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# Restoring Lake Osceola



A view of Lake Osceola looking to the south. The lake was created by the Works Public Administration in the 1930s as part of the New Deal to stimulate the economy and create more large-scale public works during the Great Depression. (Photo by James Jessor)

Community members seek to return lake to its former glory

BY JAMES JESSER  
Kingsbury Journal

In the northwest corner of Kingsbury County lies a place of memories. If you are quiet, you will hear the laughter echoing in the trees. It is a place of picnics, both for families and end-of-the-year school groups, family reunions, church services and potluck dinners.

Lake Osceola, an 18-acre lake, was one of several projects managed by the Works Public Administration (WPA) during the 1930s. Several of these projects would include other lakes, like Agnew, Melham and Iroquois, and a train bridge east of Iroquois.

The 42 acres of land were purchased by the WPA in October 1934 from the Southern Minnesota Joint Land Stock Bank for \$216.65. Sometime between 1934 and 1939, a lake was dug, along with the construction of roads and a bathhouse.



The rock bathhouse at Lake Osceola was used in both summer and winter, when it served as a warming place for skaters. (Photo by James Jessor)

When complete, Lake Osceola was quite a beautiful place. A variety of trees including Cottonwood, Siberian Elm, American Elm and Green Ash were planted. The roads to the picnic areas were lined with rocks, and a row of lilacs (alternating purple and white) was planted behind them. Several campsites

included stone fireplaces, and a unique rock bathhouse sat nearby.

Rose Grothe remembers her father, Ray Currier, working for the WPA in 1934 and 1935 to build the lake. He would bring his team and run a slip. He also hauled the stones that were used to build

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## Regional extension centers reopen

Programs were conducted virtually since mid-March

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As of July 15, all South Dakota State University Extension regional centers will reopen their doors to the public. When visiting, citizens should expect to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and SDSU guidelines regarding social distancing and other precautionary health practices. The Lemmon regional center will remain closed until further notice due to construction; however the staff will continue

to provide service via phone.

"Until our reopen date, we encourage our constituents to call their local regional center to make an appointment, request information, make arrangements to pick up and drop off items or to connect with one of our staff members," said Director of SDSU Extension Karla Trautman.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all regional centers were temporarily closed and employees have been working remotely since mid-March.

"During the months of April, May and June, we have been caring for our

citizens by phone and through virtual programming," said Trautman.

Throughout the pandemic, SDSU Extension has continued to serve South Dakotans by offering a wide array of virtual programs ranging from 20-minute self-care presentations to a 12-week 4-H adventure series, which actively engages youth in activities and educates them on a variety of topics.

To comply with CDC guidelines, field days and master gardener trainings have shifted to a virtual format and will now be offered online. Additionally, SDSU Ex-

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A backhoe is used to build up the side of the road running along the south side of the lake. This will allow more equipment to reach the lake and begin siphoning the water out. They will also be installing culverts along the road. (Photo by James Jesser)

## LAKE OSCEOLA

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the bathhouse.

“If it had not been for the WPA, our family would not have survived,” said Grothe. “We depended on that money.” She remembers the lake as a place of picnics, ballgames, fishing and family gatherings.

Bancroft, Osceola and other country schools had their end-of-the-year school picnics and ballgames at the lake. The late Rep. Bob Glanzer attended Sunflower School near Lake Bryon. Sunflower also held their picnics at the lake. Before air conditioning, several churches held services at the lake and enjoyed a potluck afterward.

“Bob Glanzer remembered coming to the lake for end of the school year picnics and ballgames,” said Dalin Fast, a rural resident of Iroquois.

The rock bathhouse is not unique to Lake Osceola: an identical bathhouse was built at LaBolt Lake near Watertown. In the winter, when the lake was frozen, the bathhouse also served as a warming place for skaters. By the late 1950s, the park and bathhouse showed signs of neglect. Eventually the roof caved in on the center part of the bathhouse. A group of local young people restored the bathhouse, only to have it vandalized.

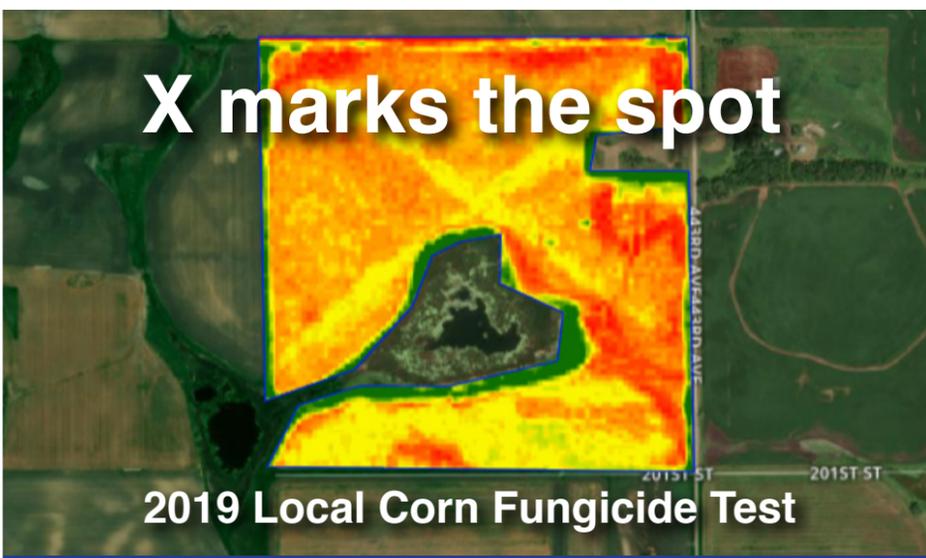
During the next year, work will be

completed to restore the lake to its former beauty and provide a gathering place for families. This project is headed by Fast, along with other Iroquois community members. They created an action plan to obtain permission and funding to restore the lake.

A number of projects are in progress with more planned. The road on the south side of the lake will be raised from the inlet to the spillway to allow the equipment to siphon the lake. The lake will be siphoned so that the dam would not need to be breached. Once the lake is siphoned, which is estimated to take one week, three to four feet of silt will be removed, bringing the lake to the original depth of 14 feet. The silt will be for sale with the proceeds going to the project.

Other planned projects include restoration of the spillway, two retaining walls, a latrine, a swimming beach and a landing dock for small boats. The lake, when stabilized, will be stocked by South Dakota Fisheries. Funding for all this work has come through the State School and Public Lands, who awarded \$50,000 for the project. Other funding has been provided through grants and private donations and from American Bank and Trust and De Smet Farm Mutual.

“Anyone is able to donate,” Fast said. The committee welcomes donations and is also collecting memories and photographs from those who remember the lake in its glory days.



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## EXTENSION

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Extension offers pest and crop management question-and-answer sessions with their specialists that qualify crop consultants for continuing education credits.

Upcoming virtual program opportunities include a seven-week Feedlot Short Course discussing feedlot man-

agement best practices, Energy Burst Conversations about community development and Master Food Preserver Volunteer training.

“We are excited to reopen the centers and welcome people to continue to engage with us as we provide them with beneficial information and programs,” said Trautman.

For news, event updates and information about SDSU Extension programs, visit extension.sdstate.edu.

## COURT NEWS

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

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mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

**SUZANNE HAMILTON**, Wessington, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

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

**ASHLEY SANDATE**, Huron, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$107.50.

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### Ingalls family

Jennifer Rudebusch, left, as Ma, Adam Rudebusch as Pa, Aria Gruenhagen as Mary, Nikki Berg as Laura and Josephine Van Mannan as Carrie, perform in the live radio play, "The Hard Winter." The performance was livestreamed July 11 on Facebook and will be rebroadcast Friday and Saturday on South Dakota Public Broadcasting. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



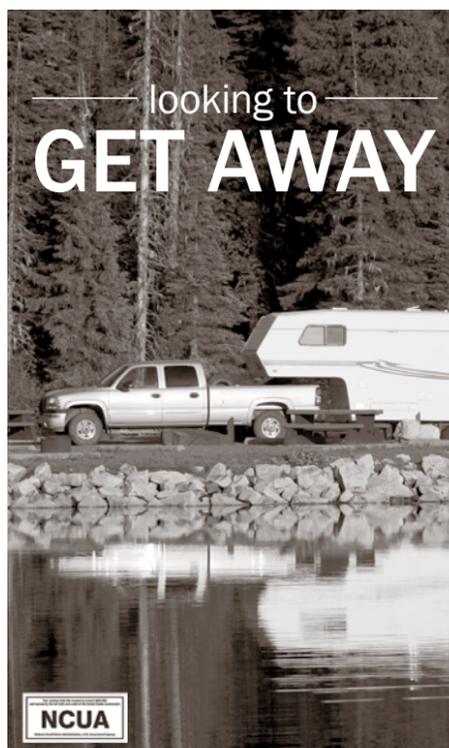
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### Keeping the legacy alive

Local historian Marian Cramer, along with directors Adam and Jennifer Rudebusch, used historical documents to write the script for the radio play "The Hard Winter." The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant "The Long Winter" was cancelled this year, but the radio play was recorded by South Dakota Public Broadcasting and livestreamed July 11 on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Facebook page. It will be broadcast on South Dakota Public Radio at noon Friday, July 17, and at 7 p.m. July 18. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



### Golden voice

Veteran announcer Jim Thompson lent his talent July 11 to "The Hard Winter," a live radio show based on historical records of the winter of 1880-81 in De Smet. Thomas not only narrated the play, but also commercials for several area sponsors. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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## FFA contest to fight teen tobacco use

BY DARCY MILLER

Through a grant provided by the South Dakota Department of Health, SD FFA chapters are invited to participate in a Teen Tobacco Awareness 30-60 second TikTok Video Challenge, earning dollars and recognition for their local chapter while spreading awareness of teen tobacco use.

Tobacco use in teens is on the rise, and South Dakota teens are among the highest in the nation. According to the South Dakota Department of Health, in 2015, about 1 in 5 high school students smoked e-cigarettes, while 1 in 10 smoked traditional cigarettes. That's 17.3% as compared to 2% of adults who smoke e-cigarettes

the same year. 11.7% of high school students used smokeless tobacco, and 9.6% smoked cigars.

The challenge will begin in August 2020. Challengers will compete for prizes and the opportunity to be on SD Quit Line promotional items. Prizes to be awarded:

- 1st Place - \$500.00
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Prize money can be used to help defray costs to the chapter such as entry fees, t-shirts, FFA jackets, or food. If you are interested in earning recognition for your FFA chapter, please contact Cheri at [cheri.fast@sdfmc.org](mailto:cheri.fast@sdfmc.org) or 605-354-2553

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# Opinion

## Last week in weather

**Monday July 6, 2020**  
High 82, Low 65

**Tuesday July 7, 2020**  
High 82, Low 63, Rain 0.68

**Wednesday July 8, 2020**  
High 88, Low 74

**Thursday July 9, 2020**  
High 83, Low 67

**Friday July 10, 2020**  
High 83, Low 63

**Saturday July 11, 2020**  
High 81, Low 63

**Sunday July 12, 2020**  
High 80, Low 54

## CLARIFICATION

In last week's story about Nimble Wash in Bryant, we stated that Clinton and Brenda Efraimson also own Efraimson Electric, Inc. Clinton is part-owner of Efraimson Electric, along with his two brothers Jeffrey and Brandon Efraimson.

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



## Not all raccoons are wild

Missy Rober and her pet raccoon "Rambo" out for a walk with Rober's friend Shelby Olson. (Photo by Dar DeKnikker)

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# A historic Independence Day at Mount Rushmore

ON JULY 3RD, South Dakota got to showcase our state to not only the rest of the nation but also the world. For the first time in more than a decade, we celebrated America's birthday with fireworks at Mount Rushmore. The excitement leading up to the event could be felt by everyone in attendance. Over just three days, more than 125 thousand people tried to get tickets to the event, and the lucky 7,500 who witnessed it in person saw quite a show.

South Dakotans know just how beautiful and magnificent the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore are, but it was wonderful to share them with millions of viewers from around the globe. Early estimates suggest more than 5.5 million people tuned in to watch our celebration on just one cable news network.

Our team at the Department of Tourism spent many hours pulling together this great event. The Department of the Interior's Secretary Da-



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

KRISTI NOEM

vid Bernhardt was instrumental in helping us overcome obstacles. And of course, none of this would have been possible without President Trump's dedication to making this event happen. Before I was even sworn in as Governor, I asked for his help to bring fireworks back to Mount Rushmore, and he went to work on it immediately. In addition to the wonderful

fireworks display, we were also thrilled to be the audience for President Trump's best ever speech. It was unifying and focused on his dedication to the things that make America the greatest country in the world. But he also warned of a sinister threat to that greatness: the radical movement to re-write American history.

Make no mistake, this movement is not about equality. This movement's attempt to "cancel" the founding generation is an attempt to cancel our own freedoms. Our Founders had their flaws, certainly. But every person has flaws. Without our Founders' words, ideals, and sacrifice, the world would not have a ringing example of true freedom. We can write, worship, work, defend ourselves, and even protest as we see fit because of these men and their ideals.

That's what the celebration of America's birthday is about. It's about our core American ideal: "All

men are created equal." It's about the day our ideal was forever enshrined in one of the most important statements of purpose ever written, the Declaration of Independence. It's about the work of countless brave men and women, including the four presidents enshrined on Mount Rushmore, to live up to that ideal.

Everyone who tuned in for our celebration also learned about South Dakota's commitment to that American ideal, to freedom, and to trusting our citizens to exercise their personal responsibility to do what's best for themselves and their loved-ones. Let us, like our Founding Fathers, pledge our own lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the cause of liberty and self-government, so that we may continue to have the freedom to follow our consciences, build our lives, and live in peace. And let's continue to celebrate America's birthday with fireworks at Mount Rushmore!

# Snacks in summertime

WITH SUMMER in full swing, our house is busier than ever with everyone coming and going all day long. We all want to take advantage of every minute of daylight and nice weather.

My flowers are in full bloom, but they require constant watering and weeding. My salsa garden is starting to take off, which is always exciting. I have some pretty good size tomatoes and peppers hanging now, but the weeds are battling for position.

I never know what time everyone will finally settle in for the evening so we can sit down to eat. It's always nice to have fresh fruit like grapes, apples or oranges around for a quick snack, but everyone in my house seems to prefer something more filling, like granola bars or trail mix.

I could go into any grocery store and find a huge variety of options for snack food. Convenience food is everywhere, but I've been trying to avoid it.

First of all, it's so much cheaper to make granola bars or trail mix yourself. The most important reason to try to avoid that "convenience food" is because the majority of it is not good for you. Since I've started checking out ingredients before I buy food, those snack bars haven't been making it into my cart as often.

Now, I'm not what my dad would refer to as a "health-nut," but I'd rather make something at home with ingredients I can pronounce than eat an over-priced granola bar filled with mystery ingredients and 300 calories.

Now don't be giving me the side eye if you see me buying a Snickers. I'm not saying I always eat well, but I am trying to eat better.



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So, instead of buying granola bars, I started making my own. It's really quick and easy. You can keep the bars in a pan or wrap them each individually to grab on the go. Enjoy!

### Granola cereal bars

- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- ¼ cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 ½ cups crisp rice cereal
- ¼ cup miniature chocolate chips

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the brown sugar, peanut butter and corn syrup; cover and microwave on high for two minutes or until the mixture comes to a boil, stirring once. Stir in vanilla. Quickly add oats and cereal. Fold in chocolate chips. Press into a 9x9 pan coated with nonstick cooking spray. Cool and cut into twelve bars.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Arlington

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

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**, 605-854-9961, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

### Badger

**BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Church at 8:30 a.m. Also streaming on YouTube.

### Bryant

**BRYANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 605-625-5085, No church the first Sunday of the month. All other Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

### Carthage

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

### De Smet

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 605-854-3684, Worship services will be held at the church at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The service will be recorded and available at <http://americanlutherandesmet.org>.

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

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

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### Lake Preston

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# What we remember: farm animals and our memories

**ISN'T IT AMAZING** how different people remember different things, whether it be about a long-ago incident or something that happened "only yesterday?" Sometimes I think we choose what we remember, maybe subconsciously.

Last week a vehicle pulled up to the front of the library for curbside check-out, the windows rolled down. A woman was in the driver's seat and her two young sons sat in the back with a cardboard container between them. Each child rested a hand on the box that was perforated with small holes. One of the boys called out, "We got baby chicks! Do you want to see them?"

Of course, I had to decline. Social distancing was required, but in my mind, I could definitely see those soft, downy wonders.

First grade was definitely not my favorite time of life! On my third day, I decided school was overrated. Oh, sure, it was good to learn to read about Dick and Jane and Puff, but the students in my rural South Dakota school grew up on farms, and we all had our own Puffs and Spots, so after a few weeks we already knew the words and hoped for a bit more excitement in the stories. At recess the big kids got to do all the fun stuff. So, every night when I went home I told Mom about the day and the disappointments. She listened, which was enough to fortify me to go back the next day. After all, that is what one does.

One cold day in late February, I got off the bus and headed into the kitchen. Mom was nowhere to be found, but there was a note in the middle of



## NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

the metal table: "I am at the brooder house."

I rushed upstairs to change into my everyday clothes, pulled on my chore coat and boots and trudged through the snow drifts down to the small white building that was built for one purpose. Before I even got to the door, I could hear them. There was a cacophony of peeps and cheeps: baby chick chatter!

I knocked softly on the door and Mom opened it with a warm smile on her face. She did not have to caution me to be quiet: I remembered. The door shut with a click and instantly every chick stopped in place, poked its head up, and held its breath! Several seconds elapsed while 51 pairs of little dark eyes stared, waited. All at once, one chick decided I was not the Incredible Hawk and turned her head down to peck at something on the floor. Almost instantly every other small ball of fluff relaxed and began

to move about--and peep. We slowly stepped to the straw bales that she and Dad had lined up to make a smaller area. Then, we sat and watched.

Three heat lamps hung from the ceiling, all placed near the center of the contained area. Mom had taken apart the cardboard boxes, the shipping cartons, and spread them out on the floor. The shredded bedding that came with them was layered on the cardboard. There was a distinctive medicine-like scent that mixed with straw and feed, which I can smell as I write this. The lamps warmed the small structure, and sitting there next to my mom, observing the antics of the most adorable creatures on earth, was heaven to a 5-year-old.

The heat and light sources were strategically placed. One was close to waterers, which were mason jars nestled upside down into red plastic dishes. Though only one day old, the tiny creatures ventured to the water, dipped in their beaks and lifted their heads to swallow. All at once a bubble floated to the top of the jar with a "blurp!" Again, the flock assumed their alarm position.

One lamp dangled near a long, galvanized trough of chick feed that had a turning bar on top. I asked Mom what the bar was for. She explained that it kept the chicks from crawling into the feed, scratching it out, or pooping in it. As we whispered, some of the little critters pecked at the crumbs. Meanwhile, twenty others assumed it was recess time and they tore across the cardboard, making

little patter noises with their chick-feet. We chuckled quietly.

At last I could wait no longer. "Can I hold one?" Mom's gentle gaze skirted her precious brood. She found one with a little black splotch next to its eye. Very carefully she stepped over a bale and scooped up the baby. She waited for a few seconds until all the chicks had calmed, then gently placed her in my hands. I am pretty sure at that moment I became the Crazy Chicken Lady.

The little chick poked her head up, but as I stroked it with my index finger, she soon snuggled down and closed her eyes, thinking, "Are you my mother?"

In the warmth of one of the lamps, one downy creature settled down onto the soft bedding and tucked her beak under one wing. She was soon joined by seven others, cuddled together, content with life. Nap time.

Mom and I perched on the bales in that brooder house for at least an hour. Little did I know then that 60 years later I would treasure the time and remember it so vividly. I hope that someday the two little boys with the baby chicks have memories as special as mine.

*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.*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Feeding South Dakota truck coming to Kingsbury County

On July 22, the Feeding South Dakota food truck will be coming to Kingsbury County. It will be in Arlington first from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. It will then be in Lake Preston at the Fire Hall from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Last, it will stop in De Smet on Wilder Lane (between the Event Center and Washington Park) from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Their next scheduled stop is on Aug. 26, 2020.

### Water District will meet Thursday via Zoom

The East Dakota Water Development District (EDWDD) will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday via videoconference (Zoom.) Those interested should contact the District Office at (605) 688-6741 for log-in information. Items on the agenda include project assistance requests from the city of Canova for a storm drainage facility plan; Kingsbury Conservation District for purchase of a grass drill; Kingsbury Conservation District for water quality monitoring/testing support; and the Four Lakes Association for Lake Thompson outlet cleanout and maintenance. All persons interested in the operations of the EDWDD are invited to attend.

## Little known facts ... about thunderstorms

BY MARY LEE  
Kingsbury Journal

How many of us check our phones regularly or scan the western sky for banking clouds? Whether we are looking for rain or trying to avoid the next shower, no one wants to see the damages that a severe thunderstorm can bring. Many of us do find thunderstorm clouds fascinating to watch. The power of nature can be truly incredible. Let's see if we can find some facts about thunderstorms that you maybe didn't realize.

- Worldwide, there are an estimated 16 million thunderstorms each year, and at any given moment, there are roughly 2000 thunderstorms in progress.

- There are about 100,000 thunderstorms a year in the United States alone. About 10% of these reach severe levels.

- A thunderstorm is classified as "severe" when it contains one or more of the following: hail one inch or greater, winds gusting in excess of 57.5 miles per hour or a tornado.

- Damaging winds from thunderstorms are caused as a result of outflow generated by a thunderstorm downdraft. Straightline winds, down-

drafts and gust fronts are some types of damaging winds.

- Thunderstorms are produced in cumulonimbus clouds, which are some of the largest clouds in the atmosphere. These clouds can be identified by their sheer size, towering column shape and anvil-shaped, flat top.

- The base on the cumulonimbus clouds is usually between less than a quarter of a mile and up to a half mile above the ground and can grow to a height of 6-12 miles.

- Thunderstorms form quickly and can take as little as one hour to form.

- Hailstones are formed when raindrops are carried upward by thunderstorm updraft into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere where they freeze.

- If the water freezes instantly when colliding with the hailstones, cloudy ice will be formed as air bubbles will be trapped in the newly-formed ice. If water freezes slowly, the air bubbles can escape, and the hail stones will be clear.

- Hail falls when the thunderstorm's updraft can no longer support the weight of the hailstones.

- Cumulonimbus clouds are very violent places, with water droplets and ice particles moving and rubbing

against each other. The collections form static electricity, creating a positive charge at the top of the cloud. The bottom of the cloud is negatively charged. When the difference between the top and bottom discharges, lightning is created.

- The average lightning strike is only around an inch wide but can pack anywhere between one and 10 million joules of energy. To put that into perspective, four million joules is enough to power the average home refrigerator for a whole year.

- A lightning bolt travels at around 267,200 miles per hour through the air and reaches temperatures of 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit. This is several times hotter than the surface of the sun. These high temperatures cause the air around the lightning to expand rapidly, creating the loud boom we know as thunder.

- You can count the number of seconds from the time you see a lightning flash until you hear thunder. Sound travels approximately one fifth of a mile per second, so dividing the number of seconds by five should give the number of miles to the flash.

SOURCE: NSSL.NOAA.GOV AND SCMP.COM

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# Give thanks for heroes, blessings and happiness

Today I will choose to be happy

**THIS LAST WEEK** I began my 48th trip around the sun. I know, I have said that in previous writings, but this last Monday, July 6, was very profound. I lost one of my heroes, Charlie Daniels. I, along with my son, Jacob, was able to meet him in person. We spoke to one another briefly, and he learned of my faith when I thanked him for sharing his faith without any fear. He told me that brothers in Christ hug one another, not just shake hands. Charlie Daniels, in his great big cowboy hat and beard, stood up and gave me a hug in a Christly greeting. I shared with him my appreciation for his stalwart witness to the world; he thanked me for my support. Then, he signed my guitar. It's hanging on the wall in my office at my home.

I have been to many of his shows since and followed his writings and new music releases. He was still touring, doing over 100 shows a year. He was a celebrity who was very approachable and set an amazing example to me in every stage of my life. As a young man, he showed me what a Christian man looked like. He showed me that to be a follower of Christ, I did not need to ignore the masculinity that God had placed within me when I was created. It was okay to use masculine strength and determination to share my faith with others. It was okay for a man of God to be loud, bold and outspoken. Jesus was a man among men. We men, as followers of Jesus, can be the ones to

## MEDITATIONS

**JEROD JORDAN**  
Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church

battle with injustice and drive out the money changers and defend the sheep from the wolves. We are called to be the sheepdogs, as described by Navy Seal Chris Kyle in his autobiography.

Charlie Daniels would always, in song and prose, beautifully name and describe the things in his life that he was thankful for. I encourage you to do a search online for his poem, "My Beautiful America" and his Thanksgiving prayers of thanksgiving.

Andy Andrews is a favorite author of mine. In his book, "The Traveler's Gift," he lists seven decisions that determine personal success. Number five of the seven is this, "Today I will choose to be happy. I am the possessor of a grateful spirit." What are you grateful for? How can you "choose" to be happy? Perspective is everything. We all face challenges. We have all been blessed. Yes, even you - the person reading this who thinks I am naïve and foolish to say that we can choose our own happiness.

For this year's National Day of Prayer, I read Charlie's poem about America. I also wrote my own litany of thanksgiving. I share it with you now.

*I am thankful to God for the blessings of:*

*Kids who still ride their bikes down to the river with a Zebco 33 Rhino rod combo down to the Big Sioux to catch*

*a perch.*

*I am thankful for every brood of goslings that surround my drive home protected by the watchful eye of parents willing to risk all to keep them safe.*

*I am thankful for every wood duck, decorated in the majesty and glory of God's creative design.*

*I am thankful for every rooster pheasant that cackles to remind me that he made it through another S.D. winter.*

*I am thankful for every newborn calf skipping in every pasture enjoying the gift of a caring, protective mother and the fresh green grass.*

*I am thankful for the absence of friends. Our separation has taught me to never take their presence for granted ever again.*

*I am thankful for the power of the sunshine; I have missed its warmth and restoration.*

*I am thankful for the sunset on Spirit Lake.*

*I am thankful for the sunrise on the slough outside of our bedroom window that wakes me up every morning.*

*I am thankful for new guitar strings on an old guitar.*

*I am thankful for evening motorcycle rides around the lake and past the shelter belts I planted with Andy as a boy.*

*I am thankful for the excitement of my pointers every time they go on point, even if it's just a butterfly.*

*I am thankful for the sound of a creek in the South Dakota spring time.*

*I am thankful for the smell of freshly turned over dirt in a field being prepared for planting.*

*I am thankful for the first smell of*

*rain in the spring time, the first flash of lightning and the first boom of thunder.*

*I am thankful for a fresh starched shirt, shined up cowboy boots and a new pair of jeans.*

*I am thankful for Hemi motors and loud music coming out of Bose speakers.*

*I am thankful for every walleye that I have ever caught on the spinners I tied myself during a blizzard the winter before.*

*I am thankful for a wife who loves me even when it just doesn't make any sense.*

*I am thankful for my sons who are no longer my little boys in stature, but prove every day that they have grown to be men created in the image of God. John Wayne's character, Wil Anderson, in the movie "The Cowboys" said that "every man wants his sons to be a better man than he was. You are, both of you." I'm proud to be their dad.*

*I am proud and thankful to be the son of a Marine, who taught me all about self-sacrifice and honor.*

*I am thankful for Godly examples like Charlie Daniels who have taught me to choose to be happy and to possess a grateful spirit because of all the blessings I have been given.*

God has blessed all of us in so many ways. I challenge you to make a list of all the things that you are thankful for and share it with your friends. My prayer for you is that God will open the eyes of your heart to see Him working in your life.

God bless you. May God bless America again.

## IROQUOIS NEWS

# Sports Day is July 18

BY MARY WEINBAR

Iroquois will be celebrating Sports Day on Saturday, July 18. This year's theme is "These Trying Times."

A parade will be held on main street starting at 10 a.m. Three prizes will be awarded to the best entries.

Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be announced after the parade.

Immediately following the parade, the UMC will host a sidewalk chalk art contest for kids 12 and under. This will take place on the UMC sidewalk.

Prizes will be given to the top three artists.

The legion will be serving a meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the hall.

A kids' scavenger hunt will begin at 1 p.m. in Woodall City Park. Prizes will be awarded for the completion of the hunt.

A bean bag tournament will begin at 2 p.m. in the Iroquois Community Store lot. Prize money awarded.

Ending the celebration will be fireworks at dusk in Woodall City Park. Everyone attending is asked to social distance. Be safe and have fun!

## Chief History: Boosters advertise Sports Day

BY MARY WEINBAR

**JULY 14, 1910:** Friday morning at 10 o'clock, 10 five-passenger automobiles containing between 40 and 50 Iroquoisites pulled out for a century run, the object being to advertise Sport Day. Every car was decorated with large banners announcing the date of the big doings. The boosters visited in the order named, Esmond, Carthage, De Smet, Manchester, Bancroft, Osceola, Yale, Cavour and Huron.

**JULY 17, 1930:** A 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alberts was so unfortunate as to break both bones in his right arm while cranking a tractor

Wednesday of last week.

The Community State Bank of Lake Preston, which was robbed of \$7,000 in currency and over \$4,000 in government bonds, has offered a suitable reward for the return of the bonds.

**JULY 13, 1950:** Mrs. J. F. Halladay had as Sunday dinner guests at Gordon's Café in De Smet, her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Dean of Mitchell, Harvey Dunn of Tanafly, N.J. and his sister, Mrs. Caroline Reiland of Manchester. After dinner they enjoyed looking at Mr. Dunn's oil paintings which are on display at the Masonic Temple.

## Iroquois Sports Day July 18, 2020

9:00 Parade line up

10:00 Parade "These Trying Times"

**Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest** – ages 12 & under – the UMC immediately after the parade – prizes for top three

11:00-2:00 Legion Lunch

1:00 Kids' Scavenger Hunt – start & finish at Woodall Park - Prizes awarded

2:00 Bean Bag Tournament - \$200 prize – Iroquois Store

Fireworks at Dusk – Woodall Park

All individuals are encouraged to social distance and stay in their family groups for all events. Thank you!

**Have Fun – Stay Safe!**

## KRIS MAGERKO BENEFIT

A Benefit Fund has been set up at Rivers Edge Bank in Howard for Kris Magerko of Carthage to help defray medical expenses.

Kris had an accident at his home that led to the amputation of his right leg above the knee. He is now at home after spending a month and a half in Sanford Hospital. The accident has been life changing for Kris and he needs our help. Kris is a 1994 graduate of DeSmet High School and has been an EMT on the Carthage Ambulance for 11 years, worked as the Carthage "City Guy", provided sound, PA and technical assistance for the Carthage Play, Straw Bale Days, and Memorial Day services. He is the son of Kathy and Shorty Faber.

Please consider helping Kris out with a donation that can be sent to:

Rivers Edge Bank, PO Box 129, Howard SD 57349

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# De Smet

## CITY COUNCIL

# COVID restrictions eased, federal funds considered

Whitaker, Botkin step down, Asleson, Spader step up

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Two De Smet City Council members participated in their last meeting July 8. When a new meeting convened, two new members, Pam Spader in Ward II and Shon Asleson in Ward III, were sworn in to serve in their first. Veteran council members Lowell (Butch) Hansen and George Cavanaugh were also sworn in to begin new terms. Hansen was unanimously voted council president, Cavanaugh, vice-president.

Norm Whitaker stepped down after 25 consecutive years in Ward III, and Alex Botkin stepped down in Ward II. Botkin had just finished serving a two-year term but had a previous tenure of nine years.

Council members work together on all issues, but each is also appointed to different committees. This year's appointments include Bret Jensen, Cavanaugh and Jay Slater, streets and alleys; Slater and Asleson, water and sewer; Cavanaugh, Slater and Spader, parks, city buildings, library, museum and pool; Mayor Gary Wolkow and Hansen, law enforcement board; Asleson, Hansen and Wolkow, fire department; Cavanaugh and Spader, hospital; Cavanaugh, Jensen and Spader, budget and finance; Jensen, Hansen and Slater, garbage and restricted-use site; Hansen, Slater and Asleson, airport; Cavanaugh, Jensen and Spader, safety committee; Hansen, tree board; and Wolkow, Slater, Jensen and Asleson, zoning officers. All the council members and the mayor are on the zoning board.

### RESTRICTIONS RELAXED

After discussion of the city's COVID ordinance, council members decided to reactivate key fobs for the wellness center at the De Smet Event and Wellness Center. The event center had been limiting access to 50-percent capacity for some time, with only six people allowed in the wellness center at once and only during business hours, which are 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Kristy Hubbard, director of the center, said there are a lot of people who come to exercise between 5-7 p.m., and it might be safer to reactivate key fobs so members can have 24/7 access. Hubbard reasoned that if people had full access, there would be less people there at one time. She said they will ask members to self-monitor to make sure there are not more than six people in the room at once.

City attorney Todd Wilkinson advised that if they reactivate the fobs, there should be a waiver for people to sign, reminding them they are at risk for COVID-19. Hubbard later confirmed that they will be sending out waivers to customers and past customers, and they will have to bring



Norman Whitaker, left, and Alex Botkin were given plaques July 8 in recognition of their years of service on the De Smet City Council. Neither council member ran for reelection this year. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



Pam Spader, left, and Shon Asleson are sworn in July 8 as the newest members of the De Smet City Council. Asleson will represent Ward III and Spader, Ward II. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

a signed waiver in before their key fob is reactivated. People who have a paid membership that has been interrupted and who do not feel safe coming in at this time can keep their memberships on hold until they feel

safe coming back.

"We want to do everything we can to be fair to people," Hubbard said.

Botkin inquired whether there are still disinfectant wipes provided so people can wipe down equipment

after using it. There are wipes provided, but there was some discussion that they may not always be used. Councilman Jay Slater pointed out that when people use a key fob rather than just signing in, it is easier to keep track who was in the facility and what time they were there, in case someone should happen to get sick.

The council also voted to allow more people in the city pool at a time. Slater said with the limit of 30, he had not observed any swimmers in close proximity to each other, except in line at the diving boards, and sometimes at breaktime. The original limit imposed was 30 people in the pool area at a time. Once the pool reached capacity, no one else was admitted until someone left. Council members noted that there have been more kids waiting outside lately, and they voted to now allow the pool to operate at a 50-percent capacity. Library and City Hall hours will remain as is.

Current hours at Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library are 12:30 - 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from 3-6 p.m. on Wednesdays. The library is closed Tuesdays for cleaning and book sanitizing and Thursdays for call ahead and curbside pickup only. Friday hours are 12:30 - 4 p.m., and the time is restricted to only people over 60 and others at higher risk. Hand sanitizer must be used before entering the library, and masks are required. One person per family is allowed in at once. There is a 30-minute maximum time, and no one under 12 is allowed. City Hall is open to walk-in traffic on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

### TAX INCENTIVES FOR NEW BUILDING

Wilkinson outlined possible tax incentives for people building new houses, including staggered taxes or rebates. He also told council members that the community could be eligible for more than \$200,000 in federal funding for expenses related to COVID-19. Funds would have to be used for things that are needed because of COVID-19 and not for items that would

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## Whitaker retires from City Council after 25 years

Norman (Norm) Whitaker stepped down last week from his seat in Ward III on the De Smet City Council after 25 years. Shon Asleson, unopposed in his run for Whitaker's vacant seat, was sworn in July 8.

Whitaker said during his time as a councilman he has seen the city limits grow several times, and he noted that there is always new construction going on. Keeping up with city finances was another of his responsibilities. Whitaker said this includes taking care of, and some-

times replacing, the city's equipment. He compared this upkeep to running a farm.

"You have to keep fixing things up," said Whitaker.

Whitaker also retired last fall from Lyle Signs in De Smet after 40 years; his wife, Kathy, a beautician, is retiring from the Leigh Marie Salon in De Smet at the end of this month. Kathy still plans to work at the salon at The Village Assisted Living in De Smet one day a week.

Because coronavirus has closed down many campgrounds and

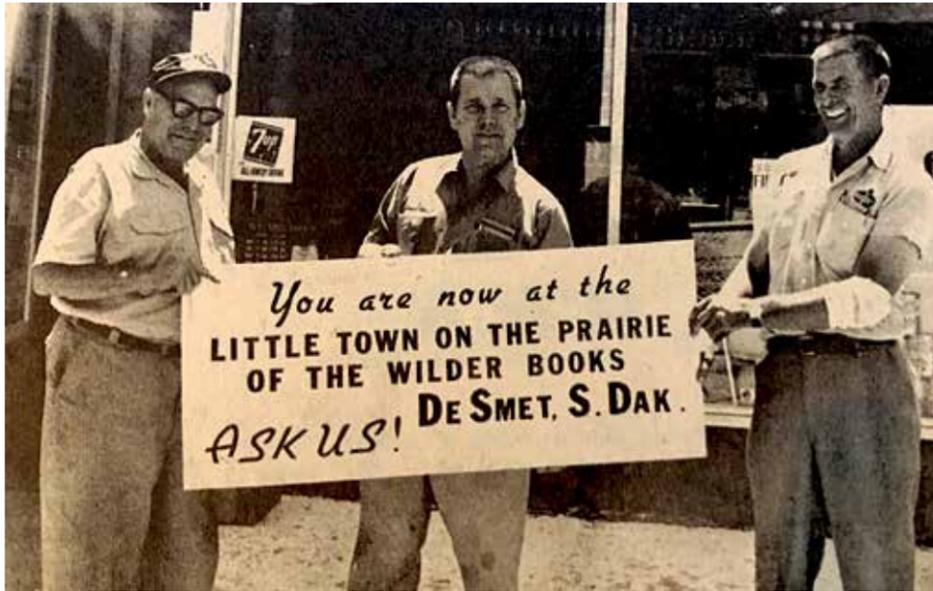
other attractions, the couple isn't spending as much time doing some of their favorite activities, such as camping and motorcycling, as they might have been otherwise, but Whitaker said they hope to be able to do more of these things soon. He is currently in the process of painting his garage, and next year, he plans to paint the house. He also creates stained glass windows and artwork.

"So, I'm staying busy," he said, "but staying home and keeping a low profile."

# De Smet

**DAYS GONE BY**

## 1935: Clinics examine 104 children



**50 YEARS AGO:** Glenn Iverson, president of the De Smet Chamber of Commerce receives permission from Ken Coulson, left, and Ed Hoek, right, to hang these signs in their Service Station windows to go along with their slogan, "As you travel, ask us!"

**10 YEARS AGO**  
July 14, 2010

Kingsbury County held a 4-H Special Foods Contest June 24. Four contestants from Kingsbury County were judged on their cooking technique, nutrition knowledge, taste of their prepared food and quality of their place settings. Purple winners advance to the State Fair, and the winners are **Jordan Rusche**, who made soy blueberry muffins; **Andrea Schubloom**, who made tuna pasta salad; **Kennedy Fast**, who made Mexican manicotti and **Miles Rademaker**, who made a Tex-Mex bake.

The Iroquois City jail is reopen-

ing for businesses during the Sports Day weekend! A Sport's Day Sheriff will be sworn in during the Friday evening events in the park. Individuals may purchase "Sports Day Spoof Warrants for Arrest" to be served on someone of their choosing. The sheriff will lock them up until they pay a fine for release, or a kind soul bails them out.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
July 1, 1995

**Jessica Stout** won 3rd place in public speaking, 1st place in livestock judging and 4th place in the salesmanship contest at the National

Junior Maine-Anjou show in Des Moines, Iowa.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
July 16, 1970

Visitors to De Smet in their interest in the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder and the paintings of Harvey Dunn proved many, Monday. There were 41 registered at the Surveyor's Shanty, from 10 states.

An Iroquois ambulance open house was held on Sunday in the school auditorium. A good representation of the community showed the interest of the people. Showing a demonstration were **Fire Chief Dale Cundy**, **Mayor and Fireman Darrell Moffitt**, **Assistant Chief Ronald Bittner** and ambulance committee chairman **Merle Schweitzer**.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
July 19, 1945

**Mr. & Mrs. Walter Greene** and family of this locality, **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Doyle** and family and **Mr. & Mrs. Ing Ringgard** and family of Erwin took in the rodeo in Huron on Sunday.

**Rev. E.B. Nollsch** resigned as pastor of the Lake Preston Gospel Tabernacle and has moved to De Smet to become the pastor of the Assembly of God Church. **Rev. Nollsch and Miriam Joy** are living in the Musolf Apartments.

**85 YEARS AGO**  
July 5, 1935

At clinics held at De Smet, Iroquois, Lake Preston and Oldham last week, 104 children were examined, reports **Miss Viasta Drapela**, county nurse.

**NEWS BRIEF**

**Birkel named to dean's list**

Madison Birkel, a graduate of De Smet High School, has been named to the Spring 2020 dean's list at St. Cloud University in St. Cloud, Minn. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.75 or above on a 4.0 scale.

**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 16:** Low Sodium All Beef Hotdog/Bun, Potato Salad, Vegetable, Fruit

**FRIDAY, JULY 17:** Fish Sandwich/Bun, Tater Tots, Vegetable, Fruit

**MONDAY, JULY 20:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

**TUESDAY, JULY 21:** Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22:** Chef Salad w/ protein, vegetables, cheese, Fruit, Crackers



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## COUNCIL

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normally be in the budget. Some things that would qualify include hand sanitizer, masks, plexiglass and other personal protection equipment, as well as Zoom-related expenses, since council members and others may attend some meetings remotely. Wilkinson said the expenses must be incurred between the date that the COVID resolution was passed in March and the end of this year. He encouraged council members to think outside the box regarding what might be eligible expenses.

**BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED**

The council approved building permits for Holland-Behm Rentals for an addition to an existing structure; Jim Laurson, to relocate an existing patio and concrete pad; Mark Hinkley, garden shed; Anthony and Alisha Halverson, fence and steps; Brandon and Kayla Vockrodt, landing with stairs; Steve Siver, moving permit and building permit for storage shed; S&H Holdings, LLC "Grumpys," concrete pad and enclosure for walk-in freezer; and Fred Johnson, residen-

tial structure. Johnson had previously been denied a variance for the house because it would not have met the setback requirements, but he submitted a new plan after reducing the square footage of the planned house and leaving more yard space, which was approved. Council members agreed that Johnson had gone to a lot of trouble to adjust his plan and do everything that was required.

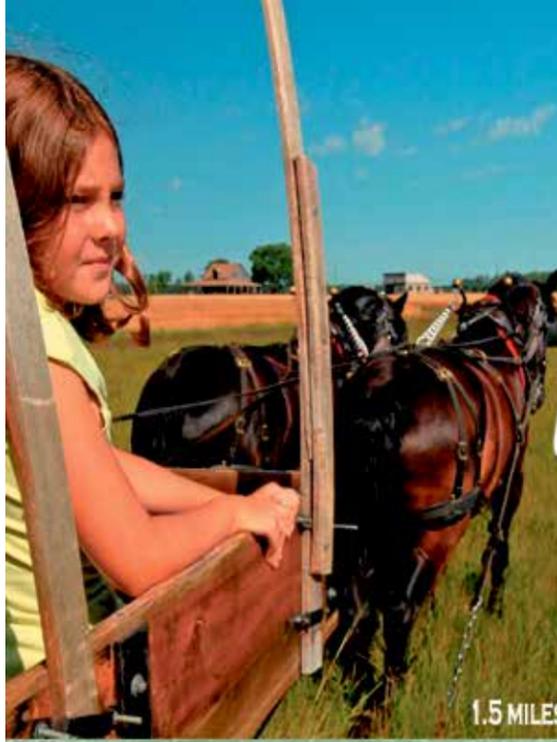
**OTHER NEWS**

The city approved a request from last year's junior class to shut a portion of Calumet Avenue for a short time the evening of July 31 for an after-prom parade.

Council members also discussed using a portion of the old city shop on Front Street for an office for the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. (ROCS) transit program.

Council heard a water and sewer report from water superintendent Charlie Stoddard and a law enforcement report from Deputy Wade Hoefert. They also held an executive session to discuss personnel.

The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Aug. 12 at City Hall. As always, meetings are open to the public and can be accessed online via Zoom.



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## SCHOOL BOARD

# School is going to look different this year

Virus concerns touch many areas of the school

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet Board of Education finished business July 10 for the 2019-20 school year, before diving into the first meeting of the 2020-21 year.

## 2019-20 BUSINESS

The board accepted signed coaching and classified staff contracts for Megan Ulrich, drivers ed; Cory Haugen, athletic director; Linda Foley, paraprofessional; and Jennifer Rudebusch, one-act-play.

Norm Koehlmoos, who retired from the school board after 18 years, attended his last meeting via Zoom.

"You will be missed. Thank you for service to district and students," board president Shane Roth told Koehlmoos.

## 2020-21 BUSINESS

The biggest order of business looking forward was the start of the new school year in the face of COVID-19.

De Smet Schools plan to have face-to-face instruction all year, but they are also prepared for flexible learning should the need arise.

At the start of the school year, time will be spent on acclimating being back in school, building relationships, sharing COVID stories and watching for mental-health flags. Educators will identify learning gaps, assess student levels and do benchmark testing. Students also will be familiarized with digital tools and resources and identify platforms that will be used at school and with flexible learning, if needed.

A committee has been formed that includes school board member Barb Asleson, teachers Brittani Wilkinson, Lindsay Nolte and Emily Martian, paraprofessional/parent representative Cheryl Wilkinson, transportation/paraprofessional Andy Todd, food service worker Teresa Palmlund, health-care representative Darcie Lee, Mayor Gary Wolkow and administrators Marv McCune, Susan Purintun and Andy Armstead. Asleson reported they have had a lot of good discussions and they want to make decisions that are similar to what other districts in the area are doing.

## SURVEY RESULTS

Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter presented a Powerpoint presentation showing the district's plans along with the most recent parent survey results. She said 152 people responded.

"We're very happy with that. We had an 85-percent response," she said.

In response to the question "If applicable, how confident are you that elementary school children can be kept safe from exposure to COVID-19 when we return to in-person learning?" 26.4 percent answered very confident, 37.6 percent answered confident; 22.4 percent, somewhat confident and 13.6 percent, not confident. For the same question regarding middle-school students, 28.9 answered very confident; 31.1 percent, confident, 31.9 percent, somewhat confident and 8.1 percent, not confident.



School Business Manager Susan Purintun, left, assists Evan Buckmiller, the newest member of the De Smet School Board, with some paperwork. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

Seventy-one percent of parents whose children ride a bus said they would be willing to have their child wear a mask on the bus while 28.2 percent said they would not. When asked if there is any chance their child would not attend in-person learning for part or all of the 2020-21 school year, 80.3 percent said no, 14.5 percent said maybe, and 5.1 percent said yes.

Anyone at the school who comes in close contact with an individual who tests positive should quarantine for two weeks. Students will be kept in their own grade-level groups as much as possible. Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home if they are sick. If a student becomes ill at school, they will be isolated and masked and parents will be notified immediately so they can pick up the student as soon as possible. Van Regenmorter said she realizes this might put a burden on some parents, especially those who work out of town, but she stressed that it is important. The secretary and other staff will wear personal protective equipment when in direct contact with a possible sick student.

"We are not focusing on perfect attendance," Van Regenmorter explained. Students who are isolated or quarantined yet still complete assignments or log into instruction videos will be counted as present. There will be no perfect attendance awards. Attendance will need to be precise for tracking purposes with the Department of Health.

First day of school photos this year will be taken outside and staff will take children into their classrooms. Desks will be arranged in rows with all students facing the same way rather than facing each other. Sharing of high-touch materials will be minimized. There will be no all-school assemblies; that information will be shared virtually. Students will not drink out of water fountains, and bot-

tle fillers for the fountains have been ordered. Items such as bean bags that cannot be properly sanitized will be taken out of classrooms and windows will be opened whenever possible. Dismissal times will be staggered to avoid too many students in the hallways at one time. Classrooms will be disinfected regularly. In the elementary school, music and art teachers will go into classrooms. During recess, grade levels will stay together and the playground area will be divided into separate area with individual play equipment for each grade level.

"We are fortunate we have three playground areas," Van Regenmorter remarked. "It will be a little unique but not unusual."

Physical education classes will be held outside as much as possible. In the cafeteria, secretaries enter pin numbers, rather than students. Students will sit with their own classmates. There will be no salad bar this year, and lunchtime will be spread out more to avoid too many students in the lunchroom at one time. For the time being, no visitors will be allowed during lunchtime and delivery drivers will use separate doors.

Busses will be disinfected after each route and students should sit with their own family groups. There will be sanitizers at the front of all busses. Two busses will be taken to out of town sporting events.

Van Regenmorter said they have not heard recommendations from the South Dakota High School Activities Association yet regarding the start of the sports season, but volleyball and cross-country practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 13.

Van Regenmorter also said they want to make sure they are offering remote learning opportunities to students who choose not to attend in-person classes. She said there is a possibility of working with other districts for lesson plans for remote learning.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Evan Buckmiller was sworn in as the newest member of the school board. Buckmiller works at Kingsbury Electric. He and his wife, Ann, have two children in the De Smet School system. Shane Roth was voted president and Barb Asleson, vice-president.

The board designated "The Kingsbury Journal" as the official newspaper, and agreed to the continuation of the school food service agreement with the State of South Dakota. Susan Purintun was appointed as administrator of trust and legal accounts and Principal Andy Armstead was named Title IX coordinator.

Todd Wilkinson was named as legal council for the 2020-21 school year with the option to use other legal counsel for case-specific instances and to prevent a conflict of interest.

Set salary at \$50 per school board meeting and \$60 for Northeast Educational Services Cooperative meetings. Sporting event tickets prices were set at \$3 student and \$5 adult. The season pass price for student or senior citizen is \$20 and \$40 for other adults.

School lunch prices are set at \$3 for students in grades K-5, \$3.25 for students in grades 6-12. Adult lunches are \$4 and reduced lunches are \$.40. Shane Roth was appointed the free and reduced hearing officer.

Student health services will renew a contract with Horizown Health Services. Former school nurse Darcie Lee has accepted another position with Horizon. She will still be involved, but they have not hired a school nurse yet.

The board approved the Arlington/Lake Preston/De Smet Kingsbury Knights wrestling cooperative agreement.

The board discussed vent improvements and removal of the old boiler.

The budget hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on July 28.

# How the opioid crisis came to be



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**KENNETH A. BARTHOLOMEW, MD**

**BY NOW EVERYONE** with a television or internet connection has heard of the “Opioid Crisis in America.” Deaths from accidental overdoses of opioids each year have now surpassed deaths from automobile accidents. Depending on whose numbers you read, these deaths range from 50,000 to 70,000 each year, versus 38,800 from vehicle accidents in 2019. Just how did we get here?

I have been practicing long enough to have witnessed the progression of this problem. In medical school in the 1970s, we were taught to be cautious and limit the prescribing of morphine and Tylenol with codeine because they had the potential to be addicting. We saw occasional problems with overuse and addiction, but not that many.

In the 1980s and 1990s, there were multiple articles published in medical literature that showed patients in emergency rooms and hospital wards were not receiving enough pain relief. This was doubly damning because almost every article showed that people of color were provided less pain relief for surgical pain or trauma pain than Caucasians. Multiple essays followed. The unstated implication was that we were bad doctors, not doing a good job of relieving pain.

Enter the federal government and the Law of Unintended Consequences.

The Joint Commission, the body in charge of hospital accreditation, made pain the “Fifth Vital Sign.” It was mandated that every patient, every day, often multiple times a day, be asked how their pain level was doing (and quantify it on a one-to-ten scale). The use of

pain medications accelerated.

Add to this the fact that in the search for better pain-relief drugs, oxycodone was approved by the FDA in 1995 and the continuous-release version, oxycontin, came on the market the following year. Fentanyl, many more times more powerful, was approved in 1998 for cancer pain. These drugs are far more addicting than codeine, a fact then unknown to most doctors and allegedly covered up by the drug company. With this perfect storm of mandates and new drugs, the number of prescriptions skyrocketed – we did not want to be seen as bad doctors by the Joint Commission watchdogs.

Needless to say, the addiction rate skyrocketed as well. These drugs, some claim, can ‘turn on a switch’ in the brain after only a single dose. One addict stated, “It was the first time in my life my body didn’t hurt. I wanted that feeling to last.” And he did almost anything to get the drugs, which ruined his life and almost killed him.

In contrast, we look at several European countries that did not “mandate” Draconian pain relief measures. Their post-operative patients receive mostly Tylenol and ibuprofen, and their satisfaction scores are essentially identical to those of the U.S.

What I think we should learn from this 40-year unfolding of the “Opioid Crisis” is that doctors should be doctors and politicians should be politicians, and the Law of Unintended Consequences will continue to bite us in the backside unless we take the time necessary to know and understand history.

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# Lake Preston

## The story of how we became ‘The Divers’

From the Buffaloes to the Divers

BY DAR DEKNIKKER AND BILLI AUGHENBAUGH  
Kingsbury Journal

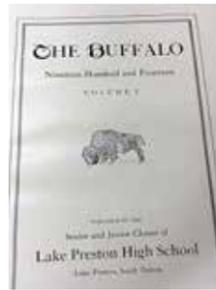
This weekend was supposed to be the Lake Preston All School Reunion. Even though it had to be postponed until next year, some events are still happening with slight modifications.

The band Driven will rock the streets on Saturday starting at 8 p.m. Church will be held in the park at 9 a.m. Sunday, followed by “Show & Shine” on Main Street from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Even though we can’t enjoy the all school reunion together, we can

celebrate being the Divers with a little Diver history and some memories.

In 1914, the Lake Preston junior and senior class published their first annual, “The Buffalo.” Many annuals and mascots during that era were named from Native American traditions. The class of 1914 considered the buffalo to be the monarch of the prairie. Great herds used the waters of Lake Preston



**Volume 1. Want to read and learn more? You can find this in the Lake Preston Library.** (Photo by Dar DeKnikker)

as a public bath and drinking fountain. As time went on and Lake Preston became more commercialized, the habitation of the buffalo and its trails were covered up. So, they chose “The Buffalo” as title for their first annual.

In the mid 1920s, the student body decided to change the mascot to the “Divers” because Lake Preston was one of the first towns to have a swimming pool.

Even with the postponement of the All School Reunion, Divers can share memories such as homecoming week, freshman initiation, burning of the letter at the football field, parades, dances, school trips, pep rallies, sport activities, letterman jackets and ordering class rings, to name a few. Maybe some remember countless hours driv-



**Guess what year this picture was taken of the Lake Preston School?** (Photo by Dar DeKnikker)

ing up and down Main Street showing off a freshly polished hot rod!

*Please send your memories to dar@kingsburyjournal.com!*

### MENU

#### 60’S-Plus Meals

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**TUESDAY, JULY 21:** BBQ Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread Muffins

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22:** Hot Hamburger, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Pears, Bread

### CITY COUNCIL

## Council approves ambulance shed bid, begins new business year

Federal funding for help with COVID expenses reviewed

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Lake Preston City Council finished up business Tuesday as the old council, but before Jim Conrad and Jon Wienk stepped down, the following issues were completed.

- The council unanimously approved a bid for \$142,000 to Tailored Structures, LCC, for a new ambulance shed.

- The council approved a request from business owner Brian Verhey to block off a portion of Main Avenue July 18 for a street dance. Verhey said he hopes people are cognizant of social distancing guidelines. “I do have concerns about people coming in, but on the other hand, we can’t hide forever,” he remarked. Mayor Andy Wienk said the city is not hosting the event, but they will sweep the street.

- The council discussed nuisance properties. Previously, members identified nuisance properties themselves, but to avoid conflict of interest, the city now has a contract with Dave Miller from the Municipal League. Miller travels to different towns and cities to identify nuisance properties, notifying by mail property-owners who are not in compliance. Wienk stated that according to Lake Preston city ordinances, Miller only found three property owners who should receive letters. The council members discussed amending the ordinance to include abandoned property, including inoperable or unlicensed vehicles.

At the conclusion of the first meet-

ing, Jim Conrad thanked everyone he has represented for the past year.

“Thanks to the old council for stepping up and doing their duty,” Mayor Wienk responded.

#### NEW MEMBERS GET DOWN TO NEW BUSINESS

After the meeting of the old council adjourned, and the new council convened, two former council members came back to the table. Brian Verhey was sworn in for Ward III and Gary Buer in Ward I. Mayor Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann and Joe Schnell also took an oath for another term; Schnell was elected president and Bumann, vice-president. Kristen Longville is also a council member.

Wienk said there is federal funding that municipalities can receive to help with expenses incurred between March 1 – Dec. 30, 2020, because of COVID-19. This funding is not to be used for anything already budgeted before that time. Some of the eligible expenses are cleaning supplies, face masks and special meetings held to discuss COVID-19. Council members also discussed putting together a list of expenditures the fire department paid for because of the pandemic.

The council approved an agreement with Banner Engineering regarding the street project. Several other legal steps will be taken before construction begins in June of 2021. It is expected to be completed in September of 2023. Some discussion took place regarding the all-school reunion that was postponed until next year, and how street work might affect that. Wienk said the project will be staggered; the whole town will not be torn up at the same time, so people can still get to their houses.

The council accepted water and

wastewater grant agreements for phase I of the two-phase project. They discussed water and wastewater bond resolutions along with restructuring water and wastewater rates for state resolutions. More detailed information and numbers will be published in the official minutes of a future issue.

Council member Brian Verhey stated that with the increase in water and sewer rates, people might like to see something for it. He suggested since Valley FiberCom, the internet and cable company soon providing services in town, is about done working in the alleys, the city put down new gravel. Council consensus was that this would be a good plan.

The council voted to terminate the COVID resolution that stated there would be no late fees or shut off of city services during the pandemic.

“If someone lost their job and had no income because of COVID-19, we would gladly talk to you, but there seems to be some abuse,” said Wienk. “We are more than willing to work with someone who has lost their job because of this. Please reach out.”

The city had applied for a \$6,000 West Nile Grant for mosquito control but only received \$1,521. Council members discussed what might be the most beneficial time to spray for mosquitoes.

In other business, the city designated First National Bank as their official depository, voting to add council president Joe Schnell and vice-president Donna Bumann to the bank account. They also designated The Kingsbury Journal the official newspaper.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters before adjourning.

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# Lake Preston

## LOOKING BACK

# Erwin · 1885-2010: Where Everybody Is Somebody

### 10 YEARS AGO

July 14, 2010

Dalton Tolzin worked with Leroy "Butch" Koch and Lanet Tolzin to paint benches on Friday morning in the small park south of the J&M Café. With the All School Reunion in less than a week, community members are looking around to see what they can do to make Lake Preston more attractive to those returning.

### 25 YEARS AGO

July 13, 1995

A new daycare center will provide a needed service and will make use of an existing facility in the community. The Wee Care Daycare will open next month in the former hospital facility.

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### 50 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1970

Doctor D.S. Malhi will be out of town this weekend, Friday- Tuesday, going to Saskatoon, Sask. to meet his family and to bring them to their new home in Lake Preston. The Malhi's infant daughter has been cared for by family in Saskatoon while Mrs. Malhi interned at the Cleveland Hospital. The Malhis will live in the Arbon house.

More than 300 people from seven states attended the First South Dakota Charolais Field Day held July 8 at the Kingsbury County 4-H Grounds in De Smet.

Notice for bids — the school will receive bids for furnishing the district with approximately 100-150 tons of stoker coal.

### 75 YEARS AGO

July 19, 1945

Numerous shipments of South Dakota cattle were reported selling in the upper brackets of the opening week trade at the Chicago stockyards. A \$17 price was also paid for two shipments from Kingsbury County marketed last week by **C.C. & W.R. Pat-**



**10 YEARS AGO: Erwin's 125th Celebration: Although parade organizers weren't able to arrange to have a full drumline, the four who showed up — Daniel Jones, Evan Jensen, Tyler Larsen and Calder Eschenbaum — filled the town with their beat.**

**erson and Steve Carbon** all by Lake Preston.

**Mrs. Stella Barlow and Little Miss Sandy Halverson** went to Badger on Tuesday where they will spend a short time visiting friends.

### 100 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1920

Understand a deal was closed yesterday by **J.L. Jensen**, the prosperous South Whitewood farmer, purchased the fine residence of **E.A. Austin** in this place.

## SCHOOL BOARD

# Committees and wages set for coming school year

BY JOAN WOLLSCHLAGER

Kingsbury News

The school gymnasium was the site for the July 13 Lake Preston School Board meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Old business began with discussion on window replacement in the older part of the building. Two bids were reviewed with a motion to award a bid to Tailored Structures for \$40,306.20. This bid was for complete work and may begin next May or June.

Regarding the white building north of the school, Superintendent Dana Felderman providing five options for consideration. These included repair of the present structure, removal of the building with monthly rent paid for storage elsewhere, replacement of the building where it stands and two options to remove and rebuild (including a new fieldhouse) at the football field. Josh Warne and Brett Anderson made a motion for the contents to be moved into a storage unit in the industrial park, and the building moved out if there was interest. Otherwise, the building would be torn down and the lot restored. Approval was given for option two and payment of the rental charge of \$70 a month.

Votes were unanimous to elect Steve Carlson as president and Travis Denison, vice-president.

### BOARD CHAIRS NAMED

Carlson's first order of business was appointments of board chairs and alternates to the following com-

mittees: Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) - Jerrod Olsen and Amanda Wienk; Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) - Wienk and Carlson; Equalization - Warne; Legislative representative - Warne; cooperative committee - Denison, Wienk and Anderson; Exit interview - Carlson and Olson; planning committee - Carlson and Olson; sick leave bank committee - Stacia Sneesby; Curriculum - Sneesby; board policy - Carlson, Denison and Anderson; back to school committee - Carlson, Olson and Sneesby. Anderson made a motion to approve new chairs, and Warne seconded. All were in favor.

Warne made a motion that the board president's stipend per meeting be raised to \$75. Other members will stay at \$50.

Season passes for sporting events were set at \$40 for adults. Lake Preston students and spectators age 65 and older are admitted free.

Carlson requested an executive session.

After exiting the executive session, the board made motions to set the following wages for the upcoming school year:

Non-certified teachers, \$11.50 per hour; temporary COVID specialist, \$12.50 per hour; long-term substitute, \$14.50 per hour; long-term substitute who holds current teaching certificate or who has 10 or more years classroom teaching experience, \$20 per hour. All other regular substitutes, \$11.50 per hour. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned.



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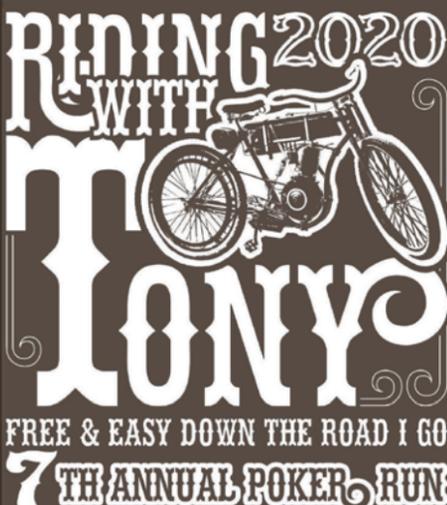
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## ERWIN NEWS

# Fourth of July brought guests

BY DAR DEKNIKKER  
Kingsbury Journal

Lynne, Ryan and Angela Smith of Huron, Rachel Smith of Sioux Falls, Juliana Smith of Brookings and Keith Carlson were 4th of July supper guests of Dave and Joyce Carlson. In the evening, Ryan put on a fireworks display.

Phil and Betty Marken spent the 4th of July weekend with Glen and Robin Blommel of Freeport, Minn. Rodney and Shelly Olson also were guests of the Blommels.

Vern and Jayne Jensen spent the 4th of July with Susie Jensen and Myrta Rossel. They enjoyed ice cream and fireworks in Lake Norden.

Ed and Sally Wilkinson, JJ and

Kelli Burke of Carpenter and Doug Kazmerzak recently enjoyed a 3-day motorcycle trip to Minnesota.

Visitors at the Tyrrell Thonvold home the past week were Tyon and Joshua Thonvold and Dani Romero-Spader of Tucson, Ariz., and Shane and Janet Thonvold and family of Council Bluffs, Iowa. They were all guests at the Thor Thonvold home on Saturday night for a post 4th of July celebration.

On Sunday they were joined by Thor and Darcy Thonvold and family of Watertown, Brian and Kari Thonvold and daughters of Clark and George and Kaye Myers of Littlestown, Pa. They helped Tyon celebrate his 50th birthday.



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## NOTICE OF HEARING

# DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

TUESDAY,  
JULY 28, 2020  
5:30 PM  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

# Public Notices

## BOARD OF EDUCATION DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 MINUTES

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 5:30 PM on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the high school Library Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Norm Koehlmoos (Conference call), Donita Garry, Barb Asleson, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Donna Palmund of *Kingsbury Journal* and Marlys Larsen by zoom.

**Public Participation:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

**Agenda Approval:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the agenda with the addition of 5e to consent agenda for approval of Marv McCune administrative contract. On roll call vote: D. Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye". All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda: the minutes from the regular meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup> and special meeting of June 29<sup>th</sup>, the financial report for the period of June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>; the bills for payment as presented (See attached listing.); Fuel bid quotes for July 1 through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - Rich's Gas & Service Diesel - Cost plus .27, Ethanol Cost plus .25\* The Main Stop Diesel - Cost plus 25\*, Ethanol - Cost plus .28 (\*denotes quote award); approval of contracts for Megan Ulrich - Drivers Ed for FY2021 Cory Haugen - Athletic Director, Linda Foley - Paraprofessional, Jennifer Rudebusch - One Act Play; M. McCune - Instructional/ Administrative contract:

**GENERAL FUND:** Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 63,378.06, Pr.Yrs. Taxes 230.31; Utility Taxes 58,385.60; Pen&Int.188.94, Interest 382.27, Contrib & Donations 7316.55; Medicaid Indirect 460.93; County Apportionment 509.26, State Aid 64,660.00; Other Innov Grant 10,655.79 Shared Serv Grant 5585.87; COVID Grant 227; Titla IV Part A 35.00; Title I 16,386; Title II Part A 10,130 Other financing sources (Capital Outlay) 522,658.00  
Disbursements -51,548.30 June Payroll 177,008.22; Transfer to Fd Service \$43,158.00  
**TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,410,674.96**  
**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:** Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 27,639.12, Pr.Yrs Taxes 142.12 Pen& Int.190.78; Contributions/ Donations 9835.05; COVID Reimb Receiv 7029; Perkins 2538.00 Disbursements - 23787.39 Transfer to General Fund 522,658.00,  
**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE - 1,072,270.52**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:** Revenue - Ad Valorem Tax 71,048.04, Pr.Yrs Taxes 71.23, Pen&Int.75.67 Medicaid Indirect 71.00; COVID Reimb Rec 17,836 Disbursements - 4487.46, June Payroll 14,979.45  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 489,586.19**  
**FOOD SERVICE FUND:** Revenue - Sales to Students 946.91, Sales to

Adults 70.00; State Cash Reimb 606.94, Federal Reimbursement 3650.44; COVID Reimb 19,636 (Receiv) Transfer in from General Fund 43,158.00  
Disbursements - 6557.15; June Payroll 4261.35  
**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE - 858.47**  
**ENTERPRISE FUND:** Revenue - 0 Disbursements - 0  
**TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE - \$3942.63**  
**TRUST AND AGENCY FUND:** Revenues - 44,612.38 Disbursements - 53,820.61  
**TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - 148,944.70**  
All voting "aye". Motion carried.  
**General Fund:** All American Sports - Ftball Equip Repairs 2786.56; Football Pract Uniforms 670.11 Total 3456.56; ASBSD Work Compensation Insurance - Work Comp Insurance 7330.13; ASBSD - Dues/Fees 1028.80; H. Becker - Paymaster Insurance 669.50 (2 years); City of De Smet - Bus Garage 43.08, Bldgs 135.88; Cook's Wastepaper/Recyc - Utilities 1358.50; Culligan - Utilities 82.00; EBoardSolutions - Service 600; EBSCO Sub Serv - Elem Sub/Wkbks 378.53; Follet Library - Lib Supp 104.33; Innovative Office Solutions - HS Science 21.39; MS 6<sup>th</sup> Supp 239.85; Elem Read.Rec. Supp 50.14; HS Lang Supp 123.68; Music Supp 123.33; Title I Supp 107.81; Elem 1<sup>st</sup> Supp 221.85; Elem Princ Supp 352.07 MS/ HS Staff Supp 433.45; Off Supp 26.32; Title Supplies 12.58 **TOTAL 1712.47**; Kingsbury Elect Coop - Tower Comm 54.68; Kingsbury Journal - Bd. Comm 317.65; NASSP - NHS Dues 317.65; O'Keefe Implement - Mower Repairs 93.75; Office Peeps - COVID Sanitizer 467.08; Pitney Bowes - Post. Mach 146.10; Rich's Gas 'n Serv 142.71; SASD - Admin Dues/Fees 2149.00; School DateBooks - 415.65; School Mate Princ Off Supp 529.20; SD Teach Placement Center - Fees 435.00; SDACTE - Vo-Ag Fees 303.00; Smith's Lumber - Cust Supp 177.33; Subscription Serv of America - Lib Periodical 178.82; Trustworthy Hardware - Cust Supp 178.82; Trustworthy Hardware - Cust Supp 308.98; Total General Fund 23,003.73  
**Capital Outlay Fund:** Amplify - MS Science Curriculum 22,616.11; CDI Tech - MS Tech Equip 15,474.88; City of De Smet - half year Event Center Rent 6375.00; Renaissance Learning Inc - K-12 Software 3524.75; Riverside Tech Inc - HS Princ Tech Equip 829.00, Elem Tech Equip 2391.00, MS Tech Equip 2391.00, HS Tech Equip 3188.00, Ath.Dept. Tech Equip 1296.00 Total 10,095.00; Software House Int - Admin Software 2485.26; Software Unlimited Inc - Bus Off Acct Maint 5350; Connecting Point - Elem Activ Panel 4415.70, S Activpanel 13,247.10, HS Activpanel Total 25,394.18; Total Capital Outlay 91,315.18  
**Special Education Fund:** ASBSD Work Comp - Work Comp Insur 1884.87; McCrossan Boys Ranch - Out of Dist Tuition 1546.38; Riverside Technologies - Tech Equip 1944.00; Total Special Education 5375.25  
**Driver's Education Enterprise Fund:** O'Keefe Impement - Car Rental 538.60; Rich's Gas 'n Service 127.43 Total Driver's Education 666.03 Total \$120,360.19  
**Delegations:** None

### Reports:

**NESC:** The NESC business was reviewed by NESC Representative Norm Koehlmoos. The FY2020 Budget was reviewed with a few more tweaks from the previous presentation. Director Aberle continues to work filling positions.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No reports.

**Legislative Report:** Pres. Roth report-

ed that the state has been noting that the sales tax reports have been higher than anticipated. This gives the board hope that possibly the District may be able to reopen negotiations and look at increases for all staff for FY21

**Principal's Reports:** Supt. Abi said that at this point COVID issues are overwhelming hers and Princ. Armstead's days with re-opening and preparing for possibilities of e-learning and making sure to meet student and staff needs. Camp Invention was offered virtually this year, while the children's theatre group had to be cancelled. The city swimming pool is open and ball programs have resumed. The student work outs are going well with the coach's oversight. The new guidance counselor has been in and met with Mrs. Lindstrom and are working together to continue programs that were interrupted with COVID.

**Facilities Report:** A meeting was held with Travis Sichmiller of Mettler Sichmiller Engineering to work on the LIW Elementary building assessment. The District is working on breaking down the full remodel needed for the 55 year old building that is suffering major plumbing and HVAC issues. With the COVID needs, priorities are being rearranged to ensure financial dollars are available. A report should be available at the regular August meeting.

### Norm Koehlmoos Board Retirement:

At this time, the Board of Education honored outgoing board member Norm Koehlmoos for his 18 years of service to the District. A unanimous consensus by the board members of their gratitude for his dedication and generosity to the students, staff members and community for many hours of time and service Mr. Koehlmoos also served on the Northeast Area Cooperative Board for 15 years. Marlys Larsen, rep. for DTO, also added on behalf of the teaching staff their thanks for all his years of service to the district and children. Mr. Koelmoos noted that he was only one of five and he thanked the board members for their teamwork and even in times of disagreement, being able to work through issues for the good of the students and district. A plaque commemorating Norm's service will be presented at a later date.

### Adjournment of FY2020 Business:

There being no further business at this time for FY20, on motion by N. Koehlmoos, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. On roll call vote: D. Garry "aye", J. Tolzin "aye", N. Koehlmoos "aye", B. Asleson "aye", S. Roth "aye". All voting "aye", motion carried

### FY2021 Meeting called to Order

**Swearing in of Board Members:** The Oath of Office was administered to Evan Buckmiller for a one year term of office by business manager Susan Purintun.

**Board Officers:** Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun called for nominations of the seat of presidency of the Board of Education. D. Garry nominated Shane Roth for President, seconded by J. Tolzin. J. Tolzin motioned for all nominations to cease, seconded by B. Asleson. All voting "Aye", motion carried. Shane Roth was declared President of the De Smet Board of Education for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Pres. Roth called for nominations for the office of vice-president. D. Garry nominated for Barb Asleson for Vice-President, seconded by J. Tolzin. There being no further nominations, Pres. Roth called for a vote. All voting "aye", motion carried. Barb

Asleson will serve as Vice-President of the De Smet Board of Education for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**Consent Agenda:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda: designation of American Bank and Trust as the official depository for the FY2021; designation of Kingsbury Journal as the official newspaper; authorization of the continuation of the school food service agreement with the State of South Dakota; Bus.Mgr. Susan Purintun as administrator of Trust and Agency Funds; designation of Attorney Todd Wilkinson for the FY21 with the option to use other legal counsel for case specific instance and to prevent a conflict of interest.; Designation of Andy Armstead as Title IX Coordinator; Designation of regular meeting dates as the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the High School Library; Set school board salary at \$50 per meeting for local meetings and \$60 per Northeast Education Cooperative meetings with travel at state rate; authorization of Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter or her designee to have the authority to close the school due to inclement weather or other emergencies; adopt the following activity admission prices/season tickets - Adults \$5.00, Students \$3.00; Adult Season Pass \$40; SR. Citizen (65 years and older) \$20; Student Pass \$20; Lunch prices K-5 \$3.00; 6-12 \$2.5; Adults \$4.00; Reduced .40;

### Board/Committee Appointments:

On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to appoint Shane Roth as the Free and Reduced Meals hearing officer. All voting "aye". Motion carried.

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to appoint Barb Asleson as school board member to serve on the NESC Board of Directors with Donita Garry as 1st alternate and Shane Roth as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. All voting "aye". Motion carried.

On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to appoint Jared Tolzin as Education Enhancement Foundation Representative. All voting "Aye", motion carried.

On motion by S. Roth, seconded by B. Asleson to appoint Evan Buckmiller and Jared Tolzin to the District's Building Committee. All Voting "aye", motion carried.

On motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to appoint Shane Roth and Jared Tolzin to serve on the Facility Use Committee with the City Council members. All voting "aye", motion carried.

### Student Health Services Contract:

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve Student Health Services Contract with Horizon Health Care with the same services as this year at no cost to the district. Board members expressed their satisfaction with Horizon's health care providers and felt they did a very good job meeting the needs of the students. All voting "aye", motion carried. Supt. Abi noted that while Darcie Lee has been the District nurse the past few years, she has accepted a different position within Horizon Health so will no longer be serving us in the same capacity. The new replacement has not yet been named but Nurse Darcie has assured Supt. Abi that she will still be in an oversight position and will continue to be sure that all schools that Horizon serves receives services that are required and those that enhance our students and staff's health needs.

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**Wrestling Cooperative Agreement:** The board reviewed the Wrestling Cooperative agreement between Arlington, De Smet and Lake Preston. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the agreement. The agreement is identical to the previous agreement. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**SDHSAA Ballot – Tie Breaker:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by E. Buckmiller to cast the board's ballot for Tom Culver, of Avon. The other candidate was Health Larson. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**2020 Ventilation Improvements:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to accept the bid of for the 2020 Ventilation Improvement with Ekern Home Equipment for \$123,499. All voting "aye", motion carried. Two other bids were received, Active Heating Inc \$138,300 and Baete Forseth HVAC \$137,600. Engineer Travis Sichmiller did review the bids as they were higher than anticipated and recommended accepting Ekern's low bid. The higher costs were a combination of reasons but much of what was entailed was due to issues caused by COVID.

**Boiler Removal Project:** On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to accept the quote of \$7500 from Glissman Salvage of Dakota Dunes, SD to remove the boiler in the HS Gym. All voting "aye", motion carried. It was noted that this quote much less than the initial bid received from another area business that was over \$20,000. There may be some residual pipe removal that will need to be done, but that may be able to be handed in house personnel.

**Back-to-school/COVID19:** Supt. Abi gave a power point presentation about plans for back-to-school. She reviewed parent survey results which included that parents responded that 34 students have a chance or possible chance of not attending in-person school for 2020-21. She shared the mitigation efforts that the SD Department of Health and Department of Education are recommending. This includes different levels of precaution depending on the number of cases in the school buildings. At this time, the committee is recommending that students attend face-to-face school where masks are optional. Preventative measures will be in place to minimize sharing of high touch materials, distancing between classrooms, handwashing, and only bottle-filling water fountains. The committee recognizes that there are some unique challenges to each building. This includes switching classes, mixing grade levels and crowded hallways at the HS/MS level. Scheduling bathroom breaks, shared staff, recess procedures are a few of the challenges at the elementary level. Providing a safe environment for food service is an additional concern. Secretaries will enter student numbers instead of the shared PIN pad, tables will be further distanced, no salad bar and the bottleneck to both the HS Commons and LIW Gym will need to be eliminated. Visitors on campus will need to be scheduled and pre-approved. They will be asked the COVID-19 screening questions and no visitors will be allowed at lunchtime. Board Member Buckmiller asked if this would be the same protocol for delivery drivers. Transportation on school buses was another area of discussion. Masks will be recommended for students who ride the buses, buses will be cleaned after each use, family groups will sit together, sanitizer will be installed at the front of the bus, and the bus

will need to be filled from the back to the front. To prepare staff for the changes of the 2020-2021 school year, Supt. Abi is requesting two additional in-service days on August 11 & 12. One of these days will be paid in addition to their contract and the other day will replace the February in-service on the calendar. The district will be asking parents to screen their child/children each day before school (a checklist of symptoms will be provided). If students become sick at school, they will be given a mask and placed in an isolated area away from other students, parents will be contacted, and the student will need to exit the school building ASAP. The district is waiting on further guidance from SDHSAA regarding athletics. Supt. Abi shared that there will be time designated at the beginning of the school year where school staff will focus on acclimating students to school, building relationships, sharing COVID stories/experiences and watching for any mental health warning signs. Students will also need to be assessed to identify learning gaps as well as become familiar with online platforms that would be used in the event of another school closure. The final component of the presentation included information about a Remote Learning Coordinator position. This would be a new position to lessen the burden of classroom teachers having to juggle both in-person and at-home students. The person in this position would be the go-between to help parents/students manage home learning. Remote learning would be an option for long-term student placement (semester) or short-term for students placed in isolation or quarantine due to COVID. The instruction and learning materials would be developed by certified teachers. Remote learners would not be eligible to participate in school extracurricular activities. The district could also offer remote learning to other districts for a cost. The board shared their appreciation of the time and work the committee had dedicated to this unprecedented event. Committee members are Board Member Barb Asleson, Teachers: Brittani Wilkinson, Lindsay Nolte, Emily Martian; Paraprofessional/Parent Rep: Cheryl Wilkinson; Transportation Director Andy Todd; Food Service Teresa Palmlund, Health Care Rep: Darcie Lee; Mayor Gary Wolkow and Administrators Marv McCune, Susan Purintun, Andy Armstead and Abi Van Regenmorter.

**Executive Session:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to go into executive session on personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 6:23 PM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:38.

There being no further business at this time on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to adjourn. All voting "aye". Motion carried. 6:39 PM

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

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**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021:**  
**Certified Staff Contracts:** Becky Albrecht Preschool/JH Kindergarten 107 days \$26,943.58, Tammy Albrecht 4<sup>th</sup> grade 48,151.55; Mark Birkel MS Science/K-12 PE-Health 46,778.81; Tacy Boldt 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 42,238.20; Roxann Fast 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 46,884.40; Kari Fods Guidance Counselor 43,900.00;

Connie Geyer .375 FTE Math/Physics 18,293.55; Robin Gigov MS/HS Special Education 47,201.19; Cory Haugen 7-12 Social Science 41,820.00; Jennifer Hojer 5<sup>th</sup> grade 43,806.66; Tricia Holland 6<sup>th</sup> grade 49,313; Lexi Johnson Kindergarten .8 FTE 34,710.60; Marlys Larsen Elem Music/Read. Recovery 48,573.93; Emily Martian Elem Special Education 43,294.16; Marvin McCune HS Soc Science .25 FTE 11,509.91; Lindsay Nolte MS/HS ELA 46,700.00; Shelly Osthus 6<sup>th</sup> grade 45,617.20; Jean Penney First Grade 48,362.74; Bredon Pitts Bus/Comp Instruction 41,000; Janice Poppen Title I 46,462.02; Jacquelin Rosado Consumer Science 41,512.50; April Rusche K-12 Art/DDN Art 46,250.83; Kathy Sanderson HS Eng/Span/Soc Science 46,673.21; Sheila Schmidt HS Science 43,911.00; Cheryl Tangen Library .66 FTE 32,198.26; Dave Vanderwal 11 months Voc Ag 56,303.31; Brandon Vockrodt HS Math 41,512.50; Mikayla Vockrodt 5-12 Inst Music 41,820.00; Brittani Wilkinson Kindergarten 8 FTE 36,155.48;  
**Classified Staff (Hourly rates):** Ralene Coughlin Cook – 6-7 Hrs/Day 13.05; Linda Foley Paraprofessional 7.5 Hrs/Day SPED 13.85; Jason Hauck – Custodian 8 Hrs/Day 12 Months 14.75; Dennis Kruse Bus Driver 3-4 Hrs/Day 20.50; Activity Waiting Time 12.91; Marie Larson LIW Elem Night Cust 3-4 Hrs/Day 13.00; Mike Martens Bus Driver 2 Hrs/Day 20.50; Activity Waiting Time 12.91; Nita Muser Food Service Manager – 8 Hrs/Day 15.61; Teresa Palmlund Cok 6-7 Hrs/Day 13.05; Melody Perry HS Secretary 12 months 8 Hrs/Day 15.60; Debra Pommer 7.5 Hrs/Day SPED 13.85; Sheila Poppen Elem. Secretary 8 Hrs/Day 195 Days 14.80; Traci Schoenfelder 7.5 Hrs/Day SPED 13.85; Suzanne Sinclair 8 Hrs/Day \$13.85; Cody Siver Custodian 8 Hrs/Day 12 months 17.00; Andy Todd Paraprofessional SPED/Trans Mgr-Bus Driver 17.00; Kathy Wattenphul Mini bus driver 1.5 Hrs/Day 15.40;

Cheryl Wilkinson Paraprofessional 7.5 Hrs/Day SPED 13.85  
**Administration:** Andrew Armstead 12 months Middle School/High School Principal and Technology Director 70,000; Robin Gigov Special Education Asst. Director 2613.75; Marv McCune Athletic Administrator 14,966.92; Susan Purintun 12 months Business Manager 61,300.73/Admin Asst. 6700; Abi Van Regenmorter 12 months Superintendent/Elementary Principal/Special Education Director 95,000  
**Extra-Duty Contracts:** Cory Beck Head Golf 2000; Mark Birkel Asst Ftbl 3840; Tacy Boldt Asst. Volleyball 2661; Tacy Boldt JH Girls Basketball 1985; Wes Clubb Co-Head Football 1901; Vicky Dylla Head Volleyball 3802; Jeffrey Gruenhagen Head Boys Basketball 4052; Cory Haugen Athletic Director 1920; Cory Haugen Asst. Boys Basketball 2836; Cory Haugen Cross Country 3000; Cory Haugen Head Track 3000; Michael Johnson Wrestling 3802; Marlys Larsen Elem Music 2240; Shelly Osthus JH Volleyball 1920; Brendon Pitts JH Football 1862; Brendon Pitts JH Basketball 1985; Jacquelin Rosado FCCLA Advisor 2713; Jacqueline Rosado .3 FTE Concessions 533.33; Jennifer Rudebusch Oral Interpretation 1600; Jennifer Rudebusch One-Act Play 1920; April Rusche Yearbook 2880; April Rusche DDN \$800 per semester; Traci Schoenfelder All School Play 1910; Suzanne Sinclair Concessions .3 FTE 640.00; Suzanne Sinclair Cheerleading 1327; Dave Vanderwal FFA 3520; Brandon Vockrodt Concess .3 FTE 533.33; Mikayla Vockrodt Band 2037; Dan Wilkinson co-Head Football 1901; Devon Wolkow Asst. Track 1280;  
**Substitutes** per day – Teacher 90/day, Paraprofessional, Cooks, Custodians \$9.50 per hour.  
**School Board members** 50/Mtg – NESC Rep 60/Mtg.  
**Drivers Education** - \$175 per completion of student driver

## DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The De Smet School District #38-2 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter De Smet School District #38-2 405 Third Street SW P.O. Box 157 De Smet SD 57231 605-854-3070

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, please contact the Office for Civil Rights:

Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Education  
One Petticoat Lane  
1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
Telephone: (816) 268-0550  
Facsimile: (816) 268-0559  
Email: OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov

### Child Find

The De Smet School District #38-2, in order to fulfill the obligations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is required to inform and provide full educational opportunities to all individuals with disabilities ages birth through twenty-one. Abi Van Regenmorter, Superintendent of the De Smet School District needs your assis-

tance to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities. This public awareness notice is to inform parents and other individuals/agencies of the availability of educational services and related services to all individuals who reside within the jurisdiction of the De Smet School District and who are between the ages of birth through twenty-one, regardless of the severity of their disability. This includes individuals in all public and private agencies and institutions and highly mobile children with disabilities, such as migrant and homeless children, who reside within the legal boundaries of the district.

Anyone aware of an individual who may benefit from educational services and related services is encouraged to call the De Smet School District, at 605-854-3070.

### Public Information

The De Smet School District has the following documents available for review by parents of children with disabilities and to the general public:

1. Comprehensive Plan for Special Education.
2. IDEA Federal Applications for Funds.
3. Special Education Accountability/Monitoring Final Report.
4. Applications, evaluations, periodic program plan or reports relating to federal programs including auditor's reports, statements of assurance, budget, and grant materials.

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# Public Notices

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### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are: 1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the De Smet School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school superintendent a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the De Smet School District to amend a record should write the school superintendent, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the deci-

sion and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review

an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW

### Federal Programs Complaint Procedure

Complaints against Titles I, II, IV, or V programs and expenditures may be received at the local, state, and national level. The expeditious and reasonable handling of these complaints is necessary for the effective conduct of the program as well as to promote community understanding and involvement. Complaints shall be translated into constructive suggestions and recommendations for improvement of Titles I, II, IV and V programs.

The following procedures are outlined for use at De Smet School District #38-2:

**Record Initiated** - A written record containing information pertinent to both the source and nature of the complaint should be initiated.

**Complaint Hearing** - Within fifteen (15) days following receipt of complaint, a hearing concerning the complaint shall be held by a hearing committee. Recommendations of the committee shall address answering the complaint. The committee shall be appointed by the

Superintendent. No less than two persons shall be assigned to the committee, preferably the local coordinator and a parent.

**Hearing Minutes** - Minutes of a complaint hearing shall be taken and maintained at the local education agency. A copy of such minutes along with committee recommendations and administrative action shall be filed with the South Dakota Department of Education.

**State Follow-Up** - The South Dakota Department of Education shall maintain a record of all complaint hearings. The designated State Coordinator shall review the records of the complaint hearing and make contacts with the local education agency regarding a follow-up and possible remedial action.

If the complaint is not resolved to mutual consent of both parties, then either party can appeal through the state level procedures.

### Parent's Right to Know Policy

What do I know about my child's teacher? The federal education law put in place by President Bush called "No Child Left Behind" requires that all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers instructing their child. If you are interested in this information, you may send your request to the building principal who will provide a response.

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) IN CIRCUIT COURT  
 ) :SS  
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY ) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ESTATE OF )  
ERICH P. WUTSCH, ) 38PRO20-000008  
Deceased. )

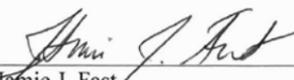
### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on the 26th day of June, 2020 Jamie J. Fast, whose address is 20924 418<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Iroquois, SD 57353, was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Erich P. Wutsch.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 7 day of July, 2020.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie J. Fast  
20924 418<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Iroquois, SD 57353

Kingsbury County Clerk of Courts  
P.O. Box 176  
De Smet, SD 57231  
605-854-3811

Attorney for Estate  
Ron J. Volesky  
356 Dakota Ave. S  
Huron, SD 57350  
605-352-2126

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### TOWN OF ERWIN MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Minutes of the June meeting were read, Penn made a motion to approve and Popkes 2nd.

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$268.38, KRWS. \$37.20, Kaiser Well Drilling \$102.04, Kingsbury Journal \$58.06, USPS \$55.00, Sue Christoffer (mowing) \$135.00, Rod Bell (mowing) \$45.00 and Jerry Popkes (equipment use) \$50.00. Popkes made a motion to pay and Penn 2nd.

Penn made a motion, Popkes 2nd to approve Building Permit for Tina Walraven.

Discussed getting gravel for some streets in Erwin and also roof repair on the City Building

Popkes made a motion and Penn 2nd to purchase a new mower for the Town of Erwin.

There being no further business, Popkes made a motion to adjourn and Penn 2nd, The next regular meeting will be August 3, 2020 at 7:00 at the Legion Halla.

Myrna Knadle  
Finance Officer

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) IN CIRCUIT COURT  
 ) :SS  
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY ) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In the Matter of the Petition of )  
Jonathon Sievers )  
For a Change of Name to )  
Jonathon Olson ) CIV: 38CIV20-000031

### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADULT NAME CHANGE

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

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

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**ESMOND NEWS**

# The township of three post offices

**BY MARLIN CLENDENING**

Rick and Vicki Aughenbaugh were supper guests of Gordy and Marilyn Skyberg Saturday in De Smet.

Hannah Wehlander has moved back to DWU and is taking a class in American Sign Language. She is also employed at the Dakota Discovery Museum in Mitchell.

Esmond town, like many townships, has been the only organized municipality in the township.

There is record, however, of three other post offices in the township. Sana, which the settlers referred to as an "inland trading post," was one-half mile east of Esmond and had an established post office from Oct. 1883 – Nov. 1884. When the railroad missed Sana, the mail went to Esmond.

The Esmond town post office was established in November of 1884 and discontinued Dec. 31, 1973. Mrs. Wayne (Faye) Nelson was the last postmaster for Esmond.

The third location was the settlement of Carroll in northeast Esmond township, with a post office established in 1885 and discontinued in 1886. This settlement has a proposed name of "Confidence."

The Hanchutt family settlement, six miles southwest of Esmond, had a post office from 1882 to 1891 with 72 patrons; however, the family lived on the county line and the post office was listed as being in Miner County.

**CARTHAGE NEWS**

# Dakota papers sold

**BY LOREELEE NELSON**

The Campbell Straw Bale Museum will continue to remain closed to visitors because of the Coronavirus.

Kevin and Lorie Stroud from Arizona left Monday after a visit with Donna Stroud and headed for the Black Hills. Bob and Deb Stroud of Redfield left Monday evening and Gary Stroud returned to Sioux Falls. Donna's grandchildren Kelsey and John Spotanske and children, Redfield, Daniel Stroud and family, Huron, Kendal Stroud and family, Redfield and Justin Stroud and family of Sioux Falls were all recent visitors with Donna.

Mark and Lisa Hinkley, De Smet, visited Harriet Hattervig Friday and Wednesday.

Robin and Miranda Hattervig, Erik and Auden came for an "outside visit" with Harriet Hattervig on the 4th of July.

Brice and Amy Aderson, Reno, Nev., arrived at Mark and Colette Andersons Tuesday for a surprise visit. Bill and Angie Nibbelink of Flاندreau came to visit with them. Brice and Amy left for home Sunday.

Andrew Nelson and Lorelee Nelson had Sunday dinner together in honor of his birthday.

Word in the Pollock, S.D. "Pioneer" and the Linton, N.D. "Record" newspapers this week from Allen and Leah Burke is that they have sold both newspapers. Allan started his newspaper career by working at the Carthage News beginning at the age of 11. Leah's first journalism job was with the Pasadena Star News. They plan to stay in Linton, continue helping at the Braddock News Letterpress Museum, garden and travel.

**BANCROFT NEWS**

# And a town was built

**BY ROSE GROTHE**

There was no service at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, as there was no speaker available.

Adah and Micah Perry, children of Mr. And Mrs. Alan Perry, spent some time with their grandmother, Linda Perry, coming on Friday and going home again on Monday.

Rose Grothe went to Brookings on Friday and had dinner with her daughter Janice.

**MORE BANCROFT HISTORY**

Bancroft started out as the town of Bartram. After a fire leveled Bartram, the town moved to its present location. In 1889, James and Fannie Costello gave the land of what became the site for the new town. It was named after a man by the name of Bancroft, who was asked to start a newspaper in the town of Bartram in 1888 and relocated to the new town site.

Come back next week to read more about the Costello family.



## Kids dig new toy at the Oldham City Park

Thank you to the Oldham Golf and Tennis Club for the donation of a new digger at the City Park. Shane Waikel Jr. is sure enjoying the new toy! (Photo submitted by Chandra Waikel)

**SPIRIT LAKE NEWS**

# Remembering the ball games

**BY ILLDENA POPPEN**

Pastor Dick Poppen will speak Sunday, 9:30am KWAT radio.

Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Spirit Lake Presbyterian church drive up service 88.1 FM Facebook Live.

Thursday, June 30, the Daron and Derick Larson families, Lynn and Valerie Hawkins and Bob Timp were dinner guests of Jim and Dianne Larson. Bob Timp's birthday was observed.

Dorothy Haug, Willow Lake, and Cork and Illdena Poppen were dinner guests of Kathy Murray to celebrate

her birthday.

Rain fall Sunday and Monday measured .8 inch in my gauge.

In this trying time when they tell us to stay at home, being of that acceptable age, as I sit in my easy chair watching the tube and programs I have seen over and over, I turn to memories. Memories, my oh my, over my 91 years and 70 years of marriage. Not in order of years, but as they come to mind.

Today I think of ball games. I played on a women's softball team of pickup players in and around Willow Lake. My two sisters also played and we did quite well, I dare say. Competing with teams in Hazel and Lake Preston, both being very

competitive, as well as Yale and Westington Springs and getting 2nd place in Sioux Falls State competition. My youngest sister was inducted in the Women's Softball Hall of Fame.

Even after marriage, I needed to hurry to do the chores and milk the cows and take our kids along to the games. Perhaps those cows frowned to be milked at 3 o'clock, but it was necessary. Some of our kids sat in strollers to watch the game. My husband coached several years.

Men in the neighborhood formed a team to compete in Willow Lake, along with four other teams, several

times a week. This was the place to be and cheer your team on, bringing huge crowds and giving the guys a breather from a long day in the field. In those days plowing, dragging, discing and planting are a far cry from farming today. Mens' teams were Spirit Lake Oilers, Golden Royals, Canaries and Wild Cats if my memory serves me right. They also competed in state competition.

Now we can't watch our favorite teams or participate, with the need for social distancing.

Thanks to "memories" in this trying time of COVID-19.

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# Sports + Recreation

## LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT



## Lake Thompson Perch

Dave and Olivia Ries of Lake Preston found a gold mine this weekend and took home an impressive basket of perch. The Ries said a break from recent strong winds helped them jig for the perch. They also caught some nice eating-size walleyes. With recent storms and strong winds, fishing has been up and down. Lake Thompson is producing walleyes, but a lot of small fish are being caught. The perch and crappie bites are picking up. Dry Lake #2 has reopened, however recent heavy rains have the road partially covered in water again. The road is passable but very soft. Fishing reports from Dry #2 have been mixed. Some fishermen have been having great success, however many have been coming home empty handed. (Photo by Olivia Ries)

## Catch something big?

Send your fish pictures with story to jim@kingsburyjournal.com

## 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.** — Couples' Night

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 19** — 8th Annual Greenskeeper

## GOLF

# Competition – and casual fun



**Brenda Brown lines up for a putt during Ladies Night at Kingsbury County Country Club on Tuesday. Golfers have enjoyed nice weather at several recent events and tournaments hosted at the course. (Photo by Barb Asleson)**

## Social distancing comes naturally on nearly 40 acres

**BY MATT KEES**  
Kingsbury Journal

Golfers at Kingsbury County Country Club have been taking advantage of some nice weather lately. The Fourth of July weekend saw significant traffic, which has been a trend this summer.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SIZZLE

This past Friday the club held one of its popular Friday Night Sizzle events. These are casual, low-cost golf events meant to encourage light-hearted competition with fun social interaction. Social distancing is still encouraged and feels a bit more natural on a golf course, almost normal.

This particular version of the Friday Night Sizzle included a steak dinner grilled and served by the local Knights of Columbus group. Jim Thomas was grilling, aided by Bill Halverson, Tom Halverson, John Hal-

erson and Shawn Wolkow.

Participants paid a \$25 per person entry into the event which included the steak dinner. Matt and Melissa Kees won the first flight with a round of 33. Seth Wallen and Ashley Waltermann won the second flight with a round of 38.

The next Friday night event is scheduled for July 31 and is open to any 2-person team. The exact format is yet to be determined but will surely strive to balance competition with casual fun!

### COUPLE'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The KCCC Couple's Championship was held on Sunday in nearly perfect conditions. Blaine and Holly Beck defended their long streak of wins with a round of 69. Close behind in second place, shooting 70, were Cory Beck and Angela Hasche. Mike and Denae Tordoff placed third with a 74.

A total of 10 teams enjoyed the amazing summer weather along with ice cold adult beverages served by clubhouse volunteers. While the pandemic is making the restaurant

and bar operations difficult, the golf course has seen renewed activity.

The 9th Annual Greenskeeper tournament, featuring an enlarged six-inch cup, will be held this coming Sunday, July 19. Proceeds from this event benefit the Greenskeeper fund which helps with equipment upgrades and maintenance to facilitate all the great work on the course by Marv McCune and Bernie Stoel.



**Melissa and Matt Kees enjoy a beautiful night on the course for the Friday Night Sizzle. The couple finished in first place with a round of 33 in the modified 9-hole scramble format. (Photo by Matt Kees)**