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## COUNTY COMMISSION

# County approves new campground site

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

At Tuesday's Kingsbury County Commission meeting, the commission convened as the Board of Adjustment to consider a conditional-use permit

for Travis Steffensen. This hearing had been continued several times since last fall. Steffensen wants to put up a small campground south of his rural Arlington home near Twin Lakes. He plans to have about 10 campsites, along with one other permanent spot. He stated

that the spots would be for friends and family to stay. He said he is not going to advertise, and there would be no public access.

Steffensen reported that he is in the process of acquiring water, sewer and power. He has contacted neighboring landowners. Two of them had concerns, but he produced signatures from several of his neighbors who were not in opposition to it. He has also been in contact with the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Department of Health.

Kingsbury County State's Attorney Gregg Gass, who facilitated the meeting, read a list of conditions that Steffensen must meet in order to proceed. Steffensen's brother, John Steffensen, spoke in opposition to the project.

John lives in Watertown, but he owns 80 acres adjacent to Travis' property. He said he didn't have any use of the land until their mother died last fall but just recently has the ability to use the land.

"We all knew we were going to get the land ahead of time but didn't plan to use it until our mother was gone," he explained.

John said he wants to build a house or residence with a view of the lake. He said the reason people move to the country is for privacy, serenity, wildlife and peace and quiet. He maintained that having a campground that close by would have a negative effect on the value of his property, which he plans to be primary residence.

Director of Equalization Tammy Anderson asked if he has immediate plans to build. John indicated that it is his intent but stated that even if he doesn't build and decides instead to sell the land, having a campground that close would lessen value of his property.

The board went into executive session and after a little more than a half hour, they came out and approved the application.

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

Commissioners approved a 2-year employment contract with County Highway Superintendent Dave Sorenson. The contract runs from Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2022. This is the usual type of contract the county has with Sorenson. Commis-

See **COMMISSION**, page 3



## The Grinch who didn't steal Christmas

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Office Facebook page had some fun last Friday when they put a Grinch in with Deputy Mike Jenkins. They said "Suspect in custody for burglary, theft and not spreading Christmas cheer! Don't be a Grinch. Don't be like him. Have a happy and safe holiday season!" (Photo courtesy of Kingsbury County Sheriff's Office)

## NEW BUSINESS

# Detail Guy aims to make autos shine

Auto detailing shop to open in De Smet

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Wesley Bice of Yale has opened a new vehicle detailing shop in De Smet.

The business is called Detail Guy and is located in the same building as Nimble Wash, the new car wash owned by Clint and Brenda Eframson in the former Mr. Bill's Car Wash location.

Bice and his family are originally from Alabama, but they lived in the Dallas, Texas, area for about 12 years before moving to Yale about six months ago. He worked for Hyundai in Dallas as a paint-quality supervisor.

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It was a beautiful sunset on December 8, 40 degrees and no snow. (Photo by Matthew Hojer)

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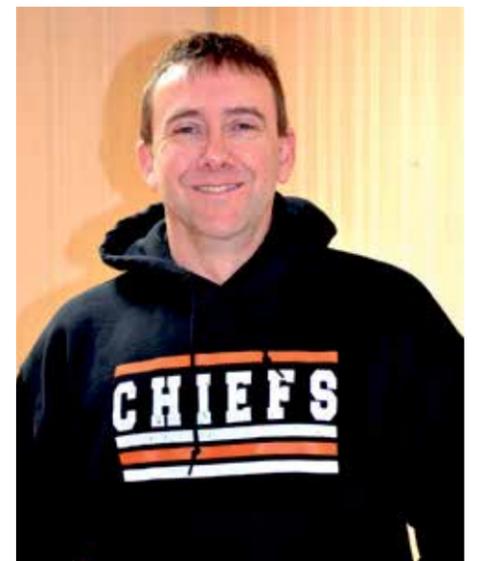
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The Detail Guy offers interior and exterior auto detailing, including ceramic coating and window tinting, and Bice said he hopes to be offering other services soon.

Bice said he is grateful to the Efraimsons for leasing the space to him at this time, but his future plans include expanding the business and hiring a couple more people, which will require him to construct a larger building.

Bice and his wife, Star, have been married for 23 years. They have four children; Matthew, 20, is in the Air Force, stationed in South Korea. Justin, 17, is a senior at Iroquois High School and has also enlisted in the Air Force. Twins John and Sarah, 13, are seventh-grade students at Iroquois.

He said that his children enjoy attending school in Iroquois, but he admitted that the family's first South Dakota winter is going to be a change.



Wesley Bice recently opened a vehicle detailing shop in De Smet. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

### Last week's weather

**Monday, November 30, 2020**  
High 41, Low 10  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**  
High 44, Low 20  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**  
High 32, Low 20  
**Thursday, December 3, 2020**  
High 44, Low 18

**Friday, December 4, 2020**  
High 48, Low 18  
**Saturday, December 5, 2020**  
High 48, Low 18  
**Sunday, December 6, 2020**  
High 47, Low 24

### 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.

**LAUREN WALIEZER**, Bryant, 40 in a 35 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**ERIC KLANCHNIK**, Huron, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**CARTER BORCHARDT**, Brandon, failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, fined \$132.50.

**JENNIFER SIECK**, Badger, 60 in a 55 mile

per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**TIMOTHY HEIBERGER**, Salem, 20 in a 15 mile per hour school zone, fined \$112.50.

**LE YANG**, Huron, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**SONIA MALLEY**, Huron, 40 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**SHELDON MININGER**, Coon Valley, Wis., 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**MICHELLE GILBERT**, Hitchcock, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**BENJAMIN HIEBERT**, Carpenter, 77 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$158.00

**ROSS ENGELBRECHT**, Sioux Falls, over limit of small game, fined \$128.50.

**ROY COOPER**, Herndon, Va., 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**GAYLORD LAPLANTE**, Clark, 65 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

# COMMISSION: Good weather has helped fall highway crew work

FROM PAGE 1

sioner Steve Spilde, who cast the one nay vote, suggested they wait until the next meeting, after Sorenson's yearly employee evaluation. Commissioner Shelley Nelson said that either party can nullify the contract at any time. She said she sees the contract and evaluation as two separate issues, and stated that there should be a very good reason to not enter into the contract the way they have historically done. Sorenson asked Spilde if there was something he did not like about the contract, and Spilde maintained that he just thinks they should wait until after his evaluation.

Sorenson said that favorable weather recently has enabled the highway crew to get a lot of work done. He reported on the work-share Kingsbury County does with Miner County and said Kingsbury County would be receiving a check from Miner County. Commissioner Delmer Wolkow said he has heard concerns from people about the amount of gravel leaving the county and going to Miner. Nelson said she understands the concern and wondered if this is something they should keep an eye on.

"How much of our product are we letting go?" Wolkow asked.

There was discussion about the good working relationship between the two counties. Commissioner Joe Jensen pointed out that people who own property also own the mineral rights and can sell gravel to whom-ever they wish. Sorenson said Miner County has their own gravel pile and loader. The counties don't take from each other's piles.

Sorenson asked about road near Lake Preston that has water up to the edge.

"Do you want me to pull barricades or leave them on?" he asked. "It will be a safety issue this winter."

"Let's see how it goes this winter," Nelson suggested. "Maybe we won't get any snow." This statement was met with laughter.

Counsel consensus was to leave barriers in place for now. People who need to get through can still do so, and it is a road that has alternative routes if it gets covered in snow. Sorenson also requested an executive session for personnel.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- Regarding a road in Spirit Lake Township that periodically goes under water — In order for the township to receive funds for needed repairs, possibly a new culvert, a hydraulic study is needed. There is grant money available for this study, but the township has to go through the county to apply. If approved for the grant, the township would still have to come up with 15 percent of the cost. The county commissioners agreed to be the applicant for this project with the understanding that the county will not be responsible for any of the cost.

- Commissioners presented plaques to Gregg Gass, who is retiring as Kingsbury County State's Attorney, and to Shelley Nelson for 12 years of service on the County Commission.

County Auditor Jennifer Barnard

remarked that normally they would have a party with food, but cannot do that this year.

"Maybe we can do something next summer when we get through all of this," Commission Chair Roger Walls said.

- Commissioners, acting as the Planning and Zoning Commission, approved two plats, one for Hauck's Bay Addition and one for the Jensen Addition. Nelson abstained from voting on the Hauck addition, and Jensen abstained from voting on the Jensen addition. Jensen explained that he was selling four acres of farm ground to a couple who was moving to the area from Syracuse, N.Y., and wanted to build a home in the country.

Barnard discussed with commissioners the fact that several county employees have a lot of vacation time carried over, more than is typically allowed to be carried over. Some of this may be due to the unusual circumstances with COVID-19.

"It's a different year, but if we keep kicking the can down the road, we are never going to get it cleaned up," Jensen stated.

Commission consensus was that only 80 hours of vacation can be carried over at the end of the year, but if there are special circumstances, an employee can make an appointment to speak with commissioners. Because of special circumstances this year, deputies will be an exception.

Barnard presented a time sheet to be used beginning next year.

There was also much discussion about how to track compensation time and sick leave. Barnard said people can bank more than 400 hours of sick leave that can be used in the event of a catastrophic medical situation.

Barnard told commissioners about a free auction site that could possibly be used for surplus items. Walls said he also had spoken recently with someone in Huron who provides an internet auction service. He commented that the county could possibly make more money selling things this way than they could selling them in the parking lot of the courthouse.

"The only problem I have is if we are excluding Kingsbury County taxpayers," Nelson said, pointing out that surplus items were purchased with taxpayer money in first place.

"But if you sell something in the parking lot for \$1,000 vs \$2,000 on the website, what is better for taxpayers?" Walls countered.

Nelson said the only problem she has is notification and stated she would still like to advertise locally. Walls agreed, saying the advertisement could state that county

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Kingsbury County Commission Chair Roger Walls, left, presents a plaque Tuesday to Gregg Gass, who is retiring as Kingsbury County State's Attorney. Retiring Kingsbury County Commissioner Shelley Nelson, below, accepts a plaque from Commission Chair Roger Walls for her years of service. (Photos by Jennifer Barnard)



surplus items are being sold on a certain website. He stated that it was not something they have to decide today, but something to keep in mind.

- Commissioners approved a jail contract with Beadle County to pay \$70 per day for prisoner housing.

- Commissioners went over the 4-H end-of-year review with youth adviser Mary Clair Bauer.

Bauer is adviser for both Kingsbury and Hamlin counties. She reported that it was nice to have some options because, with COVID, a lot of states did not have any activities this past year.

"We were able to have some things, even if they were different looking," she said.

Bauer said numbers were down significantly at the state fair, with the number of exhibits being limited. She said she wasn't sure what next year would look like and noted that some clubs have been having a hard time finding places to meet in person, now that it is too cold to meet outside.

"I'm surprised how much you were able to accomplish this year," Nelson said.

"We're trying to focus on what we can do in the future. I'm sure it will look a little different than in the past," Bauer said, adding that she doesn't know if they will have camps next year, but that they are planning for different scenarios.

Walls, who also serves on the Kingsbury County Fair Board,

asked about getting liability insurance for fair board volunteers. He reasoned that if they are appointed by the county, they might be covered under county liability. He stated that the fair board pays a lot in liability, and if something happens, the county would be liable anyway. Commissioners will look into it.

## ZOOM IN TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON

The Kingsbury County Commissioners typically meet twice a month, at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays — unless there is a scheduling conflict. If the first Tuesday happens to also be the first day of the month, as it was this month, the meeting dates are changed to the second and fourth Tuesdays. Meetings are livestreamed from the courthouse via Zoom, and except for executive sessions, which, legally can only be called for a few specific reasons, are open to anyone.

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The commissioners' names, photos and districts are all listed on the county website along with their contact information and committee appointments.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 22 with an end-of-year meeting on Dec. 29.

# Voices

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Memories are good for our souls

Thank you for including the weekly column, “Nooks and Cranies,” by author Deann Kruempel.

While I don't believe we can live in the past, I believe the exercise of looking back is good for our souls! I very much appreciate your skill at recalling and communicating the many details that call us back to past eras with gentle and evocative storytelling.

“Old school memories: Top-of-the-Class A+” (Dec. 2, 2020) were especially touching for me and for my mother, Marilyn Jones.

Over sixty years ago Mom, (Miss Whaley then) in her first year as an English teacher at Erwin High School, actually taught your older sister, Deloris. Years later I attended K-6 at the Erwin Grade School. Your descriptions of the “Incidents, emotions, tastes and smells...” associated with that special place of learning for so many (including my father, Dale D. Jones—EHS Class of 1948) served to transport both of us back to a time we re-visit with fondness.

The wonderful recollections you have mined give us new reason to be thankful for the educators, administrators, janitors, bus drivers, kitchen staff, students and classmates who touched our lives during those wonderful school years.

**Dawn E. Jones**  
Volga, S.D.

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



#### You're telling me I can't eat the frosting?

The Iroquois Preschool class made gingerbread houses this past week using graham crackers, royal icing and candies. This activity is one that preschool teacher, Mary Wienbar, has done with students for more than 25 years. Preston Huls, son of Matt and Laci Huls, takes a break from designing his gingerbread house. (Photo by Mary Wienbar)

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# How the vote was won by inspirational women

**DECEMBER 4TH MARKED THE** 101st anniversary of the day South Dakota ratified the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which recognized that women have the right to vote. Though the date may not serve as a formal holiday, this particular Governor thinks it's worth remembering in a special way. South Dakota would be a very different state, and the country a very different place, without it.

A subtle point but one worth making: the Nineteenth Amendment didn't give the right to vote to women. Rather, the Amendment recognized a right that pre-existed the amendment, which the country had failed to recognize until that time.

It was the hard work of suffragettes like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton nationally, and Mary Shields "Mamie" Pyle and Emma Smith Doe locally, that forced the men of the country to recognize



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

**KRISTI NOEM**

the right. And it was indeed hard work, accomplished over decades, sometimes taking two steps forward and one step back. That is just as true here in South Dakota as it was across the country.

Pre-statehood, the Dakota Territory recognized the right of women

to vote in school elections beginning in 1883. Two years later, legislation that would have recognized the right of women to vote was passed by the legislature but vetoed by the territorial governor, Gilbert Pierce.

When South Dakota achieved statehood in 1889, it failed to recognize that women possessed the right to vote. When suffragettes subsequently campaigned for the right to vote in South Dakota, they often combined the state's new motto—Under God the People Rule—with the commonsense admonition that "women are people." The implication seems straightforward enough in hindsight, but it took six votes of the men—in 1890, 1898, 1910, 1914, 1916, and finally 1918—for the state to properly recognize this right.

Nearing the end of her life, Susan B. Anthony reflected on all she had accomplished but also all that was left

to do. It was 1902 and her life's work was still nearly two decades away from coming to fruition, a success she would not live to see. But her comments should speak to us today. She said, "If I could live another century... there is so much yet to be done... but I must leave it for the younger generation... The young blood, fresh with enthusiasm and with all the enlightenment of the twentieth century, must carry on the work."

It is now up to our younger generation, all of us, to carry on their work here in the 21st Century and further improve our exceptional country, our shining city on a hill, to borrow John Winthrop's phrase. But now, let us pause from that work and remember the women leaders of the past, whose work to secure the right to vote has led directly to the opportunities women leaders have in the present—and will have in the future.

# Getting to know the reason for the season this Advent

**WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME** of year when everywhere you look, you see signs of the Christmas season. If you take a drive around town, you will see inflatable snowmen, reindeer and even a Santa Claus or two in yards all over town. If you wait until after the sun goes down, you will see an assortment of Christmas lights as well. Most stores that you visit this time of year are decorated for the holiday season. If you turn on your TV, you will see seemingly endless commercials advertising holiday sales. If you turn on the radio, your ears will almost certainly be greeted with Christmas music.

There is one thing that is often missing from our cultural celebrations of this holiday season. The missing piece, of course, is Jesus Christ. As cliché as this saying has gotten to be, it seems as though our culture has completely forgotten that Jesus Christ is the true reason for the season. Celebrating the birth of Christ

## MEDITATIONS

**PASTOR JIM MILLMAN**  
De Smet Community Church

has been replaced with the arrival of Santa Claus, and sharing the love of Christ has been replaced with spreading holiday cheer. Our culture has completely dismissed Jesus Christ. We live as though he is either insignificant or does not exist at all.

I would like to challenge each of you to spend this Advent season getting to know Jesus Christ. If you do not know him at all, now is a good time to begin! If you already know him, I challenge you to get to know him better. The reason for this challenge is that once you get to know Jesus Christ, it will become impossible to dismiss him.

The best way to get to know Jesus Christ is through God's holy Word. The writer of Hebrews opens his letter with a detailed description of

Jesus Christ. He begins by telling us that God the Father Almighty has chosen to speak to us through Jesus Christ. In chapter one of John's gospel, Jesus Christ is described as the Word of God who became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus Christ is the very Word of God!

The writer of Hebrews goes on to tell us that Jesus Christ is the radiance of the Glory of God. The word "radiance" is generally used to describe light. Throughout the Bible, the glory of God is often referred to as light. For example, Isaiah 60:1 says, "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Or Revelation 21:23 which says, "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light..." Jesus Christ is the "light" of God's glory on earth!

We also learn from Hebrews 1:3 that Jesus is the exact imprint of God's nature. This is extremely important for us to understand. Many

people believe that Jesus Christ was simply a good man and a good teacher who lived two thousand years ago. The truth is that Jesus Christ is so much more than that! He is the exact imprint of the nature of God. This means that if you want to know who God is and what he is like, look no further than Jesus Christ! He is God incarnate. He is God with us. He proved this when he walked on this earth. He healed people with a word or a touch. He calmed a storm with his hand. He fed thousands of people with a couple loaves of bread and a few fish. Demons recognized him and obeyed him. He raised people from the dead. He did things only God could do.

Knowing this, how is it possible to simply dismiss Jesus Christ? And this is just a small portion of who Jesus Christ really is. So once again, I encourage you to spend some time this Advent season getting to know Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1:1-4 is a good place to start!

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.* MATTHEW 2:2

### 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.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Services streamed on Facebook at 9:30 a.m.

**LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH**, See Facebook page for updates.

### Badger

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

### Bryant

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**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 a.m.

### Carthage

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**, Can find online services on Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page.

### De Smet

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The service are recorded and available on the website.

**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 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 services until further notice.

### 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. Service on Facebook Live. First Sunday of the month, an additional service at 12 p.m., masks are required

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**OLDHAM LUTHERAN**, Church at 9 a.m.

### Ramona

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

# Obituaries

## REID DONALDSON HODGES

Reid Donaldson Hodges was born in Lake Preston, S.D., on Sept. 5, 1952, to Howard D. Hodges and Joyce E. Hodges. He was baptized at the Congregational Church of Erwin on Oct. 5, 1952. Reid grew up on a farm near Erwin, S.D.

He attended school in Erwin thru 11th grade, then graduated from Lake Preston High School in 1971. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1976 from SDSU in Brookings, where he also met his future wife, Susan J. Waterbury.

Reid and Susan were married on Jan. 29, 1977, at Grace Lutheran church in Burke, S.D.

After their marriage Reid and Sue moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., where he began working as a Service Representative for Northwestern Bell. Two of their three children, Geoff and Amy, were born in Sioux Falls. In 1985, Reid and Sue moved to Omaha, Neb., where Reid held many different positions with USWest/Dex Media. In 1986, Bryan was born. Reid retired from Dex Media in 2012 and began working for the Omaha World Herald, where he retired in 2017.

Reid died Nov. 25, 2020, at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Joyce, and his brother, Brett. He is survived by his wife, Susan; brothers, Neil and Scott; children, Geoff (Lori), Amy (Todd) Boyle and Bryan (Brittany); and grandchildren, Mason, Liliana, Tyson, Claire, Dane, Stella, Abby and Nolan. Reid will also be remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Reid was a very involved with the church. He was an active member of Gethsemane Lutheran, where he held



many positions of church leadership and faithfully served the Lord with countless hours of service.

Reid was a hardworking businessman, winning many awards and various trips to visit Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Europe and many different states.

Reid was soft spoken yet strong in his beliefs and faith. Reid would do anything for his family and friends and volunteered his time freely. Reid and Sue grew close to four foreign exchange students whom they hosted over the years, three from Germany - Katerina, Alex and Sandra and one from Indonesia - Sesilia.

He loved reading, doing trivia and crossword puzzles, was an avid sports fan, loved the Huskers and had a phenomenal memory for sports history. Reid was a wonderful, kind and caring person; he will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

PAID OBITUARY

## Clarence Penner

Clarence Penner, 86, died Dec. 1, 2020, at the Village Assisted Living in De Smet. A funeral was held Dec. 4 at Faith Mennonite Church, rural Iroquois. He was born May 29, 1934, to Issac and Maria Ensz Penner near Inman, Kan.

Dad gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized into the church of God in Christ Mennonite on April 17, 1949. At 14, he came to South Dakota. He married Betty Toews on May 26, 1957, at Inman, Kan. In 1985, they purchased a farm north of Iroquois.

They were blessed with five sons. When the youngest son was 19, they learned he had cancer. Through his sickness and death in 2003, Dad learned a new level of trust, leaving us with many good examples. Dad prayed for us daily and often spoke of the need of a Savior.

Throughout his life, he raised sheep, fed cattle and farmed grain, keen on improving his farming meth-

ods and efficiency. He placed confidence in his boys and let them make decisions especially while he helped with the beginning of the congregation's parochial school.

Dad enjoyed serving on the church building committee, and both Dad and Mom found pleasure in serving at the Rochester Mennonite Guest Home for ten months.

His family really appreciated his acceptance of his recent life and the limitations it brought. He is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Lonnie (Carolee) and Bruce (Quinda) of De Smet, Roger (Elsie), Bridgewater, Md, Duane (Brenda), Iroquois; daughter-in-law, Sue (Les) Reimer, Coon Valley, Wis.; one brother, Abe (Clarabel), Iroquois; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Ensz, Moundridge, Kan. and Clara Toews, Hillsboro, Kan.; twenty-three grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were one son, Verle; one sister, three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law and one grandchild.

### The family of Martin Ellingson

would like to thank everyone for the kind words, prayers, gifts of food, cards and flowers that were given in his memory.

*MaryAnn, Gary and Donna, Barb and Roger, Marily and Tim, Jim and Caryn, Marsha and Eric and families.*

### The family of Clarence Penner

wishes to express a sincere Thank You to the staff at the Village Assisted Living for the excellent care their husband and father received. They went beyond their call of duty. A big Thank You to the DeSmet Memorial Hospital staff and the Hospice workers!

## HUGH EVANS

Kingsbury County lost a good man on Dec. 2, 2020. Hugh Evans was born May 22, 1937, to Hugh Evans, Sr. and Elizabeth Quinn Evans in Lambertton, Minn. In the spring of 1946, the Evans family moved to a house north of Iroquois in Kingsbury County, S.D. Hugh would live in that house for the next 74 years - a fact which he took some pride in. Hugh's father passed away in 1951, but Hugh and "Ma" continued to work hard to keep the family farm.

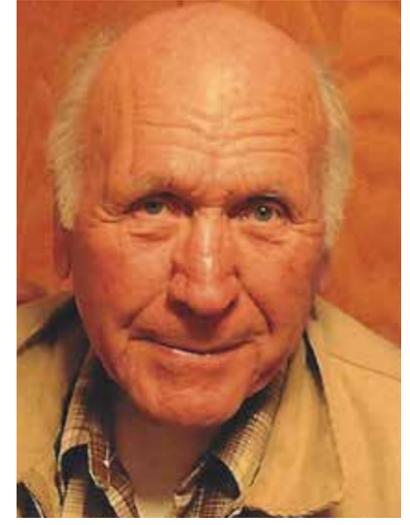
Hugh graduated from high school in 1955 and was drafted into the service. From 1958-1962, he left the farm temporarily to work "for his Uncle Sam" at Ft. Ord, Calif. and Ft. Lewis, Wash. He liked to say he worked for room and board, free green clothes and \$97.00 a month. Hugh tried marriage once from 1965 to 1969, but it didn't agree with him. In 1968, Hugh's mother, Beth, married Jim Atchison, and Jim became Hugh's mentor, dear friend and farming partner, and the three shared a close personal and business relationship until Jim's death in 1985.

Hugh began working on his parent's farm while he was still a young boy in Lambertton and would continue to farm all his life. He regarded his land, however, as much more than just a means to make a living. He loved everything on it, from the soil, water and grass to the deer and pheasants that made their home there. He always set aside space for wildlife to be and stocked his pastures carefully, so that they were never overgrazed. He was especially proud to own and care for hundreds of acres of virgin sod - large tracts of unbroken prairie that had grown the same native grasses and wildflowers for thousands of years.

Hugh played as hard as he worked. He loved music and dancing, and Klinkel Hall dances were a favorite night out during his youth. One of his favorite holidays was St. Patrick's Day. He was proud of his Irish heritage and loved the "wear-in of the green," green beer, sauerkraut and corned beef and "Danny Boy." On the special day, he would bring a little green beanie and affect an Irish jig, and spent some of these with family and friends in Las Vegas.

Pheasant season was a special time on the farm. Since the early 1970s, Hugh's farm was the site of numerous "hunts," which in later years were more about fellowship, food and beverage than hunting. Over the years Hugh hosted dozens of hunters who came from all over the country and all walks of life. Lifetime friendships were made and continued indefinitely. In recent years Hugh built a large machine shed, which became "the shed," where gatherings were held, including his 80th birthday. Birthdays were special to Hugh, as he traveled to California for his Aunt Jean's 90th birthday and then years later to Reno for her 100th birthday. The shed also became a place to exhibit his collection of paintings made by local artists. Among his favorites were those done by Julie Waldner and Galen Wallum.

Hugh was proud of the fact that he drove a hard bargain, and it was well-known that he could be chewing you up one minute only for him to turn around and be your best friend the next. However, Hugh was, at his core, a generous and really quite sensitive person, and nowhere was this more obvious than



in his love for animals. He doted on his cattle, handfeeding them corn cobs and regarding them with an affection more often given to pets than livestock. The great horde of cats he fed on a daily basis had to be seen to be believed and was the subject of much humor - one could be forgiven for thinking that he was running a sanctuary for lost and wayward felines. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Hugh always had a dog, and he always spoiled it utterly rotten. Dagmar, a golden lab, was his last dog and was his constant companion wherever he went.

Being a bachelor most of his life, Hugh was a frequent visitor to diners and coffee houses. In his earlier days, he and his friends would convene at the Plains or Crossroads in Huron every Sunday morning at about 6:00 a.m. in order to hash out and doubtlessly solve the world's many problems. Much time was spent with Scott and Stan Meyers at the Oxbow in De Smet. Their help and concern were much appreciated when it became difficult for Hugh to walk. It was his place to go for food, drink and fellowship.

Everyone knew Hugh. While he didn't have many close relatives, he had several extended families. Two of these are Gary and Lee Ann Stofferahn and their five children and families and Vona Leckey and her three children and families. He was included in family events and holidays and was loved by all. He had a special friendship with Amelia Floren, Vona's great granddaughter. The bond seemed to start from the very beginning of her life. Amelia would look up to him with quiet, trusting eyes and seemed to find what made him unique, especially as it concerned animals, a love they both knew. Just prior to Hugh's passing, she shared that she had had a dream in which Hugh was again a young man seeking many adventures as an explorer.

Friends and survivors of Hugh include his dear friend and companion, Vona Leckey and family, Gary and Lee Ann Stofferahn and family, cousin Jim Evans and family of Lambertton, Minn., cousin Bill MacLyman and family of Reno, Nev., Bill Potter and family of Bakersfield, Calif., cousins Jim and Peggy Hess of Huron, S.D., and various cousins throughout California. Special thanks go out to Gary and Lee Ann and their family for their friendship and help during his last difficult weeks. Thanks to Jay and Patti Slater for taking care of Dagmar. Thanks also to all the doctors, nurses and medical staff who took care of Hugh.

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PAID OBITUARY

# Obituaries

## Hope Clark

Hope D. Clark, 79, of Lake Norden, S.D., passed away Wed., Dec. 2, 2020, at Avantara in Lake Norden. Private family funeral services were held on Tues., Dec. 8, 2020, and live-streamed through the Geise Funeral Home Facebook page.

Hope Diann Andrews was born on Jan. 25, 1941, in Estelline, S.D., the youngest of 12 children, to Andrew and Dena (Roesen) Andrews. She attended country school at Cleveland District 4 near Lake Norden. She spent many years working as a waitress in Lake Norden. She was united in marriage to Larry Clark on Jan. 13, 1973. The couple had two children, David and Linda. Hope also spent many summers and weekends singing and playing in the family's country band.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Scott) Currence of Hayti; daughter-in-law, Kaylene Clark of Lake Norden; three grandchildren, Jasmine, Lane and Dalton; two brothers, Elwood (Gayle) Andrews of Lake Norden and James (Marla) Andrews of Lake Preston; her sister, Jane Es-



pland of Lake Preston; three sisters-in-law, Margie Clark of Castlewood, Janet Mobley of Elizabethtown, Ky. and Janet Andrews of Lake Norden; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry; son, David; five brothers, Franklin, Earl, Clarence, Alfred and Roger and three sisters, Irene, Esther and Violet.

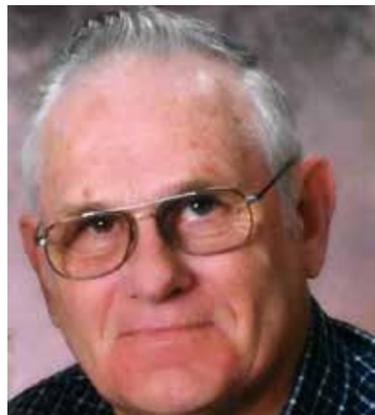
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## Ronald 'Gene' Kaiser

Ronald 'Gene' Kaiser, 74, of Lake Norden, S.D., died Sat., Nov. 21, 2020, surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held on Wed., Nov. 25, 2020, at Preston Christian Church in rural Bruce, S.D., and can be viewed on the Geise Funeral Home Facebook page.

Ronald 'Gene' Kaiser was born on Dec. 14, 1945, to John and Anna Joy 'Joyce' (Krueger) Kaiser in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He grew up in George, Iowa, graduating from George Community High School in 1964. He served in the U.S. Army before working as a mechanic in Rock Rapids, Iowa and later in Huron, S.D. He was married to Linda Fetzer. They had three children, John Edwin, Kristine Annette and Lisa Marie. He began his career in well digging and eventually started Kaiser Well Works, for many years working along with his son. He later married Karen Denison.

Gene was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents, John and Joyce Kaiser; his brother, Byron Kaiser; brothers-in-law, Frank 'Dutch' (Joleen) Meester and Jerry (Joan) Steenblock; son-in-law, Brian (Kris)



Graslie; niece, Anna Kaiser and many aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his three children, John (Janelle) Kaiser of Lake Norden, Kris Graslie of Brookings and Lisa Kaiser of Huron; two sisters, Joan Steenblock and Joleen Meester; grandchildren, Eric Stoddard, Kelly (Aaron) Hietpas, Alyssa Kaiser, Brooke (Haydn) Stoddard, Adam Watson, Kaitlyn Kaiser and Jady Kaiser; two great-grandchildren, Alyson Kaiser and Hayes Hietpas.

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## ROGER JOHNSON

Roger A. Johnson, 62, of Sioux Falls, died on Dec. 5, 2020, at Prince of Peace Transitional Unit, Sioux Falls. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Hillsview Cemetery in Westport, S.D. in May 2021.

Roger Allen Johnson made his stage debut on May 2, 1958, in Aberdeen, S.D., being born to Ben and Lola (Bain) Johnson. He answered his final curtain call on Sat., Dec. 5, 2020, at the age of 62 years.

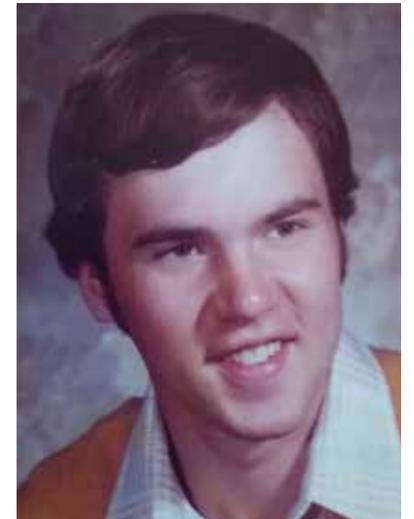
Roger and his family moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1961, and then to De Smet, S.D., in 1970. He moved back to Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1977 to attend college and made it his permanent home.

Roger enjoyed entertaining others from a very young age. His vibrant imagination developed into a love of impersonation and passion for the theatre. He began his drama training while attending De Smet High School, graduating in 1976. He participated in both plays and musicals, as well as fulfilling various duties with the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant. He continued acting while attending Augustana College, until his graduation in 1982. After that, he began performing through the Sioux Falls Community Playhouse and the Worthing Dinner Theatre, developing many lasting friendships. Our family favorites were his roles in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and "Grease," while his personal most cherished role was that of portraying Lennie Small in "Of Mice and Men."

Roger worked part time as a security guard at First National Bank and part time at George Boom Funeral Home while attending college. After college, Roger worked for Citibank as a Credit Analyst for twenty years. He was currently working for Cigna Home Delivery Pharmacy as a Certified Pharmacy Technician, also for 20 years.

In his free time, Roger enjoyed game night with friends and weekly Sunday dinners out as a group. Perhaps his habit of always being late was actually an opportunity to make a grander entrance. He loved gourmet foods and trying new things and was proud to be considered a coffee connoisseur. He was grateful for those who allowed him to experiment with their taste buds. He also enjoyed reading, attending movies and taking long drives. He was often referred to as the Gentle Giant.

The pride and joy of Roger's life was



his family and friends. He was an amazing uncle to his 12 nieces and nephews. While being a kid at heart, his imagination and improv abilities led them on many spectacular adventures. He introduced them to the superhero realm, and they all shared his love of Superman and fear of kryptonite. He gave them the freedom to be whomever they chose. They are all professional zombie hunters, vampire slayers, jedis and trekkies because of him.

Roger's favorite holiday was Halloween, and he always made sure each child had the exact costume they dreamed of. He would trick or treat with them, often in full costume himself. He also loved Christmas, introducing his nieces and nephews to the art of gingerbread cookie baking and decorating. He was a very generous person and enjoyed gifting others.

He is survived by his parents, Ben and Lola Johnson of De Smet, S.D.; siblings, Denise (Eldon) LaBore of Florence, S.D., Pam Gutzmer of Garretson, S.D. and Keith (Amy) Johnson of Worthington, Minn.; cherished friends Tim Strong and Beth Rusch and Scott and Sarah DeRuyter. His legacy will live on through his 12 nieces and nephews and 19 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Herman and Mildred Johnson and Ernest and Etta Bain; his brother, Ben Jr. and his nephew, Zachary Eichstadt.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and the kindness shown during this difficult time.

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### Grateful thanks from Marvin Tolzin's family

- \* Thank you to the Lake Preston Ambulance crew, Sheriff Steven Strande, the staff at Avera DeSmet Hospital and the staff at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.
- \* Thank You to everyone who came to visitation and talked to Ardell via Zoom. It did not replace the hugs, but was the best alternative given the situation.
- \* To Brad Sanderson – you did an outstanding job – Thank You!
- \* To everyone who called, sent memorials, sent flowers, or stopped at the house with food – Thank You.
- \* We were fortunate to have him home since March, but to the staff at the Good Samaritan Center in DeSmet – Thank You from the bottom of our hearts! You were all so kind and did what you could to make his stay while there as comfortable as possible.

**The outpouring of condolences and prayers has been truly amazing.**

**We are so fortunate to live in and around the Lake Preston area!**

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## The best Christmas ever

Even when plans go awry

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

If this story looks familiar, I have written about this Christmas memory before. But 2020 seems like a good year to revive and revamp it. With COVID concerns, a lot of people, myself included, may not want to go shopping in crowded stores this year. And a lot of us are not planning on hosting or attending holiday gatherings or activities this season. But, if we have to amend the way we usually do things in order to keep our loved ones healthy, that's okay. It's not the end of the world. And, who knows? 2020 could turn out to be our best Christmas ever.

In December of 1983, we had two little boys, Christopher and Benjamin, and we lived in a rented farmhouse about halfway between De Smet and Carthage.

I was so proud of myself for being organized and prepared that year.

We planned to spend Christmas Eve overnight and Christmas Day at my parents' house in Carthage. I had made prior arrangements with Santa Claus to drop off the boys' presents at my folks' house. Santa even stashed the loot in their hall closet the week before to save time on Christmas Eve. It

seemed like a good idea at the time.

But we should never underestimate South Dakota weather. A winter storm with dangerously low windchills was raging outside the afternoon of Dec. 24. We weren't going anywhere that evening!

The only presents I had at home for the boys were a couple of small books I had picked up a few days earlier.

I was worried that Chris, who was 6 years old, would be very disappointed. Ben was two — he probably wouldn't care that much.

So, what is a good mother to do snowed in on Christmas Eve, knowing that her kids were going to get up the next morning expecting a lot of presents and finding nothing but one book apiece under the tree?

Then inspiration struck. My kids had so many toys that they didn't even know what all they had. So, while my husband kept them occupied, I went into their room and started digging through the toybox. I knew Chris would recognize just about anything if I tried to wrap up a "used" toy. But would he realize it if I wrapped up a couple of the hundred or so matchbox cars that were buried somewhere in that pile of stuff they already had?

I dug all the way to the bottom and found a couple of cars that still looked pretty shiny and wrapped one for each boy. The next morning, they each received a "new" matchbox car, a small book and an orange. I was worried. I shouldn't have been. They were happy with what they got. They didn't know, or care, that there was another stash of loot waiting for them in Carthage.

That's when I realized— Santa could have saved a heck of a lot of money!

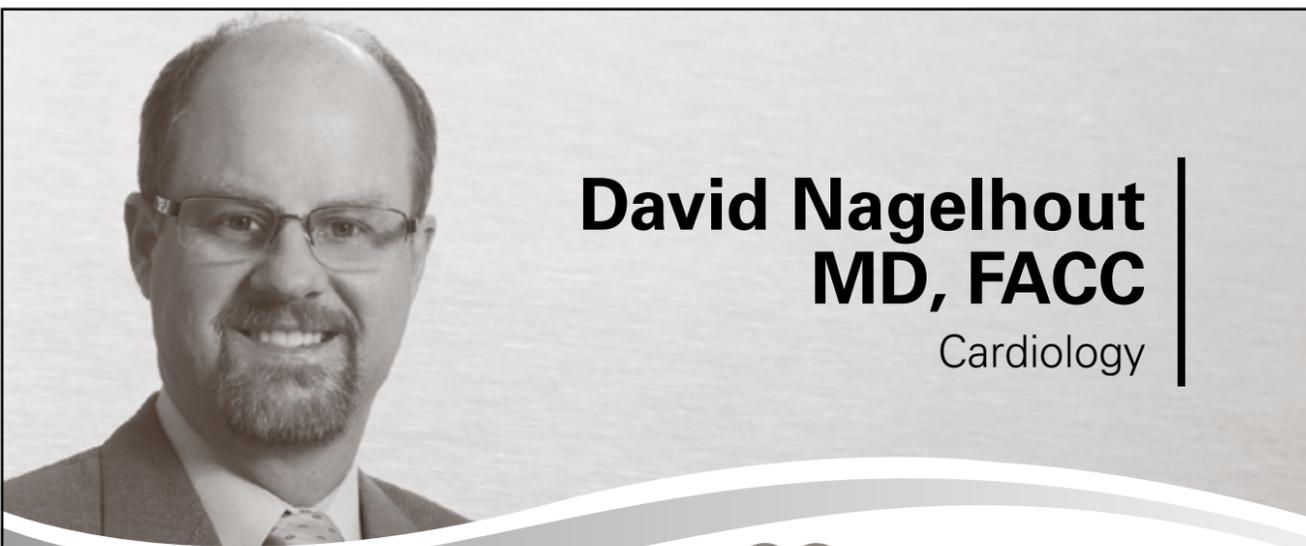
"I used to have a car just like this one, but I lost it," Chris said in amazement. "How did Santa know I needed a new one?" He was also pretty excited about all the snow that had fallen during the night.

"This is the best Christmas ever!" I remember him exclaiming. Ben went along with his older brother's enthusiasm.

We didn't tell them that Santa left more presents in Carthage because we were not sure how soon our road would be plowed. But by late afternoon we were able to get out.

The boys were thrilled to see there were more presents waiting for them at their grandparents' house — but somehow opening a pile of gifts that afternoon was anticlimactic after the really nice morning we'd had.

I still sometimes spend more money than I should, and I panic a little trying to find the right presents for everyone. But then I remember 1983 and "The best Christmas ever," and I calm down.



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## NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

The John Deere 520 rumbled into the driveway and headed for the quonset, pulling the corn picker, its three pointy snouts bouncing over the gravel.

Delmer and Don had finished feeding the hogs. The open sides of their five-buckle overshoes flapped as they met Dad at the front gate. I followed them inside, wondering why our father was in such a good mood after his corn harvest had been rained out.

The men washed in the small sink at the end of the large room that served as kitchen and dining room. Darlene and Dorothy were setting the table. Mom sliced the ring bologna in the cast iron skillet, and Deloris dished the crisp-fried potatoes.

Dad's eyes twinkled as he sat at his place at the table next to Mom. "Want to go to town tonight? He rubbed his hand over his bald head and grinned. "Think I need a haircut."

Mom chuckled and her gaze flashed to her husband's shiny crown, but she hurried to get supper under way. Our mother seldom turned down a trip to town.

Dad glanced around the table at six expectant faces. "You kids want to come along? You might see somebody you know." We picked up the chewing pace. Like Mom, we enjoyed going about anywhere. "Be good for you to get out."

In twenty minutes we were ready to go. Dad reached into his pocket and pulled out a handful of change. He fished out six dimes and handed one to each of us. "You can spend it if you want. Buy some candy that'll rot your teeth out. Or you can save it and get enough to buy something that will last." I thought of the ice skates with the shiny silver blades in the Sears-Roebuck catalog.

Soon Dad was parking the car on Calumet Avenue in the small town of De Smet, South Dakota.

With the handles of her brown purse over her arm, Mom stepped toward the grocery store, list in hand.

The boys followed Dad two blocks up the street to the shop where the red diagonal stripes on the barber pole curled up and disappeared. The barber sat in his own chair. Two men lolled comfortably on black vinyl seats and greeted Dad and the boys as they settled in. The banter soon turned to the weather, farming, and the corn crop. An hour later Delmer began to fidget. Dad paid the barber two bits for his haircut, and the bell over the door clanged as someone strode in. Another farmer. Delmer sighed.

Meanwhile, as my sisters and I entered the Ben Franklin dime store, two young boys sauntered out, each clutching a small paper bag. One was unwrapping a stick of Black Jack gum. They glanced our way but did not seem very friendly. Just inside the door the candy display beckoned. Rows and shelves of bars and boxes and bags emitted an enticing aroma of cherry,

mint and chocolate. I spotted the white and brown box of Milk Duds, chewy caramel drops coated with chocolate. My favorite! I squeezed the dime in my pocket. I envisioned twirling over frozen Spirit Lake in my brand new ice skates. I hurried to catch up with my sisters.

Why were they looking at dish towels? My sister Deloris filed through the embroidery iron-ons. "Christmas will be here before we know it, and I want to get ideas for presents." Darlene and Dorothy thought Mom would like the days of the week pattern. My hand still clutching the coin, I sighed and decided the skates could wait until next year.

After browsing every aisle, the four of us hurried outside to continue our night on the town. A television blared from the background as a girl stepped out of the furniture store. The classmate exchanged pleasantries with Dorothy for a few minutes and went on her way. Darlene reached for my hand as we crossed Calumet to the other side. Lights flashed from the theater entry. Even with the double doors closed, the smell of fresh, buttery popcorn drifted out as we strolled by. My tummy grumbled. The sisters decided we had better head back to the car in case the others were waiting.

Mom smiled as we piled in and waited with her. Fifteen minutes later Delmer and Don showed up. "Where's Dad?" I asked. Delmer rolled his eyes. "He's talkin' to somebody, AGAIN."

Dad finally appeared on the sidewalk. His eyes searched the car, taking a mental roll call of the family. Just then a neighbor strolled out of the grocery store in front of him and the men shook hands. Delmer groaned. "Oh, no! C'mon, Dad!" Visions of Milk Duds danced in my head.

At last, Dad opened the car door. "Did you buy ice cream?" he asked Mom.

"I didn't know how long you would be." (Loving-wife subtlety.)

Dad headed into the grocery store and returned, a paper bag under his arm. Soon we were back around the kitchen table, mouths watering as Mom scooped the creamy pink goodness into bowls—strawberry ice cream!

As we savored and swirled the bits of strawberries over our tongues, Dad looked around the table at his four daughters and two sons. He beamed, then asked innocently, "Did you enjoy your night in town? It's good for you to get out once in a while." We kept our eyes on our ice cream.

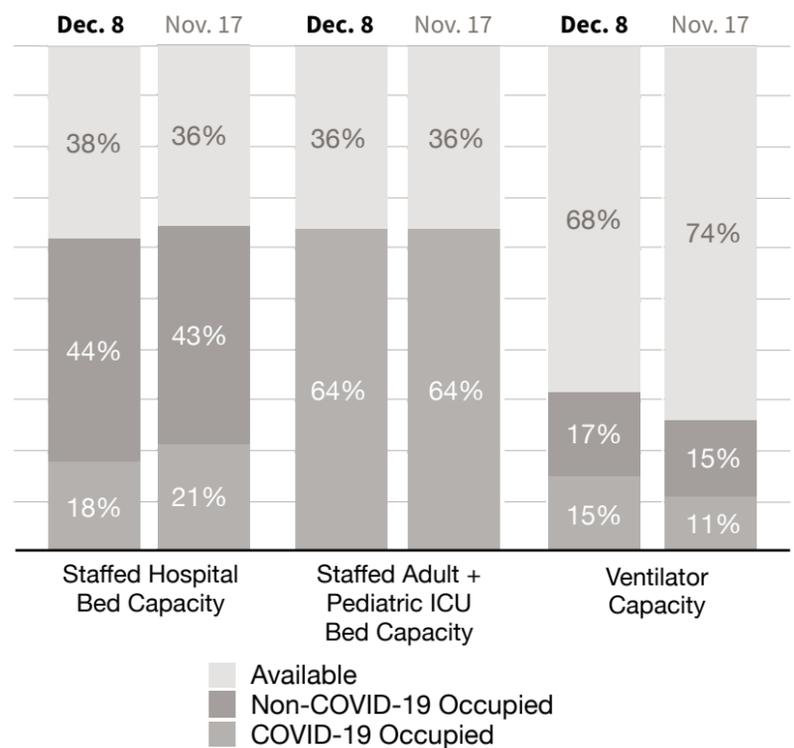
## COVID-19

# Taking a closer look: Statewide hospital capacity

Hospital capacity has returned to levels seen before the surge in positive cases in November. The number of people requiring care in South Dakota has remained steady at 6% of positive cases ever needing hospitalization.

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 Dec. 8	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Dec. 8	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Dec. 8	Prior week	Prior two weeks
<b>Kingsbury</b> Population 5,148	82	80	123	20	17	14	12	10	8
<b>Clark</b> Population 3,691	69	55	67	23	21	21	1	1	1
<b>Hamlin</b> Population 5,903	125	135	161	25	25	23	19	4	2
<b>Miner</b> Population 2,389	35	24	30	7	7	7	5	5	4
<b>Brookings</b> Population 31,965	447	381	435	90	83	74	20	16	16
<b>Beadle</b> Population 17,398	417	389	541	73	69	68	32	29	25

SOURCE: S.D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UPDATED DEC. 8, 2020; POPULATION AS OF 2010 CENSUS

**December 12th 9AM-3PM**  
**@ The American legion in Lake Preston**  
 Several local Crafters & Vendors will be present!  
 The Legion will be serving adult beverages!  
 Who couldn't use a mimosa at 9AM while shopping?!

Lunch will be available as well!

# Find purpose and meaning in retirement

**SUCCESS IN LIFE AND** all its phases can be measured in many ways. Some reminisce of their glory days in high school. Maybe they were captain of the football team or homecoming queen or won the state chess championship. Others excelled in college, graduated summa cum laude, were invited to all the parties or landed the dream job. Some worked their way up the corporate ladder or took on a big loan and built a successful business over years of hard work or taught multiple generations of students. Hopefully, most have worked and saved enough through the years to finally retire.



## THE PRAIRIE DOC

ANDREW ELLSWORTH, MD

After accomplishing the prior phases of one's life, what does a successful retirement look like? Sure, we plan and save for retirement all the time, but when it finally comes, are we ready for the next phase of our lives?

There are many ways to thrive

and enjoy retirement. Some savor time on hobbies, travel, play cards, sew, enjoy gardening, get involved in a church or volunteer. Some make things or fix things or find a part time job and have some enjoyment while also earning a wage. Some surround themselves with family, help to connect the generations.

Unfortunately, some do not enjoy retirement. Health issues, financial troubles and relationship problems are just some of the ways that can make it difficult. Some people, despite the best ways of planning and saving for retirement, may have lost identity and have no idea what to do next. As in any situation, to be successful, one must find meaning and purpose.

It must be extremely hard to dedicate one's life to a calling and purpose, only to one day be told to move on. It must also be particularly challenging to have a plan for retirement, only to have those dreams set aside due to changes in health or financial hardships.

COVID-19 has certainly put a wrench in many people's plans for retirement, as well as most everyone else's plans. Certainly, with many things postponed, changed or cancelled this last year, we have all had a

chance to reconsider what we spend our time on and what things may be worth a risk.

As we enter a new year and changes ahead, whether that be retirement, a new job, a new relationship or a new normal, I would encourage you to find purpose and meaning in what you do. When you get up for the day, set a goal or find some way to make it meaningful. That is how we will all excel in this new chapter of our lives.

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# Running behind, and chocolate pudding fudge

**I MAY BE LOSING IT...** track of time that is. As much as I try not to, I always struggle with stress and anxiety this time of year. I worry about buying all the gifts and getting them wrapped, decorating and getting all the candy and cookies made in time. I love the holidays, but the stress of trying to get everything done (along with my tendency to procrastinate) is a challenge.

I always tend to be running behind on things, but this year is ridiculous. I just realized, not only do I not have any decorations up for Christmas yet, but I still have ghosts out in front of the house from Halloween! At the very least, I need to get those inside...I should do that today or maybe this weekend.

I have Christmas gifts coming in every day from FedEx and UPS, and I'm just stacking them up in the office. I should probably start going through them, but I do like to wait until everything is here. Then I spend a day going through it all, making sure everything was delivered, sorting it out and wrapping things up. So, I guess that will have to wait, too.

Then on the other hand, I called the dentist office earlier today to reschedule my appointment this week, and after some confusion, realized that my appointment isn't until January. I was actually a month ahead of schedule!

So, at this point I'm calling it even! I'm both ahead and behind schedule, so it's all good. Hopefully, this next week will go a little better. I'm not sure how much decorating I'll get



## HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

### Storage tips for fudge:

- **Refrigerator:** Store cut-up fudge between sheets of wax paper in airtight container in refrigerator up to 2 weeks.
- **Freezer:** Triple wrap fudge to ensure freshness and prevent freezer burn. Wrap fudge in plastic wrap, then aluminum foil, and finally insert the fudge into a freezer plastic bag and mark the date on the outside.

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

done, but I'm hoping to at least get the ghosts taken down!

I'm also hoping I can get some baking and candy making done before Christmas. This week I'm sharing one of my most requested candy recipes. It's one that's not too hard to make and definitely worth it! Enjoy!

### Jell-O Chocolate Pudding Fudge

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| 1 package (8 squares) Baker's semi-sweet baking chocolate, divided<br>½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, divided<br>1/3 cup water | 1 package (4-serving size) Jell-O chocolate flavor instant pudding & pie filling<br>3 cups powdered sugar |
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Microwave 4 of the chocolate squares, 6 tablespoons butter and water in large microwavable bowl on high for 2 minutes or until butter is melted; stir. Add dry pudding mix; stir until well blended. Add powdered sugar, 1 cup at a time, stirring until well blended after each addition. Press into foil-lined 8-inch square pan. Microwave remaining 4 chocolate squares and 2 tablespoons butter in bowl on high 1 ½ minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Spread over pudding mixture. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Cut into 48 (1-inch) squares.

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# BLUE & GOLD

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## One-Act Play Gets a Late Start

By : Savanna Perkins

The One Act play, like many other activities, has already experienced the setbacks that 2020 brings. Usually, tryouts are completed before Thanksgiving, but due to the director being gone, tryouts were held last week. There are nine cast members and four crew members this year.

The play this year, titled "Through the Mirror", is serious in nature. The publisher called it "a loose adaptation" of "Alice in Wonderland". It addresses the topic of drug use and drug abuse among today's youth.

The audience will experience the mind of the main character as she is under the influence of drugs.

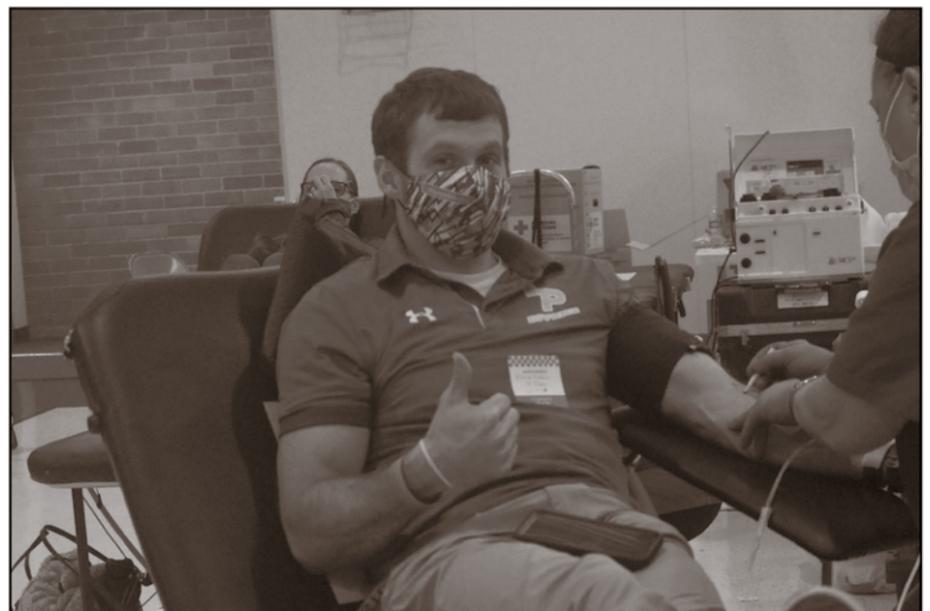
As of now, you can watch the local performances of the play on January 25th. The region competition is set to happen in-person on January 27th at James Valley Christian School. The State One Act competition is set to take place in February. As of right now masks will be required, but performances will be live inperson. Stay tuned to the Blue & Gold for updates about the One-Act Play! Break a leg cast and crew!



As reported on last week, the LPHS Student Council was able to host their Blood Drive on Tuesday of this week. Although walk-ins were not available, the students managed to schedule almost all of their allotted appointments throughout the day. Pictured above, junior Morgan Curd made time out of her day to give back to those who may need it someday. Along with students, community members and even teachers were able to help the student council meet their goal. Pictured below, Mr. Dufek gives the "thumbs up" as he donated



Pictured above, students and staff dressed in their pj's, which was part of the Angel Tree fundrasier at school. (Top left: Marissa Rober, Mrs. Tvinnereim, and Shelby Olson. Top Right: Braxton Anderson and Danielle Odegaard.) Students and staff participate in two dress-up days and donate \$1 each day they dress up to go towards buying gifts for Angel Tree kids. It is a greay way for staff and students to give back to kids in need or kids who may be less fortunate, and a great way to be comfy on a Monday!



## A Safe Way to Celebrate the Holidays

Editorial By: Patrick Poppen

We are getting to the end of 2020 and the holiday season is right around the corner which means that everyone is getting ready for Christmas. People are starting to go Christmas shopping and getting ready for family gatherings. Others might have Christmas at their homes. I know we are getting excited for this

time of year, but for safety and health reasons, my family may try to gather virtually through Zoom or Facetime, or even Microsoft Teams. It is all about sharing the joy through your screen. Also, there is always the option of mailing gifts. We should all celebrate and with the power of kindness, and by bringing all joy and love from you heart!

<p><b>Blue &amp; Gold</b> 2020-2021 Editor of the Week: Ava Malone Advisor: Krista O'Dea</p>	<p><b>Seniors:</b> Myra Rhoades, Alex Post <b>Juniors:</b> Rachel Jensen <b>Sophomores:</b> Ava Malone, Janelle Rhoades, Stella DeKnikker, Gretta Larson <b>Freshmen:</b> Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins, Patrick Poppen <b>8th Grade:</b> Amelia Holland, Lane Jensen, Trinity Pirlet, Bradley Rhoades <b>7th Grade:</b> M.P., Lorick Pirlet, Brooklyn Bothun</p>	<p><i>"We tell ourselves stories in order to live."</i> <b>-Joan Didion</b></p>
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# Lake Preston

## MENUS

### 60s-plus meals

*The Lake Preston Café is available for dine-in and take out. Please call (605) 847-4605 to be added to the list.*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11:** Ham Steak, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Fruit, Bread

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12:** Cook's Choice

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Chicken Strips, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Bread

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### School Lunch

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Remember to shop local!

Make sure to stay loyal to your local businesses this holiday season! When you spend locally, grab a red punch card and fill it out. (10 punches at \$10 each) Turn it in at First National Bank, and you'll receive \$5 in Chamber Bucks.

### Come to North Preston this Sunday

North Preston Lutheran Church will have their rescheduled annual Mission Festival this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Due to COVID concerns, there will not be a meal, and CDC guidelines will be followed. Wendy and Joey Denison will be sharing a message on "Haiti, School of Hope."

### Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday

The Lake Preston Craft and Vendor Show is on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the American Legion. Shop local crafters and vendors! The Legion will be serving adult beverages, and a lunch will also be served. Make sure to stop by and check it out!

## We've got holiday spirit, yes we do!



Braven Sjolie, son of Penny and Mark Sjolie, shows off his gingerbread man, while Jailey Tolzin, daughter of Jennifer and Jason Tolzin, poses for the camera.



Lorayne Nelson, daughter of Amber and Cory Nelson, works hard at creating her gingerbread man.



Lake Preston School has started celebrating Christmas, and they are rocking it! Last Friday was North Pole dress up day, and Monday was pajama day. Hattie Hesby, daughter of Tyler and Emily Hesby, puts her ornament on the Christmas tree in her Santa pajamas. (Submitted photos)



Sawyer Gunderson, daughter of Jackie and Danny Gunderson, poses in her cute and cozy rabbit pajamas.



Several of Deb Olson's second-grade students dressed up for North Pole Day. The second-graders are Dean, back left, Emerson, Heidi, Carson, Jordyn and Mya; Charlee, front left, Ty, Kiera and Presley. (Submitted photos)

# Lake Preston

## LOOKING BACK

# 1970: Tragedy averted during a sticky situation

### 10 YEARS AGO

December 8, 2010

Last week's visit from the Snowball Express proved to be one of the most popular parts of a magical evening in Lake Preston. Main Street was lined with vehicles from one end to the other, families with young children stood in line to visit Santa, and the sidewalks were alive with happy people. The LP Chamber and the LP Lutheran Church planned the event; the organizers did a great job.

### 25 YEARS AGO

December 7, 1995

Twenty-six boys will begin their basketball season this Friday with a trip to Reville. Coaches are **Scott Hanson and Klark Thompson**. Returning seniors are **Mike Riedel, Tim Neu, Ben Hauck, Dylan Wilde, Jeremy Olson, Sam Bell and Jason Stohler**. The only returning starters are Wilde and Riedel.

**Lydia Nelson** directed as dozens of carolers gathered for the annual tree lighting ceremony Sunday in Lake Preston. Lydia is the daughter of Ron and Cathy Nelson.

### 50 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1970

Six workmen; **City Superintendent Elmer Oldsen, Quentine Anderson, Melvin Troelsen, and Leonard Thompson** as well as two others were working on Friday night cleaning sand out of the city water reservoir. Two gasoline

engines were operating pumps used in the work, one of the engines was in the tank itself. Although aware of a tricky situation, the men were still caught by a combination of fumes and lack of oxygen. **Mayor Swenson** was on his way to the bank that night and decided to check on their progress. He found one of the men unconscious and others affected by the fumes. **Dr. Malhi** was out of town, so Swenson called **EV Johnson** and the two administered oxygen to the groggy workmen using the equipment in the new ambulance. A couple of the men were hospitalized, but all were back to work on Monday.

### 75 YEARS AGO

December 6, 1945

**Mr. and Mrs. Arne Boe Olson** observed their 60th wedding anniversary last Sunday. The occasion was initiated at a family gathering in their son **Albert's** home with 62 members participating. During the afternoon and evening, some 85 neighbors and friends dropped by to wish them well. The Olsons were pioneers in the North Preston community having come in 1882 and being married in 1885.

**H. A. Brekke** announces the arrival of the new 1946 Oldsmobile - "Look to Olds for all that's new! Look to America's oldest motor car manufacturer for the newest smartest thing in 1946 models, the new Olds with Hydra-Matic Drive!"



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO:** Lydia Nelson directed as dozens of carolers gathered for the annual tree lighting ceremony. Lydia is a daughter of Ron and Cathy Nelson.

### 100 YEARS AGO

December 9, 1920

The 16th Annual ball presented by the Lake Preston Fire Department

will be held on Dec. 10. Everyone is to contribute \$1.00 to boost firefighting organization whether they dance or not.

## HOUSE OF THE WEEK



### Buer's house brings Christmas joy

Gary and Susie Buer are the Otter Tail Lighting contest winners for week one. They will receive \$25 in LP Chamber Bucks. (Submitted photos)

## Winners in the annual Christmas business drawings

### YOUTH WINNERS

(\$5 LP Bucks)

- Jerika Stabler
- Waylin Odegaard
- Easton DeKnikker
- Madi Casper
- Brynlee Sindelar
- Jailey Tolzin
- Konner Nuzum
- Josh McMasters
- Hadlee Holt
- Ryan Verhey

### ADULT WINNERS

(\$10 LP Bucks)

- Carol Bickett
- Tammy Curry
- Missy Olson
- Sharon Odegaard
- Gena Anderson
- Kim Martens
- Dawn Hackett
- Paul Wuestewald
- Donna Korkow
- Roxanne Casper

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# Lake Preston



Above, Carson Eichler and below, Mya McCloud, dance to the music at the Elementary Concert on Tuesday.



## Christmas rockin'

Khloe Olson and Logan Woodard tap their "drums" aka five-gallon buckets to the songs at the Elementary Concert that was held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 in the Main Gym. (Photos by Kristi Curd)



Above, Heidi Carlson performs her actions while Ryker Eschenbaum, below, is rocking out to the tambourine





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**WES AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** all of our Family and Friends for making our 65th wedding anniversary so special and even more special being on Thanksgiving Day!

Thank You to our children (Tam, Steve, Bruce, Sheila and their spouses) for the cake, flowers, phone calls and visits from a distance. To all of our friends, we Thank You for all the cards we received. We got over a 100 and a few still coming in. We enjoyed reading them very much.

We are Blessed to have you in our lives and to be healthy during this pandemic.  
**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!! Wesley and Helen Jones**

## Popular pump let you see the gas you were getting

BY MARY ROCKINO

This well-preserved gas pump is on loan from Greg Cass at the Lake Preston Museum.

In 1926, Otto Thorsnes installed a 10-gallon visible gas tank for his customers. The pump filled by electric power and added to the convenience of his patrons.

This 10-gallon visible pump was one of the nicest gravity-fed pumps out there. It was called the "Mae West" due to the shape of its body and Mae's obvious assets. During the era of those pumps, nearly all came painted red from the factories.

The pumps operated with a handle

that manually drew gasoline into the cylinder. It was called a visible because you could see the gas you were getting.

A door that opens is located on the body so you can set the number of gallons you want. There was a gate valve at the discharge port to drain the gas into the vehicle by gravity. The pump also had a light at the top so the customer could see the gas in the cylinder.

It was called the Fry pump because Fry Glass Company of Monaca, Pa, made the glass cylinder, although the gas pump was manufactured by the Guarantee Liquid Measure Company of Rochester, Pa.

These were some of the most popular gas pumps in the United States and Canada.



**IROQUOIS NEWS**

# 1910: Lively ballgame against De Smet at the opera house.

*December 8, 1910:*

There was a lively game of basketball at the opera house Saturday night between the Iroquois High School and De Smet High School teams. The game was so evenly contested as to be really exciting from start to finish, but the home boys finally won by a score of 21 to 17. The game was rough, and both sides fouled repeatedly, although De Smet was the principal offender in this respect. A big crowd of De Smet rooters accompanied the team, and the contest between the visiting and home rooters, with their war cries and songs, add zest to the game and put the proper spirit into the players.

*December 11, 1930:*

**Sigurd Anderson** of Bancroft is one of three students at the University of South Dakota who has recently been honored with election to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholarship fraternity. This honor is voted to students in the college of arts and sciences on the excellence of scholarship. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest honorary scholastic in the United States.

The price of bread has dropped from 13 to 11 cents a loaf, a decline in price that has been due for some time if the price of wheat has anything to do with bread. But we shud-

der to think what would happen if the price of wheat should happen to jump a few cents upwards next week. While the milling interests and the bakers can detect a cent raise in the price of wheat almost before it happens, the price can drop off 50 percent and the news will not reach them for months.

*December 7, 1950:*

On Sat. morning, Dec. 2 at the St. Martin's Catholic parsonage, **Hope Houlihan**, daughter of **Mrs. Helen Houlihan**, of Huron became the bride of **Marvin R. Whites**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Owen Whites**, of Iroquois. **Father Vern Neer** officiated at the ceremony, which took place at 9:30 o'clock. The bride was attired in a light blue dress with a corsage of white and pink carnations. Her bridesmaid, **Miss June Balander** of Pierre, wore a pastel rose colored dress. The groom was attended by his brother, **Hugh Whites** of Iroquois. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in the **Marvin Hughitt** coffee shop. Mrs. Whites is a graduate of Lane High School. She completed a one-year commercial course at Notre Dame junior college at Mitchell and then accepted a position in the South Dakota Motor Patrol office for two years. Later, she was employed in the Standard Oil Company in

Huron one year. The groom served in the U. S. Army four years with two- and one-half years of overseas duty. He has lived in this community all his life and has engaged in farming several years. After a brief trip to Columbia, where they visited in the Gene Whites home, the couple will reside on a farm northwest of Iroquois. Folks here have become quite well acquainted with the bride in the past several months as she has visited in the city on several occasions. She is a likable young lady. The groom is an ambitious young

man, and the best wishes of their many friends go with them to their home for years of happiness and prosperity.

Larson Bros. who have the basement dug for the erection of their new house, poured the cement Monday, and as it was a bitter cold night, they used straw to keep it from freezing. In the early evening, fire was discovered in the basement as something had ignited the straw. The Iroquois Fire Company responded and soon had the blaze extinguished.



## Sugar and spice and everything nice

**Rina Frankfurth**, daughter of **R.J. Frankfurth** and **Ramie Coughlin**, shows off her gingerbread house. This has been a tradition of the kindergarten class for more than 25 years under the supervision of **Mary Wienbar**. (Photo by **Mary Wienbar**)



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### Iroquois Middle School Student of the Month: **Jozlyn Cottingham**

*Aspiring to be a photographer*



**What is your favorite subject and why?** Art because I love to draw.

**Why is school important to you?** I learn new things every day.

**Who do you look up to and why?** I look up to Harley because I always hang out with her, and I just want to be like her.

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.

### Iroquois High School Student of the Month: **Harley Nelson**

*Aspiring to be a cosmetologist*



**What's your favorite subject and why?** Plant science, because I get to learn so many things about not only plants but agriculture that I maybe didn't know.

**Why is school important to you?** It prepares me for my future, and I learn what to expect for when I get older and start doing things on my own.

**Who do you look up to and why?** I look up to my parents because they have taught me who I am today, and they continue to support and encourage me to do things I love to do.

# De Smet

## MENUS

### 60s-plus menu

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Taco Salad w/ protein and vegetables, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11:** Loaded Baked Potato w/ Ham, Cheese, Broccoli, Fruit, Bun

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable, Meat Sandwich, Fruit, Dessert

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Tater Tot Hotdish w/ vegetables, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16:** Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Vegetable, Meat Sandwich, Fruit

### School Lunch

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Cheese Omelet, French Toast Sticks, Smile Potatoes, Juice

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11:** Pizza, Corn, Fruit

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Super Nachos, Lettuce & Cheese, Strawberry Cup

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Chili, Crackers & Cheese, Veggies, Pears, Soft Pretzel

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16:** Chicken Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Applesauce

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Lefse to go this year

The lobby at American Bank & Trust in De Smet is closed until the end of the year. Lefse Days are still a go this Thursday and Friday, but customers will have to pick up their lefse at the drive-up window.

### Shop local with interest-free Christmas Bucks

Christmas Bucks are available at Dakotaland Federal Credit Union (DFCU) in De Smet until Dec. 31 of this year. This is an interest-free Christmas loan with a minimum amount of \$400 and a maximum of \$1,000. You need not be a current member of DFCU nor live in De Smet. The Christmas bucks must be spent in participating De Smet Chamber businesses. They cannot be spent on fuel, licenses or lottery tickets, and the customer cannot receive change back in regular currency. The loans are financed by local merchants and DFCU. For a listing of participating merchants see advertisement in this issue. For more information, call DFCU at (605) 854-5959.

## DCW HOUSE OF THE WEEK



### Gehms win second week

Tom and Kim Gehm's home at 214 Calumet Ave. N.E. is the second Christmas House of the Week in De Smet for 2020. Each week until Christmas, the De Smet Community Women (DCW) will choose a different decorated house to honor. Each winner will receive \$50 in De Smet bucks. The contest is sponsored by the DCW and Otter Tail Power Company. (Submitted photo)

## Sharing memories of Christmas past

BY ANNE AAMOT  
Kingsbury Journal

The older we get, the more our memories from past holiday seasons enter our minds. I was a child of the late 1970's. I remember looking through the Sears catalog that would come every year and marking out the things I wanted from Santa. One year I had my eye on a Star Wars figurine. It seems "Santa" had other ideas that year, and I believe I got some clothes instead. I also remember being very small and walking into the local Ben Franklin store in Redfield, S.D. There was a huge brown and white stuffed horse I was sure I had to have. That year "Santa" did leave it under the tree.

Since the holiday season is here, I thought it would be fun to hear some "memories" of other Kingsbury County residents.

**Julie (Halverson) Montagne** remembers the local 4-H clubs getting together to carol to people. They would deliver cookies to the elderly after the clubs had enjoyed an oyster stew/chili feed in Bancroft. Sliding down the frosty street with friends was a treat of the night while going house to house.

**Jolynn Kuhn** mentioned the apple and M & M's given to children at the Lutheran Church after the annual Christmas Pageant.

**Randy Holland** and several others mentioned the "big tree" that used to reside on Main Street during the holidays, and the "close calls" that occurred while avoiding the tree and traffic.

**Keith Johnson** fondly recalls **Burdette Van Meter** dressing as Santa Claus and driving on a snowmobile through town.

**Susan Purintun** recalls the Christ-



Santa came to De Smet on December 17, 1983, in a horse-drawn bobsled. Lee Dannenbring and his team pulled a bobsled owned by Jim Leckey to bring the Jolly Elf from the north pole into town. Santa visited with area children on main street and in various stores. Temperatures were well below zero, despite bright sunshine. (News Photo)

mas movies at the Ritz Theatre when it was run by **Jean and Bud Haufle**. Santa was always waiting to distribute candy canes to a packed house of children.

Of course, we can't forget the firemen and long-standing tradition that has been occurring for at least 80 plus years. Early Christmas morning they come through town delivering goodies to children while blowing the trucks' sirens.

This year is different. The entire year of 2020 has been, but it's always a good time to incorporate traditions from past and present. Happy Holidays to all.

**De Smet Street Supt. Don Wilkins** smiles Nov. 25, 1983 as he and other city workers place a Christmas tree on Main Street. (News Photo)



# De Smet

## DAYS GONE BY

# 2010: Holiday train and Santa arrive in town



**TEN YEARS AGO:** Santa Claus visited the Christmas Tree Wonderland Dec. 5 to hear the wish list of area children. Kolby Sinclair grinned big as he sat with Santa.

### 10 YEARS AGO December 8, 2010

**Todd and Jean Wilkinson** were named to the South Dakota Snowmobile Association Hall of Fame at the 41st annual convention held in Rapid City last month. This honor recognizes the numerous and varied contributions to the sport of snowmobiling by the Wilkinsons as local club

members of the Town and Country Snowdrifters.

The Holiday Train visited De Smet Dec. 4, giving rides around town. The train was part of a fundraiser for the Kingsbury County Cancer Walk. Between the train and soup and sandwiches, the Outlaw Gang raised close to \$1,000 for the walk.

### 25 YEARS AGO December 6, 1995

Two De Smet football players – **Nolan Wolkow and Mark Wilkinson** – have been named to the Class 9A All-State team by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association. Wolkow was named All-State punter for the second consecutive year. Wilkinson was named to the defensive line. Wolkow was named All-State punter in 1994 with a 43.44-yard average. This year he was named with a 43.26-yard average per punt. He has led all five classes of South Dakota football in punt yardage the past two years. That includes all 9-man and all 11-man teams in the state. Wolkow has also been selected to play in the football All-Star game next July in Aberdeen. His selection to this honor came from the South Dakota Coaches Association. Wilkinson was named to the defensive line on the All-State team. He was a Bulldog team captain this past season. He led the team with 10 quarterback sacks. On the season, Wilkinson had 98 tackles – 44 of them were solos and 54 were assisted tackles.

### 50 YEARS AGO December 10, 1970

It was a “first” for **Stan Myers**, age 15, to shoot a deer, and he picked a good one – a six-point buck. The trophy kill was made Saturday in an area northeast of De Smet. Stan is a son of **Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Myers**.

A change in ownership has come for Flair Beauty Salon at De Smet, **Mrs. David (Sandi) Bronson** is purchasing the business from **Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Ruby) Gummer**. Mrs. Bronson has been employed at the shop for some time. The announcement made this week in an advertisement reports that Mrs. Gummer will continue as a beautician, as will **Mrs. Robert (Carol) Brutty**.

### 75 YEARS AGO December 6, 1945

**Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morseth** and daughter **Pamela** of Tyler, Minn., moved to De Smet Sunday to make their home. They are living in the upstairs apartment of the **O.J. Hill** home. Mr. Morseth is employed at the K&K store. **Lester Rodney** began work as a clerk in the post office Saturday, a position he held when he was called in selective service. **Mrs. Olaf Skyberg Sr.** was dismissed from a Huron hospital Friday, after having submitted to an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago. **Mrs. Orin Purinton** is spending this week with her sister, **Mrs. Hjalmer Wahl**, at Ipswich. **Pfc. Richard Coughlin** has been transferred from Camp Gruber, Okla., to Fort Belvoir, Va., which is twenty minutes from Washington, D.C. **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bitner**, recently wed, have an apartment in **Mrs. Pearl Curley’s** home. **Pvt. Richard Combs** arrived in De Smet Saturday from Camp Hood, Texas, for a two-week furlough with his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Combs**, and family. He will report at Fort Riley, Kansas, Dec. 16. **Jake Kruse** went to Rapid City by car Tuesday to attend a meeting of John Deere dealers, joined by several others from this part of the state in the trip.

### 105 YEARS AGO December 3, 1915

**N.E. Tackaberry** has resumed cigar making in De Smet, having taken over the Mort Lark stand. The plant will be enlarged and if business warrants, several workmen will be employed.

The De Smet High School football team closed the season by a game with Alexandria at Athletic Park Thanksgiving afternoon.



## Stepping toward the future with STEM

Last week, De Smet fifth graders participated in STARBASE, a Department of Defense educational program where students experience challenging “hands-on, minds-on” activities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). **Bella Ward, left, Kendra Elkins, and Hayden Armstead** show off their project. (Photo by Jennifer Hojer)

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## Band and vocal students perform virtually

De Smet Middle School choir and band students performed in a virtual concert last week under the direction of Lynne Brown and Kayla Vockrodt. There was no live audience because of COVID-19 concerns. (Photos by Kayla Vockrodt and Lynne Brown)



Maggie Sprang is the new head driver for De Smet Transit. She drives the bus five days a week and is sometimes available evenings and weekends.

## Cookie Walk fun!

Above: Elliot Weerts, 6, along with his father Eric Weerts and friend Crissa Silver, picks out some Christmas goodies Dec. 6 at the cookie walk sponsored by the De Smet Community Women. Right: Darcie Lee represented the De Smet Community Wellness Coalition Dec. 6 at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center. Watch for a story coming soon about this organization. (Photos by Donna Palmund)



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**CARTHAGE NEWS**

# 1910: Fire destroys north side of Main Street

BY LORALEE NELSON

Prairie Lutheran Parish Church Services Dec. 13 will be at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran in Artesian. This will be an outdoor service with people listening to the service over their car radios. Everyone is welcome.

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

The pandemic is causing setbacks for families, towns, the state and the world.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Historical information from "Carthage, Gem of the Redstone" by Sally Madison.

The annual June 7 celebration in Carthage was an established tradition

long before 1910. The event included band concerts by the town's 30-piece band, horse-racing, ballgames with neighboring towns, tug-of-war and foot races, along with three-legged races, and concluded with a dance at the old opera house. During later years, carnivals were brought in.

The 1910 celebration was no different from other years until after midnight, when the night watchman discovered a fire and reported it. The ineffective firefighting equipment at the time arrived at the scene, but there was not enough water pressure to fight the fire. All anyone could do was watch as fourteen buildings on the north side of Main Street burned to the ground. By morning, all that was left was smoldering rubble. The

losses were some of the finest businesses — a drugstore and stock, two hardware stores and stock, two general merchandise stores and stock, a restaurant, a millinery store and novelty store, real estate and insurance offices, one residence and a barn. There would have been a fatality had not someone checked the barn and found someone sleeping off the effects of too much celebration. A quote from The Carthage News in June of 1910 read, "Our best businesses are naught but a heap of blackened ruins. Carthage has been dealt a staggering blow, and she will rise from the ashes a rejuvenated city. It will take time and money, but the grit of our people is phenomenal and their spirit of 'get there' will accomplish wonders."

**BANCROFT NEWS**

# Banking back in the day

BY ROSE GROTHE

Ted Houge of Huron was the speaker at the church on Dec. 6.

We were given an incorrect address for Larry Martens to put in last week's Kingsbury Journal. This is the correct one:

Larry Martens c/o St. John's Hospital, Room 708, 1923 S. Utica Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74104

He is opening his eyes more often and for longer periods of time and has squeezed hands when asked to. They will take the ventilator out this week and put in a reversible trach and feeding tube.

**BANCROFT HISTORY**

There were several buildings that housed cream and egg-buying stations. Operators included William Frye, Paul Fuerstenau, Charlie Wigman, Chas. Schadt, Ray Tyrrell, Inez Maass and John Poppen. Most of these operators also bought poultry, with one of the advertisements saying that "all poultry must have empty crops."

The garage building on the corner north of the bank was built in 1913 by James Costello. It was run for a time by Dan Costello, with other names associated in this business being Dan Chilstrom, "Spot" Maass, Floyd Van Tassel and Maurice McTighe.

In 1900, Wesley M. Mason came to town and built the present bank building. He also built a house for bankers directly south of Zell Bros. Implement. The bank continued to be used until the dry year of 1931 when it was closed along with many banks in the area. Anyone having money in the banks at that time could retain a certain amount by putting in a claim.

Some of the events up to that time were quite interesting, with the capital of the bank at its highest around 1909 having in it some \$50,000. After Mr. Mason left as president in 1910, Spence Eggleston went in until 1914. Dan Thompson also served as president of the bank a short time in 1909 and in the spring of 1913.

In 1914, the first tragedy struck the bank. A certain Mr. Severson then came in as director and took all the bad notes out of the Watertown bank that were hard to collect from people and put them into the local bank, putting the good notes from here into the Bryant bank. (Continued next week)

**SPIRIT LAKE NEWS**

# It's a good neighborhood

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

The Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church offers in-church services along with a drive-up option at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Services are broadcast over 88.1 F.M. radio and livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Adult Sunday school classes are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and confirmation classes are held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Rev. Dick Poppen speaks at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday over KWAT radio.

Tyler Poppen of Watertown stopped in last Tuesday to visit his grandparents, Cork and Ildena Poppen. Kathy Murray of De Smet and Cork and Ildena Poppen were last Wednesday dinner guests of Dorothy Haug in Willow Lake in honor of Dorothy's birthday. Chad Johnson of Harrisburg stopped in to say hello as well.

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. The weather certainly cooperated.

In addition to the Thanksgiving meal delivered Nov. 26 to the Cork Poppens by members of the Fedora Presbyterian Church, other neighbors brought in leftovers later in the week. It's a good neighborhood to live in.

**OLDHAM-RAMONA NEWS**

# Misar wins Market Watch Challenge

On Dec. 5, 2020, Mr. Bergstrom was notified by Dakota State University that Oldham-Ramona School was a winner of the Market Watch Challenge. Senior Clint Misar, personal finance student, won the competition against four other schools. Misar will be awarded a prize from Dakota State University.

Oldham-Ramona placed six students in the top ten including fifth place sophomore Ella McKee, sixth place senior Joseph Brickman-Wall, eighth overall senior Jaden Gartner, ninth place junior Wyatt Bickett and senior Madeline Eich rounding out the top ten spots. Great performance by all!

**School Lunch**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Potato Ole Supreme

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Chicken Pot Biscuits

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Chicken Fajita Wrap, Churro

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16:** Corn Dog, Tri Tator Potato Patty

**ESMOND NEWS**

# Visit four counties in five-minute hike

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

A Thanksgiving turkey dinner was delivered to Adeline Reilly by the Dean Reilly family of Iroquois.

The Dunham girls, representing the Iroquois American Legion, conducted the military rites Wednesday at the services for William Maas.

The Mark Aughenbaugh children were at Grandma Vicki Aughenbaugh's house Wednesday night to make Christmas cookies.

Lori Wehlander visited her daughter, Hannah Wehlander, at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell this past week.

The Esmond Church is present-

ing readings and videos during the Sundays of Advent at Esmond, S.D. They can be seen online on Facebook. ([www.facebook.com/EsmondSD](http://www.facebook.com/EsmondSD)).

Pheasant hunter report is fair, and deer hunters report good success.

The Travis and Michelle Bornitz family attended the Iroquois School Christmas Program last Thursday; Michelle's first grade class was part of the program.

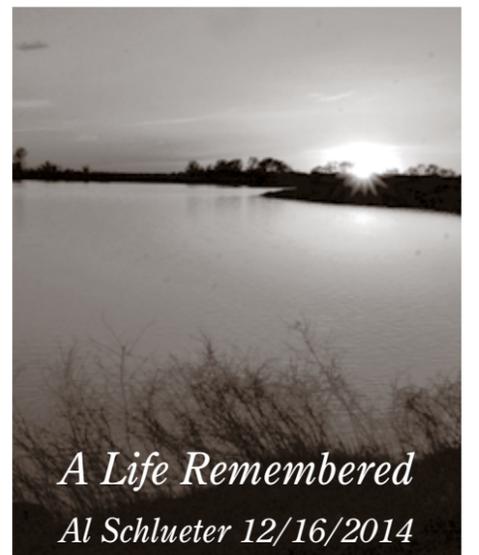
Esmond township is one of the few four corner areas in South Dakota where you can drive to our southwest corner, take a five-minute hike, and you have been in four different counties. - Kingsbury, Beadle, Sanborn and Miner.

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# Public Notices

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
KINGSBURY COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
\*\*\*Unapproved Draft Minutes\*\*\*  
De Smet, South Dakota  
November 17, 2020**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioners Shelley Nelson, Delmer Wolkow and Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Commissioners Roger Walls and Joe Jensen present. Chairman Walls presided. Also attending via Zoom – District II Commissioner Elect – Doug Kazmerzak, Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization, Elaine Blachford – Treasurer, Shelley Strande – Sheriff Office Manager, Sheriff Strande, and Donna Palmlund with the Kingsbury Journal.

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, stated the following items needed to be added to the agenda: Sheriff – Executive Session for Personnel, Director of Equalization – Office needs, and a request from the Town of Erwin needed to be added to the agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Chairman Walls asked the Board if there was any conflict of interest. Nelson stated she would be abstaining from the Hauck's Bay Addition Plat.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

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

Sorenson stated the crew has been removing snow and salt-sanding as needed. The crew would also be graveling on CR 4 and 17.

Sorenson requested to demolish the old office building next to the county storage building. The roof is collapsing and would otherwise need to be replaced.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the demolition of the old office building instead of replacing the roof. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Sorenson stated there has been one positive case of Covid-19 within the highway employees.

Sorenson informed the Board the "Punch list" for the federal signage program is to be completed after December 1, 2020.

**BID LETTING FOR HAULING**

Sorenson opened and read the following bids for hauling rip rap to various places in Kingsbury County:

Prairie States Trucking - .1475 ton per mile  
Premier Contracting, LLC – .140 ton per mile  
O'Conner & Son Trucking, Inc - .148 ton per mile

Sjolie Construction, LLC- .200 ton per mile  
Western Construction, Inc- .148 ton per mile

Sorenson recommended to accept the bid from Premier Contracting, LLC.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to accept the bid from Premier Contracting, LLC. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Wolkow requested the following clarification be added regarding the invoice for SDACC and SDACO be made. The underline portion was added:

"Barnard informed the Board the invoice for the 2021 Dues for SDACC and SDACO (South Dakota Association of County Commissioners and County Officials) had been received..."

Spilde moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020 as edited. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Barnard provided information to the Board on the purchase of tablets for the Board members. The Board had previously motioned to approve the purchase of tablets at \$250.00 each however it was recommended a higher than 4G RAM was needed for the intended purpose of the equipment.

A quote of \$739.00 had been received from Verizon for Surface Go 2 tablets with 8G RAM and 128GB memory. These could be ordered with or without internet service being provided and would allow for the Board to attend meetings via Zoom and access documents at the same time without running at a slower pace. This would also allow the Board access to county emails without having to use their personal devices at \$5.50 each per month through Infotech. The cost of the purchase would total \$3695.00 and could be submitted for reimbursement through the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Jensen moved to approve the purchase of the tablets and to add a county email account for each Board member. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

Wolkow moved and Nelson 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**

CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 44.35 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 232.34 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 1563.85 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 356.59 UTILITIES, DVL FIRE AND SAFETY 170.50 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 464.00 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY COUNTY CONSERVATION 15000.00, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 618.51 ADV TAX, BYRON NOGELMEIER 648.00 10/2020 CAM FEES, NORTHWESTERN 141.11 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN 333.54 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 100.96 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1123.90 UTILITIES, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 131862.43 10/2020 STATE REMITTANCE, TOWN OF BADGER 60.00 RENTAL FEE FOR 2020 GENERAL ELECTION, USPS 55.00 POSTAGE

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Spilde moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment to hold the Vander Dussen Conditional Use Application Hearing at 9:57 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 1:51 P.M.

**AUDITOR**

Barnard read the following letter from the Town of Erwin:

"Kingsbury County Commissioners,

The Erwin Board requests to have Kingsbury County do our building permits.

When Kingsbury Co. first developed Planning and Zoning for the county, it was offered to the Town of Erwin and it was agreed by that Board to have the County do it.

Somewhere along the line, a previous Town Board, before the current one, was told that the County no longer did town building permits. The Town Board then started issuing permits.

After talking to Jennifer on the Dennis & Lisa Kuhl variance, we became aware that the County still did do towns. We would like to request that the County consider this and to start in January 2021 to issue the Town of Erwin building permits."

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded for the county to issue permits for the Town of Erwin. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into Executive Session for personnel.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 2:02 P.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from Executive Session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 3:06 P.M.

Jensen left the meeting during the Executive Session.

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to pay out compensatory time accrued by Deputy Treasurer, Michelle Longville, due to issues arising from Covid-19 and quarantines in the office. All present voting aye – 4, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to allow Sheriff Strande to hire additional staff as needed during the Coronavirus pandemic. All present voting aye – 4, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION**

Anderson joined the meeting and informed the board the new carpet for her office and the third-floor hallway would be installed on December 4, 2020 and had previously been approved.

Anderson requested to purchase new office furniture, excluding a desk, up to \$5,000.00. Anderson stated there are funds available in the 2020 budget.

Spilde moved and Nelson seconded for Anderson to purchase new office furniture up to \$5,000.00. All present voting aye – 4, nay – 0. Motion carried.

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

SIGNED  
Roger Walls, Chairman

ATTEST  
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Kingsbury County Commission convened acting as the Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1:40 PM. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, for the purpose of approving the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the Conditional Use Application for Redstone Feeder. Board members present were Merle Walter and Roger Walls. Delmer Wolkow, Shelley Nelson and Steve Spilde attended via Zoom. Chairman Walls presided.

Walls turned the meeting over to Deputy State's Attorney, Jared Gass.

This matter having come before the Board of Adjustment and the Board having taken testimony and heard the evidence, the Board enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in support of its motion to approve the Petitioner's application for a Conditional Use Permit.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Redstone Feeders, LLC, applied for a conditional use permit to allow the expansion of a Class A concentrated animal feeding operation from 8,250 animal units (AU) to 22,550 AU to be located on the E ½ of Section 19-110-57, Kingsbury County, South Dakota.
2. Notice of hearing was published on October 7, 2020, in the Kingsbury Journal, which is more than ten (10) days prior to the Board of Adjustment's public hearing that was held on October 20, 2020.
3. A hearing was held on October 20, 2020, before the Board of Adjustment, after the required notice.
4. Written notification was sent to adjoining landowners.
5. Opportunity for testimony both in support and in opposition to the conditional use permit was allowed.
6. Those in favor of the permit testified to the appropriate use of the land and the positive economic impact of allowing the expansion.
7. Jay Libel spoke on behalf of concerned townships and addressed the necessity for road haul agreements to be in place with the proposed facility owners and affected townships.
8. The Board heard testimony related to issues of manure storage, runoff, odor and flies, along with the proximity of the feed lot to wetlands, aquifers, and rights of way.
9. Redstone Feeders, LLC currently holds a State General Permit and water rights for their existing Class A CAFO. Petitioner would seek to expand these permits with the State.
10. The board heard testimony that manure storage areas would be constructed in conformance with

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standards established by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

11. That satisfactory provision and arrangements have been made concerning the following:

- a. Entrance and exit to property and proposed structures thereon;
- b. Off-street parking and loading areas;
- c. Utilities and service areas;
- d. Screening and buffering set backs;
- e. Signs;
- f. Required yards and other open space; and
- g. General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district.

12. That the Board of Adjustment is empowered under Chapters 4.07.05, 5.12 and 6.05.01 of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance to grant the conditional use requested by Petitioner, and that the granting of the conditional use will not adversely affect the public interest.

13. That the Applicant has complied with specific rules governing individual conditional uses; however, compliance with other rules must be fulfilled, as set forth in the contingencies below.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That Redstone Feeders, LLC has the burden of proof to show that it is entitled to be granted a permit to allow a concentrated animal feeding operation.
2. That the Kingsbury County Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction to enter its decision in the above entitled matter.
3. That the Board has broad police and regulatory authority and is empowered under Sections 4.07.05, 5.12 and 6.05.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to grant conditional use and that the granting of the conditional use will not adversely affect the public interest.
4. That Kingsbury County adopted comprehensive zoning ordinances effective April 8, 2015, as amended, which provide an operational framework for the Board of Adjustment.
5. That said regulations make provision for protection against pollution caused by manure from domesticated animals.
6. That the board heard testimony related to the potential impact on the increase in pollution.
7. That said ordinances provide that the purpose of the zoning ordinances is to protect and promote the public health, safety, peace, comfort, convenience, prosperity and general welfare and to insure that public and private lands ultimately are used for purposes which are most appropriate and most beneficial from the standpoint of the "county community" as a whole.
8. That said ordinances are declared to be minimum requirements in their interpretation and application.
9. That the Board heard testimony regarding manure storage, runoff, smell and flies, which are all related to public health.

10. That the Board also considered the location of wetlands, aquifers and waterways and their proximity to the proposed facilities.

11. Redstone Feeders, LLC currently holds a State General Permit and water rights for their existing Class A CAFO. Petitioner would seek to expand these permits with SD DENR.

12. That manure storage areas shall meet standards established by SD DENR approved systems.

13. That the applicant's Nutrient Management Plan shall be approved by SD DENR.

14. That the Board entered its Findings approving the Petition based on those factors, subject to contingencies set forth herein.

15. That the Board balanced those concerns along with the positive economic impact, which is in accordance with the duties of the Board.

16. That the Board regularly pursued its authority in hearing the application.

17. That based on the evidence presented and upon the motion of Walter, seconded by Spilde, and upon roll call vote of the Board of Adjustment:

- Walls – Aye
- Wolkow – Aye
- Spilde – Aye
- Nelson – Aye
- Walter – Aye

The applicant's permit for expansion of a Class A Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, with the ability to expand to 22,550 additional animal units as defined by the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance is approved, subject to the following contingencies:

- a. That the Applicant comply with county regulations relating to the application of manure.
- b. That manure storage areas be constructed, and manure handling and disposal be performed in conformance with standards established by a DENR General Permit or NRCS Standards.
- c. That the proposed site has a professionally completed, third party Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) approved by SD DENR and that the NMP meet all applicable SD DENR State General Permit and Kingsbury County Zoning standards.
- d. That the applicant abides by mortality management in conformance with methods allowed by the South Dakota Animal Industry Board
- e. That the applicant abides by County setback regulations.
- f. That applicant provides proof of financial responsibility as set forth in Chapter 11. a. of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance.
- g. That applicant enter into road haul agreements with any township in Kingsbury County subject to road use by the Class A Confined Animal Feeding Operation, and Kingsbury County, transferrable to new owners, which are subject to review upon new land application sites being added.
- h. That the applicant signs a letter of assurance.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to accept the proposed Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law as read by Gass. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Roger Walls, Chairman

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
\*\*\*Unapproved Draft Minutes\*\*\***

The Kingsbury County Commission convened acting as the Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering the CAFO / Conditional Use application of Mike and Wendy Vander Dussen. If granted the Vander Dussens would be able establish a 9500 head (13,585 Animal Unit) dairy in NW ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 32-T110N-R53W in Spring Lake Township, Kingsbury County South Dakota. Board members present were Merle Walter and Roger Walls. Delmer Wolkow, Shelley Nelson and Steve Spilde attended via Zoom. Chairman Walls presided.

Also in attendance included Jerry Peterson, Paul Kostboth, Heather Kostboth, Michael Vander Dussen, Ben Stout, Nik Rows, Jerry Anderson, Jason Van Kooten, Ty Eschenbaum, Angie Goebel, Cameron Pewe, Gary Schumacher, Karl Steege, Tammy Anderson – Director of Equalization, Lawrence Berg, Clayton Minor, Chad Murphy, Jim Finnegan, Scott Hojer. Attending via Zoom were Donna Palmlund, with the Kingsbury Journal, Doug Kazmerzak, Wayne Soren, Jeff Anderson, Al, and Teresa Christensen, Graham and Peter Schukking, RuthAnn Carlson, Julie Carlson, Shane Odegaard, Diane Matson, and Kathy Murphy.

Walls turned the meeting over to Deputy State's Attorney, Jared Gass.

Gass turned the meeting over to Ty Eschenbaum, with A1 Solutions, representing the Vander Dussens Eschenbaum presented a slideshow to those present with the screen being shared to those attending via Zoom.

Eschenbaum then answered questions from the Board.

Gass requested questions or comments from those in gallery and then those on Zoom.

The main concern addressed were in relation to the condition of 449<sup>th</sup> Ave, odor from the proposed dairy, and potential hires for the jobs created.

All questions were answered by Eschenbaum, Michael Vander Dussen and Nik Rows.

Gass recommended the Board move into Executive Session for deliberation at the Board's discretion.

Walters moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning to review two proposed plats at 12:41 P.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 1:30 P.M.

Walters moved and Spilde seconded to approve the Conditional Use

Permit with conditions stipulated by the Board. Gass read the proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law:

This matter having come before the Board of Adjustment and the Board having taken testimony and heard the evidence, the Board enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in support of its motion to approve the Petitioner's application for a Conditional Use Permit.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Mike and Wendy Vander Dussen (hereinafter "Vander Dussens or "applicant" or "Petitioner"), applied for a conditional use permit to allow the construction of a Class A concentrated animal feeding operation of 13,585 animal units (AU) to be located in the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 32-110-53, Kingsbury County, South Dakota.
2. Notice of hearing was published on November 4, 2020, in the Kingsbury Journal, which is more than ten (10) days prior to the Board of Adjustment's public hearing that was held on November 17, 2020.
3. A hearing was held on November 17, 2020, before the Board of Adjustment, after the required notice.
4. Written notification was sent to adjoining landowners.
5. Opportunity for testimony both in support and in opposition to the conditional use permit was allowed.
6. Those in favor of the permit testified to the appropriate use of the land and the positive economic impact of allowing the Class A concentrated animal feeding operation.
7. The Board heard testimony related to issues of manure storage, runoff, odor and flies, along with the proximity of the dairy to wetlands, aquifers, and rights of way.
8. Vander Dussens are currently seeking a State General Permit and water rights for the proposed Class A CAFO.
9. The board heard testimony from Professional Engineer, Nick Rowe, that manure storage areas would be constructed in conformance with standards established by the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
10. That satisfactory provision and arrangements have been made concerning the following:
  - a. Entrance and exit to property and proposed structures thereon;
  - b. Off-street parking and loading areas;
  - c. Utilities and service areas;
  - d. Screening and buffering set backs;
  - e. Signs;
  - f. Required yards and other open space; and
  - g. General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district.
11. That the Board of Adjustment is empowered under Chapters 4.07.05, 5.12 and 6.05.01 of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance to grant the conditional use requested by Petitioner, and that the granting of

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the conditional use will not adversely affect the public interest.

12. That the Applicant has complied with specific rules governing individual conditional uses; however, compliance with other rules must be fulfilled, as set forth in the contingencies below.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That Vander Dussens have the burden of proof to show that it is entitled to be granted a permit to allow a concentrated animal feeding operation.

2. That the Kingsbury County Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction to enter its decision in the above entitled matter.

3. That the Board has broad police and regulatory authority and is empowered under Sections 4.07.05, 5.12 and 6.05.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to grant conditional use and that the granting of the conditional use will not adversely affect the public interest.

4. That Kingsbury County adopted comprehensive zoning ordinances effective April 8, 2015, as amended, which provide an operational framework for the Board of Adjustment.

5. That said regulations make provision for protection against pollution caused by manure from domesticated animals.

6. That the board heard testimony related to the potential impact on the increase in pollution.

7. That said ordinances provide that the purpose of the zoning ordinances is to protect and promote the public health, safety, peace, comfort, convenience, prosperity and general welfare and to insure that public and private lands ultimately are used for purposes which are most appropriate and most beneficial from the standpoint of the "county community" as a whole.

8. That said ordinances are declared to be minimum requirements in their interpretation and application.

9. That the Board heard testimony regarding manure storage, runoff, smell and flies, which are all related to public health.

10. That the Board also considered the location of wetlands, aquifers and waterways and their proximity to the proposed facilities.

11. Vander Dussens are seeking a State General Permit and water rights for their proposed Class A CAFO.

12. That manure storage areas shall meet standards established by SD DENR approved systems.

13. That the applicant's Nutrient Management Plan shall be approved by SD DENR.

14. That the Board entered its Findings approving the Petition based on those factors, subject to contingencies set forth herein.

15. That the Board balanced those concerns along with the positive economic impact, which is in accordance with the duties of the Board.

16. That the Board regularly pursued its authority in hearing the application.

17. That based on the evidence

presented and upon the motion of Walter, seconded by Spilde, and upon roll call vote of the Board of Adjustment.

The applicant's permit for construction of a Class A Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation totaling 13,585 animal units as defined by the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance is approved, subject to the following contingencies:

a. That the Applicant comply with county and state regulations relating to the application of manure.

b. That manure storage areas be constructed, and manure handling and disposal be performed in conformance with standards established by a DENR General Permit or NRCS Standards.

c. That the proposed site has a professionally completed, third party Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) approved by SD DENR and that the NMP meet all applicable SD DENR State General Permit and Kingsbury County Zoning standards.

d. That the applicant abides by mortality management in conformance with methods allowed by the South Dakota Animal Industry Board

e. That the applicant abides by County setback regulations.

f. That applicant provides proof of financial responsibility as set forth in Chapter 11. a. of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance.

g. That applicant enter into road haul agreements with any township in Kingsbury County subject to road use by the Class A Confined Animal Feeding Operation, and Kingsbury County, transferrable to new owners, which are subject to review upon new land application sites being added.

h. That applicant provide road construction plans for 449<sup>th</sup> Ave between U.S. Highway 14 and 215<sup>th</sup> Street in Kingsbury County approved by the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) taking into account safety and load requirements of the SDDOT for anticipated traffic to and from the dairy site, and that applicant, at its sole cost, upgrade the road per the SDDOT approved construction plans.

i. That the applicant signs a letter of assurance.

The Board voted on the motion via roll call: Walls – aye, Wolkow – aye, Nelson – Aye, Walter – aye and Spilde – aye. Motion carried.

Walter moved and Spilde seconded to accept the proposed Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law as read by Gass. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Roger Walls, Chairman

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### CITY OF OLDHAM COUNCIL MINUTES October 5, 2020

Meeting called to order by Gary Krogman. present: President Krogman, Chandra Waikel, Roger Eide, Jim Eykamp, and Paul Schellpeper.

Motion to approve agenda Waikel second Schellpeper. (U)

Motion to approve minutes, Waikel, Second Eide. (U)

Motion to approve financials Eide, Second Waikel. (U)

Motion to approve bills Eide, Second Schellpeper. (U)

Alliance-119.00-Internet Okeefe's-60.00-Tractor Hours/Repairs Rural Development-426.00-Loan Payment Cooks-768.00-Garbage Ottertail-704.72-Utilities Public Health Laboratory-30.00-Water Testing Kayla Sneesby-828.17-Salary/office supplies Glenn Albers-900.20-Salary Maintenance Kingsbury County Treasurer-472.70-Contract Law Prairie Ag-405.51-Fuel James Eykamp-110.82-Salary Council Roger Eide-110.82-Salary Council Gary Krogman-110.82-Salary Council Chandra Waikel-110.82-Salary Council Dave Holmvik-36.94-Salary Council Paul Schellpeper-73.88-Salary Council SD Reemployment-20.39-Taxes DENR-250.00-Dues

Glenn Albers gave a maintenance report.

Motioned by Eide Seconded by Waikel to pay \$5 per Muskrat trapped from the lagoons.

Executive session was not needed.

Next Regular meeting to Monday, November 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the City office.

Eide Motioned, Schellpeper to adjourn the meeting.

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### CITY OF OLDHAM COUNCIL MINUTES November 2, 2020

Meeting called to order by Gary Krogman. present: President Krogman, Roger Eide, Jim Eykamp, and Paul Schellpeper, Chandra Waikel was absent.

Motion to approve agenda Eide second Schellpeper. (U)

Motion to approve minutes, Eide, Second Eykamp. (U)

Motion to approve financials Eide, Second Schellpeper. (U) Motion to approve bills Schellpeper, Second Eide. (U)

Alliance-120.00-Internet Okeefe's-60.00-Tractor Hours Rural Development-426.00-Loan Payment Cooks-768.00-Garbage Ottertail-686.07-Utilities Public Health Laboratory-45.00-Water Testing Kayla Sneesby-505.35-Salary/office supplies Glenn Albers-900.20-Salary Maintenance Kingsbury County Treasurer-472.70-Contract Law DENR-50.00-Dues Kingsbury Journal-34.84-Publications Kundert Williams-4,591.00-Insurance

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Glenn Albers gave a maintenance report.

Motioned by Eide Seconded by Shcellpeper to continue with Contract Law for 2021

Liquor License for Oldham Saloon approved, Eykamp made a motion, Eide Seconded.

2021 Budget approved, motioned by Schellpeper seconded by Eide.

Executive session was not needed.

Next Regular meeting to Monday, December 7th, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the City office.

Eide Motioned, Schellpeper to adjourn the meeting.

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### CITY OF OLDHAM COUNCIL MINUTES December 7, 2020

Meeting called to order by Gary Krogman. present: President Krogman, Roger Eide, Jim Eykamp, and Chandra Waikel, Paul Schellpeper was absent.

Motion to approve agenda Eide second Waikel. (U)

Motion to approve minutes, Eykamp, Second Waikel. (U)

Motion to approve financials Waikel, Second Eide. (U)

Motion to approve bills Eykamp, Second Eide. (U)

Alliance-120.00-Internet Okeefe's-60.00-Tractor Hours Rural Development-426.00-Loan Payment Cooks-768.00-Garbage Ottertail-686.25-Utilities Kayla Sneesby-619.61-Salary/office supplies Glenn Albers-900.20-Salary Maintenance Kingsbury County Treasurer-472.70-Contract Law Aron's Electric-1,273.70-Repairs Kingbrook Rural Water-103.20-Water

Glenn Albers gave a maintenance report.

Second Reading of the 2021 Budget approved, motioned by Eide seconded by Waikel.

The City Council had a discussion on road grading with the new water shut offs.

Executive session was not needed.

Next Regular meeting to Monday, January 4th, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the City office.

Eide Motioned, Seconded by Eykamp to adjourn the meeting.

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# Little known facts about... the moon

BY MARY LEE  
Kingsbury Journal

As written by Patrick Moore, "The Moon is our nearest neighbor in space – only about a quarter of a million miles away – and is our faithful companion, staying together with us as we journey around the Sun." Curiosities and facts – let's see what we can learn about the moon – the earth's only moon.

- The moon is slowly moving away from Earth as a reaction to the Earth's tides. It is moving away at a rate of 3.78 cm per year. Which in comparison is about the same distance that our fingernails grow. (strange comparison, I know.)

- The moon is shaped more like an egg than a perfect sphere. The moon's center of mass is actually a few miles closer to Earth than its actual geometric center.

- The moon's color during a lunar eclipse is because of Earth's atmosphere. The reddish or brown color is the sunlight that is reaching the moon passed through the Earth, which filters and refracts the sunlight creating the reddish hue.

- We really only see about 59 percent of the moon. Rotating on its axis, we are allowed to only see one side, but because of the phenomenon referred to as libration, which allows humans to see slightly over the edge of the moon and into the far side.

- The moon's shadows are darker than the Earth. This is something astronauts found out when walking the moon. The reason for this is because

on the Earth, we have an atmosphere which scatters lights, making the shadows harder to see.

- The moon has mountains which are a result of asteroid craters. The moon has mountains; the tallest measuring 4700 meters tall, about half the height of the tallest mountain on Earth, Mt. Everest. The results were of asteroids' impacts in the past.

- There are footprints on the moon, and they are in pristine condition. There is no wind on the moon, leaving the footprints of the astronauts who have walked on the moon's surface remain perfectly intact, a memory of the astronauts who once walked there.

- Earth is 81 times heavier than the moon. No surprise considering the moon is only one-fourth the size of Earth. The moon's mass is 1.2 percent of the Earth's, and it is around 60 percent of the Earth's density.

- The moon is believed to be between 4.4 billion and 4.45 billion years old. There is some confusion and many different theories as how it came to be in existence. Some scientists believe that an object the size of Mars collided with Earth in its infancy, fusing the material to form the moon. Others feel it was already formed and was moving through the solar system until it was seized by the Earth's gravitational pull.

- There is one person who's been "buried" on the moon. The ashes of the late astronomer and geologist, Dr. Eugene Shoemaker were sent to the moon.

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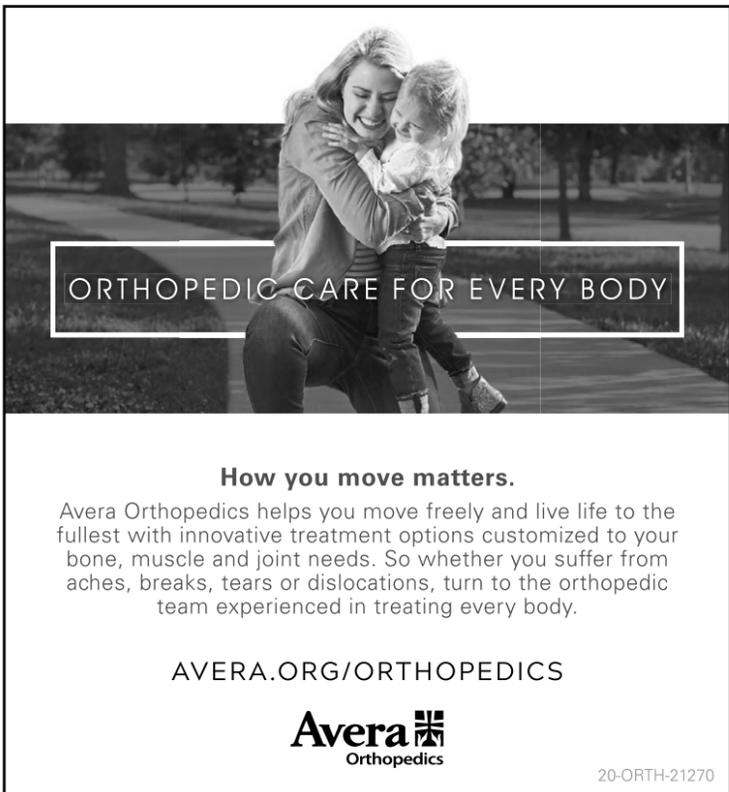
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ESTATE OF  
DONALD H. WALRAVEN,  
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Notice is given that on November 30, 2020, Tina Walraven, whose address is c/o Foley and Foley Law Office, PC, PO Box 845, Watertown, South Dakota 57201, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of DONALD H. WALRAVEN.

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

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk and a copy of the

claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated December 1, 2020.

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## SDCUC Seeks Farmers for Open Districts



The South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC) is a progressive organization which has visionary and influential producer leadership throughout the state. The 9-member board manages and invests South Dakota's 1-cent per bushel corn checkoff fund.

The SDCUC is announcing director positions that are open in Districts 3, 5 and 7. A SDCUC director's position consists of a three-year term beginning on March 1, 2021. Each director can serve a maximum of two terms, resulting in a six-year director's position.

If interested in seeking a board seat in one of the open districts, you must obtain and file with the corn office a nominating petition. All nominating petitions must contain at least 15 "participating" corn producer signatures from your district. (A "participating" corn producer has not requested a refund of his/her corn assessment since January of 2020). Eligible candidates who wish to seek a director's position cannot have requested a checkoff refund from the SDCUC since January of 2016. Nominating petitions must be returned back to the SDCUC office by 5 p.m. on January 4, 2021.

To request a petition, please contact the SDCUC office by calling 605-334-0100.

If more than one nominating petition is received by the SDCUC office for any district, a special election will be conducted for that district. The elections will be held February 1-5, 2021 at the local extension offices in those counties.

The counties assigned to the districts accepting nominations for director positions are detailed below:

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SCAN ME

**ICE FISHING**

# Time for ice safety talk

BY SHANE VANBOCKERN

South Dakota anglers enjoy their ice fishing, but with the unseasonably warm weather, these sportsmen – and women – have had to wait a little longer this year to get their ice shacks and augers out of storage. I’ve spotted a few recently, which means it’s time to have the talk – the talk about ice safety. It’s important to practice caution to keep you, those with you and your personal property safe.

Many factors play a role in whether or not ice is safe enough for folks to travel on and fish through: temperature, snow cover, the depth of the water below the ice, the size of the body of water, weight distribution on the ice, local climate conditions, currents and water chemistry. Knowing the lake is a critical aspect of ice safety. Lake Thompson traditionally has some bad spots with pressure heaves where the ice buckles. Several

anglers have gotten stuck on those heaves because they didn’t know they were there, and by the time they saw the heave, it was too late. Always be wary. Recent flooding could mean fast currents, making it difficult to know where the safest ice is. Traveling too fast in the fog or at night, especially on snowmobiles, poses significant danger. We’ve had guys drive right into open water on our local lakes.

I would be remiss not to mention the geese in the area. No doubt, you’ve seen them or heard them. Waterfowl can keep spots open for extended periods of time while the rest of the lake is frozen. Yet another reason to be cautious.

As I read through this article, I realize it sounds like a lecture. It is not my intention to discourage anglers from getting out on the ice this winter. I, too, look forward to harvesting some fish through the ice. I just want your outings to be successful and SAFE.



Ice begins to form alongside open water just south of the Lake Thompson Recreation Area. (Photo by Tim Aughenbaugh)

## GUIDELINES: Limited attendance

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risk or ill are asked to not attend. There will be designated areas for visiting and home team spectators. People are asked to social distance as much as possible within these sections. Admission will not be charged for events at De Smet Schools during the 2020-21 school year. Home events in the armory will be

livestreamed. The link can be found on the school’s Facebook page or downloading the SD Scores app. The link is subject to change. Home fans and visiting schools will be notified of any changes. Please note— Other schools may have different guidelines, and all guidelines are subject to change.

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

### Kingsbury Knights

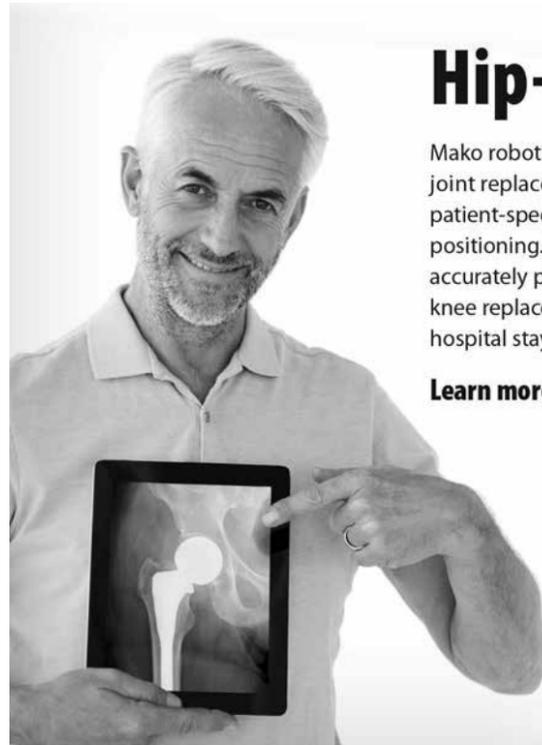
**DEC. 10:** The Knights host a quadrangular wrestling meet at De Smet against Hamlin, Canton J.V and Watertown J.V.  
**DEC. 12:** The Knights participate in the Howard Invitational tournament.

### Lake Preston Divers

**Basketball**  
**DEC. 11:** Divers vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at Ramona.  
**DEC. 15:** Divers vs. Wolsey-Wessington at Wolsey.  
**DEC. 17:** Lady Divers play against Elkton-Lake Benton at home. (Parent’s Night)  
**DEC. 18:** Divers vs. Elkton-Lake Benton at home

### De Smet Bulldogs

**Basketball**  
**DEC. 11:** Doubleheader basketball game at home against the Deubrook Dolphins.  
**DEC. 14:** The Lady Bulldogs basketball team goes up against the Wolsey-Wessington Warbirds at home.  
**DEC. 15:** The boys basketball team vs. the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones at home.  
**DEC. 17:** The Lady Bulldogs basketball team meets the Estelline-Hendricks Redhawks at Estelline.  
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# Sports + Recreation

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Teams get ready to take the court

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

Boys basketball has started in both De Smet and Lake Preston. The teams started practice last Monday. De Smet plays Deubrook at its home opener on Friday, while Lake Preston travels to Ramona to take on ORR.

On the De Smet team are Colt Wilkinson, rear left, Ethan McCune, Tory Holland, Damon Wilkinson, Kalen Garry, Blake Van Regenmorter, Rett Osthus, Kasen Janssen, Kadyn Fast and Trace Van Regenmorter. Cody Cavanaugh, front left, Gannon Gruenhagen, Tom Aughenbaugh, Tristan Olson, Wyatt Rigge, Edger Wilkinson and Quinton Poppinga. George Jensen is not pictured. Their first game will be on Friday at home vs Deubrook. They are coached by Jeff Gruenhagen and assistant coach Cory Haugen.

Playing for the Lake Preston Divers are Tate Larsen, rear left, Josh McMasters, Rhett McMasters, Jasper Denison, Carter Malone, Riley Casper and Tyler Jurrens. Jonah Denison, front left, Ashton Wienk, Andru Andrews, Jake Larsen, Garrett Kruger, Chris Tvinnereim and Ryne Greene. Not pictured Weston Woodcock. Their first game is on Friday vs Oldham-Ramona/Rutland in Ramona. They are coached by Jordan Solberg and assistant coach Brock Dufek.



## ON THE HUNT



### A year of firsts

It has been a year of firsts for Ty Rigge. This fall, Ty shot his first dove, duck, goose and deer. That is quite an accomplishment for a new hunter. (Photos by Jesse Rigge)

### On the hunt?

We'd love to see photos of your deer, pheasant, goose or ducks. Please submit to jim@kingsburyjournal.com

## BULLDOG SPORTS

### Guidelines in place for winter sporting events

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the De Smet School District is taking steps to protect community health. The school is implementing several guidelines, including limiting the number of spectators at home sporting events for the Kingsbury Knights wrestling team and the De Smet basketball teams. Circumstances are constantly changing, and they vary from community to community.

The following winter sports guidelines have been put in place:

De Smet athletes in grades 7-12 will each receive school-designed lanyards to be given to whomever their family chooses for entrance to games and matches. Visiting athletes

will be given vouchers from their athletic director. For events that involve two communities, each athlete will be given four vouchers, and for events that involve more than two communities, athletes will each be given two vouchers.

The lanyard pass or visiting team voucher must be shown at the door. People are required to wear lanyards at all times during an event, and vouchers will be collected at the door.

Students in grades 7-12 do not need a lanyard to attend, but students in grades 6 and younger must have a lanyard or voucher and remain seated with their family during the event.

Masks are recommended for all spectators. Individuals who are at-

See **GUIDELINES**, page 27