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COUNTY COMMISSION

Board of Adjustment okays first step for new dairy with conditional-use permit

Proposed farm would have maximum of 9,500 cows

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

The Kingsbury County Commission convened as the Board of Adjustment at Tuesday's meeting for a conditional-use hearing for a concentrated-animal feeding operation request from Mike and Wendy Vander Dussen to build a dairy farm in Spring Lake Township.

Ty Eschenbaum, a partner with A-1

Development Solutions of Brookings, presented the petition for the couple. He said getting the conditional-use permit was the first step of many that may or may not lead to the project happening.

The Vander Dussens have owned a dairy farm in California for 25 years, and Eschenbaum said that for the past five or six years, they have been looking at places in South Dakota that might accommodate what they want to do. The proposed dairy farm would have a maximum of 9,500 Jersey cows.

Mike Vander Dussen said he has been a dairy farmer all of his adult life, adding

that they have four adult children and a desire to keep a family business together. He said California has a water shortage, and he sees South Dakota as a place to grow. He stated that he has never had any problems with his neighbors, and that his parents and grandparents were also dairy farmers in the Netherlands before immigrating to the United States.

Eschenbaum spoke at great length about the positive economic impact the dairy could have on the area, including hiring 35-40 employees, purchasing feed from nearby suppliers, providing farm-

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Farming sunrise to sunset

De Smet kindergarten teacher and farmer, Lexi Johnson, was drawn as the winner of the South Dakota Farmers Union Farmers & Ranchers at Work 2020 Fall Photo Contest. Johnson will receive a \$250 gift card. Read more on page two. (Photo by Lexi Johnson)

De Smet area native publishes fifth book

Author, columnist has local roots

BY DONNA PALMLUND
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DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel grew up the youngest of six children on a farm seven miles outside of De Smet. Her column "Nooks and Crannies" is published every week in this newspaper, as well as the Missouri Valley Times-News and the Platte Enterprise. She has also just published her fifth book in the "Promises to Keep" series of historical fiction.

THE EARLY YEARS

Kruempel attended elementary school in Erwin and graduated in 1972 from De Smet High School. She attended South Dakota State University in Brookings for one year before getting married and moving to North Dakota. The couple later settled in Iowa and had five daughters.

She said she has special memories of going to the De Smet City Library and the librarian, Ida Belzer, whom she describes as a sweet lady who helped her pick out books. At that time, the library was located in the building that later housed De Smet City Hall and is now Prairie Town Gifts. She said she brought

home books from the library and shared them with her mother.

Kruempel worked at The De Smet News after school and on Saturdays when she was in high school. She said the editor and publisher, Aubrey Sherwood, was a big promoter of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and one of her main duties at the newspaper was to send out packets with information about Wilder to people who wrote requesting it. She said Wilder's writings influenced her.

Her love of reading led her to a career as a librarian even before it led to her writing career. She began working at a

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COMMISSION: Proponents and opponents of proposed dairy speak to board

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ers with the nutrients from the manure for fertilizer and delivering the milk to the plant in Lake Norden.

Eschenbaum also said part of the application would be the Vander Dussens "beefing up" 449th Avenue between Highway 14 and the dairy farm. They would be responsible for any of that cost that isn't funded by grants. Eschenbaum said the Vander Dussens were willing to make a significant investment, and that the only way that would be sustainable was if everyone in the neighborhood was happy. He said it would be counter-productive for them to do anything that might be a detriment to the roads.

Commission chair Roger Walls asked what might happen in the spring when roads are thawing.

"We put on road limits," he stated. Eschenbaum said he assumes that enough money would be put into the road to allow for lesser limits, but that at this point they were not asking for any special treatment.

About 17 people attended the hearing in person and about 10 more online, with some speaking in favor and

others in opposition.

Jerri Anderson lives south of Hetland on 449th Ave. She said she understands the desire to develop jobs, but she thinks the dairy should be closer to the delivery site. She pointed out that the road is not 22 feet wide, as required by the Department of Transportation. She asserted that more trucks on this road would pose a dangerous situation to drivers.

"There are no shoulders, and the ditches are deep," she said. "If you put on three inches of asphalt, you're going to make the road steeper." She added that the road is already breaking up and wondered what would happen in another couple of years, even with a three-inch overlay.

"There are four dangerous intersections on that road, and my driveway is one of them," Anderson added. "With a daily barrage of milk trucks, especially during icy conditions, that road is not wide enough. There are a lot of improvements that would be needed, including shoulders." She also expressed concern about culverts that collapse along that road.

Nick Rowe, another representative

of A-1 Development Solutions, said he has worked with the Vander Dussens on another of their dairy operations in Iowa. He said the Iowa dairy is a top-notch, state of the art facility, and the preliminary review of the Kingsbury County location looks like an ideal site.

Angie Goebel lives about five miles south of the proposed site. She stated that her daughters drive to school on that road and expressed concern that the roads are not wide enough, especially during harvest season. Goebel said she was curious about Rowe's remark.

"First you talked about California, and now he said Iowa — but you are talking family farms. Are we really talking about a family operation?" she asked.

Jerry Peterson owns land adjacent to the site and said he is totally opposed for a number of reasons. He argued that there is no ground water and asked how much this operation would milk the Sioux Aquifer if they relied on Kingbrook Rural Water. He also agreed that the road situation was a problem.

"Fertilizer is a big joke," he stated. "All you're going to get as a neighboring farmer is salt water out of those lagoons. All you're going to get with the neighbor knifing salt water is problems. Once sodium is in the soil, the soil is dead for generations."

He asked where the manure was going to run into, cautioning that if it runs into the big ditch and then Lake Whitewood, it would kill the fish and waterfowl. He also expressed concern that the dairy would hire illegal immigrants.

Cameron Paley said he lives about a half-mile southwest of the site.

"I am not a proponent or an opponent. I'm neutral," he said. But he wondered if an odor assessment had been done, and what would be done with dead animals.

Chad Murphy, another neighbor, said he believes the dairy is a positive thing and would be another market for farmer's grains in a location where they are the weakest.

"I have talked to individuals who have done business with Mike, and they say you can do business with a handshake." Catherine Murphy said she has been through the Iowa site, and it was very clean and well-kept with no major odors.

Jeff Anderson lives on an acreage near the proposed site and said he agrees with all the concerns about

road safety, but that his main question was for the commissioners and the Director of Equalization.

"What concessions are you going to make for us when our property values plummet?" he asked.

When it came time to answer questions, Vander Dussen stated, "To concerns about it being a family farm operation, sure I understand the stigma attached to larger farm operations. We employ 200 people, and they all know me as the boss. We are the owners and managers of the California and Iowa facilities."

He said his brother and wife have moved to Dell Rapids and another relative lives near Humbolt.

"We are all involved. We are the owners," he confirmed. He also stated that they do not separate salt from the manure, and that when it comes to dead animals, he hopes there is a rendering facility for dead stock, and he will do whatever is conventionally done.

Eschenbaum said they will try to take a proactive approach on the road and hope the county works with them and gives them direction on what they want done to make it safe.

"We want a sustainable road as well," he said.

An odor assessment has not been completed, but Eschenbaum said they have offered tours of like dairies to the neighbors, and he believes part of the project will be a biodigester, a closed system that biologically digests organic material.

On the topic of illegal immigrants, Vander Dussen said every hire is done by interview process just like any other job. There is not a specific set of procedures. They do not discriminate, but they would never hire someone of ill-repute or bad character.

Attorney Jared Gass, who was representing the county, asked if he had ever gotten in trouble for hiring illegal immigrants or had any for any other labor practices.

"Never," Vander Dussen said.

Director of Equalization Tammy Anderson spoke to Jeff Anderson's (no relation) question about property values. She said sales are what determine if property values go up or down and said the dairy would not make taxes go up or down.

After about two and a half hours, the board went into executive session for discussion, and the request was approved. The permit is subject to compliance with conditions set forth in the zoning ordinance.

De Smet Community Women

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Christmas Cookie Walk

Sunday, Dec. 6, De Smet Event Center
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come for the cookies – stay for coffee & lunch
Proceeds to go toward De Smet community projects

Toys for Tykes

Boxes will be placed by Nov. 21 in
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Maynard's and Dollar General

Home of the Week

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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.

MIKE WALDNER, Iroquois, failure to make proper stop at intersection, fined \$132.50.

CHRISTOPHER WALLACE, Lake Preston, seat belt violation, fined \$25.00.

DANIEL ALBRECHT, De Smet, 60 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

BRIAN WING, Brooklyn, N.Y., 80 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$137.50.

SKYLAR OWENS, Yale, 80 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$137.50.

KRUEMPEL: Fifth book now available in fiction series

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public library when her youngest of five daughters started kindergarten more than 30 years ago and has also worked as a school librarian. She is presently the children's librarian at the Missoula Valley Public Library in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Her home is about a four-hour drive from De Smet. Once or twice a year, she gets together with her brother and three sisters in or around De Smet. Her brothers Delmer and Don stayed in De Smet. Don passed away a few years ago, but his wife, Judy, still lives in rural De Smet. Her sisters live in Arlington, Custer and in Michigan.

During these visits, the siblings spend a lot of time reminiscing about their childhoods.

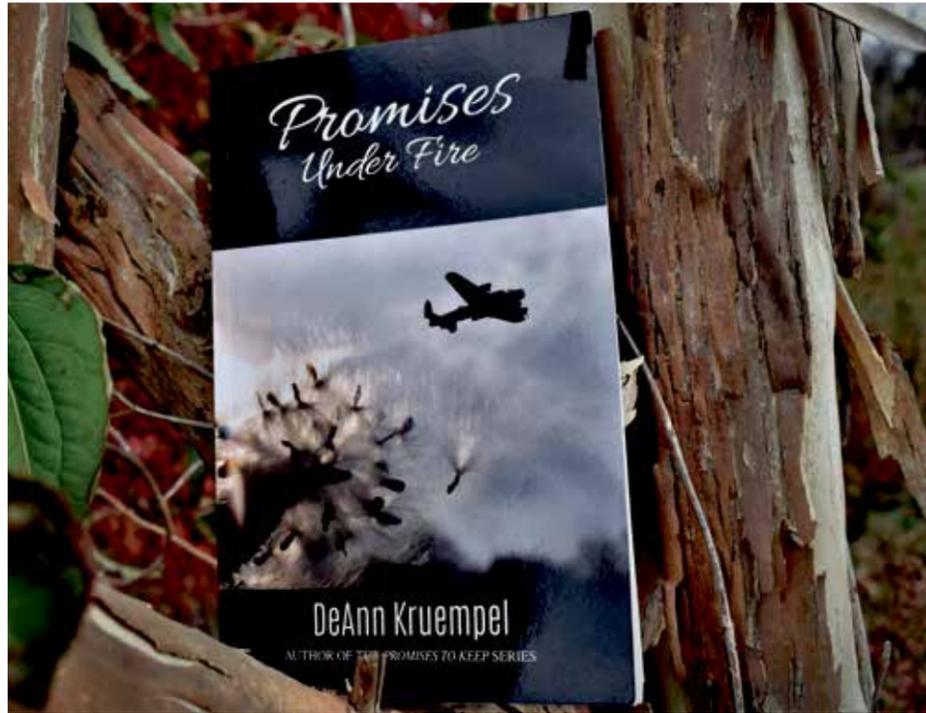
She had wanted to write a book for some time, but she said inspiration for her first novel came about after a sibling reunion a few years ago.

"The drive home on I-29 is pretty uneventful, except for Sioux Falls and Sioux City," she noted. During one long drive, thinking about the latest memories churning around in her brain, she came up with a story. She got home, sat down and pretty much wrote it in one night.

"Promises to Keep" was published in 2018 and was followed with "Promises Challenged," "Promises Strengthened," "Promises in Courage" and now "Promises Under Fire."

While the stories are fiction, they are based on real life situations in rural America during World War II. Since she was not born yet, the stories are inspired not only by her own family's memories, but by the memories of others.

"For my last book, I interviewed a lady I know who just turned 100,"



"Nooks and Crannies" columnist DeAnn Kruempel's new book, "Promises Under Fire", is now available from Amazon in paperback or eBook format.

Kruempel said. The woman had taught in a one-room schoolhouse during World War II and told her about going out with the children to gather milkweed pods for the war effort. The floss inside milkweed pods is waterproof and buoyant and was used to fill soldiers' life jackets and flight suits. Kruempel used this information in her latest novel.

"I wrote about things I felt were important," she said, adding that talking to people made her want to keep their memories alive and not forgotten for future generations.

About becoming a published author, Kruempel said, "It was a dream I had that finally went to fruition."

Kruempel's books can be found on Amazon in paperback form or as downloadable eBooks. She hopes to come to De Smet someday for a book-signing when COVID-19 lifts.

Her column, "Nooks and Crannies," is a new enterprise. She said that when COVID first hit, she decided to try writing a column for the duration of the pandemic. What she thought might be a two-or three-month gig is turning into a longer commitment.

While we at the Kingsbury Journal certainly look forward to COVID-19 ending, we are happy we have "Nooks and Crannies" for our readers' enjoyment for however long it lasts.

Snow Queen Festival canceled

The 65th Annual Kingsbury County Snow Queen Festival, sponsored by the Progressive Community Women of Lake Preston, was originally scheduled to take place Nov. 15 in Lake Preston. Because of COVID concern, leading to the decline in the number of contestants for both Snow Queen and Little Miss Snowflake, the event was canceled for this year.

NEWS BRIEF

Feeding South Dakota truck coming

On Nov. 25, the Feeding South Dakota food truck will be coming to Kingsbury County. It will be in Arlington first from 9-10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. It will then be in Lake Preston at the UCC/UMC Church from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Last, it will stop in De Smet on Wilder Lane (between the Event Center and Washington Park) from 12-1 p.m. A photo ID is required. Their next scheduled stop is December 30.

De Smet school teacher and farmer wins photo contest

De Smet kindergarten teacher and farmer, Lexi Johnson, was drawn as the winner of the South Dakota Farmers Union Farmers & Ranchers at Work 2020 Fall Photo Contest. Johnson will receive a \$250 gift card.

More than 100 photos were contributed by farmers, ranchers and their families. Each photo contributed entered the photographer in the drawing. Johnson only submitted one photo taken at sunset which featured her husband, Ray, planting soybeans into cover crops.

"Farming is a sunrise to sunset,

365-days all day, everyday job," says Johnson, who just returned from delivering a turkey dinner with all the fixings to the field. We visited on Nov. 4, the family's last day of corn harvest. "I figure a Thanksgiving meal is perfect for being thankful for getting all the crops out this year."

The Johnson family farm is diversified. They raise cattle, sheep, corn, soybeans, spring wheat and other small grains. Johnson grew up on a farm near Iroquois, and she says she didn't expect to raise her family on a farm. "I told my parents 'I'm never

marrying a farmer. ...and we've been married 18 years.'"

Reflecting on the life she, Ray and their children, Connor, 14; Breyten, 12 and Kiraley, 7, have on their farm, she says she wouldn't have it any other way. "There is never a dull moment, and it is a good place to learn about hard work."

During the school year, Johnson works as a kindergarten teacher. She says this career works well with life on the farm because she has summers free to help out. She adds that

farming can also be flexible when it comes to the school year schedule. Because their sons are both active in wrestling, Ray schedules lambing and calving around wrestling season.

"In case our boys or their teammates get to state wrestling, we like to finish up lambing before wrestling season and start calving later in March."

South Dakota Farmers Union launched the Farmers and Ranchers at Work photo contest as a way to connect farm and ranch families from across South Dakota during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SHERIFF REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports ten accidents.

ALEC DOBSON of De Smet was driving east on 200th Street near 432nd Avenue when a deer ran out of the south ditch and struck his vehicle. The 2007 Buick Lucerne Dobson was driving received \$3200.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 3 - CHRISTOPHER BROWN of Becker, Minn., was driving west on US Highway 14 near mile marker 386 when a deer ran out of the south ditch striking his vehicle. The 2015 Ford F-150 Brown was driving sustained \$6500.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 7 - DANIEL HENSLEY of Sioux

Falls was westbound on 218th Street near 445th Avenue when a deer ran into the roadway striking his vehicle. The 2017 Ford F-150 Hensley was driving suffered \$8000.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 8 - TRAVIS RITTER of Hayti was traveling northbound on 450th Avenue near 197th Street when a deer ran into the roadway striking his vehicle. The 2002 Ford F-150 Ritter was driving sustained \$750.00 in damages.

SUSAN GOSE of Huron was westbound on US Highway 14 near mile marker 397 when a deer ran into the roadway striking her vehicle. The 2016 Ford Escape Gose was driving suffered \$9000.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 5 - LINDA PERRY of Iroquois, was driving east on US Highway 14 near mile marker 364 when a deer ran into the roadway striking her vehicle. The 2010 Chevy Colorado Perry was driving sustained \$4500.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 7 - DUANE THULL of Oldham was driving west on US Highway 14 near mile marker 386 when a deer ran into the road striking his vehicle. The 2019 Ford Explorer Thull was driving suffered \$9000.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 9 - AMBER MISAR of Arlington was driving west on 211th Street near 450th Avenue when a deer ran on the roadway striking her vehicle. The 2011 GMC Acadia Misar was driving

suffered \$2500.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 12 - MARGARET WILDE of Lake Preston was driving west on US Highway 14 near mile marker 393 when a deer ran into the roadway striking her vehicle. The 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan Wilde was driving suffered \$2000.00 in damages.

NOVEMBER 13 - HOMER ODEGAARD of Loveland, Colo., was traveling east on 204th Street near 442nd Avenue when he lost control of his vehicle due to slippery conditions and slid into the ditch striking a utility pole. The 1999 Ford Ranger Odegaard was driving suffered \$6500.00 in damages.

Voices

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Last week’s weather

- Monday, November 9, 2020
High 52, Low 23
- Tuesday, November 10, 2020
High 25, Low 17, Snow 2 inches
- Wednesday, November 11, 2020
High 35, Low 18
- Thursday, November 12, 2020
High 15, Low 15, Snow 3 inches
- Friday, November 13, 2020
High 35, Low 13
- Saturday, November 14, 2020
High 41, Low 29
- Sunday, November 15, 2020
High 39, Low 21

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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 - Obituary Announcements
 - Letters to the Editor

In all cases, you can add a photo and in the case of events, you can create a map, add a URL, PDF, pricing and contact info.

Craft and gift fair well attended

More than 380 people attended this year’s craft and gift fair Nov. 14 at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center. The De Smet Community Women sponsor the annual event. Masks were required for vendors and guests, a hand-sanitizing station was set up at the door and social distancing was observed. Fifty-six vendors offered a wide variety of hand-crafted items as well as merchandise from independent sales representatives. (Photo by Samone Grubb)

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Providing for our South Dakota communities

FROM BELLE FOURCHE, BUFFALO, and Bison to Aberdeen, Groton, Webster, and Parkston I recently had the chance to sit down with so many South Dakotans. As the country continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to remember that many people – of all walks of life – are struggling, but that we are in this together and we will get through it.

My visits with the wonderful South Dakotans in these communities again reminded me of this state’s unique spirit. Our people are taking care of those who get sick. Our businesses are finding new ways to help their communities. And the state is doing all it can to give families the flexibility they need to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads.

While in Aberdeen, I got to celebrate with 3M as they unveiled an expansion of their facility. 3M’s plant in Aberdeen already produced more N-95s than anywhere in the world, and they’ve tripled their production since the start of 2020. Now, they’ll be able to produce even



GOVERNOR’S DESK

KRISTI NOEM

more of these crucial supplies for our frontline healthcare workers.

But this story extends so far beyond 3M itself. Immediately after the event, we visited Banner Engineering, a facility that develops innovative products, including several that 3M incorporates into their production lines. And I got to visit a dear favorite of mine at the Hitch’n Post.

In Groton, we visited Bierman Farm Services, a business that started providing breakfast for its clientele

after restaurants in town closed early on in the pandemic. We swung by BaseKamp Lodge, where hunters can enjoy the natural social distancing of the outdoors while participating in one of South Dakota’s greatest pastimes, pheasant hunting. In Webster, we saw how Dakota Foundry stepped up to provide workout equipment (especially kettle bells) when supplies were low across the country. This spirit was repeated everywhere we went.

I spent Veterans’ Day in Parkston. While I was there, I saw a community united behind a desire to honor our fallen heroes, as well as the veterans who gave of themselves to serve our nation when duty called.

In Belle Fourche, we visited a western apparel store, Cowboy Too, whose owner and store manager had both recently transplanted from Minnesota and Oregon to live a life of freedom in South Dakota. We also stopped in Bison and Buffalo. In all three towns, we saw small businesses who were working together to keep their com-

munities safe, strong, and healthy in the face of challenges.

In each of these towns, I met with the mayors and other community leaders. Time and time again, they thanked me for allowing them to have the flexibility to continue to provide for their communities, to innovate to help their neighbors, and to put food on the table.

I knew that South Dakotans could be trusted to exercise their personal responsibility, and each and every one of these people have proven me right. I owe tremendous thanks to the small business owners who are keeping our economy strong and growing stronger, who are providing for their communities while working to keep their neighbors healthy.

Our fight against COVID is not over. Cases and hospitalizations are up in our state. As I write this, more than 550 South Dakotans have died from this enemy. Each of their deaths is tragic, and my heart breaks for the families who will never see their loved-ones again. As we continue this fight, let’s remember that we’re in this together.

Pray the original Jesus prayer from the fifth century

AROUND OCTOBER 20, I SAID TO MY WIFE, Lisa, as I woke her up to feed our newborn, Etta, “Do you want the good news or the bad news first?” “Ah, the good news?” she hesitantly responded. “I replaced the bulbs in the main floor bathroom. It’s so much brighter in there now. They weren’t even matching wattages. One was 40W and the other was 60W. Also, it’s snowing outside. Probably 2 or 3 inches of accumulated snow.”

Then I heard an audible groan, and I continued, “The tree in the backyard still has like 80% of the leaves on it. I was trying to wait to rake the leaves until that tree’s leaves had fallen. Now they will be buried in snow. With a potential light blizzard coming this weekend, who knows if I’ll even get to rake them before spring now?”

MEDITATIONS

PASTOR JONATHAN DOLAN
American Lutheran Church, De Smet

I imagine that a number of you might have had similar conversations with your spouse. But I have to say, that if those snowfalls happened in about any other year, my Facebook feed probably would have had a decent portion of people posting pictures talking about how they “can’t believe” the snow already came or “can’t wait” for more to come. But this isn’t any other year. This year, because of all that has transpired, we have become desensitized to things like an early snowfall. They don’t seem to carry the same weight as be-

fore. A Facebook post will read, “On my way to work, and I got a flat tire. Must still be 2020.” But some things carry even more weight. Another Facebook post reads, “We are sorry to tell you, but we are going to postpone our wedding until next year. We can’t wait to celebrate with our family and friends! – Love, the future Mr. and Mrs. Smith.”

This year because of COVID-19, especially since our communities (at the time of this writing) are at the most severe spread ever with 133 active cases and 5 deaths; with civil unrest this past summer in response to racial injustice; with schools, churches, businesses, all closing down back in March and slowly reopening over the summer; with what was a politically divided general election; all while ad-

justing to medical safety measures like required masks, plastic dividers and shopping for a much larger portion of our household items online; it seems our whole perspective on what is important or a nuisance has changed.

With all that is going on right now in our world, I invite you to stop what you are doing...like literally right now. Turn off your TV and silence your phone for 20 minutes. Meditate while praying this ancient Christian prayer that has its roots in the 400’s. Breathe in and out on the commas and mentally say, “[in] Lord Jesus Christ, [out] Son of God, [in] have mercy on me, [out] a sinner.” Allow these words to envelope you. Focus on them. May Christ’s peace surround you while you meditate and pray this day.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Arlington

CALVARY FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST, Church at 9:30 a.m. (masks required)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH, See Facebook page for updates.

Badger

BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Church at 9:00 a.m. Also streaming on YouTube.

Bryant

BRYANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Sunday at 10 a.m.

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

Bancroft

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sunday School at 10:30 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Carthage

TRINITY LUTHERAN, Can find online services on Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page. More information to come.

De Smet

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The service will be recorded and available at <http://americanlutherandesmet.org>.

DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages, Church at 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 7:15 p.m.— all invited!

DE SMET COMMUNITY CHURCH, Church at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m. Afternoon worship at 1:15 p.m., Bible study — Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

SPIRIT LAKE PRESBYTERIAN, Drive-up Sundays at 10:30 a.m., on Facebook Live and FM88.1 SPRT radio.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Mass at 9:00 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Church at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Listen in your car on 87.9 FM or Facebook

Esmond

ESMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, No church services until further notice.

Iroquois

IROQUOIS TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 10:45 a.m., Evening services 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

PRAIRIE HAVEN MENNONITE CHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 10:45

a.m., Evening services first, second, and fourth Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Lake Preston

LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Can also find service on Facebook Live. First Sunday of the month, an additional service at 12:00pm, masks are required

NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sunday School at 10:15 a.m., Church at 9:00 a.m. Can also find service on Facebook Live.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Church at 10:00 a.m. in your car or in the church

Oldham

OLDHAM LUTHERAN, Church at 9:00 a.m.

Ramona

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Obituaries

LARRY GEROME GUNDERSON

Larry Gerome Gunderson, 72, of Lake Preston, passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, after a month long battle with the Wuhan Covid virus, which was amplified by several other health issues.

Larry was born in Sioux Falls, S.D. on April 20, 1948, to Percy and Betty Gunderson. His childhood years were spent in South Dakota and Minnesota. In his early teen years, the family settled in Ellsworth, Wis. He had a passion for hunting, shooting and fishing. If it was done outdoors, Larry was willing to try it. Later in life his passion turned to trap-shooting and sporting clays.

Larry and Mona were married March 15, 1969, before he left for Marine Corps boot camp. His enlistment lasted for two years. The couple and their family lived in various places and moved to Lake Preston, S.D. in 1983. His best times were spent with family; specifically, he loved camping, hunting, fishing, shooting and snowmobiling. He passed his interests to his children and grandchildren. When he was out-gunned by a family member, he would laugh and say that it was okay,



because he was such a great coach and taught them well.

He is survived by his wife, Mona; his children, Michele (Ron) Smith of Brookings, S.D., Michael (Audra) Gunderson of Estelline, S.D. and Daniel (Jackie) Gunderson of Lake Preston, S.D.; his

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grandchildren, Kyle Coyle, Levi Smith, Jessica Smith, Mathew Smith, Megan Smith, Tate Gunderson, Ava Gunderson and Sawyer Gunderson; one brother, Randy (Lynn) Gunderson; three sisters, Nancy (Paul Drobney) Gunderson, Cathy (Lyle Hovda) Gunderson and Wendy (Bill) Cook; one sister-in-law, Jean Gunderson and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Terry.

His unconditional love for his family and his unwavering faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is his legacy to all.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Free Lutheran Church in Bruce, S.D. The Rev. Aaron Olson will officiate with a message by Rev. Ron Smith. Services will be limited to family and close friends only. There will be a live stream of the service on the Grace Free Lutheran, Bruce, S.D. facebook page. The public can also come to the west parking lot of the church and listen to the service on the radio at 89.3 FM.

GENE L. MUILENBURG



Gene L. Muilenburg, 75, passed away Sunday, Nov. 8 at his home in Burnsville, Minn. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sylvia (Wosje) Muilenburg and parents, Fred and Ruth (Geyer) Muilenburg of De Smet.

Gene retired from a long career in finance and enjoyed spending time with family and friends playing cards, gourmet cooking, traveling and golfing. The proverbial life of the party – Gene will be deeply missed.

He is survived by a son, Brent (Allyson); daughter, Julie; grandkids, Hannah, Isabel, Luke, Olivia and Noah; his sister, Dee McKibben and other loving family and friends.

Out of extreme caution due to Covid, the family held a private graveside service and interment Friday, Nov. 13 at Dawn Valley Cemetery in Bloomington, Minn. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern MN, 545 Dunnell Drive, Owatonna, MN 55021. <http://www.bbbsosouthernmn.org/>

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Chan "Toni" Clarey

Toni Clarey, 50, of Carthage, who fulfilled the idea of the American dream as a Laotian immigrant, mother of five and do-it-all leader of local restaurants, died on Nov. 8, 2020, in Sioux Falls at the Avera McKennan Hospital from complications due to cancer and other health issues.

A celebration of life was held on Nov. 14 at the Cabaret in Carthage. A private funeral ceremony was held due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Clarey was born Chan Hom Lee in a small Laos village that she compared to Carthage. The oldest of eight children, she and her family left the country during the late 70s due to an ongoing conflict. She once estimated she was 12 years old when they left for Thailand as refugees, and later they moved to America to Evansdale, Iowa and Carthage, SD.

At her career peak, she ran the Cabaret bar and steakhouse.

She did not know how to stop working. After she sold the Cabaret to her daughter, Phyllis, in the mid 2010s, she took a break from work and found those moments difficult. She busied herself with house projects and yard work but quietly hatched a plan to re-enter the food business. Less than two years later, Clarey and her son, William, opened Diner 34 in Howard. The short-lived restaurant was open for less than two years, as she was approached to manage De Smet's Kingsbury County Country Club and

accepted.

Like at the Cabaret, she developed strong relationships with many there and worked tirelessly.

She is survived by her five children, Jonathan, Shannon, William, Phyllis and David; and six grandchildren, Aedan, 15; Quentin, 10; Sawyer, 7; Rolland (Ollie), 6; Jerry, 4; and Winter, 2.



Irvin Thomas Gilbertson

Irvin Thomas Gilbertson, 83, Rapid City, passed away on Nov. 7, 2020. Gilbertson was born on the family farm near Erwin, S.D. He worked for many years as a meat cutter. He enjoyed camping with his family, hunting, fishing and coaching his two sons' baseball teams. Gilbertson was a big supporter of all of his grandchildren's activities.

Gilbertson is survived by his wife of 64 years, Fern Gilbertson; children, Rodney Gilbertson, Kevin Gilbertson and Shellie (Jeff) Ward; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and his sisters, Jean (Delbert) Zambon and June Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Olivia (Frankie) Gilbertson; great grandson; his sister, Joan Hiatt; brother-in-law, James Taylor; daughter-in-law, Vicki Gilbertson; a niece and a nephew

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home. Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery.



Vernon Waldow

Vernon Waldow, 80, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and a former Arlington, S.D. resident, died Oct. 29, 2020, in Sioux Falls. A private funeral service was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Sharon Hollar

Sharon Lea Hollar, 79, of Las Vegas, Nev., passed on Nov. 11, 2020. She was born June 1, 1941, to Grover R. Denman and Helen F. Bruley Denman in Huron, S.D. She had two sibling brothers, Jim and Randall Denman.

She married Robert Herzog on May 27, 1967. In January 1968, they welcomed their first of four children. From 1969-1976, she and Robert moved throughout Montana, ultimately landing in Choteau, where

they purchased an establishment. In 1981, Robert and Sharon divorced. In 1994, she married Raymond Hollar of Choteau, Mont., until his passing in 2000.

Her children were what she cared about most. She enjoyed reading, card games with family and crocheting. Following her retirement, she devoted most, if not all of her time, to her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Grover; her brother, Randall and her mother, Helen.

She is survived by her brother, Jim Denman of Rapid City, S.D.; her children, Monte Herzog of Great Falls, Mont., Terry Herzog of Great Falls, Mont., Dustin Herzog (Monica) of Las Vegas, Nev. and Deryl Sandrock (Bryan) of Las Vegas, Nev. She had 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family held a private wake at her children's house in Las Vegas, Nev. No funeral services are being held at her request.

Plant hope for tomorrow

THE YOUNG FARMER PRESSED his foot down on the shoulder of the garden fork. He pushed the tines into the soil all around the hole, creating small tunnels in the black South Dakota earth. "We need to make it easy for the roots to grow," he explained to the four-year-old girl and her little brother, who stood watching. "My dad used to throw a horseshoe in the hole when he planted apples." He smiled as he remembered. "Said it added iron to the soil."

When the earthen home was ready, his wife knelt down, placed the young tree into the hole and gently pushed the loose soil around the roots. Wash dress and apron did not protect her bare knees from pressing into the newly-thawed ground. The girl and boy dropped down next to their mother and patted the earth around the tree.

At last, the family stood back to admire their work. Six small trees, spaced far apart, protruded from the soil on the east end of the garden, sticks pointing to the sky. The little boy reached for his sister's hand, and their father knelt down next to them. "You two will need to help water these trees," he said. "Hopefully, someday you'll get to eat apples from them."

They did, and they did. My sister Deloris recalls carrying buckets of water to the young saplings, especially in years when rain was scarce, but the trees and the children grew up together, and before too many years, four more apple-eaters were added to the family.

Our parents grew up on farms during the Thirties. Survival demanded that they set aside food for winter and for years of scarcity. Nothing was wasted. So, when those six apple trees began to produce, Mom cooked, baked and canned every possible apple concoction, and we kids enjoyed the bounty. The aroma of apple crisp or baked apples fresh from the oven often greeted us when we got off the school bus on fall afternoons.

The Whitney crabs, small, but sweet, became pickles and sauce and juice, stashed in the basement in clear mason jars. When the Wealthy and Winesap varieties bore fruit, there was spicy, brown apple butter and chunky applesauce. Deloris, Darlene and Dorothy peeled and sliced. Jars of canned apples for pie soon joined the others on the shelves. Almost every Saturday Mom baked pies. During the winter, she folded a jar of canned apples with sugar and spices and tucked them between crusts. Sunday dinner delight!

Sometimes in the fall, frigid temperatures threatened the apples still on the tree. My brother Delmer climbed the ladder in approaching darkness to pick the remaining apples. He handed them down to my sisters, who carried buckets inside to save the fruit from frost. Mom and I wrapped the biggest, best red striped spheres in newspaper and packed them in a box in the porch. Through March we could unwrap crisp, juicy fruit. Even when they



NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUMPEL

began to shrivel, they still worked in apple cake.

Some years, late spring frost killed the fragrant blossoms, or drought stressed the tall trees and the crop was sparse. But in years of bounty, Dad would reminisce about when he and Mom and Deloris and Don had planted those six young apple trees.

Autumns and Apple Pie Sundays flew by. More than twenty years after that hopeful tree-planting day, Deloris and her husband climbed into their car after a visit "back home." Suddenly, Dad hurried out of the house, carrying a five-gallon bucket loaded with apples. He opened the door to the back seat and set it on the floor. The scent of the fresh fruit filled the vehicle. He ruffled the soft blond hair of the four-year-old girl and her little brother as they smiled up at Grandpa. Then he turned to his daughter with a twinkle in his eyes and said, "Mom doesn't want these to go to waste. Hope you can use 'em." They did.

Martin Luther once said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

Mom's Apple Cake

- 3 cups diced, peeled apples
- 1 cup sugar
- Let sugar and apples set for 30 minutes to form juice.
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup chopped nutmeats (walnuts)
- 1/2 cup coconut.

Sift flour, salt and soda. Mix well. Add oil, egg and apple mixture all at once and mix. Fold in nuts and coconut and bake in a 9 x 13 pan at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Mix the following topping and spread on the cake immediately after removing it from the oven:

- 6 Tablespoons softened butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 4 Tablespoons cream
- 1/3 cup chopped nutmeats

Place the cake back into the hot oven for five minutes.

Note from author: Enjoy warm with ice cream or real whipped cream!

Retirement!

Over 31 years ago, **SHELLY STOUT** began her career with the ASCS (now Farm Service Agency) office in De Smet. On November 30th, Shelly will start a new chapter in her life which includes being able to focus more on being the fabulous wife, mom, and grandma she has always been.

Shelly has greatly enjoyed the interactions she has had over the years with Kingsbury County farmers and ranchers. Shelly's dedication to her job, her hard work and caring personality will be missed by the FSA staff and Kingsbury producers. The entire Kingsbury staff will miss Shelly and wish her the very best!

Due to COVID restrictions, we will be unable to hold an open house as we would like. Please join us in wishing Shelly all the best in her retirement by sending her a card or well wishes! Thank you and Congratulations Shelly!

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Charles Johnson and Naomi Tollefson were married at Lands Lutheran Church, rural Hudson, SD on November 27th, 1970 by Pastor Mark Svaren. Greetings can be sent to P.O. Box 270, Arlington, SD 57212. A belated celebration will be held in the spring.

Count on getting stuffed and corn casserole

THE ONE THING YOU CAN always count on when it comes to getting together for Thanksgiving (or any gathering) with my family is that the turkey is not the only thing that will end up getting stuffed.



HOME GROWN AMY HALVERSON

My mom's side of the family loves to get together for the holidays, and it always means a full buffet of all the fixings and lots more. When you walk into the designated house for the gathering, you can count on every counter being covered with pans, crockpots and dishes full of food.

We always have the traditional Thanksgiving goodies like turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie. Then we have lots of extras. If I remember correctly, last year for meat alone we had a huge turkey, a couple hams and two kinds of polish sausage.

We've always had a huge selection of sides covering a couple tables. There are relish trays, dips and homemade dinner rolls. Some bring the salads we count on like macaroni and potato salad, and others take the opportunity to try out new recipes for us all to try.

The counters and stove tops are covered with hot sides like sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn casserole and macaroni and cheese. At this point we're usually all trying to figure out how to squeeze more onto our plates or giving up and deciding to hit these goodies on our return trip for seconds (or thirds).

Of course, the best are the dessert tables, which are full of temptations. We can always count on pumpkin pie, apple pie, chocolate

Corn Casserole Tips:

- **Slow Cooker:** Place all ingredients in slow cooker. Set on high and stir every 10-15 minutes once hot. As soon as noodles are done, set on warm until ready to eat.
 - **Save Corn Juice:** Sometimes the casserole will get thick with the pasta and Velveeta. If you save the juice from the corn, you can add it back in as needed to get the texture you desire
- Need some tips and tricks? Submit your questions to amy@kingsburyjournal.com*

pudding pie, cherry pie, pecan pie, coconut cream pie, smores bars, brownies and ice cream.

With all these goodies to choose from, we always end up stuffed at the end of the day, but we've decided it's okay since we only get together a few times a year.

One of my favorite recipes for the holidays is corn casserole. It's really easy to throw together. The only downfall is that it's not exactly low-cal, but that's probably why it's so good. Enjoy!

CORN CASSEROLE

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| 1 cup spaghetti or angel hair pasta | 1 stick oleo or butter |
| 1 can cream style corn | 1 cup Velveeta cheese |
| 1 can regular corn, drained | Salt and pepper, to taste |

Break spaghetti into pieces and place in casserole dish. Melt butter and pour over spaghetti. Add both cans of corn. Cut up cheese and add to mixture. Salt and pepper. Bake about 1 hour at 350, stirring every 15 minutes.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Deadline approaching!

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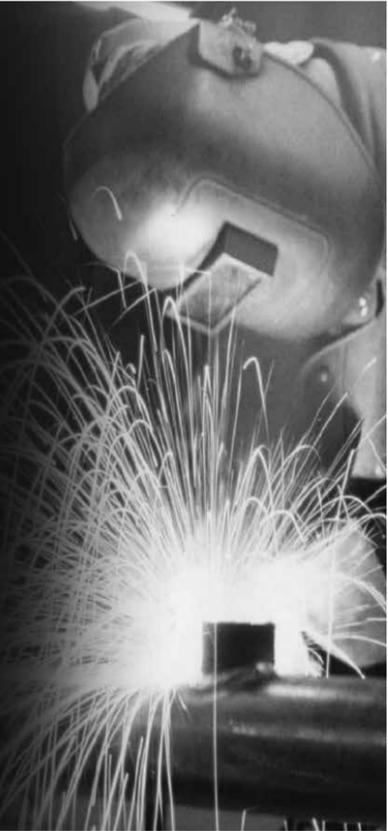
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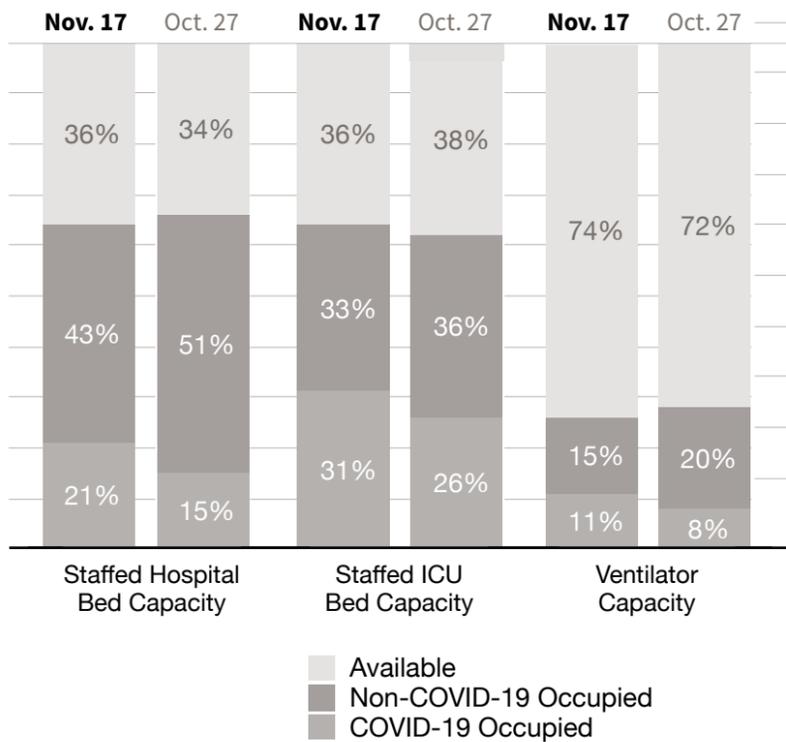


COVID-19

Taking a closer look: Statewide hospital capacity

While hospitalization rates have remained at 6% positive cases ever hospitalized, rising positive cases have resulted in increased hospital occupancy over the last three weeks. The chart below represents statewide hospital bed occupancy and differs from hospital to hospital.

What is the capacity of S.D. hospitals if you do need care?



This week's COVID numbers around the region

COUNTY	ACTIVE CASES			EVER HOSPITALIZED			DEATHS		
	As of Nov. 17	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Nov. 17	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Nov. 17	Prior week	Prior two weeks
Kingsbury Population 5,148	136	127	99	11	11	10	5	4	2
Clark Population 3,691	55	65	68	19	17	12	1	1	1
Hamlin Population 5,903	119	88	59	19	15	11	0	0	0
Miner Population 2,389	37	52	54	7	7	6	3	2	2
Brookings Population 31,965	511	484	350	70	59	49	13	9	6
Beadle Population 17,398	575	513	363	62	53	46	22	19	15

SOURCE: S.D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UPDATED NOV. 17, 2020; POPULATION AS OF 2010 CENSUS

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20: Pizza Burger on Bun, Vegetable, Fruit

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: Chef Salad w/ protein, Vegetables, Cheese, Fruit, Crackers

School Lunch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Turkey Slice, Mashed Potato, Fruit, Bun, Cheesecake

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20: Corndog, Baked Beans, Oranges

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Lettuce, Peach Cup, Motz Bread Stick

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Hamburger on Bun, Baked Beans, Apple

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: No School

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

everyone who sent cards, memorials and sympathies, brought food, called or came to visit. A special thank you to Jim Millman for the beautiful service. All was much appreciated.

Mom had a difficult last three years, but truly loved all the calls and visits she received while in Brookings.

She touched the lives of many and will be remembered for the love she shared and memories she made.

Rest in Peace, Mom.

Bonnie & Dan Menzel & family
Randy & Lindy Holland & family
Terry & Tricia Holland & family



The Walter family would like to thank those who prepared and served the benefit meal for Reed. We are overwhelmed with the support and generosity of everyone who donated. God Bless.



Get stretched — wrestling practice begins!

Kingsbury County Knights started wrestling practice on Monday, Nov. 17. The SDHSAA has outlined COVID recommendations to keep all winter athletes safe. (Photo by Abi Van Regenmorter)

City Council meets at Event Center

Larger room allows safer social distancing

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet City Council is meeting in the Lyle Room at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center, rather than at City Hall, for the foreseeable future to allow for better social distancing. These meetings are open to the public and can also be attended virtually.

At the Nov. 10 meeting, Kathy Hawkins and Katlin Johnson addressed the council about their ongoing COVID concerns. Hawkins, who had also attended the October meeting, thanked the council for their official statement asking people to wear masks. Hawkins's mother is a resident at the Good Samaritan Society in De Smet, and Johnson is the administrator of the facility. Hawkins reported that on Oct. 21, a total of 149 cases of COVID had been reported in the county. She said that in less than three weeks, that number grew to 294. She asked that the city expand the mask recommendation and require people to wear masks in all city buildings. Kingsbury County is considered to have substantial spread. South Dakota has the second-highest positive cases per capita in the nation with 137.3 reported per 100,000 people in one week.

Johnson said she was speaking on behalf of the residents and their families. The De Smet facility has had some

positive tests among employees, but fortunately none of the residents have tested positive. She said that the nursing home in her hometown of Canton has had 16 residents die of COVID in recent weeks. In De Smet, staff take mandated tests twice a week.

"If we get one case, that is considered to be an outbreak, and staff and residents have to be tested every 3-7 days," she said. "And it is not a comfortable test." Johnson added that COVID is not only hard on the residents, who at times have to quarantine in their rooms for weeks at a time, but that it is also taking a toll on her staff. She said without a mask mandate in the community, a majority of the staff is choosing not to go out at all. She said it is causing depression and anxiety. "I have not gone to church in eight months," she shared. "I would never forgive myself if I brought it into the facility." She added that they would like to see some support.

"Wearing a mask is not going to kill somebody; not wearing one might."

After the women left, council member George Cavanaugh asked if Johnson demands that her employees wear a mask whenever they leave the building. Mayor Gary Wolkow said there are masks available at City Hall for anybody who wants one. He said they were provided by a very generous donor who did not want any public recognition. Cavanaugh commented that he has noticed people are getting better about social distancing.

"I notice at the grocery store, that people don't crowd the checkout line. They stand back."

Council member Pam Spader asserted that people who are supposed to be in quarantine need to be reminded to stay home, and council member Bret Jensen said maybe there could be some sort of incentive for people to encourage them to wear masks.

Cavanaugh agreed that the council needs to keep the recommendations in the paper until COVID is over, and he also commended Johnson and the staff at Good Samaritan and The Village Assisted Living for how well they continue to handle the situation.

Wolkow said they should continue to encourage people to wear masks and keep the advertisement that states their position in the newspaper.

RESCUE WORKERS REQUEST NEW LEASE

Jim Girard and Rod Combs spoke to the council on behalf of De Smet Rescue to ask about renegotiating the lease that their service has with the city. Several years ago, when the ambulance service was started, the city gave them a bay to store the ambulances, along with a meeting and office space. The ambulance is a private, nonprofit entity, and no funding is provided by the city or taxpayers. They operate on patient billing along with some grants and donations. When the fire hall was built 10 years ago, the

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DAYS GONE BY

1995: Some hunters find pheasant season too good

10 YEARS AGO

November 17, 2010

Banking in De Smet changes Feb. 15, 2011, when Wells Fargo closes its local branch. In the last few weeks, patrons of Wells Fargo in De Smet have received letters indicating the branch will close at noon on Feb. 15. **Staci Schiller**, Wells Fargo banking media communicator, said that when they look at store locations, they weigh different factors. Closing the De Smet branch came down to not having enough patronage to make it cost effective. Schiller said that there are no jobs lost with the branch closing. Current team members have been offered positions at nearby stores.

A book about the history of De Smet's hospital started as a simple enough idea, and then it took on a life of its own. Current hospital administrator, **Janice Schardin**, who edited the recently completed history, said the book started only as a way to celebrate the 50 years the current hospital has been around. When hospital staff began discussing ways of celebrating this milestone, someone suggested writing a history book. As Schardin worked with the material, she noticed a pattern. About every 20 years, the community was faced with identical issues – physician recruitment, expansion and renovation. "History repeats itself," Schardin noted.

25 YEARS AGO

November 15, 1995

Whenever hunting is good, some folks seem to be unable to resist temptation. Fortunately, there are some sportsmen willing to pick up the phone and call the Turn in Poachers hotline when they know a law has been violated. In the first two weeks of pheasant season, three significant cases were solved, thanks



FIFTY YEARS AGO: Termed a Gala Grand Opening, a seven-day event opened yesterday at Jack and Jill's Food Center here – a celebration and Thanksgiving event following recent remodeling of the exterior and interior of the local supermarket.

to TIPs calls. In the Mitchell area, a report of a significant overbag by a group of 10 hunters from Tennessee prompted an investigation that resulted in each of them being cited for four counts of overbag. Conservation officer **Jeff McEntee** of Mitchell said the 10 hunters involved had 150 birds, which would have been a legal possession limit for five days of hunting. However, thanks to the TIPs call, officers had been observing the party and knew they did not hunt at all on Oct. 25. Through interviews, it was learned that the party did very little hunting on Oct. 23 because of the weather. According to McEntee, the hunters thought they could evade the daily bag limits by staying in South Dakota long enough to make it appear that they had legally taken 15 roosters apiece.

50 YEARS AGO

November 19, 1970

A grant for \$8,618.52 is being made by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

to development of the 23-acre Washington Park at De Smet, so The News was advised Thursday by telegram from Washington. The telegram stated that **Senator Karl Mundt** and **Representative Ben Reifel** were notified of the grant. The funding is from the Land and Water Conservation Program, which provides money to assist states and local government in acquiring and developing non-federal recreation lands and waters as part of South Dakota's statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation planning, so the telegram stated. The funds are to be matched by De Smet and will be used in the development of three acres in Washington Park in camper pads, a picnic area, playground, shower facilities, irrigation system and lights, in the program of improvement started this summer by De Smet City.

75 YEARS AGO

November 15, 1945

Miss Joyce Lee of this city has joined the staff of The De Smet News,

starting in full time this week after a few hours a day the past week. She will spend a few weeks in the office, assisting **Miss Hazelle Larsen**, before decision is made as to her department. Miss Lee is a graduate of the local high school in 1944 and has been employed lately at Gordon's Cafe. Additional help in the office will relieve others of the staff, and it may lead to training another composing machine operator, a position left vacant when Miss Phyllis Sherwood left for college.

Mr. and Mrs. Garmon Magnuson report from recent letters received from their three boys in service. Milton, recently promoted to sergeant, is in a hospital in Manila with yellow jaundice and expects to be there several more weeks. Their second son, Gerhard, stationed in Guam, is promoted from private first class to corporal, and Sidney, a sergeant, is in Japan with 28 months of overseas duty so far. He had expected to be on his way home but has been assigned to the army of occupation.

95 YEARS AGO

November 15, 1915

The opening of the new Floto Auditorium was a great success. There were about 150 couples of dancers and nearly as many more spectators who wanted to see the new hall. The size of the floor, 50 feet x 105 feet, enabled all to dance without crowding, and the new hardwood floor proved ideal. **Mr. and Mrs. Irons** provided the music. The ladies of the Royal Neighbors furnished supper in the little hall. (The auditorium is now Klinkel Hall, the "little" hall, the second floor of the Klinkel Building.) The new Floto Auditorium was opened for skating Monday night and has been open each night this week.

American Legion reaches out to new members

Veterans organization supports military, community

BY DONNA PALMLUND

Kingsbury Journal

The American Legion evolved from a group of World War I veterans on March 15, 1919 in Paris, France, as a patriotic veterans' organization.

The De Smet American Legion Post 138 is 100 years old, with its first official charter on Jan. 13, 1920. Aubrey Sherwood, longtime publisher and editor of The De Smet News, was one of the first members. According to membership chairman Gary Wolkow, a Vietnam veteran, there are about 125 members in the local chapter, but they have a goal of 143.

Normally, the De Smet chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, but because of COVID-19, they are not having any in-person

meetings or functions at this time. Normally, there would have been a Veterans Day program at the school, and there is also an annual Veterans Day county meeting that rotates locations each year.

The goal of the American Legion is to help veterans and their families with any type of need. Wolkow said the National American Legion fights for veteran's benefits and rights with Congress to make sure people who have served their country get the benefits they deserve.

Some of the more public things the De Smet American Legion participates in are military funerals for local veterans, putting up the Avenue of Flags at the courthouse and Washington Park on patriotic holidays, a Memorial Day service each year at the De Smet Cemetery, presenting the colors at high school sporting events and leading the annual Old Settlers' Day Parade.

They also do a lot of behind-the-scenes things. During normal times,

the Legion hosts fundraisers such as pancake feeds and Bingo parties and they donate to various youth organizations such as baseball and scouting programs. Because of COVID, they are not hosting any social events at this time.

"Hopefully, COVID goes away soon," Wolkow remarked.

The American Legion sponsors a scholarship each year for a local boy to attend Boys State, and the Legion Auxiliary sponsors one for a girl to attend Girls State. These are statewide conventions for high school juniors where participants learn more about how government works. In past years, there was more interest from students wanting to participate in Boys and Girls State, but some years, none of the students try out or applies for these conventions.

The Legion also donates to the veterans' hospitals in Sioux Falls and Hot Springs.

Most Legion Posts, including #138 in De Smet, has a Legion Auxiliary for spouses or daughters of veterans or

enlisted men or women. At one time, this group was called the Ladies Auxiliary, but men who are married to an enlisted person or veteran can belong to the Legion Auxiliary as well.

The Legion rents out the hall for a nominal fee, but they give special rates to veterans. The local post allows youth programs to use the building at no charge.

Wolkow said they are here to help veterans and their families and do whatever they can to support the community. He would like veterans from all branches of the services to know they can contact any of them for support for themselves or their families.

Gary Schumacher is the Veteran's Service Officer in Kingsbury County. He can be reached at Wilkinson-Schumacher law Office 854-3378.

Wolkow said the Legionnaires would like to invite any local veterans to join their post. He can be reached at (605) 203-0026, and Post 1238 Commander, Jim Pekron, can be reached at (605) 203-0136.

De Smet

COUNCIL: Visitors impressed with what they saw on community tour

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rescue crew contributed funds to help build the new building and agreed to a lease, again to help fund the building. Now that the building is paid for, they feel they have contributed a significant amount (more than \$130,000) and would like their rent reduced. Their contract comes up for renewal in about a year.

“We provide one hell of a community service, as you all know,” Combs stated. He added that soon they will have paid for about 20 percent of the building.

“We have donated between \$30,000-\$35,000 to begin with and have paid almost \$100,000 in rent,” Girard pointed out. “The cost is getting hard on us.”

City Attorney Todd Wilkinson, who was attending virtually, suggested that a couple members of the

council meet with a couple members of the rescue crew, rather than make a decision right on the spot.

“That’s why we came a year ahead of time,” Combs said. Wolkow said they should appoint a committee to do some research. “We’ll get together and see if we can come up with some plan,” he said.

WATER PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

Shane Waterman, a civil engineer with Clark Engineering, gave an update on the planned water project for the city. Bid openings for the project will take place at 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at City Hall, and Waterman will come to the December city council meeting with a recommendation. He does not anticipate any major problems.

The council had the first reading to amend Ordinance No. 11-2Q per-

taining to water service hookups and rates. This will include a surcharge of \$4.35 beginning with the January billing. The increase is necessary for the city to qualify for loans for the water project. Wilkinson advised that snowbirds, who have water hookups to their houses, even if they have shut off services while they are gone, will still be required to pay the \$4.35 a month surcharge.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

• Street Department Superintendent Ryan Petersen reported that there are a couple of streetlights by Legend Seeds that don’t work. He said Otter Tail Power Company said there is no juice to them. Petersen also said someone from the state told him the city can only have one sign in the location

north of town that designates De Smet as a tree city and home of a purple heart recipient. It was noted that De Smet currently is not a tree city anyhow, so that sign will be taken down, and the purple heart one left in place.

• City Finance Officer Tracey Larson reported that the Rural Office of Community Services (ROCS) building, the former city shop that was recently remodeled to house an office and the city transit bus, has had recent water damage. Sandbags have been put up to get water away from the building, and the council agreed that rain gutters should be installed on the west side of the building.

• Wilkinson asked if the city was receiving complaints about the way the contractor left their yards after laying fiber cable. He stated that some residents were not happy. Wolkow stated that the workers from Anderson Boring have been going around touching up yards and reseeding. Slater said he had spoken with someone from Valley Fibercom who said the contractor is supposed to be going through this fall and will come back next spring. Wilkinson stated that Valley Fibercom seems to be a top-notch company that will make sure their subcontractors take care of any problem. Slater said he gave the cable company names of some of the properties where people went out and purchased sod and laid it. “They didn’t have to do that, and I think they (Valley Fibercom) will address that,” he said.

• The city approved 2021 alcoholic beverage licenses for The Main Stop for off-sale liquor; Grumpy’s Grill and Pub, LLC, Wendy Lu Lounge, Wheaties Sports Bar and Kingsbury County Country Club for on-sale liquor; Oxbow Restaurant for on-sale wine and cider, Dollar General for on/off sale wine and cider and Maynard’s Food Center for off-sale liquor and on/off sale wine and cider.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

De Smet Economic Development Director Rita Anderson reported on a recent First Impressions Tour, a program in which people from five communities toured each other’s towns to view them through the eyes of a newcomer. She said she heard a lot of good comments.

“Everyone talked about how beautiful the town is, and how we have a lot of attractions. I heard a lot of good comments,” she said. One comment she heard was that De Smet needs more signs and something to draw people to main street.

Anderson said that De Smet and Lake Preston were recently recognized with a community innovation award from Dakota Resources for their Kingsbury Journal project.

She also said they are excited about Maggie Sprang being a new driver for the ROCs transit van, work being done on the foundation for the new daycare coming to town and a planned new housing project.

She stated that Ann Lesch has been working on tourism grants, and that there will be advertisements coming out in South Dakota Magazine.

Anderson also noted that the Development Board will not be hosting its annual meeting at the Oxbow Restaurant this year but will hold an abbreviated Zoom meeting instead.

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CARTHAGE NEWS

Veteran history told

BY LORALEE NELSON

The Prairie Lutheran Parish will have an outdoor service at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 22 at Immanuel Lutheran. People can stay in their cars and listen on the radio. Everyone is welcome.

John Meligan of Pierre visited Shirley Stroud last Friday.

Mark and Lisa Hinkley of De Smet visited her mother, Harriet Hattervig, last Saturday and Wednesday.

DID YOU KNOW?

Items from the Carthage history book, "Carthage, Gem of the Red-stone," by Sally Madison.

- Captain C.S. Munger, a Civil War veteran, became a U.S. Marshal after the war. He became known as "the marshal who never carried a gun."

- In 1892, Captain George Lucas of the Soldier's Home in Hot Springs says that there are 70 old veterans there, and not one of them is able to do a half day's work. All of them are content and happy and feel that South Dakota is doing its duty for them.

- The first shot fired by an American soldier in the Spanish American War was by a South Dakotan, Thomas Smith, on the night of Jan. 10, 1899. Smith was a nephew of Mrs. William Campbell of Carthage. After the war, he went to Canada and became an orchard farmer.

- An article from 1917 states Troop F First Calvary boys were mustered into federal service. There was an immense crowd at the opera house to witness the ceremony. The band played and there was an address by Colonel Morris. A male quartet sang, and nearly every business displayed the stars and stripes. Eleven men from Alpena joined Troop F. Colonel Morgan, a regular army inspection officer, is to inspect Troop F, and it depends on his report whether Troop F will be provided with necessary equipment, including 32 horses and drill equipment.

- Around the time of World War I, Carthage had a beautiful site for a new city park, a steel water tank and tower, a public library and a city band with free concerts.

- Twelve Vietnam veterans are listed in the book.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS

ESMOND NEWS

Joanne Schlueter and daughter, Geanna DeBenedetti, of Tracy, Calif., judged the mid-America baton-twirling competition in Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 14 and held an instructional baton-twirling clinic on Nov. 15.
— MARLIN CLENDENING

OLDHAM-RAMONA

School Lunch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Italian Dunkers, Relishes, Fruit

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Tater Tot Hotdish, Relishes, Fruit, Roll

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Gravy, Green Beans, Relishes, Fruit, Roll

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: No School

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Roast Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Fruit

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit

School Lunch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Brunch

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20: Mac & Cheese, Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Muffins

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23: Chicken Terriyaki, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Pineapple

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Hamburgers on Bun, Corn, Peaches

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: No School

NEWS BRIEF

Larsen named to dean's list

Lexie Larsen of Lake Preston was named to the dean's list at South Dakota State University in Brookings for the spring 2020 semester. To earn dean's list honors, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

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SILVER PLAINS SCENE



You've got mail!

Residents at Silver Plains received letters from the school's first grade class. Then, they wrote them back. Helen Jones, left, Joan Rich and Sharon Blevins pose in front of all of the beautiful pictures. (Photo by Ashlyn DeKnicker)

SCHOOL BOARD

Board reviews winter activity protocol

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

At the regularly scheduled November school board meeting, Superintendent Felderman requested board discussion on protocol for winter activities, including concerts, plays, basketball games and concessions. For the fall season, the board opted not to charge admission to volleyball and football events in an attempt to keep staff safe from COVID, although concessions were still offered. Felderman said that there may be a need to change to either Tier II or Tier III on the South Dakota High School Activities Association Tier system. This may require use of a voucher system

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LOOKING BACK

1995: Railroad crossing warrants lights

10 YEARS AGO

November 17, 2010

LPHS students are enthusiastic about a new program by the Department of Education which is adopting a commercially developed online writing tool for students to use throughout the school year. Kids get to write using computers, and they love it! By using "Write to Learn" for building writing and reading comprehension skills, students in grades 5, 7 and 10 will have their skills evaluated at least three times a year, allowing teachers to help monitor students so they can improve their abilities.

25 YEARS AGO

November 16, 1995

The Department of Transportation has determined that a RR crossing west of Lake Preston by the Soil Service Center warrants installation of flashing signal lights. The decision was made following the most recent vehicle/train collision at that crossing. Combine crews have been working around the clock throughout Kingsbury County as farmers battled the weather to get their soybeans and corn crops harvested. A wet spring made it difficult to get crops in, and the weather hasn't made the harvesting any easier.

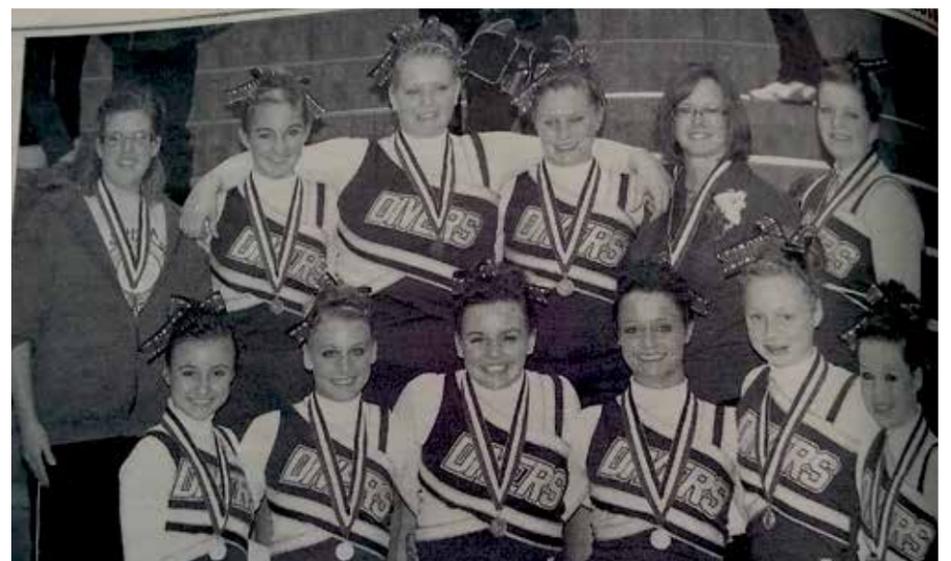
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50 YEARS AGO

November 19, 1970

Larsen's Market announces Thanksgiving specials! Turkeys 41 cents a pound, Ham butt portion 65 cents, shank and whole hams 75 cents, 5 qt. vanilla ice cream \$1.95.

Kathy Shaw was chosen as the candidate from LPHS for the Miss



TEN YEARS AGO: While Dell Rapids St. Mary took the State B Competitive Cheer championship this year, the Lake Preston Divers, for the second year in a row, took first in their division, stunting/non-tumbling. Representing the Divers at the state tournament were alternate Erin Bruns, rear left, Allison Strande, Tangi Anderson, Cierra Jense, coach Lynne Brown, Chelsea Buss; Kiana Hoff, front left, Nicole Ure, Kelli Garry, Brooke Virchow, Marly Vendrig and Cailey DeKnicker.

Holiday Contest to be held in Huron during the Huron College Invitational Tournament December 28 - 29.

Delbert's Variety Foods has expanded their cheese department where you will find the biggest selection of cheese for miles around. They added another 3-deck dairy case.

75 YEARS AGO

November 15, 1945

Abbott & Costello star in "Lost in a Harem" at the Preston Theater this coming Friday and Saturday.

Captain Leonard J. Erie, son of Mrs. **Jens Erie**, was released from active duty in San Bernardino, Calif. He was

a navigator in the Army Air Force and was last serving as an instructor at that station.

The Kingsbury County Farmers Union announced that a carload of Pillsbury Feeds has arrived. They will order another car in 10 days consisting of poultry, hog, steer, sheep and dairy feeds. "Make your needs known, so we can properly balance this car."

100 YEARS AGO

November 18, 1920

Albert Butler is trying his hand behind the counter as a clerk in the grocery department at the Phinney & Bonde Store.

Lake Preston

Service leads to Antarctic adventure of a lifetime

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

When Robert Hauck entered his military service in 1945 at the end of World War II, he had no idea that his destination would be aboard a ship in Antarctica.

The young Navy enlistee left by train from Iroquois right after Thanksgiving in 1945 and traveled to the west coast for three months of training in San Diego. Part of that training involved learning how to swim. Hauck remembers having to jump fully clothed into the ocean, disrobing and swimming to shore.

"I hadn't swam much, but I made it," he said.

Hauck said the training wasn't too bad, but it kept the recruits busy. When he managed to get some free time, he would travel to Long Beach to see his grandmother and other relatives.

Following boot camp, it was on to Jacksonville, Fla., for further training. Along the way, the train stopped at New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

"We could hear the parade and everything, but we didn't get off," he said. Hauck, who served as one of the guards, remembered one guy who managed to sneak off the train and was left behind.

Hauck chose meteorology as his field of service, a topic that would continue to interest him throughout his lifetime of farming. At 94, he still enjoys monitoring weather conditions.

He had the opportunity to sign up for a cold weather expedition. Though he didn't know where it was going, he was among 70 out of 130 who signed up for the opportunity and one of the 12 chosen to go.

It wasn't until they boarded the ship that he learned the expedition would be one of Rear Admiral Richard Byrd's expeditions to the Antarctic. Hauck recalls the voyage took about six weeks from the time they left on Dec. 2, 1946.

One of the events on ship was a customary initiation ceremony when they crossed the equator. The Pollywogs, as they were called, were told they would have to swim through the previous week's garbage and eat chicken guts tied to a string so that they could be pulled back up again. Hauck said that didn't happen, but they were forced to crawl through a canvas tunnel strewn with chicken guts and then tipped backward on chairs into vats of water to clean off.

As the voyage continued, other



Robert Hauck

ships, ice breakers and a submarine joined the fleet, and the seas grew rougher.

"Sometimes the bow would be 7 feet out of the water and sometimes 35 feet," Hauck remembered. "It was really bouncing up and down."

They were getting into the "roaring forties," an area known for particularly rough seas, as Christmas drew near. Though far from home and family, the men made the best of it, playing music on guitars and a fiddle.

On Dec. 24, an entry in Hauck's journal read,

"Twas the night before Christmas, and here on the Yancy, All the fellows were thinking of home and their Nancy. The stockings were absently placed in their shoes, while we all wish for letters from home with some news."

He said Christmas turned out much better than they expected. The men passed the day singing hymns and eating plenty of good food. Each also received a package from Red Cross. Hauck reported receiving a harmonica among other things. Mail for the seamen wouldn't be delivered until Admiral Byrd's transport plane brought him to the bay near Little America.

The ships converged at Scott Island, and it was at that point that Hauck transferred from the Yancy to the USS Mt. Olympus. He recalled he and the other aerographers riding to the ship in a smaller boat and climbing the rope ladder to board the ship.

"Us four little seamen got to ride with the commanders from all of the ships," he said.

As they drew closer to their destination and began to see icebergs in the distance the crew was issued winter gear. A submarine had to turn back at

one point, and the ice breakers worked to plow through to their destination, the Bay of Whales.

This was Byrd's fourth trip to the Antarctic to explore the resources available. It was part of a Navy training program designed to meet duty calls anywhere from the tropics to the poles and included learning about navigating the ice, clothing for various weather conditions and the types of equipment necessary.

Hauck said his work in studying the weather was interesting, and he was surprised when Byrd walked into his office one day.

"He came into my office and asked what the weather forecast was. I told him there was a chance of a ground blizzard," he said, "but all the planes got in okay."

For the most part, the weather there was not nearly as cold as people would think. It was summer at that time, so it was sunny and 35 degrees much of the time, he recalled. He laughed remembering one of men saying he wasn't going to volunteer for a cold expedition because he was from Nebraska and had seen enough cold weather.

"But he ended up getting sent to Alaska," Hauck said.

At times the ships did weather storms. During one particular storm, he remembers the ship being tossed about in the ice and having to be anchored.

The men made the most of their training and their time conducting studies and collecting information. Among their endeavors was sending up a 6-foot balloon with a radio transmitter and surveyor scope. The air conditions helped the balloon to lift and earned the xerographers praise.

"They said congratulations boys,

you've followed the balloon up farther than anyone ever has," Hauck remembered.

While there was plenty to do, the men did get an opportunity to observe flying fish, an occasional sea otter, and Hauck's favorite, the Emperor penguins. He enjoyed watching them slide down the ice and into the water. That fascination stayed with him throughout his life, prompting a collection of penguin gifts from family members.

Byrd made the decision to send most of the ships home in February to avoid worsening weather or getting stranded in winter conditions, but the ships did encounter some difficulty. At one point the ship hit ice hard enough that it cracked a seam. They had to run it up onto the ice to get it welded enough to withstand the trip.

It later docked in Wellington, New Zealand, for a week in early March, so it could be properly repaired in dry dock. Following the delay there, they continued on through Balboa and Panama as they headed back to America.

The USS Mt. Olympus reached Washington D.C. in mid-April. Hauck remembers crossing under the bridge at the Potomac River with the top of the ship barely clearing the bridge. Once all of the files of information and other items were unloaded, the ship had to take on water to clear the bridge as it left.

Hauck said the trip was a highlight in his service and in his life. Meeting Rear Admiral Byrd and Byrd's son was memorable, as were the penguins, the sights of the Antarctic and the men he met while on board.

Seventy-five years later, he is glad that he made the choice to volunteer.

"I never thought I would do anything like that," Hauck said.

THANK YOU to the Lake Preston businesses for your generosity with Snow Queen & other fundraisers that we host every year, but especially this year.

Although we didn't get to have our Snow Queen Event due to Covid several local businesses in the county allowed us to keep their donations for expenses we'd already put into our event. Your continued support doesn't go unnoticed and is extremely appreciated!

Thank you again!
Progressive Community Women,
Snow Queen Co-Chairs

Wesley and Helen Jones's Wedding Anniversary is November 26th, 2020 (Thanksgiving Day)

Due to Covid, Thanksgiving and other restrictions we are unable to celebrate with them the way we would like.

Please help them celebrate their 65 years of marriage together by sending them a card.

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SCHOOL BOARD: Decision on admissions, attendance and concessions tabled

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to keep attendance at a safe level. The school was able to stay at Tier I, which allowed for unrestricted attendance, throughout the fall season. However, with the basketball season, there are a number of scheduled double-headers which would increase the number of potential attendees in the gymnasium. By going to a voucher system, there then may be a need for gate workers to collect the vouchers. If there are assigned gate workers, then the school should also be able to collect admission. Felderman reminded the board that his main goals are to keep staff and students safe and to keep in-person school in session. Board member Anderson added that he has not changed his

mind on the topic since the discussion in August. He feels that if the school does not charge for tickets, then the school should not offer concessions. Board members discussed a variety of options for admissions, attendance and concessions, including hiring additional adult helper(s) for concessions and not having concessions altogether. The decision was ultimately tabled until the December meeting. Superintendent Felderman and Principal Bothun introduced a distance learning schedule that included block scheduling for middle school and high school. This schedule would be implemented only if the school moves to distance learning. The hope is that the school would continue in

person throughout the 2020-21 school year. So far, the school has seen isolated cases of COVID amongst staff and have had students quarantine for close contacts at home. "If the school continues on this path," Felderman commented, "we should be able to safely keep school in session." Other items discussed were the five-year capital outlay five plan, quotes for the main gym video board and joint participation numbers for the Arlington-Lake Preston football coop. The board also approved an updated mask protocol, board transportation policy, sideline cheer policy that limits sideline basketball cheer to six total members and approved the

resignation of paraprofessional, Kaylee Hoffman. The board entered executive session citing personnel and student concerns. Upon exiting, the board accepted the contracts of Amber Perterman for sideline basketball cheer coach and Tina Tvinnereim for paraprofessional. The board also offered a hazard pay bonus to substitutes who have worked during the first quarter of the school year. The board re-entered executive session for negotiations and exited with no action taken. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lake Preston School Library.

BANCROFT NEWS

Remembering community hall

BY ROSE GROTHE

Brad Magness of Huron was the speaker Nov. 15 at the Presbyterian Church in Bancroft.

BANCROFT HISTORY

It was in 1914-15 when shares were sold to all persons interested in making another dream come true. The dream did come true in January of 1916 when the new community hall was dedicated. The building was built by Eilt Claassen and Ray Tyrrell and held its first major event in 1919 when a dance was held to celebrate the end of World War I and to welcome the boys back home.

The building also served as a place for burial services when community members had no church affiliation. School programs, PTA meetings and dances were also held there.

The size of the community hall limited its use as a basketball court. Spectators were forced to stand in 'out of bounds' areas or up on the stage. Needless to say, the seating capacity was very small. The size of the floor and low ceilings were also less than ideal. The furnace grate on the east end and almost directly below the basket contributed to many floor burns, but, despite the many drawbacks, many spirited games were held there.

The hall, in later years, served as a roller-skating rink and was used for the basketball games until 1960 when the new auditorium was built. Since 1989, the hall has rested on the Darrell Halverson farm.

IROQUOIS NEWS



The Ag Issues Team consisting of Katie Dubro, Harley Nelson, Sierra Kogel, Kaylee Morehead, Logan Pekron, Lily Blue and Lexi Burma took 1st place at the Virtual Jackrabbit Invite on Nov. 5. Kaylee Morehead also took first in Employment Skills and 6th in Prepared Public Speaking. (Photo by Breanna Mueller)

1930: Turkey shoot, dinner and dance held

November 17, 1910:

Chas. Green, Hugo Schultz and Frank Lynch made an automobile trip to Sioux Falls last Thursday, returning Friday night. The last six miles they came in on the rim of one wheel, owing to a puncture of a tire. Report fine roads.

Last Sunday the first snow of the season put in an appearance, altho' snow had fallen in adjoining states ten days before that date. For about an hour, the beautiful snow descended, less than two inches falling in the light storm. Just one year ago, we got a six-inch fall that never disappeared until late spring. The light snow of Sunday did not last long.

November 20, 1930:

The annual turkey shoot, dinner

and dance held last week under the auspices of Parish Hall was quite successful, the weather being fine and everything passing off smoothly. While the turkey shoot was not as well patronized as on former occasions, the dinner and dance drew big crowds, and the total receipts were satisfactory. This is an annual sponsored by the Catholic folks of Iroquois.

November 16, 1950:

There were 17 in the Methodist choir and 78 in congregation. What, with the flu, hunting and such taking a few out, it's hoped in another week our numbers will increase. Remember, a large number in audience is as inspirational to a choir as is a goodly number in the choir inspirational to the congregation.

Iroquois Middle School Student of the Month: Ariabella Dysel



What is your favorite subject and why? I like them all because they inspire me to learn.

Why is school important to you?

I want to be able to know things when I need them.

Who do you look up to and why? My grandma because she makes me try and be my best.

Iroquois High School Student of the Month: Justin Bice

Aspiring to join the US Air Force and eventually join the OSI.

What's your favorite subject and why? History because I find it really entertaining, and it's important to learn.



Why is school important to you?

It's important for people to develop their own ideas and opinions.

Who do you look up to and why? My dad because he works hard, and has made so many sacrifices for my siblings and I, so we have what we need to succeed.

Students of the month are selected by Iroquois school staff. The student must be working to potential, participate in the classroom and exhibit positive behaviors and relationships.

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Church meeting held outdoors

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

The Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church has drive up services at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Services are broadcast on 88.1 F.M. and livestreamed on Facebook. Adult Sunday School classes are at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and confirmation classes are at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Rev. Dick Poppen speaks each

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KWAT Radio. The annual congregational meeting was held outdoors following last Sunday's services — a first. Dianne Larson was elected elder; Susan Geib, deacon; Kathy Poppen, clerk of congregation; Patrick Poppen, Ann Glanzer and Kathy Poppen, nominating committee; Derick Larson, head usher; and Dianne Larson and Vickie Gronewald, auditing. Duane Poppen of Aberdeen stopped

Sunday for a visit with his parents, the Cork Poppen's, and last Monday, they had a visit from Illdena's brother, Terry Johnson of Wasilla, Alaska. The weather sure can change in a hurry. For a day or so we have a lot of snow — then the sun comes out, and, at this writing, most of it is gone — proving that South Dakota has all kinds of weather! A salute to all of our veterans!

Thank you for all the birthday cards.
~ Rodney Casper

BLUE & GOLD

Bringing you the latest from Lake Preston High School

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Basketball Season, Coming Soon!

By: Lorick Pirlet & Janelle Rhoades

The 2020-2021 Lake Preston Divers boys basketball team will look quite different this year after losing a big group of senior boys. However, returning for senior leadership this season are Jasper Denison, Carter Malone, Tate Larsen, and Rhett McMasters.

This season the Divers are scheduled to play 20 regular season games. They kick off the 2020-2021 season on December 11th at ORR. Head coach for the Divers is Jordan Solberg and will be assisted by Brock Dufek.

The 2020-2021 Lake Preston girls basketball team is also set to begin their season on time. Practice is set to start November 23 before the Thanksgiving holiday break.

The Lady Divers will play a heavy travel season of 21 games before region play begins. Head coach for the Lady Divers this year is Josh Warne, who will be assisted by Breanna Wendland and Noah Thomas.

Stayed tuned to the Blue & Gold for coverage of the games this winter. All teams are hoping for a season that is as normal as it can be.

FFA LDE's Gone Virtual this Year

Editorial By: Gretta Larson

My first year of Parli Pro has been interesting and fun. I can say that I have learned tons about how to conduct a proper FFA meeting. And, I have definitely come a long way with my team. We have had to do a couple meetings and practices virtually, which was definitely something I never want to do again. I have still had tons of fun and am looking forward to competing at the state level.

Though all of our contests are

over calls, I think that we will do just fine. It is sometimes difficult get everyone to practices to prepare, but it will all work out. I do hope that when we do Parli Pro again next year, that we will be able to do it in person. Hopefully, we will have less obstacles to overcome when it comes down to a virus or anything else that could cut into practicing.

Stay tuned for updates on the results from FFA and to see if anyone is moving on to the state level!

SENIOR AWARD SPOTLIGHT

Congrats to Jasper Denison, Tate Larsen, and Holly Andrews on earning DVC All-Conference awards for football and volleyball. Congrats to Madison Perkins for earning the All-State Cheer Award for competitive cheer.

Happy Hallow-giving-mas 2020! (A Creative Writing Story)

By: Ava

The month of October wasn't the normal Halloween month I remember. We thought October was supposed to be the scary and spooky month, but we were wrong. In my opinion, every month of 2020 has been droopy, intense, confusing, and emotional. Now that Halloween is over, I want to put up the Christmas tree and have the rest of this year be merry and bright.

By: Janelle

Wait, before Christmas though, I'm excited for Thanksgiving. Give me all the fall colors and food. Thanksgiving without all the family's together will not be the same. But soon enough, the leaves will be covered up in snow, and it will be time for Christmas.

By: Stella

Christmas time is one of my favorite times, even though things, seasons, and holidays this year have not felt the same. Everything has been moving so fast. So, I'm really hoping this Christmas that it really feels like it. My family, especially my mom, loves decorating which really helps get in the spirit. The whole house is decked out, all the yummy Christmas treats, snow on the ground, Christmas themed pajamas and the cold weather. I'm really

looking forward to spending time with my family during the holidays.

By: Gretta

Though being with family is fun, I also like spending some time with friends. That might not happen this year, though, and even spending time with aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents might not happen for my family this year. We have to keep everyone COVID free and what better way to do that than to just stay home. Still, I am sure we will find new and creative things to do during Christmas and maybe even make some new family traditions!

By: Rachel:

But, October was so very dreary. The snow covered everything in the end. It was cold and snowing, the wind was singing its dreadful song, promising a tired end to the already insane year. The night of All Hallows Eve, the children still donned their costumes, making the best of the situation, for they were determined to make this night spookiest of all with the full moon bringing everything to life. At the end of the night, adults returned to their beds, thankful that the night was over, the children sleeping with stomachs full of the sweet treats they acquired that night. And me? I was hopeful that next year will be even better.

WEIRD WHISPERS OF LPHS

Heard from the Ag room...

"Are you like, planning to assassinate someone?"

"I think I'm drinking soap...I put water in it last night, but it kind of tastes like soap. I'm definitely drink soap right now. I don't think it got washed out last night..."

"I don't know what rust tastes like, I swear."

"If my body spent as much energy building muscles as it did making my nose clogged, I'd be like the Rock, I swear."

"Sometimes when I run out of ranch, I cry."

"I assumed we'd be more like organs in jars."

"It's no wonder the Egyptian empire fell!"

Blue & Gold

2020-2021
Editor of the Week:
Janelle Rhoades

Advisor: Krista O'Dea

Seniors: Myra Rhoades, Alex Post

Juniors: Rachel Jensen

Sophomores: Ava Malone, Janelle Rhoades, Stella DeKnicker, Gretta Larson

Freshmen: Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins

8th Grade: Amelia Holland, Lane Jensen, Trinity Pirlet, Bradley Rhoades

7th Grade: M.P., Lorick Pirlet, Brooklyn Bothun

**"There is no real ending. It's just the place where you stop the story."
— Frank Herbert**

Public Notices

LAKE PRESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on November 9, 2020 in the Lake Preston School library. At 5:29 PM President Carlson called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jerod Olson, Steve Carlson, Amanda Wienk, and Travis Denison. Stacia Sneesby and Brett Anderson were available by phone conference. Josh Warne was absent.

Also present were School Administrators Supt. Felderman, Business Mgr. Curd, Principal Bothun and Tech Coord Odegaard. Teacher Reps Brown and Schmidt were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Carlson.

ACTION 60- Motion by Olson, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as the order of business. All voted aye, motion carried.

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

ACTION 61- Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to approve the consent items of the minutes of October 13th, October 2020 financials, and November bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Officiating: Andrews, H. \$30.00, Curd M. \$70.00, Greene, A. \$40.00, Ilenich, L. \$20.00, Malone A. \$40.00, Nelson A. \$20.00, Odegaard D. \$30.00, Olson, R. \$280.00, Perkins S. \$40.00, Ries, K. \$120.00, Rober M. \$30.00, Steffensen F. \$40.00, Steffensen J. \$40.00, Walter, C. \$320.00, Warne A. \$40.00; Dues/Fees: ASBSD \$25.00, Dell Rapids St. Mary's \$101.05, DCI \$86.50, Imprest \$605.00, Lake Preston Area Storage \$70.00; Services: Austreim Landscaping \$104.00, Duenwald D. \$400.00, Horizon Health Care \$215.00, NESC \$6.77, Overdrive \$250.00, Prostrollo's \$1,229.51, TIE \$700.00; Utilities: City of Lake Preston \$532.36, Cook's Waste \$224.64, Northwestern Energy \$243.89, Ottertail Power \$1,690.52, Valley FiberCom \$389.61; Supplies: Discover Card \$1,720.57, Heartland Paper \$311.48, Hillyards \$813.56, Hoover A. \$44.21, JH Larson Co \$260.00, Lowe's \$21.96, Mark's Plumbing Parts \$24.86, Maynard's \$406.13, NAPA Auto Parts \$33.99, Prairie Ag Partners \$1,179.65, Scholastic Book Fairs \$1,441.23, School Specialty \$1,441.23, SD Dept of Public Safety \$28.00; Publications: Kingsbury Journal \$141.96; Insurance: Northern Plains Insurance Pool \$4,677.82, Sanford Health Plan \$33.55
General Fund Total: \$19,345.65

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Equipment: Discover Card \$483.40, Hauff Mid-America Sports \$2,221.20, Marco Technologies \$396.01.
Capital Outlay Fund Total: \$3,100.61

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Tuition: Children's Home Society of Sioux Falls \$5,164.32; Services: NESC \$4,601.24
Special Education Fund Total: \$9,765.56

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Services/Supplies: Appeara \$102.05, Culligan \$40.00, Discover \$197.28; Food: Child & Adult Nutrition \$109.00, Earthgrains \$257.30, East Side Jersey Dairy \$656.12, Maynard's Food Center \$53.73, Reinhart Foods \$3,072.87
Food Service Fund Total: \$4,488.35
Grand Total: \$36,700.17

October Payroll: General \$118,458.27, Benefits \$39,194.90; Special Education: \$14,416.87, Benefits: \$4,826.08; Food Service: \$5,038.40, Benefits \$1,460.69; Total October Payroll: \$183,395.21.

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

Oct-20	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education
Beginning Balance	\$1,152,921.07	\$1,571,383.81	\$405,013.47
REVENUES			
Ad Val Taxes,Gross Receipts	\$52,212.21	\$16,838.32	\$14,375.51
County Apport	\$422.07		
St.& Fed.Aid	\$35,005.00	\$ -	\$187.84
Int.,Adm,Rentals	\$547.82	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures	\$(176,788.19)	\$(17,425.91)	\$(9,779.05)
Ending Cash Balance	\$1,064,319.98	\$1,570,796.22	\$409,797.77
Food Service Drivers Ed Custodial Accounts			
Beginning Balance	\$11,760.02	\$4,441.42	\$82,920.62
Revenue			
Sales	\$1,647.50		
Fed/State Reimb			
Fees/Fundraisers			\$3,262.05
Expenditures	\$(12,171.82)	\$ -	\$(1,233.11)
Ending Cash Balance	\$1,235.70	\$4,441.42	\$84,949.56

Review/Discussion

Superintendent Felderman presented quotes for a video board for the main gymnasium. This would be in lieu of replacing the sign on Highway 14. The quotes came in higher than expected ranging from \$70-90,000. Board opted to not pursue that option at this time. Felderman and Curd reviewed new

cost estimates for the Capital Outlay Five Year Plan.

Felderman then reviewed the numbers for the football co-op stating that he has three exemptions that would take the two schools down to the required 56 to stay Nine Man. If the SDHSAA board does not take all of the exemptions, then they may have to decide to move to 11 man for two years. After that, our numbers of joint boys will be low enough for the coop to be at the 9B Classification. Felderman also reviewed a sideline cheer policy that he would like to see implemented. It would allow for 6 total girls to cheer. Felderman also reviewed an updated mask protocol that would mandate masks for visitors if the school needs to step up to Tier II or Tier III for winter sports. He then requested discussion on winter activities protocol. Board discussed admissions, concessions, and attendance of contests. A proposed distance learning schedule was presented by Principal Bothun and Felderman with the hopes of not having to use it, but it is ready if the need arises.

New Business

ACTION 62- Motion by Denison, second by Wienk to approve the student conduct on transportation policy adjustment as read. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 63- Motion by Wienk, second by Denison to approve the sideline cheer policy as read. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 64- Motion by Olson, second by Denison to accept the mask protocol as read. Discussion was had, and Felderman added that the board may want to look at not requiring masks for players as it would be difficult to catch their breath while masked. Olson amended the motion, seconded by Denison to strike out "the players". Motion on amendment passed with a unanimous vote. The amended motion was voted all and all present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 65- Motion by Wienk, second by Denison to accept the resignation of Kaylee Hoffman, paraprofessional. Felderman noted that Steve Gilbertson has resigned as high school football coach, but as his contract is with Arlington, no action is necessary with his. All present voted to accept the resignation of Hoffman, motion carried.

NESC report was presented by Member Olson. Much of the meeting involved the application process and selection of a new NESC Director to replace the current Director Aberle. Business Manager Curd informed the board that she received approval on school-wide free meals for all enrolled students until the end of the school year. Principal Bothun reported on the life skills class offered by the district. She also gave more detailed information regarding the distance learning plans. Felderman reported on numbers for winter sports and said he had received compliments on how the fall parent-teacher conferences went.

ACTION 66 - Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1 & 2, Motion by Wienk, second by Anderson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student concerns at 6:54 pm. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 67 - President Carlson declared out of executive session at 7:16 PM.

ACTION 68 - Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to approve the contracts of Amber Peterman as Head Sideline Boys Basketball Cheer coach for \$1,213.00 and Tina Tvinnereim as Paraprofessional at \$11.50/hour. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 69 - Motion by Olson, second by Denison to approve a hazard pay bonus to substitutes who have worked during the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year and to give classified staff a compensated day off on Friday, November 13th. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 70 - Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-4, Motion by Olson, second by Denison to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 7:19 pm. All present voted aye, motion carried. Administration left the executive session.

ACTION 71 - President Carlson declared out of executive session at 7:35 PM.

ACTION 72 - Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. All voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the School Library.

Kristi Curd, Business Manager
Steve Carlson, President of Board

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TOWN OF ERWIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON A PROPOSED VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on December 7, 2020, at 6:00 at Erwin Legion Hall to consider in full or in part the following proposed variances:

Dennis and Lisa Kuhl request a variance to Section 5.16.01, Manufactured Home Regulations

of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance. The request if granted, would permit the applicant to place a 2002 Breckenridge Park Model on Lot One (1), Original Plat to Town of Erwin in Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

All persons interested therein may appear and be heard before the Board.

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Public Notices

DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION 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 November 9th, 2020 in the high school library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jarod Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andy Armstead, and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Donna Palmlund of Kingsbury Journal, Brandon Vockrodt, representative of DTO. Jessica Wienk by phone conference.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jessica Wienk addressed the board with thoughts on the present COVID policy and the possible changes being considered in the agenda. She gave her perspective as a parent who has had to face the experience of COVID quarantine for herself and family and felt that perhaps the present policy is too lengthy. Students who show no symptoms and having to quarantine an additional 14 days past when the parent is deemed recovered adds unnecessary time away from in person instruction along with burdens for the parent who has already missed work and having to find care giving. Pres. Roth thanked Mrs. Wienk for her input and appreciated her taking the time to share her experience and concerns.

AGENDA: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to approve the agenda with approval of eliminating KL(E)1 under Item 10 of policy improvements, as it is already addressed in the negotiated agreement. All members voting "aye", motion carried.

DELEGATIONS: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE: None

SCHOOL VEHICLE SERVICE BID: Bids from O'Keefe Implement Inc. and Rich's Gas 'N Service were opened and read. The following bids were received:

Rich's Service - \$45.00 for vehicle service

O'Keefe Implement Inc: Bus #1 \$260; Bus #2 \$215; Bus #3 \$165; Bus #4 \$170; Bus #5 \$175; Bus #6 \$190; Bus #7 \$170; Additional extra fluids, air and fuel filters are at an extra charge with 10% discount. Vehicle service \$37.99. (All bids were the same as the previous year.) On motion by J.Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to accept the bids of O'Keefe Implement Inc. for bus and vehicle work. All board members voting "aye", motion carried.

REPORTS: NESC – Rep. Barb Asleson reviewed the regular October meeting noting that a large amount of time was spent on going through the hiring process of a new director to replace Mr. Aberle. Dates have been designated for advertisement, deadline of receiving apps, hiring and starting time. A salary between \$90,000 and \$115,000 is proposed at this time depending on experience of the new hire. COVID was also discussed along with the opting out of the tax deferral.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION:

Rep. Jared Tolzin reported that consumer science instructor Angela Ostrander has applied for assistance to conduct a cuisine class during the summer

months for parents and students. He shared the application with the board and felt that it would most likely be approved by the Foundation. Supt. Abi also noted that Ms. Ostrander had applied and received a \$150 Beef Grant from the SD Beef Council.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES: The board learned more about the fire that destroyed a bus and heavily damaged another one along with the bus barn earlier in the day. At this time, the belief is that the fire was caused by electrical issues in the bus. Insurance agents have been notified.

Buildings and Grounds committee met via Zoom with Jason Kann of Coop Architects. The board reviewed the two latest options for elementary classes. One would renovate the current facility and the other would add on to the MS/HS building. Suggestions were made by committee members to Jason for additional tweaking of the plans.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pres. Roth noted that he will be attending Delegate Assembly and the ASBSD board meeting virtually on Friday, Nov. 20th. At this time the ASBSD Legislative Day is still scheduled in February. Supt. Abi noted that the Sunday evening sessions being hosted by ASBSD with former Supt. Holbeck are very informative and are also available on the website for those that missed them live.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: MS/HS Principal Armstead reported that the first quarter has ended and parent/teacher conferences were held virtually. Overall feedback was positive with a few "Zoom" and technology hiccups.

The MS/HS band and chorus concert was held on October 19th. The students played and sang well. Oral Interpretation has held a few mini meets in the Event Center. The Districts were held virtually and results are still pending. The Student Council has cancelled this year's Veteran's Day Program due to the COVID Pandemic. The students are doing a compilation of several videos including the elementary students singing, art work made honoring veterans and student salutations to veterans that will be uploaded on the District's web and Facebook pages.

On November 18th, there will be an early dismissal for teachers to continue to work on assessments of student's testing results and researching methods to teach and fill the gaps that have been found. Supt./Elem. Princ. Abi Van Regenmorter added that the first trimester for the LIW elementary students will be complete on Thursday., Nov. 12th. This year's elementary Christmas concert will be held virtually to protect not only family members but also staff members. The District has received good news that the Department of Defense's STARBASE STEM program will be held the week of November 30th at the Events Center.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by D. Garry seconded by J. Tolzin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of October 12th 2020, the financial report for the period of October 1st through October 31st, 2020, the bills for payment as presented (see attached listing.); Approval of public school exemption for student A; approval of signed employment agreement with David Ough as mini-bus

driver at \$15.40/hr; approval of resignation of art instructor April Rusche for 2021-22 school year:

GENERAL FUND: A-OX Welding Supply Co, Vo-Ag Supplies 117.99; Active Heating Inc, Heating Maint 387.50 ADVANCE FUND: A. Armstead HS Tech Repair 24.33, Dell Rapids St. Marys Region XC Fees 101.05, Sanford Health-HSA Fee 8.00, C.Haugen reimb state XC exp 102.33, ELABO Membership fees 60.00, K.Vockrodt travel 223.44, T. Schoenfelder COVID supp 10.44, A.Ostrander CS supplies 79.80, SD Department of Labor Unemploy. Claims 300, D.Beste VB Off/Trav 122.80, J.Stitz VB Off/Trav 101.80, K.Vockrodt Reimb Band Supp 24.91, T.Nihart Off VB/Trav 114.40, M.Ruth Off VB 85.07.930, G. Krause Off VB/Trav 131.20, B.Ries Off VB 85.00, T.Anderson Bckgr check 54.45, J. Hojer reimb prof dev 150.00, G.Cantine Ftbl off 125.00, K.Cantine Ftbl Off 125.00, M.Robinson Ftbl off/travel 212.36, J. Sutton Off Ftbl 125.00, J. Mach Off Ftbl 125.00, A. Ostrander CS Supp Reimb 28.71, A.Vanregenmorter reimb travel 46.20, SD Department of Labor Unempl. claim 493.04, T. Holland reimb filters 607.56, P.Bowes Post.meter 146.10, K.Luethmers-reimb bckgr check 54.45, C.Haugen reimb fees 133.90, AB&T State XC travel 144.00, G. Duffy VB off/travel 95.08, T.Duffy VB off/travel 122.80, T.Holland reimb flags 432.82, K.Vockrodt reimb band supp 19.04, FCCLA Advisor fees 17.00 TOTAL General Advance Fund 4832.01; Austrei Landscaping, Ath Fd Service 100.00; Avid Hawk, Website service 47.93; Blick Art Materials, Art Supp 65.43; City of De Smet, Utilities Bus Barn 36.44, Buildings 401.48 total 437.92; Cole Papers, cust supp 502.50; Cook's Wastepaper Utilities 1358.50; Culligan Utilities 91.00; De Smet Food Service reimb adult meals 1868.00; Dustex, COVID Clean Serv 237.64; Edgenuity, Odysseyware 1975.00; Hillyard Cust Supp 53.64; Horizon Health Care, prof fees 215.00; Innovative Office Solutions, staff supplies 48.18 Locker Parts 186.50 Total 234.68; Institutional Compliance Solutions, fees 299.00; Kingsbury Elect, Transp Comm 54.56, Electric supplies 894.95 Total 949.51; Kingsbury Journal, Comm 210.62; Maynards, Cons. Sc supp 236.61, science supp 41.41 Total 279.02; NAPA, trans upp 233.20; Network Services, Cust Supp 118.23; NESC Gen Serv 10.29, Read.Rec 303.32 Total 313.61; NW Public Serv, Bus Barn Utilities 40.55, Buildings 1042.68 total 1083.23; O'Keefe Imp, Trans Repairs/Maint 664.83; Office of Comm Inspect, wrest.scale cert 28.00; Office Peeps, COVID supp 18.33, Elem supp 48.47, Copier supp/maint 1275.75, tech supp 22.43, office supp 51.00 Total 1415.98; Otter Tail Power, Bus Barn 35.01, Ath Fd 239.80, Bldgs 4603.08 Total 4877.89; Pitney Bowes, postage 503.50; Premier Equip, Bus repairs 5077.73; Remind101 Inc, annual service 508.20; RSchool Today, annual service 300.00; Scholastic, election supp 102.73; School Specialty, HS Supp 39.75; Share Corp, COVID supp 229.54; Smith's Lumber, cust supp 73.09; Taylor Music, Inst repair 450.00; Training Room Ath Fd Paint 217.71; Trustworthy Hardware, Trans supp 12.45, cust supp 36.90 total 49.35; Ultra/Conn.Point, Prof Dev Training 1999.00; WW Tire Serv, trans supp 1404.67; Zell Manuf., trans repairs 52.39; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 34,825.99 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Active Heating, COVID Air Purification 7346.95; Advance Fund: C. Tangen Resource Books 305.87, B. Wilkinson Reimb Software 79.00, A. Armstead Reimb Math Texts 236.55, T. Albrecht Classroom Chairs/Equip 837.38

TOTAL Advance Fund 1458.80; LIW Society, Elem textbooks 325.75; Software House Int, HS Tech equip 300.00; **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 9431.50**

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: McCrossan Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1594.53, NESC, Early childhood 401.93, Trans/Tech 29.62, Psychologist 700.14, Speech Path 1211.93, Phys. Therapy 342.24, Occup. Therapy 516.71, Summer Services 9997.16 Total NESC 13,199.73; Social Thinking, LD Supp 377.98; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES 15,162.24**

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Cash-Wa of Fargo, Supplies 265.77, Food 5756.43 Total 6022.20; Child and Adult Nutrition Serv, Food 91.19; Maynards, 179.13; Prairie Farms Dairy, Food 917.58; US Foods, Supplies 162.25, Food 3367.71 Total 3540.96 **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 10,751.06**

GENERAL FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 21,275.91, Pen&Int. 57.96, Interest 2097.02, Admissions 259.00; Other Local Revenue 1864.00, Co.Apport 743.15, State Aid 68,934.00, Disbursements – 27,780.35, Oct. Payroll 207,131.38 **TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 959,260.98**

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 18,373.97, Pen&Int 47.83; Other 520.00 Disbursements – 7411.32 **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,036,600.84**

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 7119.87, Pen&Int 18.54; Medicaid 34.70 Disbursements – 6148.18, October Payroll 45,195.63 **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE - 366,945.04**

FOOD SERVICE FUND: Revenue – Sales to Pupils 1766.50, Other Sales 215.45; Federal Reimb.16,712.25, Reimb adult meals 1768.00 Disbursements – 11,871.19, October Payroll 10,616.82 **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -5078.62**

ENTERPRISE FUND – Revenue – None Disbursements – None **TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4330.54**

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND: Revenue –53,509.81 Disbursements – 48,922.72 **TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 148,801.60** All voting "aye", motion carried.

COVID CLOSE CONTACT AMENDMENT: The board reviewed three options for conditions of quarantining when a student is considered a "close contact". Supt. Abi went through a recent situation of a staff member who was diagnosed with COVID and students who were considered close contacts 48 hours previous to onset of symptoms. With the current policy students who were close contact 48 hours previous would come back to in person learning on the 20th while the students with close contact 24 hours before would not be back until the 23rd due to how the days fall with weekends. The three options brought forth continue to encourage close contacts to follow the Department of Health recommendations to quarantine for 14 days from exposure, the difference in the options is the number of days they would be able to return when they

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are symptom free. Board members voiced concerns of the importance of wearing masks which could allow the students additional options in consideration of close contacts. Supt. Abi did note to the board that more students are wearing masks without prompting. Board members recognize that it falls on the parent's honesty of whether students are symptom free in order to keep other students and staff safe and from further spread that could cause for the district to go to remote learning circumstances. The options presented were discussed at length with various options and also noting that this policy can be changed at any time that circumstances presented deem it necessary to do so. Following the discussion, on motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by B. Asleson to adopt the following policy as follows: Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 14 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send the child back to school 7 days from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free. Close contacts are required to wear masks and social distance as permitted throughout the school day if they return to school prior to the end of the DOH recommended quarantine timeframe. If it is determined that a student is a close contact while wearing a mask, the close contact can return to school 5 days from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free.

All voting "aye", motion carried.

POLICIES APPROVAL: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to adopt the following policies:

GCB - QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS;

Every teacher employed in this school system must possess a valid certificate issued by the South Dakota Department of Education.

GCDB - CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS;

Definitions

Authorized Persons: Individuals determined by the superintendent or designee to need access to or need to view criminal history record information in their official capacity with the district.

Criminal History Record Information

(CHRI): A criminal history of an individual obtained through the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (SDDCI) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) using the individual's fingerprints. CHRI includes information on the arrest, detention, complaint, indictment or former criminal charge of an individual as well as the disposition of any charges. The FBI rules differ from the DCI rules regarding the disclosure of criminal history record information.

Criminal Justice Information Services

(CJIS): The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division, or CJIS, provides a range of state-of-the-art tools and services to law enforcement, national security and intelligence community partners, and the general public. Its purpose is to equip law enforcement, national security, and intelligence community partners with the criminal justice information needed to protect the United States and the public. The CJIS Division was established in 1992 to serve as the focal point and central repository for criminal justice information services in the FBI. It is the largest division in the FBI.

Local Agency Security Officer (LASO):

liaison with SDDCI to ensure the agency is in compliance with security procedures. The LASO shall (1) maintain a list of users who have access to CHRI, (2) Identify and maintain a list of persons who are authorized to use the approved hardware, software and firmware to access CHRI and ensure no unauthorized individuals have access to this technology, (3) identify and document how the equipment is connected to the state system, (4) ensure that personnel security screening procedures are being followed, (5) ensure that approved and appropriate security measures are in place and working as expected, (6) promptly notify the SDDCI of any security incidents, and (7) support any district security audits.

Noncriminal Agency Coordinator

(NAC): primary contact person for the District who serves as the liaison between the District and SD Division of Criminal Investigation, responsible for notifying SDDCI when a new employee starts or an employee leaves so SDDCI can keep CJIS Security training records current and such other duties as required.

Point of Contact (POC): District's contact person when SDDCI sends out Audit information, the contact person when an onsite Audit is scheduled.

Security Incident: An act of violating an explicit or implied security policy regarding CHRI including, but not limited to (1) attempts (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to a system or its data, (2) unwanted disruption or denial of service, (3) the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of data, and (4) changes to system hardware, firmware or software characteristics without the district's knowledge, instruction or consent.

Policy Statement

The District is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment. The District will require each person over eighteen years of age hired by the district, or who is a volunteer two or more times during the school year, to submit to a criminal background investigation, by means of fingerprint checks by the Division of Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also, any person who is employed by an entity which provides the District with student services shall be required to submit to a criminal background investigation. The district and its employees, officers and agents will only obtain CHRI when authorized by law and will only use CHRI, or the personally identifiable information first obtained by the district in CHRI, for the purposes of determining whether a person should be employed by the district.

In accordance with law and to protect the district's students, criminal background checks on persons who are employed in the district, who volunteer two or more times during the school year, or are employed by an entity which provides the District with student services shall be required. Examples of non-school entities which provide student services include but are not limited to food service and bus service contractors. The criminal background investigation shall be done by means of fingerprint checks by the Division of Criminal Investigation. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the fingerprints shall be

forwarded by the Division of Criminal Investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The district and district employees will comply with state and federal law, rules, procedures and policies regarding the receipt, use and dissemination of criminal history record information of any individual.

Designations

1. The Superintendent, as the Agency Representative, is responsible for signing the SD Division of Criminal Investigation (SDDCI) User Agreement on behalf of the District.

2. The Superintendent shall be the District's Point of Contact(POC) and Noncriminal Agency Coordinator (NAC) to act as the primary contact person for the District, shall serve as the liaison between the District and SD Division of Criminal Investigation, and will fulfill all responsibilities of the POC/NAC, including but not limited to being the contact person when SDDCI sends out Audit information, shall be the contact person when an onsite Audit is scheduled, and responsible for notifying SDDCI when a new employee starts or an employee leaves so SDDCI can keep CJIS Security training records current.

3. The Superintendent is designated to be the Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) to act as liaison with SDDCI to ensure the agency is in compliance with security procedures. The LASO shall be knowledgeable in CHRI, policies and mandated rules and regulations as well as knowledge of IT security procedures. The LASO shall actively represent the District in all matters pertaining to information security, dissemination of information security alerts and other material within the District, and responsible for contacting SDDCI if there has been misuse of CHRI.

Criminal Background Checks

1. Each person over eighteen years of age hired by the district, who is a volunteer two or more times during the school year, or is employed by an entity which provides the District with student services shall be required to submit to a criminal background investigation.

2. The school district shall submit completed fingerprint cards to the Division of Criminal Investigation before the prospective new employee or volunteer enters into service.

3. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the fingerprints shall be forwarded by the Division of Criminal Investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

4. The District shall pay any fees charged for the cost of fingerprinting or the criminal background investigation for any person whose employment with the District or status as a volunteer is subject to the requirements of this section.

5. Any person hired to officiate, judge, adjudicate, or referee a public event sponsored by a school district is not required to submit to a criminal background investigation.

6. Any person whose employment or status as a volunteer is subject to the requirements of this section may enter into service on a temporary basis pending receipt of results of the criminal background investigation.

The District may, without liability, withdraw its offer of employment or terminate the temporary employment or status as a volunteer without notice if the report reveals a disqualifying record.

7. The criminal investigation required by this section with respect to a student teacher completing requirements for teacher certification shall be conducted by the District, and the District may rely upon the results of that investigation for employment of that person as an employee of the district. Results of a criminal background investigation conducted by another South Dakota public school district of a student teacher, hired by the District, may be relied upon by the District.

8. A District employee who is employed simultaneously with another school district is only required to obtain one criminal background investigation, if the background investigation was conducted less than five years before the person was first employed by the District.

9. The District shall run a background check on employees of contractors that provide the district with student services. Examples of contractors which provide student services include but are not limited to food service and bus service contractors. The contractor shall be responsible for the cost of the criminal background check.

10. No person may be employed by the District, either directly or by contract, and no person employed by a contract provider and who would have direct student responsibilities may provide direct student services, if the person has been convicted of a crime of violence (murder, manslaughter, rape, aggravated assault, riot, robbery, burglary in the first degree, arson, kidnapping, felony sexual contact, felony child abuse, or any other felony in the commission of which the perpetrator used force, or was armed with a dangerous weapon, or used any explosive or destructive device), sex crimes (including but are not limited to, rape, felony sexual contact with a minor under sixteen, sexual contact with a person incapable of consenting, possessing, manufacturing, or distributing child pornography, and sexual exploitation of a minor), or distribution or trafficking in controlled substances or distribution of marijuana.

a. The District may also refuse to employ a person who has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. "Moral turpitude" is defined "an act done contrary to justice, honesty, principle, or good morals, as well as an act of baseness, villainess, or depravity in the private and social duties which a person owes to his fellow man or to society in general.

b. The District may consider any criminal conviction in making a hiring decision. The District has the sole and absolute discretion to determine whether the results of a criminal background investigation disqualify a person from employment within the District.

c. For purposes of this policy, the term conviction means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) in this state or any other state.

11. The District's employment application form shall inform applicants that if no SD statutorily disqualifying

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conviction is identified at the state level the fingerprints will be forwarded by the S.D. Division of Criminal Investigation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

12. The application form shall also inform applicants that if the applicant believes the criminal background result is incorrect or incomplete in any respect and the applicant wishes changes, corrections or updating of the alleged deficiency, the applicant should make application directly to the agency which contributed the questioned information or direct the applicant's challenge as to the accuracy or completeness of any entry on the applicant's record to the FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, ATTN: SCU, Mod. D-2, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306.

13. Should an applicant be disqualified from employment due to the results of a criminal background check, the District shall inform the applicant that the criminal background check results prohibit the District from employing the person. The District will not delay the employment hiring decision solely because the applicant seeks to correct his or her FBI criminal history record information (CHRI).

14. Before a person's conditional employment is terminated as a result of the person's CHRI, the District shall inform the person whose conditional employment is subject to termination that the criminal background report reveals a conviction which prohibits the District from employing the person, and inform the person of his or her right to appeal the accuracy or completeness of the CHRI to the SDDCI or FBI. Employees shall be afforded procedural due process consistent with their employment status (i.e., whether the person is an employee-at-will, a school-year employee, or a ten month or twelve month employee) should termination of conditional employment be a possibility following the District's receipt of the CHRI.

15. All employees and other persons required to submit to a criminal background check pursuant to this policy must notify the district in writing if they are convicted of any offense of domestic violence, child abuse, sex offense, drug (including marijuana) or any felony offense. This notification must be made as soon as possible, but no later than five business days after the event.

16. The District reserves the right to require any employee or volunteer to submit to additional criminal background checks at the district's expense. The district reserves the right to require any employee of an entity which provides the District with student services to submit to additional criminal background checks which shall be at the entity's or person's expense.

17. As required by state law, SDCL 13-10-15, if, as the result of a criminal conviction the school board suspends an employee without pay, or an employee resigns, or an employee is terminated, the superintendent shall within ten days of the date of the suspension or the date the employment is severed report the circumstances and the name of the employee to the S.D. Department of Education.

Training

The District will ensure that all employees who have access to CHRI shall be trained by SDDCI on the rules and responsibilities for the confidentiality, receipt, use and dissemination of the CHRI.

Confidentiality

1. Before requesting CHRI on any individual, the district will give the individual written notification that his or her fingerprints will be used to obtain the CHRI of the individual, and the district will provide the individual a copy of the statement "Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights." Exhibit GCDB-E(1).

2. Information received by the district pursuant to a criminal background check is confidential. Only authorized persons within the district may access, view or use CHRI. Authorized persons may not share or otherwise disclose information contained in CHRI to unauthorized persons unless explicitly allowed for in this procedure.

3. Unless otherwise allowed by law, the District will only use this information for the district's internal purposes in determining the suitability of an applicant, employee, or other worker on district property. The district will note in an employee's or applicant's personnel file that the background check was completed and if the person was disqualified by the CHRI for employment or assignment. The District will keep the CHRI in a separate file in a location that is only accessible to persons who need to know the information to carry out their responsibilities with the District.

4. Individuals that have access to CHRI will receive CJIS security training provided by SD DCI. Once the individual has completed the CJIS online training and has taken the test each individual will receive and acknowledge in writing the receipt of the following: (1) User Rules of Behavior Acknowledgement form, (2) CHRI Disciplinary Policy, and (3) Acknowledgment Statement of Misuse. The District will keep a copy of the signed documents in each individual's personnel file.

Access and Retention

1. The District may print or electronically share records when necessary to determine whether the person is authorized to work for the district. In those situations, the physical or electronic copy will be destroyed immediately after the decision is made.

2. If the District runs a background check on employees of a contractor that does business with the district, the district will not provide the CHRI to the contractor. Instead, the district will provide a clearance letter notifying the contractor whether the employee is cleared to provide services in the district.

3. The District will not disseminate CHRI across state lines.

4. Upon request the district will provide a copy of the SDDCI CHRI to the person who is the subject of the background check. The SDDCI CHRI will only be released to the individual and not to relatives, spouses or friends. The District will note in the dissemination log that a copy was provided to the individual.

5. FBI rules prohibit the District from providing a copy of the FBI CHRI to the person who is the subject of the criminal background check.

6. The results of the background investigation done by the District shall be transferred to another South Dakota public school district if the other public school district, or current District employee, submits a written request to the District that the results be transferred to the other public school district. The District employee who was the subject of the criminal background investigation must sign a written release authorizing the transfer. The information will be sent by U.S. Mail or encrypted email.

Recordkeeping

A Secondary Dissemination Log shall be maintained in which all authorized disseminations of FBI and State DCI criminal background check results are recorded. The following shall be recorded in the District's Secondary Dissemination Log:

1. name of District;
2. name of person subject to the criminal background check review;
3. date of birth of person subject to the criminal background check review;
4. SD public school district requesting FBI and DCI criminal background check results and person/title requesting on behalf of the SD public school district;
5. written request signed by person subject to the criminal background check review for a copy of the SDDCI criminal background check results, attached to the Secondary Dissemination Log; NOTE: FBI CHRI cannot be released to the person who is the subject of the criminal background check.
6. date of release of criminal background check results;
7. description of the record that was shared;
8. how the record was sent or received
9. person to whom criminal background check results were disseminated;
10. signature of District employee disseminating the criminal background check review pursuant to a valid request.

The Secondary Dissemination Log shall be maintained until the onsite audit is complete and the District receives from the SD Division of Criminal Investigation written notice of a successful Policy Compliance Review, unless the log is needed or required for other purposes

Security

The district will provide for the security of any CHRI received, including the appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to provide for the security and confidentiality of the information. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The LASO shall maintain a list of school district authorized persons who have access to CHRI.

2. In those cases when the District has physical copies of CHRI, the District will restrict access to authorized persons only. Physical copies of CHRI, if any, will be maintained in a controlled, secure environment, such

as a locked cabinet in a room that is free from public or unauthorized access. The room or the locked cabinet will include an "Authorized Personnel Only" sign.

3. The District will not routinely maintain electronic copies of CHRI; however, in the rare instance where the district has electronic copies of CHRI, the district will restrict access to authorized persons only. Electronic data will be protected with encryption as designated by the state or federal government or will only be accessible by individual password. Computers, printers and monitors used to access CHRI must be situated to prevent unauthorized viewing of the information. CHRI cannot be accessed using computers available to the general public or personal devices. CHRI will not be stored on a server that is unprotected or accessible by an unauthorized entity.

4. CHRI will not be relocated, transmitted or transported outside a secure location unless encrypted according to FBI standards or transported in a locked container or in folders where the information is not visible to the public. A log must be kept if electronic information systems, such as a laptop, flash drive or CD with CHRI information on it, leaves a secured area.

5. The District will dispose of records securely. Physical records will be crossshredded or incinerated. If the district contracts out for record destruction, the destruction must be supervised. The District shall notify SDDCI of the entity with whom the District contracts for records destruction and must receive SDDCI approval to use the contractor for purposes of disposing of CHRI. Electronic records will be deleted and overwritten as required by the SDDCI or FBI.

6. The District will not provide auditors access to CHRI unless the auditor is authorized by the SDDCI or the FBI.

Security Incident Response Plan

All District employees will immediately report to the LASO information security incidents such as the theft or loss of physical records or the hacking or failure of electronic systems or suspicions that an incident has or will take place. The LASO will document receipt of all reports, investigate incidents and report incidents to SDDCI. LASO documentation will include (1) date of security incident, (2) location of security incident, (3) systems affected, (4) method of detection, (5) nature of security incident, (6) description of security incident, (7) actions taken/resolution, (8) current date, and (9) contact information for LASO.

Consequences

Employees who fail to keep background check results confidential or fail to follow this policy or any laws or rules regarding the access, receipt, use or dissemination of CHRI as required by law will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Unauthorized requests, receipts, release, interception, dissemination or discussion of CHRI may also result in criminal prosecution.

GCE - PART-TIME AND SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STAFF;

PART-TIME TEACHERS

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board will approve or reject the employment of part-time teachers consistent with the needs of the school district. A part-time certificated teacher, if employed for the full school term, will attain continuing contract status the same as a full-time teacher. Part-time teachers will meet all necessary certification requirements, and any non-unit part-time teachers will be compensated for their work on a pro-rated basis commensurate with their placement on their salary schedule.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The employment of substitute teachers will be centralized for the district in the office of the Superintendent. To the extent possible substitute teachers must meet the requirements for teacher appointments and will be assigned substitute teaching positions on the basis of their areas of competence. The Board will set the daily rate of pay for substitute teachers, including extended-term substitutes. The latter will be granted such additional benefits as approved by the Board.

Principals will assume responsibility for the scheduling of substitutes from the approved list as needed.

GCI – PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Professional personnel will be assigned on the basis of their qualifications and the needs of the school district.

The assignment and transfer of teachers to positions in other schools of the district or within the teacher's assigned school will be made by the Superintendent giving consideration, but not limited to the following criteria:

1. The contribution that the teacher would make to students in the new assignment.
2. The qualifications of the teacher as compared to those of other candidates for the position to be filled.
3. The opportunity for professional growth.
4. The desire of the teacher regarding the new assignment.
5. The length of service in the school district.
6. The availability of a qualified replacement for the position vacated by the transferring teacher.

Any teacher who desires a transfer in assignment should request such a transfer in writing to the principal with a copy to the Superintendent. Every effort will be made to honor this request.

If a change of assignment is deemed necessary by the Board, then the new assignment will be as nearly similar to the desired assignment as possible. The teacher's contract will stipulate the area of certification for which the teacher is employed.

All voting "aye", motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to go into executive session at 6:20 PM on negotiation issues as per SDCL 1-25-2(4) All voting "aye", motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 6:53 PM.

There being no further business at this time, on motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to adjourn. (6:55 PM) All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth
Susan L. Purinton, Business Manager

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES
De Smet, South Dakota
November 5, 2020**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioners Shelley Nelson and Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Commissioners Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls, and Joe Jensen present. Chairman Walls presided. Also attending via Zoom were Ed Goss, Cindy Bau – Emergency Management, Tammy Anderson – Director of Equalization, and Elaine Blachford – Treasurer.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA
Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, requested to add a Liquor License Renewal and Wolkow requested to add courthouse traffic.

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

MINUTES
Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to approve the minutes of October 20, 2020. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

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

HIGHWAY
David Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss highway matters.

Sorenson informed the Board crew was removing snow, as needed, graveling and blading. Potholes are also being filled in various locations in the county.

Sorenson stated an advertisement had been placed in the paper for a hauling bid for rip rap to be placed in various locations. The bids are scheduled to be opened on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Sorenson requested to move into Executive Session for personnel.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 8:50 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board

out at 9:23 A.M.

ELECTION CANVAS
Barnard provided the Board with the 2020 General Election information for the Board to review.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to accept the 2020 General Election tabulation as presented and for the Board to sign the Election Certificate. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION
Anderson met with the Board to request a "Beginning Farmer" property tax freeze for property taxes due in 2021 thru 2025. Anderson had Barnard read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2020-27
DECLARATION OF BEGINNING FARMER DESIGNATION FOR PARCEL # 507 OWNED BY KARIE A ROTTLUFF.**

WHEREAS, Karie A Rottluff is the owner of parcel #507 legal description NE 23-109-54 THEREOF (parcel number assigned by Kingsbury County Equalization Office) located in Kingsbury County, South Dakota, meets the criteria of SDCL 10-6-31.5 to qualify as a beginning farmer; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of meeting the criteria set forth in SDCL 10-6-31.4, such parcel may be granted a tax freeze for five (5) years in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 10-6-31.5; and

WHEREAS, the granting of such designation is discretionary with the Kingsbury County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Board of Commissioners is willing to grant such designation upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kingsbury County Board of Commissioners grants beginning farmer status to Karie A Rottluff as the owner of parcel #507 as designated by the Kingsbury Equalization Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the granting of the beginning farmer status be for a period of five years from the assessment year 2020 taxes payable 2021 with taxes upon such property be frozen at for the period of time from 2020 ending 2024 with taxes being payable 2025, except that the tax freeze so granted shall not apply to any new buildings or structures which may be constructed upon such property during the period of the tax freeze.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to approve the "Beginning Farmer" tax freeze and for the Chairman to sign the Resolution 2020-27. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

HOUSE OF GLASS – KEVIN BRICK
Lonny Palmlund, Maintenance, and Kevin Brick met with the Board to discuss the status of the window replacement project for the Courthouse. Brick stated the project had not been started due to a trickle-down effect of various suppliers closing for Covid-19 related closures and quarantine needs.

The Board requested a confirmed start date be established and submitted in writing.

OPEN DISCUSSION – DEPARTMENT

HEADS - COMP TIME REVIEW & PURCHASE PROCEDURE
Bau, Blachford, Steven Strande – Sheriff, and Jessica Virchow – Deputy Treasurer attended via Zoom. Anderson, Palmlund, Caryn Hojer – Register of Deeds joined the meeting.

The Board reviewed the status of compensatory time that had been accrued over the year and the purchase policy. There was no corrective action needing to be taken. Wolkow presented information showing foot traffic to various offices over several weeks.

The Board also discussed the Covid-19 protocols that had been established and various changes made for the needs of the courthouse and county to continue to function. It was requested for each office to establish a procedure protocol in the event of offices needing to close.

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the purchase of five computers that had been made for the Sheriff's office and to be reimbursed by a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$13,999.95.

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

MISCELLANEOUS
1ST DIST ASSC OF LOCAL GOVT. 3277.77 1ST QTR FY21 DUES, ACUIITY SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC 115.94 SUPPLIES, ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEMS INC 73.03 JAIL SUPPLIES, APPEARA 62.77 SUPPLIES, ANTONIO ARAGON 79.40 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ASPHALT PAVING & MATERIALS 4748.42 PATCHING, AT&T 96.88 UTILITIES, AUDIO CONNECTIONS 11320.81 COURTROOM SOUND SYSTEM, BADGER OIL COMPANY 3213.60 SUPPLIES/FUEL, JENNIFER BARNARD 170.90 ELECTION, CINDY BAU 560.00 NOV CELL BILL & NEW PHONE SHAR, PAULA BERGAN 161.80 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, MARLA BERTSCH 163.44 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, KATHLEEN BIEVER 153.44 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, PMB 0112 6.25 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LB413164, BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC 89.75 SD CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC LAW BOOK, BOB BODE CONSTRUCTION 969.39 SUPPLIES/CULVERTS, PAYTON BOTKIN 50.00 ELECTION, BOWES CONSTRUCTION, INC 6775.63 PATCHING/SEALING, BOYER FORD TRUCKS 211.11 SUPPLIES, BROOKINGS ENGRAVING 52.50 SUPPLIES, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 2752.28 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 32.35 SUPPLIES, BRIAN CHRISTENSEN 81.84 WEED BOARD MTG & TRAVEL, JENNIFER CLELLAND 132.50 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, COLES PETROLEUM 17117.10 FUEL, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 84.77 UTILITIES, KRISTI CURD 149.24 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC. 36.61 SUPPLIES, SMITH'S LUMBER 62.67 REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE, DE SMET CITY 8.00 SUPPLIES, DE SMET CITY 112.72 UTILITIES, AVERA DESMET HOSPITAL 130.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, DE SMET WELDING 922.85 REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES, DELL MARKETING L.P. 1298.24 SUPPLIES, JOHN R. DELZER 646.30 CAA FEES, DESLAURIERS AUTO GLASS 776.00 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 25.61 SUPPLIES, GREG DUFFY 60.00 WEED BOARD MTG & TRAVEL, KATIE EIDE 140.00 GENERAL

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 ELECTION 2020, ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE IN 1762.80 ELECTION COSTS, JEAN EYKAMP 212.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, FIX IT SHOP LOCKSMITH 13.00 SUPPLIES, TANYA FLEGEL 154.56 WEED MONITORING MILEAGE, G & R CONTROLS, INC 2631.00 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, GENERATOR SOLUTIONS, INC. 121.67 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, CONSTANCE HALVERSON 140.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 818.13 SUPPLIES, CARYN HOJER 120.72 TRAVEL FALL CONVENTION, CARYN HOJER 120.00 ELECTION, CITY OF HURON 3742.44 8/2020 911 EM SURCHARGE, I STATE TRUCK CENTER 140.04 SUPPLIES, INFOTECH SOLUTIONS 16617.44 PROF SERVICES/ SHERIFF COMPUTE, VIKKI IRVIN 50.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, JOE JENSEN 58.80 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, KINGSBURY CONSERVATION DIST 1303.95 CHEMICAL FOR DITCHES, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 41.40 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 520.15 PUBLICATIONS, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 825.00 ADVANCE TAX, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 200.00 ADVANCE TAX, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 5867.47 ADVANCE TAX, LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2475.00 PRISONER CARE, DIANNE LARSEN 161.84 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, MARY LEE 30.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, ROGER LEE 131.76 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, LINCOLN COUNTY 262.50 BMI, DEE ANN LOVETT 146.30 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, LYLE SIGNS, INC. 180.88 SIGNS, MAYNARD'S FOOD CENTER 27.96 SUPPLIES, MAYNARD'S FOOD CENTER 17.91 SUPPLIES, MCCUNE ELECTRIC LLC 112.25 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, DEBORAH MILLER 140.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, KATHLEEN MILLER 178.56 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, DIANNE MULDER 193.68 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 1928.44 SUPPLIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 357.98 SUPPLIES, RYAN OLSON 74.28 WEED MTG & TRAVEL, PALMLUND AUTOMOTIVE 799.75 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 315.60 REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE, DIANNE PERRY 142.60 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL 207.12 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LINDA POPPEN 165.52 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC. 46.75 SUPPLIES, PREMIER EQUIPMENT, LLC 287.48 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, QUILL 112.51 SUPPLIES, QUILL 266.93 SUPPLIES, RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CTR 154.00 ACCT 1004FN, RICH'S GAS & SERVICE 100.00 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, RICH'S

GAS & SERVICE 3.38 SUPPLIES, RUNNING SUPPLY INC. 3.98 SUPPLIES, SCHUBLOOM CONST. INC. 12.41 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 1175.57 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, SD GAME FISH & PARKS-ADC 3674.48 ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL 2020, SDACO 224.00 10/2020 MP & R REMITTANCE, SDN COMMUNICATIONS 916.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, SANDRA J. SMITH 130.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, SPENCER QUARRIES/ 3141.41 SEALING, DEAN STEFFENSEN 30.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, JENNY TODD 80.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, TRANSOURCE 690.27 SUPPLIES, TRUENORTH STEEL 6640.36 CULVERTS/SNOW, TRUGREEN 554.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 24.45 SUPPLIES, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 136.52 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC. 1400.00 TOWER RENT, KELLI VANOVERBEKE 132.50 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, VERIZON 396.27 UTILITIES, DE SMET VETERINARY SERVICE 153.28 DOG SUPPLIES, VISA 140.00 SUPPLIES, VISA 1454.82 SUPPLIES, JOANN WARD 187.82 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, ERLAND WEERTS 76.80 WEED BOARD MTG & TRAVEL, PAT WHEELER 50.00 GENERAL ELECTION 2020, WW TIRE 24201.32 SUPPLIES, ZELL MANUFACTURING 37.00 REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE,

END OF MONTH
 COURTHOUSE SALARIES \$52,131.38
 HIGHWAY SALARIES 33,672.05

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS
 Sanford Health Plan 28,702.15
 AFLAC 1,425.58
 AFLAC 456.40
 Office of Child Support Enforcement 403.00
 The Principal Financial Group 263.38
 Delta Dental 844.00
 Avesis Third Party Administrators 217.22
 SD Retirement Supplement Pretax 3,250.00
 SD Retirement System 13,527.72
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 AFSCME 283.20
 Kingsbury County 26,096.86

OFFICE REPORTS
 The Register of Deeds, Sheriff's and Director of Equalization's Reports of Fees Collected during the month of October 2020 were reviewed by the Board. Nelson moved and Spilde seconded that the Auditor's report with the Treasurer as of the close of business October, 2020 be accepted as follows. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Cash on Hand \$ 1,257.29

Checks in Treas. Possession less than 3 days 439,292.11
 Credit Card 1,310.25
 Cash Short 542.99
 Cash Long-ISF Check 100.00
 Demand Deposits 75,322.74
 Savings Account 6,226,053.70
 Revolving Loan Fund 295,153.56
 Big Ditch MM 361,954.06
 Time Deposits 1,657,523.80
TOTAL 9,058,510.50

BREAKDOWN OF MONEY BY FUNDS
 County General Fund 2,546,662.98
 Special Revenue Funds (Road & Bridge, E911 Fund CH Bldg, Revolving Loan, Emergency Management, Domestic Abuse Funds 24/7 & M&P Fund) 2,102,608.17
 Drainage Ditch #4 188,053.70
 Drainage Ditch Debt Service Cash -1,872.51
 Amount held for School Dist. 3,227,281.32
 Amount held for Townships 279,447.35
 Amount held for Cities 449,691.34
 Amount held for East Dakota Water Dist. 11,521.60
 State Remittance 131,252.36
 Amount held for others 76,486.26
TOTAL 9,058,510.50

AUDITOR
 Barnard presented the following items to the Board.

Barnard informed the Board the 2021 Dues for SDACC and SDACO (South Dakota Association of County Commissioners and County Officials) had been received. The dues for SDACC include the dues for NACo, the National Association of County officials, total \$1,722.00 and the SDACO dues are \$885.36.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded for the SDACC and SDACO dues for 2021 be paid. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Barnard informed the Board the funds had been received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the laptops that had been purchased for the Treasurer, Auditor and Register of Deeds. Barnard requested the approval of an Auto Budget Supplement in the amounts of \$1,560.00 for the Register of Deeds and \$810.00 for each the Treasurer's and Auditor's offices.

Spilde moved and Nelson seconded to approve the Auto Budget Supplement in the requested amounts of \$1,560.00 for the Register of Deeds and \$810.00 for each the Treasurer's and Auditor's offices. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0.

Motion carried.
 Barnard informed the Board there was a Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Mathews Store to be renewed. The property taxes and renewal fee have been paid, and no hearing is required.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to renew the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License for Mathews Store. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Roger Walls, Chairman
 ATTEST
 Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor
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MINUTES FOR TOWN OF ERWIN
 Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Sherry Bell on November 2, 2020, at 7:00 PM at the Legion Hall. Roll call was taken, members present were Sherry Bell, Myrna Knadle, Crystal Penn and Jerry Popkes. Guest Tom and Kim Martens and Wayne Foley.

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

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

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$313.55, KRWS \$33.00, McCune Electric \$345.92 (Campground electric repairs) and Sherry Bell \$29.35 (supplies and postage). Popkes made a motion to pay and Penn 2nd.

Popkes made a motion and Bell 2nd to approve a building permit for Jerry Penn.

Popkes made a motion and Penn 2nd to approve the Liquor License for The Erwin Bar.

The council agreed to change the Meeting times during the winter months to 6:00 PM.

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

The next regular meeting will be held Monday December 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Legion Hall.

Myrna Knadle, Finance Officer
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12 months, 100% time; Sunday - Thursday 2:30 - 11 PM.

Job Description:

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- Applicants should detail prior professional cleaning experience on their application.
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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

BUILDING MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST - PLUMBING SPECIALIST
FACILITIES & SERVICES

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AA/EEO

Learn about pasque, South Dakota's state flower

BY JORDAN PURINTUN

There are two species of pasque commonly encountered in South Dakota. The first, the eastern pasque (*Pulsatilla patens*), is native to the Rocky Mountains and northern Great Plains, where it favors coarse, often calcareous soils in well-drained upland prairies. In the Great Plains, it reaches the southern limits of its range in Nebraska, with only a handful of observations occurring as far south as east-central Kansas, while it follows the mountain ranges as far south as northern New Mexico. The second, the European pasque (*Pulsatilla vulgaris*) is native to the calcareous grasslands of northern Europe, where its range extends from the south of England into Germany, southern Scandinavia, and Ukraine. It is the pasque most commonly found in cultivation at our greenhouses, gardens, and nurseries.

There are several traits that can be used to distinguish these two species. The eastern pasque blooms between late March and mid-late April, while the European pasque blooms roughly two to four weeks later (i.e., the European pasque is often just starting to flower when the eastern pasque is in full-bloom or is fading). The flow-

ers of the eastern pasque are a pale lavender, while the flower color of the European pasque is more variable. The most common, wild-type flower color is a sort of light violet, although some horticultural selections, such as 'Papageno' and 'Rubra', produce white, purple, or red flowers. The most reliable way to distinguish the two species, however, is to examine the leaves. The leaves of the European pasque are pinnately dissected, meaning the main divisions of each leaf are attached at regular intervals along the leaf's main axis. The leaves of the eastern pasque, on the other hand, are palmately dissected, meaning the divisions are attached at a common point near the base of the leaf.

Both species are low-growing, long-lived perennials that do best in sunny, well-drained sites. The eastern pasque, while grown less often than the European pasque, is increasingly available at greenhouses and nurseries. It can also be propagated by seeds collected from wild plants. Look for these in upland prairie remnants, especially in coarse-soiled outcroppings, such as those found along river valleys and plateau margins (e.g., the erosional drainages on the margins of the Prairie and Missouri Co-teaus). Mature seeds are generally produced sometime between late May and



Basal leaves of a) *Pulsatilla patens* (L.) Mill and b) *Pulsatilla vulgaris* Mill

There are two species of pasque flower found in South Dakota - the eastern pasque (left) and the European pasque. (Submitted illustration)

early July. Note, however, that pasque seeds require a stratification period (i.e., a cold-wet treatment) of at least 30 days to induce germination. This can be done by placing the seeds in a bag of damp (not wet) sand in a refrigerator, or by simply planting the seeds outside, to no more than a depth of one-quarter inch, in the fall or early winter.



This illustration by Jordan Thorton depicts the pasque flower on the South Dakota prairie.

FISH: Expect decent fishing in local lakes

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anglers bringing in quite a few smaller fish. Those fishing for walleye and yellow perch commonly caught black crappies as well. Fishermen caught an abundance of white bass of all sizes this summer – not only 10-12 inch fish, but many at 16 inches plus. I believe these fish are underappreciated. They are fun to catch and delicious to eat!

Summer netting on Lake White-wood revealed moderate numbers of yellow perch and walleye, but mostly smaller fish, under ten inches. There are large numbers of young northern pike. Good numbers of black crappies and 16-18 inch fat walleyes were noted during a trap-and-transfer operation of northern pike this fall.

Lake Preston was not surveyed this summer. Even so, with the exceptionally high water this year, GF&P fisheries experts predict that Preston is home to walleye, yellow perch, north-

ern pike and black crappies.

The high water levels were very inconvenient for people trying to navigate our county roads over the past year and a half, but they were also very beneficial to the local fish populations that had been dwindling prior to the high water. Fisheries experts do expect to see reasonably good fishing on our local lakes for the next couple of years.

For those looking to take young anglers out, Lake Arlington was stocked with 60 northern pike and a handful of black crappies last month. Other area lakes and ponds recently stocked include Interstate Lake and the Dakota Nature Park ponds in Brookings and the lake at Family Park in Sioux Falls. I would encourage anglers to take advantage of the mild late fall weather to get out there one last time with a rod and reel.



Summer surveys by S.D. Game, Fish & Parks showed encouraging numbers of walleye, yellow perch, black crappies and white bass in local lakes. (Submitted photo)

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Sports + Recreation

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Bella, a two year old black lab mix, is perched atop a bale at sunset, waiting for the ducks to fly. (Photo by Matt Hojer)

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HALL OF FAME COACH

Dirksen to be honored at tournament

2020 Hall of Fame Coach to be awarded at State "B"

Former Lake Preston volleyball Coach Doreen Dirksen will be honored as the 2020 Hall of Fame Coach at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the State "B" Championship at the Huron Arena.

Doreen Dirksen has been an ambassador for the game of volleyball for as long as she has been coaching.

Early in her first year of coaching at Lake Preston, Dirksen saw a need to not only teach her players but to educate the community on game strategies and rules. It was important to her that the players' parents and fans understood the game they were watching.

Parents and fans were voicing their disapproval over calls being made that were "good calls," so

Doreen started having open houses using her players to demonstrate rules, strategies, as well as different offenses and defenses.

She became a "mini clinic" while doing the walkthroughs with the players explaining rules and what to look for and how to recognize referee signals. When new rules were adopted, she made sure she held question and answer sessions so that they understood why a rule was revised or implemented. The more knowledgeable the fanbase became, the more they enjoyed being a part of the game. This energy actually helped the players improve their game.

Dirksen coached at Lake Preston for 19 years. She was the assistant coach in 1992 before taking over the program for 18 years (1993-2011). Her record is 354-201. Her teams captured the Dakota Valley Conference title in 1994, 1995 and 1996.



Doreen Dirksen, right, coached volleyball in Lake Preston for 19 years. She will be honored as the 2020 Hall of Fame Coach at the State "B" volleyball tournament.

GAME FISH & PARKS

At least the fishing's good

BY SHANE VANBOCKERN

When I was a young optimist, I often encouraged others to find the "at least" in difficult situations. Well, the SD Game, Fish & Parks recently released the results of the summer netting surveys in our area lakes. The numbers are encouraging, largely due to the recent high waters that have created such a nuisance to those traveling the rural roads in our county. At least these high waters were good for something.

Lake Thompson produced moderate numbers of walleyes with promising numbers of younger fish. Black crappies were abundant with half the catch longer than ten inches. We saw moderate numbers of yellow perch, mostly between eight and ten inches long. Anglers fishing Thompson this summer supported those netting results. Those fishing yellow perch saw good success in both August and September. The lake is also looking to be a decent walleye fishery with

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