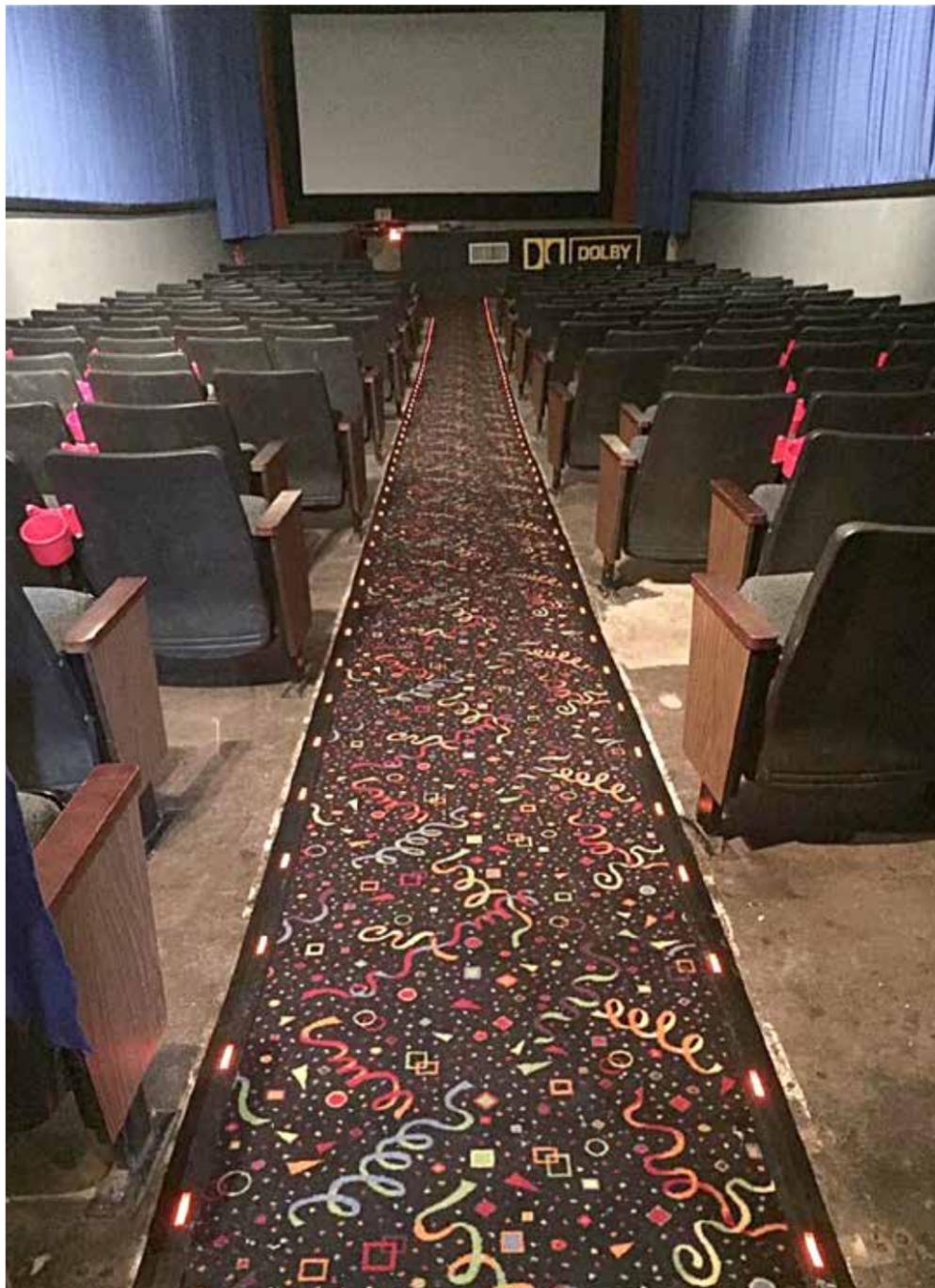
Jim Knight, an engineer and property owner at Lake Thompson, spoke with commissioners about cleaning out built-up sediment and cattails at the Lake Thompson outlet to help alleviate future flooding. Many homes in this area were

inaccessible last year because of flooding, and the cleanout and maintenance projects are something property owners have been fighting for over several years. They finally got approval last fall. By that time, the water was frozen, and completion of more expensive studies was required before they could proceed.

Knight said that since they now have permission from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, they can move forward. See COUNTY, page 3

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Bryant Cinema is reopening



The show goes on at 100-year-old theater

BY BILLI AUGHENBAUGH
Kingsbury Journal

More than two months after closing since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March, the Bryant Cinema is opening its doors to patrons once again. The theater, which has been located on Main street since the 1920s—making it 100 years old this year—has been operating under its current name since 1999.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THIS VOLUNTEER-RUN MOVIE THEATER

For over 20 years, the Bryant Cinema has been run strictly by volunteers. Open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, volunteer workers take tickets, serve concessions and clean up after the movie, including all the related work in between movies. When the theater's board discussed reopening, they first contacted the list of these volunteers to see if they would be comfortable helping once again. According to board member Jennifer Carstensen, "most of them expressed a desire to get back to showing movies, eager to start helping out again."

Because the concession stand remained stocked with food and drinks that would otherwise go to waste while the theater was closed, the board decided to host a "Popcorn & Pop To-Go Night." On April 18, people drove from near and far to grab some goodies.

"We even had people drive down from Watertown because they were missing movie theatre popcorn," said Carstensen. "Of course, most of them were wanting to support the Bryant Cinema, knowing that the bills don't stop coming just because a business can't operate. It was wonderful to see how many people care about this little theater, wanting to keep it going."

While it has been closed, the Bryant Cinema received some upgrades. Thanks to the generosity of Montgomery's Furniture of Watertown, Jeremy Espland and Eframson Electric, the theater has new aisle carpeting and lights, which are ready to be shown off after reopening. (Photo by Jennifer Carstensen)

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Shannon Jacobson, a volunteer, dressed up as Mary Poppins for the showing of the Mary Poppins remake. There is always something fun going on at the movie theater! (Photo by Jennifer Carstensen)

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CINEMA

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CHANGES TO COME

For the time being, the theater will show movies on Friday and Sunday nights at 7 p.m. They hope to get back to the regular schedule soon, but for now will begin slowly to gauge how well the new process works and how movie goers respond to the changes.

Changes include blocking off every other row in the auditorium, installing plexiglass at the concession stand, offering gloves and masks for volunteers and integrating other new guidelines. The board wants to stress that if you aren't feeling well, please stay at home. Masks are not required for volunteers or patrons but are welcome if so desired.

The theater reopening begins this

weekend. Since no new movies are currently being released, many film studios are offering deals for theaters to show "old movies." They will be easing back into operation with former classics that appeal to their viewers' sense of nostalgia and fun. This weekend, "Despicable Me" will be shown on Friday night and "Smokey and the Bandit" on Sunday night, both at 7 p.m. While the board is still unsure about when they will be able to return to their normal schedule, most members are optimistic about reopening.

"We have been blessed with wonderful patrons!" said Carstensen. "We are very excited to light up our screen again. It's been dark for too long!"

For those interested in volunteering at the theater, message Bryant Cinema Facebook page or send an email. The theater is willing to train new volunteers.

COURT NEWS

DAVID MISCHKE of Hazel, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

FRANCISCO GUAJARDO TRUJILLO of Los Fresnos, Texas, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

WESLEY REGIER of Wichita, Kan., seatbelt violation, fined \$25.00.

JOEY LARSON of Lake Preston, 65 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

JASON HANSSEN of Volga, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

BROOKE VIRCHOW of Lake Preston, seatbelt violation, fined \$25.00.

DIANNE LARSON of De Smet, seatbelt violation, fined \$25.00.

TANA MENAPACE of Gallup, N.M., 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$87.50.

NANCY MIKLOS plead guilty to violation of a protection order. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay fine and costs of \$86.50. The 30 days of the jail time was suspended on the

conditions she pays fines and costs as ordered and be a law-abiding citizen for a period of one year.

SARAH BRILL plead guilty to domestic abuse simple assault, intentionally cause bodily injury. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay fine and costs of \$525.00. 27 days of the jail time was suspended on the conditions she pays fines and costs as ordered and be a law-abiding citizen for a period of one year. She was also credited three days of pretrial detention.

CONNIE BITNER plead guilty to domestic abuse simple assault, intentionally cause bodily injury. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay fine and costs of \$525.00. The 30 days of the jail time was suspended on the conditions she pays fines and costs as ordered, be a law-abiding citizen for a period of one year, consume no alcohol and participate in the 24/7 sobriety program for a period of 90 days.

COUNTY

FROM PAGE 1

Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to go ahead with the project, he wanted to make sure they were not overstepping any bounds with the county. He has been in contact with different contractors, and some people have donated funds. The commission agreed last year to pay up to \$10,000 toward the project. Half of that amount was spent on the most recent engineering survey that the DENR required.

Knight reported one contractor said it would cost \$20,000 a month to rent an excavator, and he was hoping to rent it for a much shorter period of time. An estimated cost is between \$12,000-\$12,500 for the initial project. Knight also reported that water in Lake Thompson had gone down three inches prior to the heavy rainfall the last week in June, but now it is back up again. Many factors, including rainfall, will impact how long the project could take.

Knight and commissioners talked about forming a Lake District as a more permanent solution to managing the outlet. Knight said there would be a formal process to go through to form a Lake District, including elections. "We're not there yet," he said.

Commissioner Joe Jensen said he had received a letter from Gary Knock, who lives near Davis, a town about 100 miles south of Lake Thompson. Knock was concerned that the project could cause problems downstream if it was not done correctly. He wrote that if it is done, it should be a summer or fall project rather than a spring one. He went on to say that the Vermillion River has the same problem as Lake Thompson — too much water. Knight responded that the only time water from Lake Thompson goes into the Vermillion River is when the level is very high.

"Lake Thompson is like a big bowl with a chip in it," Knight explained. "The cleanout is just taking that chip down to where it's supposed to be." He went on to say that one of the reasons doing the controlled cleanout is so important is that letting a little water out at a time is safer for everyone, including the people downstream, than it would be to not do it and have a big event break it all out at once. He said they only want to do what the DENR and Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) told them they could do.

State's Attorney Gregg Gass asked Knight if he was willing to be the designated, responsible person for the county and be on site at all times during the project.

Commissioner Shelley Nelson asked Gass if he had any liability concerns.

"Certainly, there is some exposure if something goes wrong," Gass

advised. "Someone could hold Mr. Knight and the county responsible."

Nelson asked Knight if he was comfortable taking on the role of responsible person, making sure the contractors follow all the required rules. Knight said he would. Commissioners appointed him to that role.

Gass said he would like to be informed ahead of time before the project proceeds so he can send all the proper written notifications to everyone involved.

County Auditor Jennifer Barnard asked what the county was doing financially.

"Do we stop at the \$10,000?" asked Barnard, inquiring if the county was going to pay bills and have the Lake Association pay them back.

"I would like Mr. Knight and company to raise the money and not use the county as a bank," Gass said, "and the county needs to make it clear that \$10,000 is the limit. I will not suggest that the county be involved with any funds above the \$10,000."

Knight said they have borrowed water meters from the East Dakota Water Development District to check levels. Jay Gilbertson, manager of the EDWDD, was in attendance via Zoom. Knight asked Gilbertson about the possibility of getting some funds from the water district and will speak further with Gilbertson prior to the water district's next meeting on July 16.

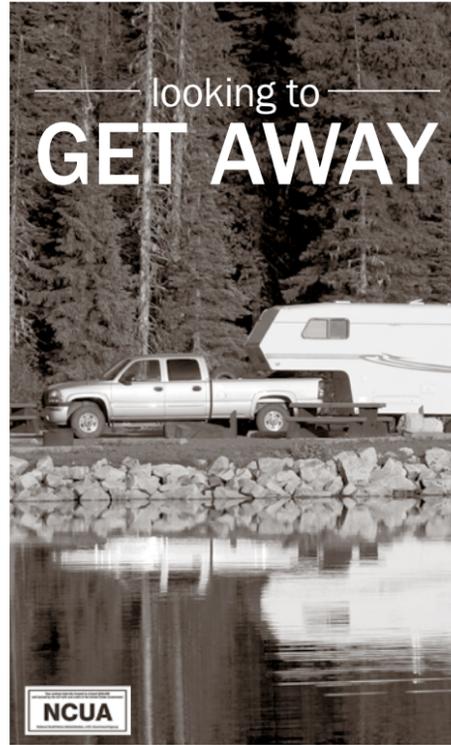
In other business, the commissioners:

- Reviewed 2021 budget requests with several department heads.
- Went out of regular session and into their roles as Board of Adjustment. They considered a variance for John and Chris Bjorkman, who recently purchased the former Ruth Muilenburg home. "When the house was built in 1972, it did not have setbacks for being too close to the right-of-way," zoning officer Joe Jensen said. The Bjorkmans want to build a bigger garage that will be set back the same distance as the existing one. Jensen suggested that since the house and garage are grandfathered in, they approve the variance for the new garage. "He got a sign-off from all the neighbors, and they are okay with it," Jensen added. When the board went back into regular session, the commissioners approved the variance unanimously.

• Held the first reading to approve rezoning property owned by Travis Steffensen from Ag to Lake Park. Steffensen plans to put in some camping spots. There will have to be a second reading and a conditional-use permit before the project is approved.

• Commissioners approved a plat near the Horizon Clinic. The plat needed to be approved in order to annex the property into the City of De Smet.

The next commissioners' meeting is scheduled for July 21.



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On June 27, **Wesley Weischedel** of Sioux Falls, while driving west on 214th Street behind another vehicle, was unable to see due to the dust trail from the car in front of him that had come to a stop at the intersection at 452nd Avenue. Weischedel swerved to miss hitting the vehicle, causing him to lose control and roll in the south-

west corner of the intersection. The 2016 Chevy Equinox he was driving suffered \$10,000 in damages.

Caitlin Parsley of Brookings hit a deer on June 26 while traveling west on Highway 14 near mile marker 392. The 2010 Nissan Sentra she was driving suffered \$4000.00 in damages.

Warren Storm of Huron hit a deer on June 26 while heading south on Highway 25 near mile marker 121. The 1989 Buick LeSabre he was driving suffered \$5000.00 in damages.

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Thursday July 2, 2020
High 86, Low 65

Friday July 3, 2020
High 86, Low 66

Saturday July 4, 2020
High 85, Low 67

Sunday July 5, 2020
High 83, Low 68, Rain 0.12

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



De Smet firemen do a bang-up job!

Behind the scenes firemen go to work in full protective gear to put on the annual display, enabling everyone else to sit back and enjoy the show. Thanks for the entertainment! (Photo by Caryn Hojer)

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The importance of Mount Rushmore, the shrine of democracy

A NUMBER OF PRESIDENTS have come to Mount Rushmore through the years, starting in 1927 with Calvin Coolidge when he authorized the first funding for the carving of the memorial. I've been there with two former presidents, and I imagine that every president who has served since the monument's completion has looked up there and eyeballed whether or not there might be room for one more face.



VOICES SENATOR JOHN THUNE

Having grown up in western South Dakota, I know firsthand what the monument means to our economy. Everyone in my family, and everyone in most families in my hometown, worked in businesses that served travelers who were heading to or coming

from Mount Rushmore. I had two brothers who worked in filling stations. My sister waited tables. My younger brother worked at my hometown's local attraction, the

Pioneer Auto Museum. I cooked at the Star Family Restaurant. My parents, who worked in the school system during the school year, managed a motel during the travel season, where all of us kids pitched in whenever we could. We didn't have time or money for a vacation, except for one thing — our annual Labor Day weekend visit to the Black Hills, which always included a trip to Mount Rushmore. I have to say, it never got old, and I'm still in awe when I see it today. Mount Rushmore is one of the most unique sculptures on the entire planet, and it never disappoints. From the father of our country — George Washington — to the author of the Decla-

ration of Independence — Thomas Jefferson — to the man who preserved the Union through the tumult of the Civil War — Abe Lincoln — to the Rough Rider, the "man in the arena," who helped tame the west — Teddy Roosevelt — Mount Rushmore captures the greatness and the uniqueness of this American experiment. This monument continues to remind us of our past and inspire our future. Tens of millions of Americans have passed by this shrine of democracy over the past 80-plus years, and may tens of millions more come this way for decades and centuries to come as we continue to celebrate freedom's eternal spirit.

Heritage is a blessing we can learn from

You are loved.
You are treasured.

IT IS TRULY AN HONOR and privilege to have the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding faith and life through this wonderful publication.

Have you ever given serious thought to the heritage that you have received from those who have gone before you? On my mother's side of the family (her maiden name was Olson), I know a great deal about my family heritage. They were Norwegian fishermen who immigrated to the United States after a terrible drowning accident of the patriarch of the family. They immigrated to rural South Dakota in northwestern Day County and have been there since the late 1880's.

I never knew very much about my father's side until a few years ago. That story begins in the spring of 1863 when two men left their home in Pendleton County, Va. and moved to Bellevue, Iowa. These two brothers, Martin and William K. Jordan, left Virginia and moved to Iowa because of their Christian and moral objection to the practice of slavery. William K was my grandpa's grandpa. He was in the Cavalry, was shot off his horse and suffered injuries from which he never fully recovered. Prior to the exodus from Virginia to Iowa, I know nothing about my Jordan ancestors.

Unfortunately, some are not able to trace their genetic heritage, others are ashamed of what their predecessors have done or failed to do and some believe that they do not

We must learn from the best of our past by setting it as an example and ideal worthy of emulating. We must also learn from the worst as a means of never repeating the same sins again.

MEDITATIONS

JEROD JORDAN
Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church

care. This past Independence Day weekend, we have seen and heard many stories about the heritage of the United States. Some have an optimistic and positive view of our national heritage. Some want to stain everything from the past with the ink of transgressions and sins performed in darker days. Both viewpoints have their faults. We must learn from the best of our past by setting it as an example and ideal worthy of emulating. We must also learn from the worst as a means of never repeating the same sins again. Even a bad example is valuable as it reveals to us that our decisions, thoughts and actions have real consequences. This the power and blessing of heritage.

I am here to tell whoever is reading this that you have a grand heritage of imperfect people who were called and served a perfect God who loves you perfectly. I encourage you to read the book of Hebrews in the New Testament of the Holy Bible to gain a better understanding of your heritage. No other book ties together Old Testament history and practices with the life of Jesus Christ as thoroughly as the book of Hebrews. Particularly, chapter 11 is a running account of God's people from Creation to Jesus, giving examples of God working through them because of their faith in Him. Chapter 12 has that wonderful image of being surrounded by a "Great Cloud of Witnesses."

You are loved. You are treasured. You are children of the Highest God who loves you and calls you by name. You are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses in Heaven who are cheering you on in your faith. May we all go forth into the world to bless it with our love and God given abilities. We are blessed to be a blessing. Dietrich Bonhoeffer has this piece of advice to us regarding the best way to go forth into the world and bless it: "Being a Christian is not about cautiously avoiding sin. It is about actively seeking God's will."

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

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De Smet

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

Ramona

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

Pandemic threatens fragile rural health-care system in South Dakota

BART PFANKUCH

South Dakota News Watch

Editor's note: This abridged article is part a special report by South Dakota News Watch called "Small Towns, Big Challenges." See the entire series at sdnewswatch.org.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a significant and unexpected financial burden on rural health-care providers who were already struggling to maintain hospitals and clinics that help keep small-town residents — and their communities — alive and well.

A slowdown in patient visits and drop in medical procedures due to fears of spreading the virus have led to a major loss of revenues for medical providers and health-care systems that serve rural areas. While the virus has not led to mass infections in small towns, the drop-off in activity and billable services has put stress on the already fragile financial state of many rural clinics, small hospitals and dental offices.

With the first wave of the pandemic possibly over, more safety measures in place and life returning somewhat to normal, most clinics and hospitals in rural South Dakota have headed off any imminent concern of closure.

Yet in a rural health-care system made up of a patchwork of providers and hospital systems, the losses from the pandemic could curtail the hiring of health-care workers, slow plans to expand services, and further restrict access to health care for hundreds of thousands of small-town and rural residents of the state.

Horizon Health Care, a rural health provider with more than two dozen medical and dental clinics in small towns across South Dakota, saw its revenue fall by roughly half in the



Patient activity and revenues at Horizon Health Care began to bounce back in June, according to chief financial and operations officer Wade Erickson.

weeks after the pandemic hit and patients began staying home, according to Wade Erickson, chief financial and operations officer.

By early June, patient activity and revenues had returned to about 90% of normal, Erickson said, and the group benefited from receiving about \$3 million in emergency aid from the federal CARES Act pandemic bailout fund.

The aid and bounceback in procedures have been critical to Horizon, based in Howard, S.D., but especially to its patients in rural communities who are never turned away because of ability to pay, Erickson said. About a third of Horizon's funding comes from the federal government, and about 20% of its patients are uninsured.

"In really rural communities where we are, just about touching every corner of South Dakota, we're really the only access to care that they have," Erickson said.

Access to health care remains a serious challenge in much of rural South Dakota, where federal data

show that residents tend to have greater rates of serious illness and death from diseases and far less access to doctors, nurses and dentists than in the state's few urban areas.

Rural residents "face a unique combination of factors that create disparities in health care not found in urban areas," according to the National Rural Health Association.

The pandemic has heightened the challenge of providing medical care to rural areas and small towns that the vast majority of South Dakotans call home.

The rural medical system in South Dakota varies by location, but in general, health care is provided through an informal continuum of care in which patients must travel more owing to the remoteness of their residence or as their care needs increase.

MEDICAL ACCESS A TRADE-OFF IN RURAL AREAS

Small-town health care in rural areas across the country is supported by the federal Critical Access Hospital program, which provides targeted funding through a federal Medicare reimbursement program for small regional hospitals with 25 or fewer beds.

Bryan Breitling is the regional administrator at Hand County Memorial Hospital in Miller, a critical-access hospital that is part of the Avera Health system. Breitling said critical-access facilities were better positioned to withstand the revenue drop associated with the pandemic than urban medical centers.

"COVID-19 is going to have less of an impact on critical-access hospitals [than] it will have on our more urban counterparts," Breitling said. "We do have a cost-based reimbursement mechanism in there from Medicare ... and so, from that standpoint, we're going to largely be protected."

Yet despite those protections, the 38 critical-access hospitals in South Dakota — including facilities in Armour, Burke, De Smet, Eureka, Freeman, Mobridge, Parkston, Philip, Viborg, Webster and Winner, among others — have also taken a financial hit, Breitling said.

"The revenues have taken a dive, clearly. So anyone who presents through the emergency room who has a broken arm or a heart attack, those types of patients are still being seen and being cared for," he said. "It's the patients that used to come in for routine physicals, for screenings, all of those traditional regular health-related issues. Those have essentially ended for the last two months and so we're in the process of restarting those again, and that's where a lot of that revenue issue is."

The drop in people seeking medical treatment during the pandemic may have unexpected consequences, including among patients who miss an annual physical and could be exposed to greater danger from slow-developing illnesses such as skin cancer.

Breitling said one pressing concern is that children may be less protected against other illnesses upon returning to school in the fall.

"There are some stats out there that

say over the last couple of months, fewer people have brought their kids in for wellness visits, which translates into fewer vaccinations and things like that," he said. "So we need to get back to the vaccinations to get them protected this fall once the traditional cold or flu season comes into place."

RECRUITMENT A CHALLENGE; TELE-HEALTH ON THE RISE

Recruiting doctors, nurses and dentists to practice in towns of 2,000 people or fewer has been an ongoing challenge for health-care systems and rural hospitals.

Some practitioners seek higher pay, greater social options, easier access to housing, and the prestige of working in big-city hospitals, and are not interested in living in a small town in the early stages of their careers.

Horizon Health Care is in almost constant need of qualified personnel and tries to highlight the benefits of living and working in a small community when pitching prospective employees, Erickson said.

"It is hard at times because a lot of times they see the money, and money talks, and we try to compete as best we can with salaries," he said.

But Horizon has had success in attracting practitioners who either grew up in a small town or who see the value in providing a service that is absolutely critical to the community and its people, and in living in a safe, quiet community, Erickson said.

"We have this opportunity in rural places to bring back true primary care through the entire life spectrum, and there's great satisfaction in that," he said. "There's this great opportunity to see kids all the way up to our elder populations, and there's a challenge in that you've got to know a lot more things."

Federal programs that allow new practitioners to eliminate part or all of their student debt by agreeing to practice in underserved areas can also be a strong incentive.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an expansion of tele-health services in which patients use computers and an internet connection to visit in real time with a doctor or nurse. Avera Health has been a national leader in providing tele-health, but the pandemic has sped up the transition to tele-health by smaller community health systems as well.

One problem providers have faced is that federal Medicare and Medicaid programs did not in many cases reimburse providers for tele-health appointments and care. During the pandemic, the CARES Act has expanded reimbursement of tele-health and provided \$158 million in funding for providers to engage in tele-health and improve tele-health services. The Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas received about \$450,000 in the latest round of payments on June 24 for computers and video-conferencing equipment to expand services.

Rural health providers are hopeful the tele-health reimbursements may be made permanent once the pandemic subsides.



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- Notify people you've had close contact with if you become ill
- Seek medical care if symptoms become severe



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Burgers: great on grill when nice, in crock pot when not

I CAN'T REMEMBER how old I was the first time I grilled a burger on my own, but I remember how anxious I was to do it. Growing up, my dad, Larry Eining, always did the grilling. It always seemed like the “man’s job” while the women were in the kitchen getting other things ready.

So, the first time I got a grill of my own and set out to grill my first burger, I was a little intimidated. Of course, it didn’t help dealing with my dad who loves to kid around and exaggerate. He had to tell me horror stories of everything from people losing their eyebrows to blowing up their city block, but I refused to let him scare me out of it.



HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

Actually, I’m surprised my dad helped me get a grill in the first place, but I think he knew I was as stubborn as he and determined to get one. He came over, showing me how to light

the grill and shut the propane tank off several times before he seemed satisfied to leave me alone with it.

When I finally got up the courage to try it out “unsupervised,” I remember making sure my hair was pulled back, so it wouldn’t catch on fire, and stretching my arm as far as I could, trying to light it from a safe distance. It took me a few tries. Once I got it lit that first time, I was hooked.

There’s nothing better than a burger on the grill, especially this time of year. So, this week I’m sharing some grilling tips to make the perfect burger and a great recipe for cheeseburgers in the crock pot when the weather isn’t the best for grilling out. Enjoy!

Grilled hamburger tips

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MEAT. Use ground beef with a fat content of at least 18 percent fat. The higher fat content guarantees a juicier burger. Lean meats make tough, dry burgers.

GENTLY FORM PATTIES about an inch wider than the buns to allow for shrinkage as they cook and don’t forget to place a dimple in the center for an even burger.

FLIP ONLY ONCE and resist the urge to squish your burgers, which will toughen and dry out the meat. Once juices start to collect on top of the patty and the edges start to brown, it’s time to flip.

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

Cheeseburger Sloppy Joes

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| 2 pounds lean ground beef | 1 tablespoon olive oil | 2 tablespoons brown sugar | 10 ounces shredded cheddar cheese |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | ¾ cup ketchup | 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce | 8 hamburger buns |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced | ¼ cup water | | |

Brown hamburger and onion. Drain, if needed. Transfer to slow cooker. Sauté minced garlic in olive oil until lightly golden. Add garlic, along with ketchup,

water, brown sugar and Worcestershire sauce to the slow cooker. Stir well. Cover and cook on low for 3 hours or high for 1½ hours. Just before serving,

stir shredded cheese into hot beef mixture. Place on hamburger buns and top with your favorite condiments. I like ketchup, mustard and pickles!

Obituaries

Grant Elvik

Grant Elvik, 91, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and a former Carthage resident, died June 11, 2020, at the VAMC in Sioux Falls.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at the Pleasant View Cemetery at Carthage, S.D., with Pastor Josh Knutson officiating. The Johnson-Henry Funeral Home of Arlington is in charge of arrangements.



Larry Hein

Larry Gene Hein, age 69, of Surprise, Ariz., died at home June 30, 2020, after a long battle with cancer. Larry was born July 22, 1950, to Lloyd and Luella (Timmons) Hein. He graduated from De Smet High School in 1968. He married Pamela Isaacson in 1980, and the couple had two children. Larry installed natural gas lines his entire life and retired from Northern Pipeline in 2018.

Larry is survived by his wife Pamela Hein of Surprise; daughter Brittany Hein of West Hollywood, Calif.; son Tyler Hein (Elizabeth) of Los Banos, Calif.; one grandson, Hunter Hein of Los Banos; brothers Jim (Diana) Hein of Arlington, Jerry (Marolyn) Hein of Nebraska, Tom (Lynny) Hein of De Smet, Scott (Terri) Hein of Brookings, sister Rhea (Dan) VonEye of Colman, sister-in-law Jane

Hein of De Smet as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Kenneth, Steve and Curt. Private family services will be held at a later date.



Marlys Blinsmon

Marlys Elaine (Lundquist) Blinsmon, 94, died July 7, 2020, at Jenkins Care Center, Watertown, S.D. Due to COVID-19, visitation without family will be Thursday, July 9 at the Johnson-Henry Funeral Chapel in Lake Preston from 5-7 p.m., with graveside services at the Lake Preston Cemetery at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10.

Marlys was born May 28, 1926, to Ernest and Myrtle (Anderson) Lundquist near Erwin, S.D. She graduated from Erwin High School. She was married to Duane Orland Blinsmon May 19, 1945, in Huron, S.D. Marlys and Duane (Blinky) made their home in Lake Preston where they raised their children, Dianne Kay (Terry) Martinmaas and Terry (Carol) Blinsmon.

Marlys was an active member of The United Church of Christ and the American Legion Auxiliary. She worked over 60 years in the grocery store and cafe where she enjoyed seeing people.

Survivors include her children; three granddaughters, Kristi Farley, Heather Martinmaas and Aimee (Michael) Wiederrich; one grandson,

Marilyn Jean Cromwell

Marilyn Jean Cromwell, 85, passed away on Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Pierre, SD.

A family memorial service will be at 10:00 am, Monday, July 13th, 2020 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Pierre. Online condolences may be written at Isburgfuneralchapel.com

The services will be live-streamed, on her obituary page at isburgfuneralchapel.com, starting at 10:00 am on Monday. You can also show support by emailing a “Together in Spirit” heart with a message to togetherinspirit@yahoo.com. The message will be printed on a heart and placed on a seat at the funeral.

Marilyn was born on July 11, 1934, to Harold and Agnes (Bunker) Ryland in DeSmet, SD. She grew up and graduated high school in DeSmet. She met Roland Cromwell and they got married in Pipestone, MN on September 1st, 1955. In 1961 Marilyn and Roland made there home in Pierre, SD. After they moved to Pierre Marilyn worked in the Hughes County Auditors office for 30 years. When she retired, she worked at the



Boys and Girls Club in Pierre and the Community Youth Center in Fort Pierre.

Marilyn lived for her children and grandchildren. She liked country music, reading, word searches and having supper with her special group of friends. Holidays were a special time and she would start planning two months in advance.

She is survived by her children; Gary (Deb) Cromwell of Tucson, AZ, Terry (Sharon) Cromwell of Watertown, SD, Larry (Bonnie) Cromwell of Pierre, SD, her siblings; Diane (Clyde) Rasmussen of Rapid City, SD, Judy (Darrell) Finstad of Huron, SD. She is also

survived by her grandchildren, Charlie Cromwell and his fiancé Raquel Rodriguez, Catie Cromwell, Casey (Michelle) Cromwell, Alisha Cromwell, Savannah (Ryan Raynor) Cromwell, Jordan Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Harold and Agnes Ryland, her husband; Roland Cromwell, Brothers; Jim Ryland and Robert (Bob) Ryland, sister, Francis Cundy and 2 nephews and 1 niece.

PAID OBITUARY

Lance Blinsmon; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great granddaughters; one brother, Donald (Alice) Lindquist of Mesa, Ariz.; sisters-in-law Phyllis (Lovell) Wheeler and

Ann Blinsmon; brothers-in-law Gayle (Kate) Blinsmon and Bob Hauck.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brothers Lynn and Eldon and sister Darlene Hauck.

Touchless car wash comes to Bryant

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

Vehicles were lined up outside Brenda and Clinton Efraimson's new business, Nimble Wash, in Bryant on July 2 and 3 during the grand opening of the couple's new, modern car wash.

The Efraimsons, who also own Efraimson Electric Inc. in Bryant, purchased the original car wash at the end of last year. At that time, it had one self-serve bay. The Efraimsons added an automatic touchless bay earlier this spring. They ran the first vehicle through on April 1, but Brenda said they wanted to wait until they had everything figured out before hosting a grand opening.

Nimble Wash is open 24 hours a day, offering different touchless automatic options, a self-serve bay, vacuum and snack and beverage vending machines. Drying towels, air-freshener trees, cleaning sponges and glass cleaners are also available for purchase. If needed, a bill-changer can turn your \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills into quarters.

The pay station takes cash, credit cards, Apple Pay or Google pay. Customers can also download an app on their phones to purchase wash time. The vacuum accepts quarters, and free vacuum time is included with every automatic wash purchased using



the coinless app. Vacuum time can also be purchased through the app. The self-serve bay has a 14-foot door clearance. Clinton said it works great for large and small outdoor equipment.

The automatic bay has an 8-foot clearance, large enough to fit full-size

work vans and dually rigs.

Seventy vehicles came through the car wash the first day of the grand opening and about 50 on the second day. Not bad for a town with a population of 453. Brenda said it was nice to meet new people and see old friends she hadn't seen in a while.



Brenda and Clinton Efraimson of Bryant hosted an open house last week for their new business, Nimble Wash, a 24-hour car wash that offers both automatic and self-serve options.

On July 3, during the open house, Emily Pekkala, left, Audrey Ek and Jael Kostinen scrub bugs off a vehicle before it is driven into the car wash. The owners said there will not typically be people working there, but the bug solution will be handy for anyone who wants to use it. (Photos by Donna Palmlund)

Playing in the dirt: nature's medicine

LONG BEFORE the coronavirus pandemic infested our world like an invasive species, researchers lauded the advantages of communing with nature, scratching in the soil. Besides the obvious benefits of growing food and flowers, they listed increased physical activity, lower stress levels and an influx of vitamin D. Some scientists still maintain that working outside in the dirt can strengthen the immune system, especially in children. If you have ever seen the look of pure pleasure on a child's face as they jump into a puddle and watch the water fly, you know the most valuable benefit: it is just plain fun.

Having dabbled with growing things since I was knee high to a grasshopper, the garden calls my name as soon as the temperatures hover over the freezing mark. Most years I am stocked with plants and seeds, but two weeks ago, I decided to place an order with my favorite nursery only to unearth the fact that they were not accepting any orders. Their stock was depleted. They could not keep up. For whatever reasons, American families are playing in the dirt!

Digging back a few years, though not privy to today's recommendations from health professionals, my parents definitely knew the value of outside play. There was a sandbox next to the front yard fence. My brother, who at the age of 4 took farming very seriously, decided he needed to work outside the box. He claimed the six by ten foot patch next to the sandbox as his own, and soon it became a delightful pile of loose dirt. He spent hours there every warm day, plowing, disking, dragging and planting. Delmer smiles as he remembers one



NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

day when Dad stopped to watch. With "putt-putt" noises resonating from his lips, the boy scooped windrows of sand, grass and dirt into his John Deere trailer and hauled them to the tiny green elevator. He turned the crank and the belt conveyed the "grain" up and into a peach crate, my brother's "grain bin."

I can see the crinkles at the corners of my father's eyes as he proudly observed his little boy, imitating himself. Finally, he cleared his throat.

"Well, son, it looks like you are busy with your farming, and you are doing a good job of it." Delmer kept working, his heart swelled with pride at the praise. "I'm headed out to plant corn. Do you think you have time to come and ride with me on the John Deere 520, or do you have too much work to do?"

To this day my brother marvels at the fact that Dad considered the child's play so important that he gave him the choice of continuing his own farming or riding on the tractor in the field.

My older sisters still reminisce of the hours spent outside, growing

up on our South Dakota farm. They had cleared an area out in the woods where they had a "play house." Tree stumps, wooden boxes and old boards served as tables and chairs and an oven. Mom contributed old pots and pans, so the girls enjoyed days of play in their secluded spot that was surrounded by brush, trees and weeds. One of their favorite earthy activities was making mud pies.

Dirt was plentiful and they mixed it with water from the cattle tank. The crates made good ovens, and soon delectable pies were stashed in a tin pail, ready for serving to our supportive family. One day Dorothy and Darlene were stirring up their pie ingredients when they decided they should add some plant materials. After all, Mom and Dad said to eat our vegetables; think how pretty those mud pies would be, embellished with bright green flecks! So they foraged the area for the prettiest green leaves available. They pulled them from the tall stalks, brought them back to their playhouse kitchen, and tore them up into the mix. A few hours later both sisters were plagued with burning, itchy welts all over their hands, arms and legs. It turned out that their garnishing greens came from the stinging nettle patch!

It could be the girls passed their experience down to their younger sister, because this girl's Mud Baking 101 class took place within the fences of our yard. My stove was an old sawhorse. It even had a bent nail that turned, making the perfect temperature control. I liked to think of my concoctions as cookies rather than pies. I even used a stick to scrape orange powder from a soft brick onto the tops. After all, presentation is

everything. Martha would have been proud! After baking the little circles in the sun for a day or two, it was time to seek adult approval.

Stacking the mud cookies onto the shiny lid of a paint can, I carried them and a few empty walnut shells to the front stoop and waited. Usually, Mom was the first one to come along and was invited for tea. In her apron and homemade cotton dress she would sit next to me.

"Your cookies look delicious," she would say as she smiled and took a pretend nibble. "Mmmm, sugar cookies, my favorite!" At that moment I resolved to make even better mud cookies next time. Then she slurped loudly from the tiny nut shell, her pinky finger lifted daintily.

I don't ever remember Mom or Dad saying they were too busy to test our mud pies or encourage our ground level enterprises. They took the time. Back then they were not concerned with stress reduction or vitamin D intake or strong immune systems. They just knew how very important it was to simply have fun.

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

Iroquois school district named Nicest Place in South Dakota

Readers' Digest survey brings good things to light

This article is based on a recently published online Readers' Digest article

The Iroquois School District has been named the nicest place in South Dakota and is one of 50 nominees for The Best Place in America by Readers Digest and the organization More in Common. The two entities recently asked people to nominate places that show a great sense of unity since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

James Jesser, a teacher with the Iroquois School district, nominated his school. His nomination letter reads, in part:

"I know that during this time of the pandemic that teachers and schools are going above and beyond what they normally do. However, I would like to nominate my school as the Nicest Place in America. During this time, the teachers have assured that the families we serve have the basic needs taken care of as they shelter in place."

The Iroquois school district teaches about 200 students in grades pre-K-12. Students come from many miles around, and some of them did not have good internet access at home. This presented a problem when the

school closed and went to distance learning last spring. Superintendent Mike Ruth was also making weekly videos updating families about what was going on in the school, and they needed the internet to access these messages as well.

In his nomination letter, Jesser pointed out that all students needed to have internet at home to be able to participate in distance learning.

So, Jesser and other teachers found several internet providers who were willing to work with families to give them access regardless of their ability to pay.

Also, because many students rely on school meals, the district decided those should continue during the shutdown. The staff prepared daily lunches, and they were personally delivered, along with lesson plans, to the home of every student who needed one, even though some students live up to 26 miles away.

"If they wanted a meal, they got one, every day," said Ruth. "We either used busses, or staff delivered it so they had no need to leave their houses."

Ruth also said that teachers adjusted how they worked so they were available to students, night and day—whenever they were needed.

"Hands down, Iroquois staff and teachers went above and beyond during the pandemic closure of the



The Iroquois School District was recently named The Nicest Place in South Dakota in a Readers' Digest survey. (Photo by James Jesser)

school," said Sara Newman, a parent of two elementary students, Avah and Addison. "My husband and I are grateful to the teachers and staff at Iroquois who clearly love children and care about the education each child receives. While the remote learning was not preferred, I wouldn't want my children enrolled anywhere other than Iroquois."

"I would consider our teachers nice and kind," Jesser stated. "However, during this pandemic, they have

stretched beyond their usual boundaries and have become nicer and kinder. They have done what needs to be done to serve our students."

The field of 50 nominees will be narrowed down later this year, and the top five "Nicest Places in America" will be featured in the November issue of Readers' Digest Magazine. People can go online to <https://www.rd.com/nicestplaces> to read the entire article about Iroquois and stories from other states.

DE SMET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Plans in the works for 'Old Settlers/Back to School Day'

Chamber members Chad Kruse, Andrea Knox-Schmidt, Patti Ward, Amy Kruse and Billi Aughenbaugh met with Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter to discuss how to hold an "Old Settler's Day/Back to School" event that would both continue the legacy of Old Settler's Day and also celebrate children going back to school.

The current date is August 15, which lines up with the Rib Fest that the Chamber holds every year. Some

changes will be made to keep the event a little safer, such as no candy being thrown during the parade and reminding attendees to social distance.

The parade will be first, followed by the Rib Fest on Main Street. If you would like to be a rib contestant, contact Chad Kruse at De Smet Flowers & Gifts. All plans could change depending on the numbers of COVID cases in the area. More information will come when details are finalized. (Photo by Billi Aughenbaugh)





Be smart and safe outdoors.

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

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



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De Smet

Schools are scheduled to reopen Aug. 20

Parents asked for feedback

KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

Last week, De Smet School Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter posted a video on the school's Facebook page to update students and parents about tentative plans for the 2020-21 school year. The first day of school is scheduled for Aug. 20.

Van Regenmorter said a survey about the upcoming school year has been texted to parents of current students asking them for their feedback.

A task force has been formed

that includes administrators, teachers, parents, Mayor Gary Wolkow, a member of the school board and local medical personnel. The task force met last week and are scheduled to meet again on July 7.

One concern is bussing, which Van Regenmorter said can present a high risk. She said students may be required to wear masks on busses and they may be encouraged to stay seated with family groups.

She also stressed that students should not come to school if they feel sick. She said in the past, she may have told her own sons to toughen

it out if they didn't feel well before school, but things will be quite a bit different this year.

Van Regenmorter said parents need to take signs and symptoms of illness seriously and not send students to school if they are sick. If a student is already at school and becomes ill, they will be sent to the office to have their temperature taken. Parents will be notified and the student will have to be picked up. She said she realizes this puts an extra burden on working parents, but that this is necessary for the school to remain open.

Other preventive measures will

include more frequent hand-washing and students distancing from groups they don't have to interact with. In the lunchroom, tables will be spread out more, and at this time, there will be no salad bar.

Van Regenmorter added the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) has not come out with recommendations yet, but she is hopeful that De Smet athletes will be able to have their regular sports seasons.

"I miss the kids and look forward to having them back in building," she said.

MENU

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 9: Hamburger/ Bun, Baked Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit

FRIDAY, JULY 10: Taco Salad w/ protein and vegetables, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

MONDAY, JULY 13: Hawaiian Chicken Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

TUESDAY, JULY 14: Tater Tot Hotdish w/ vegetables, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: Asian Chicken Lettuce Salad w/ protein and vegetables, Oranges, Dessert, Bun



What's going on here?

Trees have been removed from the former Larson property on Joliet Avenue. The De Smet Development Corporation recently acquired the property. It is scheduled to be torn down to make way for a new daycare facility. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



Teamwork

Members of the De Smet American Legion Post 138 and other volunteers put up the Avenue of Flags July 4 in Washington Park in De Smet. The men also put up flags at the Kingsbury County Courthouse. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

"The Hard Winter" radio play to be livestreamed Saturday



In true pioneer fashion, pageant organizers adapt

Because of coronavirus concerns, The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant is not holding live performances this year. To help uphold a long-standing tradition, however, the LIW Pageant Board of Directors, directors Adam

and Jennifer (Dobson) Rudebusch in conjunction with South Dakota Public TV, are taking a different approach.

Instead of three weekends of live performance of "The Long Winter," there will be a livestreamed radio play beginning at 7 p.m. July 11 shown on the SDPT and LIW Pageant Facebook pages. It can also be viewed online at www.sd.net. A new, original

script was written based on historical records, and the new play is titled "The Hard Winter." It will be rebroadcast on SDPBS at noon on July 17 and 7 p.m. on July 18.

Cast members include Aria Gruenhagen, Gage Dobbs, Nicole Berg, Jim Thompson, Logan Sikkink, Josephine Van Maanen, Andrew Holland and Rick Senner. Jennifer and Adam play parts in "The Hard Winter," as well. Plum Crazy, a band from Volga, will provide live music. Band members include Janie Isham, Amanda Svec, Rod King and Craig Howell.

During the radio show, the Foley artist, or sound effects specialist, Andrew Holland, will use all kinds of different items to make you feel like you're watching the play in person. Be sure to watch for it during the Livestream and to listen to all of the different sounds on SDPB radio. (Photo by Billi Aughenbaugh)

De Smet

DAYS GONE BY

1945: Workers wanted at Armour Co.



10 YEARS AGO: Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant cast members Shawna Singrey, rear left, Kristy Hubbard, Lucas Anderson, Caitlin Ostrander, Perry Anderson Jr., Sara Scofield, Neal Martens, Truus Schukking and Perry Anderson Sr., Peggy Nelson, front left, Jessica Todd and Mackenzie Hyland.

10 YEARS AGO
July 7, 2010

The world premiere of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant “The First Four Years with Memories of Silver Lake” is Friday at the pageant site. Free wagon rides and musical entertainment is available prior to performances. The script, adapted

from the book “The First Four Years,” was written by **Orval Van Deest**, the pageant’s director. **Marian Cramer** joins Van Deest as music director and as assistant to the director.

The First Annual De Smet Chamber of Commerce Rib Cook-Off was held. **Tad Flood** and his Flood, Flood won first place. Second place went

to Purple Pride with **Jim Altenburg** as team captain. Countryview Barbecue headed by **Randy Odegaard** took third place. Sisters of Sauce members **Patti and Julie Ward** won the People’s Choice Award.

25 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1995

Greg Wolkow from O’Keefe Implement, Inc. joined nearly 800 other Case IH dealership representatives for a first-hand look at the new Case IH 9300 Steiger 4-Wheel Drive tractor at the manufacturing facility in Fargo, N.D.

50 YEARS AGO
July 9, 1970

Bancroft voters favor closing grade school.

Specials at Peschl’s Locker: Split Side— 57 cents/pound, a whole side is 56 cents/pound, 20 pounds of ground beef is \$11.20, sirloin steak or t-bones — \$11.50 for a 10-pound box.

75 YEARS AGO
July 12, 1945

Graduation from 8th grade Rural Schools—Kingsbury County had 96 graduating from common school’s this spring. Graduation has not been held, but diplomas will be mailed to them.

Wanted: Workers at Armour Co. in Huron starting rate 70 cents an hour. Time and a half after 40 hours. Five cents additional for night work.

NEWS BRIEF



Kingsbury Electric spearheads donation to Kingsbury Journal

Evan Buckmiller of Kingsbury Electric, above right, presents a donation check to Matt Kees, above left, of the De Smet Development Corporation. Buckmiller worked with Kingsbury Electric’s business and financial partners (East River Electric, Basin Electric and Co-Bank) to secure a total of \$6,000.

The funds will be directly allocated to the operating expenses for the Kingsbury Journal and are greatly appreciated by the staff and volunteers working to sustain our local paper. (Photo by Rita Anderson)

Bryant Cinema

will be reopening this coming weekend.

(7/10) Friday night:
Despicable Me
(PG from 2010)

(7/12) Sunday night:
Smokey and the Bandit
(PG from 1977)

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Lake Preston

School forms committee to plan for new year

Discussions center on getting back to new normal

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

Lake Preston School held a Starting Well committee meeting June 29, with the main topic being what the upcoming 2020-21 school year looks like. The idea behind the meeting was to strictly generate discussions and ideas, as well as prepare for the unknowns to be as proactive a district as possible.

Superintendent Dana Felderman chose a variety of staff members, board members, teachers and coaches who serve the district in a variety of different ways and areas. He also invited Ashley Tolzin, a Horizon Healthcare medical professional. Committee members asked many questions and discussed what-if scenarios that will have to be addressed in the future. At this point, the first day of school in Lake Preston is scheduled for Aug. 19, and the school plans to follow through with the date if possible.

Although there are many unknowns at this point, the committee wanted to start generating discussions and ideas on how they can have students learn in-person, while also having the option of providing distance learning for those parents who opt not to send their children into the school building. In-person or distance learning plans and details have not been set officially, but this is the direction that many districts are moving toward. There will be more information in the future regarding plans and decisions.

The Lake Preston School will be sending out surveys to parents in the near future to gain a better understanding of how they feel about the upcoming school year and what concerns they may have. Although an official plan has not been approved or implemented, the committee feels these meetings will allow the school to move forward in providing the best education for students, along with keeping students, staff members and community safe. They hope to have more insight of what the 2020-21 school year looks like in mid-July.

Lisa Casper is celebrating 30 years with a donor heart

Lake Preston business owner says she feels lucky

BY DONNA PALMLUND
KINGSBURY JOURNAL

Lisa Casper of Arlington is celebrating a huge milestone next week. Thirty years ago, on July 15, 1990, she received a new heart.

Casper was born with several serious congenital heart defects and had her first surgeries at age 10 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. When she was 16 or 17, her doctors said that she would need a transplant sometime down the road — in 15 years or so.

That day came sooner than anyone expected. She and her husband, Troy, got married in 1988. Casper remembers that by their first wedding anniversary, her health had deteriorated quite a bit, and it was determined that she would need a transplant very soon.

“Because I was so messed up, I had to wait in Minneapolis,” she said. “They didn’t know if I would need just a heart or a heart-lung transplant.”

Casper moved in with her aunt, Sandy Masgai, a Minneapolis resident, in December of 1989, and in January of 1990, she was put on the waiting list for a new heart. Casper said it was helpful to be around her aunt because of her positive attitude. She said she and Sandy went on little adventures during the week, and other family members would come to visit every weekend.

Casper received her new heart on July 15, 1990. Her surgeon was Dr. Sara Shumway.

Casper learned that her donor was a young woman in her 20s who was killed in a motorcycle accident. She has gone through the channels twice to send letters to the donor’s family



Lisa Casper is marking the 30th anniversary of receiving a donor heart. Casper owns and operates Trackside Custom Tarps on Main Avenue in Lake Preston. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

but has not heard back either time. Casper said that she understands and respects that choice.

“They say a human body will try to reject a heart three times. Mine never

did, so it must have been a very good match,” she said. “and both of us being young probably helped.”

At the time of Casper’s transplant, most heart recipients were only liv-

ing about 10 years post-surgery. The anti-rejection drugs given at that time were hard on the patients’ kidneys and after 20 years, the drugs were affecting Casper’s. However, when better anti-rejection drugs became available, doctors switched her medications.

“I still see a kidney doctor every year as a precaution,” Casper said, “but my kidneys are fine now.”

She said she has had a few “tweaks” done on her heart over the years, including three different pacemakers. She also visits the heart doctor every year and will have to be on expensive anti-rejection medications for the rest of her life.

Casper shared that the past year has been a little rough on her medically. Her friends and family originally planned to have a big celebration to mark this milestone, but, with social-distancing concerns, they have scaled the celebration back to include just close family.

“I’m not scared of coronavirus, but I have to be careful of anything, even colds and flu,” she said. “I have no immune system at all.”

All in all, Casper said she feels lucky. She was the 236th person to ever receive a heart transplant at the U of M, and 30 years later, there have only been about 1,000 recipients total. Having the ability to pay is often an obstacle for people who need this type of treatment. Casper said her parents mortgaged their farm to get her on the transplant list before the insurance was approved.

Casper remains active, having owned her own business, Trackside Custom Tarps in Lake Preston, since 1999. At Trackside Custom Tarps, Casper makes tarps and covers for everything from wheels and grills to vehicles, boats, campers and semis. She also does upholstery work, and her hobbies include motorcycling and gardening.

Lake Preston

LOOKING BACK

2010: Instigators. That's what they were.



50 YEARS AGO: New Lake Preston Lutheran Church is Dedicated! The photo shows a view of the auditorium at the morning worship service, opening a full day-long schedule of events. Approximately 300 congregation members and visitors were served at the noon dinner and upward as many attended the well-received "tell it like it is" feature presented by a De Smet young people's group after lunch.

10 YEARS AGO

January 7, 2010

Instigators. That's what they were, the two young men with Erwin roots who decided the community needed to celebrate its 125th anniversary. "The beer was extra cold that night," **Andy Carlson** said by the way of expla-

nation. **Tim Steffensen** offers another reason for wanting community members to do something. "We were too young for the 100th," he said, noting that Carlson was three at the time, and he was only five. Erwin 125th Anniversary Celebration is a daylong event on Saturday, July 10.

Rick Holland is preparing for his first major art show over the weekend, when he will have a booth at the Brookings Summer Arts Festival. Among the pieces he's preparing is a goose banking to the land.

25 YEARS AGO

July 6, 1995

South Preston News: **Linda Johnson, Tyler, Tracy and Quinten** arrived Saturday, from Lincoln, Neb. to visit **Karen Pastian** and other relatives.

A bale near a hay grinder ignited Monday and caused a fire that burned about 150 large round alfalfa bales at H&I Grain in Hetland. Firemen from six communities fought the blaze that was fanned by gusty winds throughout the evening.

50 YEARS AGO

July 9, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Nelson of Hetland have purchased the Hesby Laundry Mat in Lake Preston from **Dr. and Mrs. E.K. Hesby**. They are taking over operations this week.

Sunday is a day of dedication for New Lake Preston Lutheran Church. Dedication Sunday will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a worship service followed by a potluck dinner. A group of young people from De Smet will present a special event from 1:00 -1:30 p.m. Formal dedication of the church will come in a service at 2:00 p.m. After the

dedication, lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. A special dedication booklet containing an extensive pictorial account of the building program, together with a glimpse of the present church organization structure, has been prepared for this significant occasion in the history of the Lake Preston congregation.

75 YEARS AGO

July 12, 1945

Neighbor ladies and friends held a birthday party at the **Louis Baumberger** home Tuesday afternoon. They celebrated **Mrs. Albert Wienk, Mrs. Otto Hasche** and **Mrs. Louis Baumberger's** birthdays.

Peter Larsen has completed the work of doing extensive repairs, putting a brick veneer front to his building adjoining his meat market on the south, which was formerly occupied by the bakery. He recently installed in this building a locker system.

100 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1920

Alfred Nelson got tired of the bad roads and resigned as rural mail carrier on Route No. 2 a few days ago. **John Hesby** has accepted the position of temporary carrier on No. 2 and having had some experience in Minn. a few years ago will prove a good man for the place.

MENU

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IROQUOIS

The Chief: Looking Back

JULY 7, 1910: C. E. Greer, Hugo Schultz, Dr. Cowgill and J. F. Halladay (accompanied by their wives who went along to take the rest cure while the men did the cooking and other menial tasks) automobilized to Ruskin Park last Thursday, where they spent four days next to nature. Ruskin Park is one of the finest natural parks in the state, situated on the Jim River nine miles west of Artesian and is a delightful spot in which to take an outing during warm weather.

The party enjoyed the trip immensely and had all the fun in a quiet way that was coming to them. The park has recently been purchased by Dowdell & Millard, who are building a number of new cottages, laying out a race track and ball ground and fixing up the grounds generally. An elegant new music hall, with hardwood dancing floor, has recently been erected. There are miles of good shade, boating, bathing, fishing and a delightful place in which to throw care to the wind and just simply rest.

Kingsbury County has 4,046 children of school age according to the school census taken this spring.

The Iroquois Orchestra furnished music for the dance at Bancroft on the night of the glorious Fourth.

JULY 10, 1930: Street Commissioner Fullerton tackled a hot job Monday when he removed the old fire hydrants. Larger hydrants having been substituted for the old ones were of no use, and their removal gives a better appearance to the streets.

The Catholic ladies will serve a chicken dinner in the basement of the Catholic church next Saturday at 5:30 p.m., to which the public is invited.

JULY 6, 1950: Harvey Dunn of Tenafly, N.J., his sister, **Mrs. Reiland** of near Manchester and **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright** of De Smet were callers at the home of **Mrs. J. F. Halladay** on Sunday afternoon.



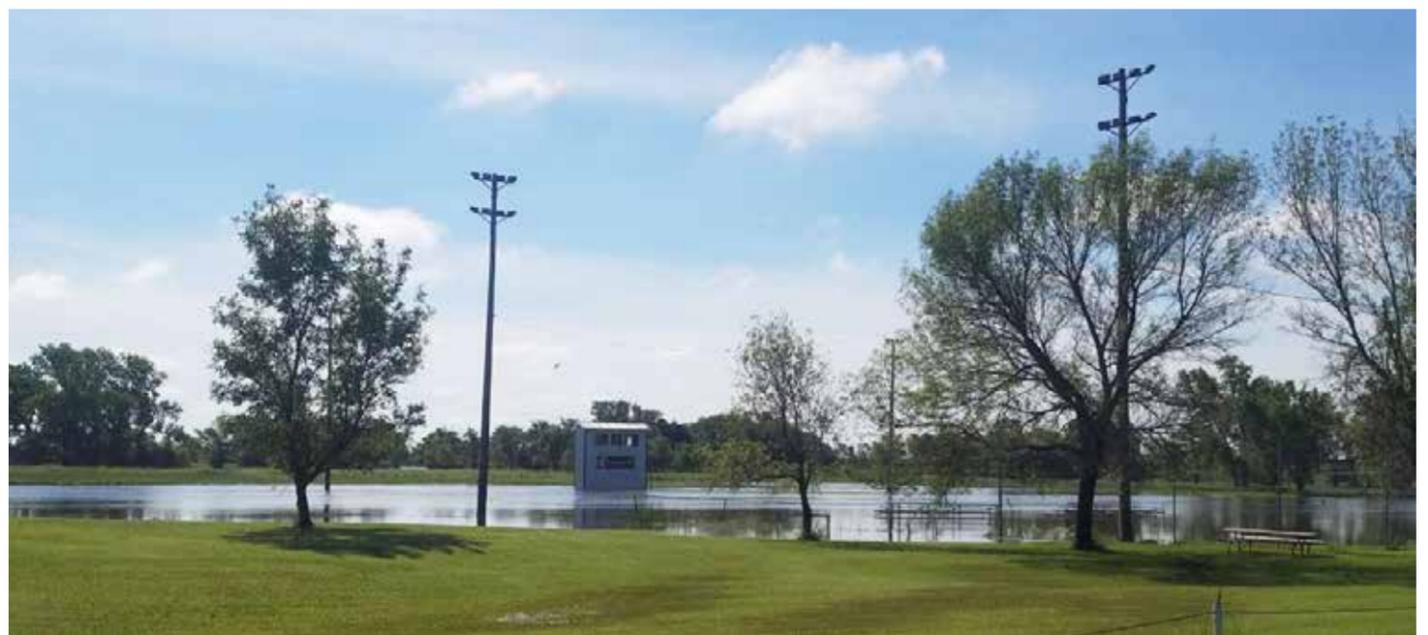
Sprong wins state contest

Logan Sprong, a 2020 graduate of Iroquois High School, is this year's South Dakota District winner in the American Legion Auxiliary poppy poster contest in the Class V Division. Sprong will receive a district citation for his work, and his entry will be sent to the national division.

Iroquois kindergarten graduates honored

Iroquois kindergarten students were not able to have the usual graduation ceremony this year, but that did not stop their teacher from trying to make it a special day for them. Kindergarten teacher Jessica Eckmann and paraprofessional Jodi Burma delivered diplomas and goodies to their homes. A ceremony was held via Zoom so families could view students' end-of-year slide show and recognition of special awards. The 2020 Iroquois kindergarten graduates include Abby Bechen, Alisa Dunsworth, Pieper Ecktcencamp, Jayce Geyer, Mahilia Knudsen, Cassidy Lawton-Rose, Rachel Leinen, Lakaia Mallet, Brady Siefert, Akiedis Smith and Miley Vincent.

Iroquois kindergarten teacher Jessica Eckmann delivers a diploma and goodies to 2020 kindergarten graduate Cassidy Lawton-Rose. Eckmann and paraprofessional Jodi Burma delivered the items to the students because they were not able to have a traditional graduation ceremony this year. (Submitted photo)



Flooded field

Following the heavy rainfall in Iroquois on June 24-25, the football field is submerged. (Photo by Mary Weinbar.)



Street work

Work is being done on Washita Street in Iroquois to help improve drainage. (Photo by Mary Weinbar)



Museum improvements

In Iroquois last week, a crew was at work replacing the roof on the Iroquois Heritage Museum. (Photo by Mary Weinbar)

ESMOND NEWS

History of the Esmond Township Hall

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

The week of June 20, no church services were held in Esmond because of the water level that has never been seen before. County and township roads were, and some still are, impassable. Trees were washed from where they stood and carried over roads and fences, ending up a long way from where they started. There were reports of livestock either swimming or floating and ending up in different areas, with several head of cattle lost to lightning. Four to six inches of rain fell in the area.

Selma and Lee Dunham were home, and Lee attended the Iroquois American Legion meeting with Annette and Charmon Dunham.

Hope you all had a safe and happy 4th of July!

THE ESMOND TOWN HALL

It was recently reported in the South Dakota magazine that the hall in Esmond was a Farm Bureau Hall. Although there have been hundreds of Farm Bureau meetings held there, it is now the Esmond Township Hall, built in 1893 at a cost of \$1054.00 and added onto in 1926. It is now on the National Register of historical places.

Our history book shows there have been 50 organizations that have held meetings in the Esmond Hall. Organizations vary from township business, elections, numerous social clubs, church services, weddings, funerals, dances (with fights) and protest meetings.

THE SPREAD OF ESMOND

The school bell sits on a farm north of Madison; the school belfry, the tube fire escape and the old gas pump (restored) are at the Clendenning farm.

History note -the 1935 officers of the Esmond Extension Club were Mrs. Wohler, President; Mrs. Cecil Goss, Secretary and Mrs. BC Aughenbaugh, Treasurer. They hosted a "spook" party on Halloween.

OLDHAM NEWS

Rural water construction getting under way

BY DAR DEKNIKKER

On June 12, friends and family of Kathy Reed helped her celebrate her retirement while social distancing. Around 40 vehicles, decorated with posters and signs of congratulation on her last day at Daktronics, joined the parade past her home. "It was way more than I could have ever



One of about 40 well-wishers helps Kathy Reed of Oldham note her retirement with a drive-by celebration.

imagined, and I so appreciated it," said Reed.

Kingbrook Rural Water is beginning construction of the new water system in Oldham. Crews are getting ready to begin placing pipe. The project is scheduled to be complete late this fall.

The Oldham Library is open from 1-3 p.m. on Fridays.

Cassie Jensen of Oldham, daughter of Shari Jensen and the late Brad Jensen, received an associate in applied science degree in veterinary technology from Northeast Community College. Cassie also made the President Part-time list. She maintained a 3.75 grade point average for the last semester, being enrolled for at least six credits. Cassie is currently employed at the Willow Creek Veterinary Service in Pierce, Neb.

Taylor Hojer of Oldham was named to the Dean's list for the spring semester at Northern State University with a GPA between 3.5-3.99. Taylor is the son of Jay and Michelle Hojer.

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

A year to remember

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Dick Poppen will speak on K.W.A.T. radio.

Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church drive-up service on 88.1FM or Facebook Live.

Daron and Ann Larson hosted a gathering and fireworks for family and friends Friday evening.

Looks like we will have a few weeks of extreme heat. Stay cool, drink water and think of those cold winter days ahead; it may help. South Dakota has such a variety of weather conditions but still a good place to live.

I hope you all had a safe and good 4th of July!

This is a trying time with COVID-19, violence, demonstrations and political unrest, making 2020 a year we all will remember. We can get through this! We are "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

BANCROFT BUGLE

A look at businesses and owners

BY ROSE GROTHE

Brian Held of Huron was the speaker again at the Orthodox Presbyterian Church on Sunday. This was his last Sunday of speaking. There will be church services the rest of July and hopefully more months to come.

Carol Fox has been with her dad, Dave Hofer, at the Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls, as he has had more complications since he broke his hip.

Brinley Fox, daughter of Jon and Molly Fox, was honored with birthday parties this last week. She turned 6 years old. Congratulations Brinley; hope you enjoyed your big day!

Gayle Grothe of Brookings came on Friday and met Rose Grothe for dinner at the Oxbow.

Linda Perry and Rose Grothe went for a ride on Saturday and ate out to celebrate the 4th of July. It was great to see the many beautiful shades of green and crops along the way.

MORE BANCROFT HISTORY

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George Perry—machinery;
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John and Henry Buzeyn—blacksmith and shoe store;
Dan Chilstrom—mechanic;
Laurence Samelson—auctioneer and trucker;
Al Flesner—carpenter;
Charles Barber—postal service;
Frank Gubbins—hotel.

Other people who lived in the town were James and Frannie Costello, Charles Dill, and farmers Wm. Tobey, Whitney Jencks and Merle Jencks.

We want to see your summer photos! Send them to editor@kingsburyjournal.com.

CARTHAGE NEWS

Structures built in 1883 have stood the test of time

BY LORELEE NELSON

Word was received from Carol Carter of Okeechobee, Fla., formerly of Carthage, that she had a stroke in April, but with therapy, is doing well.

Shirlene Allgiers of Baltic and Lucy Sandven of Hill City visited with Lorelee Nelson on Saturday afternoon.

Mark and Lisa Hinkley, De Smet, visited Harriet Hattervig on Monday, and Lisa returned Wednesday for the afternoon and supper with her mother.

Russ Stroud, Huron, spent Wednesday with his mother, Shirley Stroud,

helping her with various projects.

The 4th of July was celebrated in Carthage on July 3 with the annual supper by the firemen at the community center. Drive-by service was also available this year. Their fireworks display took place at the lake at dark.

DID YOU KNOW?

With both being built in 1883, the depot—located at the elevator—and the house and barn of Wes Boomgarden are probably the oldest buildings still in use in Carthage. Anderson Oil building was built sometime in the

1880s. Frank W. Gorham was listed as the owner of the current Prairie Inn building in 1884, and it has served many purposes—watch repair, general store, saloon, appliance store, ice cream store, café and café-bar.

The former Legion Hall on Main Street, now an antique shop, was deeded to M.T. Wooley by John Palmer in 1887. The "Paulson house," currently owned by Darin Bornitz, was built in 1887 by William Cooling and sold to Alex Paulson in 1907.

The Baldwin house was built in 1887, the Coughlin house in 1898, and

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, now Trinity, was built in 1899. The Norwegian Church was purchased in 1900 and had been an Episcopal church, now the South wing of Trinity. E.B. Raesly and his bride Margaret lived in the Raesly house, having purchased the lumberyard in 1903. Bob Morgan currently lives in that house.

The opera house was moved to the present location in 1905. The Potter house, now the Darnell home, was built in 1906. Dates and information came from the Carthage history book "Gem of the Redstone" by Sally Madison.

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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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THE PRAIRIE DOC

ANDREW ELLSWORTH, MD

COVID-19 disrupted our balance, both in our lives and, for some, in our bodies. It overwhelmed some communities with too many people who became sick. Other communities banded together (or rather, apart) to slow the virus and protect the most vulnerable.

Thankfully, many areas have been successful at slowing the spread and flattening the curve, avoiding the tidal wave of sick people filling the hospitals. However, this came with a great cost to the balance in our economy, our social interactions and our normal way of life. It revealed and magnified numerous problems, exposed disparities in healthcare and provoked supply chain issues, food chain issues, unemployment, poverty and misinformation.

People have many needs in addition to safety. People often need work, not only for money for food and shelter, but also for fulfillment and purpose. People often need other people because we are inherently social creatures who thrive on being there for others, providing words of encouragement, a caring shoulder to lean on or an embrace.

Living with COVID-19 around us requires a new balance that may change over time. While it would be wonderful, reducing cases to zero is probably not realistic for a while. Meanwhile, our communities need economic activity and we need social interactions. Thus, some people are venturing out more and businesses are reopening. Some places are doing this more cautiously than

others. We need to get creative and adjust our expectations of normal for a while. Our elders and those with high risk conditions may not be safe or feel safe, so we should do what we can to help them. Washing hands, wearing masks and being mindful of the distance between us are not perfect solutions, but they are still the best forms of protection for now.

No one knows what the future holds. Perhaps reopening the economy will increase our cases of COVID-19 and perhaps not. Perhaps the virus will dissipate over the summer months. If it re-emerges in the fall, will we be ready? Will we plan and use this time to prepare? Will we again work together to protect our fellow man? Let's use this time wisely and find our new balance.

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Public Notices

LAKE PRESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2020

The regular meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on Monday, June 29, 2020 at the school gymnasium. At noon President Olson called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Jerod Olson, Steve Carlson, Brett Anderson, Josh Warne, Amanda Wienk, Travis Denison and Stacia Sneesby. Business Manager Curd, Superintendent Felderman, Tech Coordinator Odegaard, Principal Bothun, and Teacher Reps Lynne Brown and David Schmidt were also in attendance. Also present was Donna Palmlund representing the Kingsbury Journal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Olson.

ACTION 158- Motion by Anderson, second by Carlson to approve agenda as the order of business with the addition of accept resignation. All voted aye, motion carried.

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

ACTION 159- Motion by Anderson, second by Wienk to approve the consent items of the minutes of June 8th, June 2020 financials and June 2020 bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Supplies: Brookings Engraving \$142.00, Cengage Learning \$1,419.00, Discover \$5,747.72, Dakota Sports \$1,038.00, Flowers by Betsy \$344.50, Hillyard \$686.78, John Deere Financial \$750.00, Lowe's \$2,777.55, Marco \$2,788.82, NASCO \$231.24, Prairie Ag Partners \$315.02, School Savers \$1,480.29, School Specialty \$862.29, Supreme School \$95.97; Service: Connecting Point \$6,005.70, Prostrollo's \$692.15; Fees: DCI \$43.25, Imprest \$300.00, Wilkinson Law \$568.00, Sanford Health Plan \$23.40; Utilities: CenturyLink \$308.93, City of Lake Preston \$310.63, Ottertail Power \$686.43

General Fund Total: \$27,617.67

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Improvements: Active Heating \$24,418.41, Swiftel \$18,487.79

Capital Outlay Fund Total:

\$42,906.20

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Earthgrains \$87.72

Food Service Fund Total: \$87.72

Grand Total: \$70,611.59

June Payroll: General \$115,514.23

Benefits \$39,584.42; Special

Education: \$9,926.62 Benefits:

\$2,347.87; Food Service: \$4,201.87,

Benefits \$1,395.98;

Total June Payroll: \$172,970.99.

Superintendent Felderman reported that EMC insurance has offered to add on liability insurance in the amounts of roughly \$650 per additional one million dollars of coverage, and the board could opt to add coverage up to \$5 million. The school currently has \$1 million of coverage and it seems to be adequate coverage at this time.

Business Manager Curd reviewed the Capital Outlay Five Year Plan. She noted that she made adjustments per the discussion from the last meeting. Felderman has been acquiring quotes to see how much the repair or replacement of the north storage building would cost. He has a few more to obtain to be able to completely determine what the cost difference would be. Much discussion was held on the matter. Member Sneesby inquired if anyone had considered putting in a bus barn at that location and Felderman

said that it was brought up and shut down a few years ago. Another question that was raised was renting an offsite storage facility to temporarily house items stored in the building. Felderman would finalize more numbers and inquire about the rental sheds for the July board meeting.

Business Manager Curd asked if the board would consider changing of official newspapers to the Kingsbury Journal so the budget and other legals would only need to be published in the newspaper that most district patrons read, without having to double-up.

Felderman and Curd proposed additional contract wording for new non-certified coaches. The wording would read: "In the event the said activity is not offered by the Lake Preston School District during this contract year, this contract would be deemed null and void. It is further understood that if the said activity is delayed or interrupted, the amount of the contract would be prorated by the amount of contact hours the coach has contributed to the activity."

Felderman stated that he has formed a committee to help guide the start of the school year. He has a committee meeting scheduled after this meeting, and asked if two to three board members could join. President Olson and Vice President Carlson agreed to stay for that meeting.

New Business:

ACTION 160 – Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to approve the capital outlay transfer of \$175,000 to the general fund. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 161 – Motion by Warne, second by Anderson to approve the following supplemental budget. All voted aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.2 FY20

ADOPTION OF

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the School Board of the Lake Preston School District #38-3, 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:

GENERAL FUND	
Elementary	\$5,400.00
Health Services	\$ 750.00
Title	\$ 750.00
Library Services	\$3,950.00
Legal Services	\$2,500.00
Audit Services	\$150.00
Principal	\$2,850.00
Transportation	\$1,700.00
Technology	\$ 2,350.00
Total	\$20,400.00

MEANS OF FINANCE:

GENERAL FUND	
Undesignated	
Fund Balance	\$20,400.00
Total	\$20,400.00

ACTION 162 – Motion by Carlson, second by Sneesby to declare 17 tables, two desks, and one wood cabinet surplus items for disposal. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 163 – Motion by Anderson, second by Wienk to vote for Tom Culver in the SDHSAA runoff election. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 164 – Motion by Anderson, second by Sneesby to name the Kingsbury Journal as the official school newspaper. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 165 – Motion by Carlson,

second by Anderson to approve proposed contract wording as read. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 166 – Motion by Anderson, second by Sneesby to approve the resignation of Head Girls Basketball Coach, Ryan McCutcheon. All voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 167 - Motion by Wienk, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. All present voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Lake Preston Main Gymnasium with the budget hearing at 5:00 PM.

Kristi Curd
Business Manager
Jerod Olson
President of Board

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The Lake Preston School District 38-3 budget hearing is set for Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:00 in the Main Gymnasium of the Lake Preston School

LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Total Local Revenue	1,335,000
Total County Revenue	15,000
Total State Revenue	516,500
Total Federal Revenue	118,000
Use of C/O Flexibilities	256,500
Use of Fund Reserves	110,250
Total All Revenue	2,351,250

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Elementary Instruction	478,000
Middle School Instruction	240,000
High School Instruction	415,000
Title Programs	42,000
Preschool Program	28,000
After School Program	12,000
Total Instruction	1,215,000

Limited English Proficiency	4,000
Guidance Services	59,000
Health Services	2,000
Improvement of Instruction	4,000
Library Services	15,500
Technology Services	95,000
Total Support Services	179,500

Board of Education	67,500
Audit Services	9,000
Legal Services	2,500
Superintendent Office	141,000
Elementary Principal Office	134,000
Fiscal	93,000
Medicaid Administration	750
Operations and Maintenance	270,000
Transportation and Fuel	80,000
Total Administrative	797,750

Male Activities	36,000
Female Activities	37,500
Transportation	10,000
Combined Activities	52,500
Total Extra Curricular	136,000

Contingency	20,000
Transfer to Food Service	3,000
Total All Expenditures	2,351,250

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CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

CAPITAL OUTLAY REVENUE

Total Local Revenue	570,000
Total County Revenue	0
Total State Revenue	0
Use of Fund Reserve	65,000
Total All Revenue	635,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES

Elementary Instruction	30,000
Middle School Instruction	30,000
High School Instruction	30,000
Total Instruction	90,000

Administrative	20,000
Library Services	4,500
Technology Services	85,000
Operations and Maintenance	152,000
Food Service	2,000
Transportation	10,000
Total Administrative	273,500

Flexibilities	256,500
Total Operating Transfers	256,500

Extra-Curricular	15,000
Total Extra Curricular	15,000
Total All Expenditures	635,000

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE

Total Local Revenue	530,500
Total State Revenue	0
Use of Fund Reserves	48,000
Total All Revenue	578,500

SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES

Early Childhood	18,500
Mild or Moderate Disabilities	250,000
Center Base	75,000
Learning Disability	70,000
Transition/Tech. Coord.	1,000
Nurse Service	2,000
School Psychology	10,000
Speech Pathology	27,000
Physical Therapy	6,000
Occupational Therapy	12,500
Emotionally Disturbed	6,500
Cognitive Disability	40,000
Autism	40,000
Transportation	5,000
Administrative Costs	15,000
Total All Expenditures	578,500

RACING: Young racers compete for High School and Teen Championship

FROM BACK PAGE



Shannon Brown, in the orange 1991 Camaro, races in the first qualifying round against Lucas Blow from Yankton. (Photo by Sasha Andrews)

phy while Brown received the second-place trophy.

The Lake Preston team had another good day of racing on Saturday. Andru was the number one qualifier in Teen Championship, allowing him a bye for his first-round elimination. He won his second-round elimination and ended up winning the final round, as well, taking home a first-place trophy. For

the winning run he dialed in a 10.10 and went a 10.18 with a reaction time of .155. Brown lost in first round eliminations while Holly and Strande were once again paired up for first round. While it was a close race between the two, this time Holly took the win with a dial in of 13.50 and ran 13.63. Strande dialed in a 13.50 and went a 13.48, causing him to break out. He did well in

his reaction time at the tree, however, with a .028. Holly went on and lost in second round eliminations at the end of the track.

The next races are scheduled for July 18, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22. There will be six races total this year, one more than in previous years. Apart from High School and Teen Championship races, many other divisions will be competing during the weekends this summer.

While the number of high school racers has gone down in the last few years, this doesn't seem to deter the Lake Preston drag racing team.

"I like drag racing because you do not need a race car to do well," said Andru. "You just need to be consistent. You could even use your mom's minivan if she lets you."

The team highly encourages everyone to come out and watch them compete this summer.



Austin Strande, from Lake Preston, and Shannon Brown, from Brandt, both on the Lake Preston Drag Race Team, show off their trophies. Strande won 1st place against Brown, who then took 2nd place. (Photo by Sasha Andrews)



Andru Andrews, from Lake Preston, proudly shows off his trophy, as he was the number one qualifier in Teen Championship at the Marion races this past weekend. (Photo by Sasha Andrews)

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)

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Kingsbury County Country Club events

TUESDAYS 8:00 A.M. — Senior League

TUESDAYS 5:00 P.M. — Ladies Night

WEDNESDAYS 5:00 P.M. — Men's Night

THURSDAYS 5:00 P.M. — Couple's Night

FRIDAY, JULY 10 @ 6:00 P.M.—Friday Night Sizzle

SUNDAY, JULY 12 @ 1:00 P.M.—Couples Championship

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 - THURSDAY, JULY 16 @ 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.— Weight Room Fundraiser Meal

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DRAG RACING

Feeling the need for speed

Young racers get it going at Thunder Valley Dragways

BY SASHA ANDREWS

The Lake Preston and De Smet communities have had their share of drag racers for many years. This summer, some Lake Preston high school students and one junior high driver have once again become involved in drag racing at Thunder Valley Dragways, Inc. near Marion, S.D. The COVID-19 pandemic set this year's races off to a rocky start, and many wondered if there was going to be a season at all. It was decided the races could go on, but all would use more precautions and social distancing measures to make sure everyone stayed safe.

The first race of the season for High School and Teen Championship took place on June 27. The racers on the Lake Preston High School team included Austin Strande driving a 1984 Chevy Monte Carlo, Holly Andrews driving a 1978 Chevy Camaro and Shannon Brown driving a 1991 Chevy Camaro. Brown attends Deuel High School but is still included on the team. Andru Andrews, the only Teen Championship member on the team, drives a 1991 Chevy Caprice. Teen Champion is a category for teens who are not yet old enough to race on their own. Andrews must have someone co-pilot and ride down the track with him. He also only goes



Holly Andrews, in the white Camaro, and Austin Strande, in the blue Monte Carlo, both from Lake Preston, race till the end! (Photo by Sasha Andrews)

the eighth mile, where high school participants go a quarter mile.

The first Saturday of races did not go so well for the team, all four racers losing in the first round of elimination. At each race, racers get a test and tune and two qualifying runs before the elimination round starts. The number of elimination rounds depends on how many racers show up

that day. During the 4th of July weekend, back-to-back races took place on July 3 and 4. Andru lost in the first round of the Teen Championship by red lighting at the tree. He was one of six teen racers who attended that day.

Seven high school racers also competed that day and, after the qualifying rounds, Strande and Holly were paired against each other to race

in the first round of eliminations. Strande took the win over Holly and continued on to the second round, which he also won, therefore putting himself in the finals. Brown also won her first and second round of eliminations, leading to a race for the finals between Strande and Brown. Strande won, taking home the first-place trophy. See **RACING**, page 19

GIRLS SOFTBALL



Girls play short and sweet season

The De Smet girls' 10-and-under softball team had a short season, playing against only two other teams this year: Lake Preston and Willow Lake. Shelby Sattler, rear left, and Jason Gruenhagen coached the girls. Team members include Karlie Stofferhan, second row, left, Ava Poppinga, Savannah Larson, Bella Ward, Erica Johnson, Courtney Smith and Harmony Whitten; Tatum Driscoll, front left, Vada Albrecht, Lanie Hubbard, Jaylynn Johnson, Kate Framstad and Aurora Paez-Cook. (Submitted photo)

LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT



An early birthday gift!

Jackson Sauter landed his personal best walleye the day before his sixth birthday. The Lake Thompson fish was caught in 20 feet of water on a crankbait and measured 23 1/2". Jackson (left) was enjoying the holiday weekend on the water with his parents Ryan (center) and Justine Sauter and younger brother Nash (right). (Photo by Justine Sauter)

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