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Delivering all your local news

An update on our area newspaper endeavor

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

This is a special holiday issue of the Kingsbury Journal. There have been many 'firsts' for our fledgling community news team this year, and we thought we would take the opportunity to share some of them with you as we head into the holidays with family and friends.

The Kingsbury Journal was formed as a merger of The De Smet News and the

Lake Preston Times after they suspended publication at the onset of the pandemic on April 1 this year. After living without a local newspaper for a few weeks, many people realized they missed having one — and a group banded together to secure the papers for our communities and figure out a way to keep them going.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

When the first edition came out in May, we reported that twenty volunteers helped make it happen. At this point seven months later, we've had nearly forty volunteers step up to help with the paper

in one way or another. With the support of subscribers and advertisers we have now been able to bring on some staff to help with the workload.

"The diversity of the team is one of the most unique aspects of the Kingsbury Journal," said Tim Aughenbaugh, one of the volunteers. "Not only do the abilities and knowledge of each individual help with all the tasks that need to be done, but they each have a wide range of interests and personal connections. That results in 'something for everybody' in the paper."

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Bancroft native, Heath Perry, stands amongst some of the 44,000 poinsettias grown this year at Natural Beauty, a wholesale greenhouse located near Sioux Falls, S.D. He is the Grower Manager of the 20-acre facility that employs over 100 full-time and seasonal staff. He and his wife Nicole and three children, Jillian (6), Katelyn (6), and Levi (4), live in Lyons, S.D. (Submitted Photo)

Where poinsettias get their roots

BY HEATH PERRY
Grower Manager at Natural Beauty

Have you ever sat down and thought about where Christmas poinsettias get started? It's not as easy as saying just 'from a flower shop.' Poinsettias were first brought to the U.S. by Mexican ambassador Joel Roberts Poinsett in the early 1800's. They are native to Central America, so you can only imagine the environment that they are used to growing in.

For greenhouse producers, the planning starts earlier than you might think. Unrooted cuttings are ordered in February, which is 11 months before Christmas! The cuttings are shipped in July and August from breeders in Mexico. It takes about 21 days under a mist system to get roots started growing into small foam wedges called Oasis.

After rooting is complete, they are transplanted into their final growing container, whether it is one plant in a 6" pot or multiple plants in larger containers. Once the roots of the plant touch the sides of the pots, they are about ready to be pinched. The type of pinch you do will determine how many bracts (colored leaf groups) will form on the plant. This is always confusing to people, as the colored leaves are not the actual flower. The yellow center, called the cyathia, is the true flower.

There is still one trick yet in order for some poinsettias to turn color. They need 14 hours of complete darkness starting around Oct. 1. This is all determined by the variety and when the poinsettia needs to be in full color. The process is achieved in a greenhouse with a blackout shade system. In the home setting, plants do best when

moved to a room that can be completely closed up without windows. Even a computer screen is enough light to throw off the timing, as I just found that out the hard way.

A few other things that are required are a good fertilizer program, sanitation to prevent diseases and, of course, bug control! Diseases are so easily spread through handling, the soil mix and even the water system. Growing facilities must apply fungicides to prevent or cure issues they are having. The most common insect pests on poinsettias are whiteflies. They most commonly come from outdoor habitats and find a new home in the greenhouse when the weather gets cooler. Commercial pesticides can be used along with beneficial insects, to feed on and eradicate the issue. Predator wasps' eggs are

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De Smet to be featured in PBS American Masters Series

American Masters: Laura Ingalls Wilder: Prairie to Page

BY RITA ANDERSON
Kingsbury Journal

In February of this year, crewman from PBS American Masters visited De Smet, Wilder's "Little Town on the Prairie," to capture imagery from the Ingalls family's original homes and homestead. These scenes and snippets of people that local residents will recognize will be a part of the documentary, American Masters: Laura Ingalls Wilder: Prairie to Page to be presented on the PBS channel on Tues., Dec. 29 at 8 p.m. Central Time.

This year marks the 85th anniversary of the publication of "Little House on the Prairie" (1935). The film presents a deeper look at Wilder's literary legacy and how her Little House book series helped shape readers' perspective of the Midwestern frontier and pioneer life. It is directed and produced by Emmy Award winner Mary McDonagh Murphy.

In a recent interview, Tessa Flak, Director of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society, shared her thoughts on the upcoming film, and how it affects De Smet.

"We are thrilled PBS chose to share Laura Ingalls Wilder's remarkable story!" said Flak. "Last year, associate producer, Christopher Czajka, reached out to the Society about filming in De Smet, and the PBS team spent a few days here in February filming at the Surveyors' House, First School of De Smet, the Ingalls Home on 3rd St., several other area locations and collecting information from our archives. As a feature location for five of Laura's Little House books, we anticipate De Smet will be a small focal point in the documentary. Following the premiere, we are looking forward to an increase in visitor numbers in the coming years! De Smet is

incredibly lucky the Ingalls family decided to make their final home here on the Little Town on the Prairie."

Following the premiere, the Walnut Grove Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant will be hosting a Facebook Live Event. Flak will be joining other Laura Ingalls Wilder museum directors and biographers to discuss the documentary at <https://www.facebook.com/WalnutGroveMnLauraIngallsWilderPageant>.

The documentary features never before published letters, photographs and family artifacts. The film includes original interviews with Wilder biographer and editor of "The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder" William Anderson, who is a longtime friend of many in the area and has often had a presence in De Smet. Actors who have also visited De Smet from the beloved TV series Little House on the Prairie, including Melissa Gilbert (Laura Ingalls Wilder), Alison Argrum (Nellie Oleson) and Dean Butler (Almanzo Wilder) are interviewed. Historians, scholars and fans provide additional perspectives on Wilder's life and legacy.

Now in its 34th season on PBS, American Masters has a tremendous fan-base as it illuminates the lives and creative journeys of our nation's most enduring artistic giants — those who have left an indelible impression on our cultural landscape. Setting the standard for documentary film profiles, the series has earned widespread critical acclaim and 28 Emmy Awards.

For more information, visit <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/laura-ingalls-wilder-documentary/15197/>.

There is a 30-minute virtual sneak preview event this Thurs. night, Dec. 17, followed by a moderated discussion with Laura experts. It is free and open to the public, but registration is required. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-the-life-and-legacy-of-laura-ingalls-wilder-registration>.

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.

MARC HALVERSON, Portland, Maine, film on front window, fined \$122.50.

BRANDON LAUER, Salem, 66 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$127.50.

GILBERTO CABRERA, Whiting, Ind., 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

RYAN FEIGE, Pond Creek, Okla., fee required of harvest vehicle, fined \$182.50.

LOU ANN JENSEN, Arlington, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

SHERIFF REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports three accidents.

DEC. 1 - MELISSA MALONE of Lake Preston was driving west on US Highway 14 at mile marker 398 when a deer ran into the roadway striking her vehicle. The 2014 Dodge Charger she was driving sustained \$4000.00 in damages.

DEC. 4 - BRENDA TOLZIN of Lake Preston was driving west on US Highway 14 near 445th Avenue when a deer ran into the roadway striking her vehicle. The 2020 Ford Expedition she was driving suffered \$8000.00 in damages.

DEC. 10 - RYAN HOLZ of Arlington was driving east on US Highway 14 near mile marker 385 when a deer came onto the roadway striking his vehicle. The 2007 Dodge Charger that Holz was driving suffered \$1500.00 in damages.



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JOURNAL: How your newspaper gets to you each week

FROM PAGE 1

Many people are surprised to hear that due to precautions around the virus, the volunteers have never met as a team in person to put together the Kingsbury Journal. Some people who have worked together for months have only met in person for the first time in the last week or so. Some have never met in person. There are positives and negatives to working this way, but it is the only way the team knows at this time.

SOME NEWSPAPER NUMBERS

The pandemic played a key part in the events leading to the formation of the Kingsbury Journal and has dominated our pages and coverage ever since. ‘COVID’ — a word none of us had ever heard before — is the most common topic every week. On average, COVID has been mentioned in ten articles per issue. We long for the day it no longer graces these pages.

We still operate in an economic environment that makes it challenging to produce a newspaper, but believe our model will continue to work until things get back to something resembling normal.

Here are some other numbers from the last seven months.

Since our inaugural issue on May 20, 2020, the Kingsbury Journal team has published 31 weekly issues each Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The most common size of the newspaper has been 28 pages. Our largest issue was an election preview edition with 36 pages (this holiday issue matches that high mark). Our smallest papers have been 20 pages, which has happened twice.

An average of 25,000 words are written, copy edited, proofread, and paginated in each issue. For comparison, a novel is often 50,000 words.

Our state-of-the-art digital news site, kingsburyjournal.com, now hosts over 1,600 articles of content and over 1,500 photos. It is visited by more than 1,000 people each week.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE

Most of us on the team knew nothing about how a news business operated when we volunteered to help with this project. If you're curious, here is a brief rundown of what goes into publishing the Kingsbury Journal each week.

Down at the Kingsbury Journal office, located in the old De Smet News office building, the phones ring and the computers ping every day with questions, news information, ad requests and more. Sheryl Downes has recently taken the role of office manager and can be found putting legal notices together, updating subscriptions, and making sure the bills get paid.

When not at her computer writing and organizing content, Donna Palmund is seen at meetings, on Zoom calls, attending ball games and school programs, or just around our



The inaugural edition of the Kingsbury Journal rolls off the presses at Leader Printing in Madison, S.D. (Photo by Tim Aughenbaugh)

towns taking pictures and interviewing people for a wide range of stories.

Marina Garcia, our advertising guru, contacts businesses about promotions and helps get their message in front of readers.

The writing team meets online every Monday at 7 p.m. to talk about how the current issue is coming together and to look at the upcoming week. This is where we kick around article ideas and organize people to write stories and take pictures. Anyone on the team is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The copy-editing team hops on the online system throughout the week and reads the stories that are “in review.” Once they are finished polishing the content, the articles get pushed over to “finished content” and are ready for the paper.

Tuesdays are spent putting the paper together, or in news-speak, paginating. This is akin to creating and assembling a giant jigsaw puzzle, and is where the paper you know takes its shape and form. Finished content is laid out and organized according to the Kingsbury Journal’s design standards. Lynn Rognsvoog with Creative Circle Media has been helping us with this process remotely since the start, and she now has Billi Aughenbaugh handling pagination from front to back.

On Tuesday night, after the paper is paginated, it is posted to our online system, where the volunteer proofreading team begins to pore over it late into the night and early Wednesday morning before going to work. The process usually leads to 100 to 200 corrections and suggestions for improvement in each edition.

Wednesday mornings start early, and are spent making corrections and finalizing the paper before sending it electronically to Leader Printing in Madison at 10 a.m. Sixteen hundred copies of the new edition then roll off the color presses and are sorted,

bagged and addressed for mailing by 11:30 a.m.

As soon as the paper is sent to be printed, a volunteer starts driving down to Madison, usually arriving about the time the press run is finished. The distribution volunteer then loads the bundles of fresh papers in a pickup and drops them off at the post offices and eight retail locations in Arlington, Lake Preston, De Smet and Iroquois.

While the physical paper is getting distributed, other volunteers are working to upload content and post the e-Edition of the paper to kingsburyjournal.com for digital subscribers.

By 3:30 p.m. the weekly work is done and readers start receiving their Kingsbury Journal. Then the process immediately starts all over again.

A WORK IN PROGRESS

From the beginning, our first goal as a community newspaper team was to deliver a good product. From there we hoped it would be supported by readers and advertisers. We want to thank all of you for providing that support, and will continue to try to provide a valuable service to you. We have learned a lot as a team, and we have a lot left to learn — there are several ‘firsts’ yet to come.

One of our team members has compared the ‘KJ’ to a good food recipe. It takes good ingredients (stories from our communities and lives, something for everybody), some good cooking instructions (a good process, system and training) and some willing cooks to bake it together with some love and attention.

We hope you are enjoying the Kingsbury Journal and welcome any feedback or suggestions to make it better. We're always looking to add new members to our team, so please give us a call with your interest to help at (605) 854-3331 or send an email to editor@kingsburyjournal.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Man electrocuted while working in Bancroft

Construction workers were working on a church in Bancroft December 9 when a 23 year-old male from Dell Rapids came in contact with overhead electrical wires. The Kingsbury County Sheriff’s Office and Iroquois Ambulance responded to the scene. The male was transported to Avera De Smet Hospital but died as a result of his injuries. The incident is being investigated by the Sheriff’s Office.

New legislative session begins Jan. 12, 2021

The South Dakota Legislature begins its annual session the second Tuesday of January of each year at the state capitol in Pierre. The legislative session lasts 40 working days in odd-numbered years, and 35 days working days in even-numbered years.

In District 22, which encompasses all of Kingsbury and Beadle counties, our House representatives are Roger Chase and Lynn Schneider.

Our Senate representative, who will be serving his first term, is David Wheeler. All three elected officials are Republicans from Huron.

During session, the house representatives can be reached at the capitol at (605) 773-3851. Senators can be reached at (605) 773-3821. Their email addresses and Huron phone numbers are Roger.Chase@sdlegislature.gov, (605) 352-5100; Lynn.Schneider@sdlegislature.gov, (605)354-2640; and David.Wheeler@sdlegislature.gov, (605) 352-7154.

CLARIFICATION

In last week’s county commission article, we incorrectly stated that John Steffensen was an opponent of Travis’ Steffensen’s proposed campground. The correct name is Todd M. Steffensen. We apologize for the error.



In the Holiday Mood

As a blanket of white covers the ground, We want to thank all of you for coming around.

One thing that we know is true, Is we owe our success to each one of you!

Merry Christmas!

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POINSETTIAS: Keep soil moist but drained of excess water

FROM PAGE 1

placed amongst the plants and then hatch out eating the bad guys.

After purchasing a plant, it’s best to keep the plants in a moderately warm environment and keep the soil moist. The most common issue is

over or under watering the plant. Be sure to take off the pot cover and allow all excess water to drain out and then never let the poinsettia wilt between waterings. It is possible to keep a plant from year to year, but

it will always look the best the first year you have it. The poinsettia’s scientific name is Euphorbia pulcherrima, which means that it is a member of the spurge family. So, in Mexico it’s a weed!

Voices

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievance.”

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Last week's weather

- Monday, December 7, 2020**
High 45, Low 22
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020**
High 51, Low 21
- Wednesday, December 9, 2020**
High 54, Low 22
- Thursday, December 10, 2020**
High 43, Low 29
- Friday, December 11, 2020**
High 43, Low 24
- Saturday, December 12, 2020**
High 24, Low 20
- Sunday, December 13, 2020**
High 30, Low 12

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We're always looking for:

- Photo of the Week
- Stories or Story Ideas
- Scheduled Events
- Birth, engagement, wedding, anniversary and birthday announcements
- Obituary Announcements
- Letters to the Editor

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

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Spreading the Christmas cheer

The department heads at the Good Samaritan Society in De Smet decided to treat their residents to homemade cookies, meat and cheese, crackers, cupcakes, little smokies, sweet and sour meatballs, wine and punch. Mia Gehm, left, Vicki LaMont, Diane Mann, Jessica McCune, Jackie Gunderson and Amanda Frazier dressed up to show the Christmas spirit. (Submitted photo)

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- Address changes and new subscriptions:** 5 pm Friday prior to publication
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- Advertising submission:** 5 pm Friday prior to publication

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Strong economy lets us invest in South Dakota's future

AFTER YET ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR, South Dakota is entering 2021 in one of the strongest financial positions in the country. This is largely due to our strong economy, our approach to COVID, and our respect for freedom and personal responsibility.

Other states are facing much tougher financial situations. They're planning to raise taxes. They're borrowing billions of dollars to cover budget shortfalls. They're looking to Congress to send them more money.

South Dakota is taking a different path. Our economy is strong. After peaking at 11% in April, South Dakota's unemployment rate is back down to 3.6% in October, the third lowest in the country. But we must remain prudent and conservative moving forward. We cannot spend every dollar that we have. When we do invest in our state, we must invest wisely and strategically.

South Dakota prides itself on fiscal responsibility. I'm recommending paying off \$21 million in 2010 debt that the state issued to our technical colleges. The tech colleges will be



GOVERNOR'S DESK

KRISTI NOEM

able to refocus their attention on educating students and preparing them to enter South Dakota's workforce.

When it comes to infrastructure, the most important investment we can make this year is to finish connecting South Dakota to broadband, and I am requesting a \$100 million investment. We must create an environment where people aren't forced to choose between the modern economy on the one hand, and life in their hometowns on the other.

South Dakotans take tough situations and turn them into great opportunities. On October 31st, our Open Class Beef Complex burned down at the State Fair. Now, we're building a world class facility in its place, which will bolster South Dakota agriculture for years to come. I'm requesting \$12 million for this project.

My budget funds 2.4% inflationary increases for medical providers, K-12 education, technical colleges, and state employees. We're also providing targeted increases for community-based healthcare providers. And we're recommending an additional \$11 million one-time investment for K-12 education to help provide a final bridge for schools past the pandemic.

We're helping to fund a new Liberty Center at Ellsworth to give the community a recreational center that will be a connection for our military, their families, and the surrounding community. Anyone in the armed forces will tell you that community and connection are critical for a family that is constantly on the move.

Finally, my budget recommends

that we add 2% to our regular 10% budget reserves, and that we put \$50 million in a trust fund in order to protect ourselves against future economic hardships. South Dakota's future is very bright. But we've faced real challenges this year. And we will face more in the future. To safeguard against unforeseen economic setbacks, we must continue to take a prudent and conservative approach to state government.

I'll close with the wise words of President Calvin Coolidge: "I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government and more for themselves. I want them to have the rewards of their own industry. This is the chief meaning of freedom."

I cannot think of anything more descriptive of my administration's hope for the people of South Dakota. Under God, the people rule. All of us here are stewards of the people's hard-earned tax dollars. And the budget I have proposed sets up our children and grandchildren for decades of prosperity.

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

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, Church at 10:45 a.m.

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, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Indoors and drive-up 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

NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sunday School at 10:15 a.m., Church at 9 a.m. Service on Facebook Live.

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

Oldham

OLDHAM LUTHERAN, Church at 9 a.m.

Ramona

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

De Smet

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., parking lot worship on the radio is available by tuning in to FM 101.7, also uploaded to social media.

DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH, Christmas Eve program at 6:00 p.m.

DE SMET COMMUNITY CHURCH, Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. It will then be posted on Facebook and YouTube

PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH, Christmas Service and Cookie Fellowship on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m.

SPIRIT LAKE PRESBYTERIAN, Christmas Eve Service at 8 p.m.

Iroquois

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH & PRAIRIE

HAVEN MENNONITE CHURCH, Joint Christmas Service on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. at Faith Church.

IROQUOIS UNITED METHODIST, Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. on Dec 20.

Lake Preston

LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, No community church service or 10:00 candlelight service. Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m.

NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m.

Oldham

OLDHAM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m.



"Willy Wonka Junior" in Lake Preston

Lake Preston High School performed "Willy Wonka Junior" last week. Stella DeKnicker, left, Ava Malone and Bergen Woodcock play the parts of parts of Charlie's grandparents. It was far from putting you to sleep, though, as the performance was very entertaining! We will have a full story on the play in next week's Kingsbury Journal. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

Obituaries

Howard Melstad

Howard John Melstad, 94, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died, Dec. 13, 2020, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. Memorial Services for Howard will be 10 a.m. Fri., Dec. 18, 2020, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with Rev. Tim Selbo officiating. Burial will be in the Lake Preston Cemetery. Visit georgeboom.com for an online guestbook.

Howard John Melstad was born on Sept. 25, 1926, to Carl and Martha (Sime) Melstad at Hetland, S.D. He attended grade school and graduated from high school in Hetland, S.D. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. On June 27, 1948, he married Norma Jean Meyer in Badger, S.D. They moved to Kansas City where Howard attended watch making school. Following Howard's schooling they moved to Orange City, Iowa until they bought a jewelry store in Lake Preston. Together they raised four sons. While in Lake Preston, he taught Sunday School, was a member of the Lake Preston Legion (Commander), was active in the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Fire Department. In 1967, they bought a jewelry store in Vermillion, S.D. Howard was a member of the Vermillion Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Eagles. They sold the business in 1988, and he retired on Dec. 24, 1988.



Howard enjoyed dancing, playing cards, spending time with family and friends, and wintering in Arizona following retirement. He also enjoyed his last years living at Stoney Brook Suites Assisted Living in Sioux Falls.

Howard is survived by their four children; Dennis (Jeri) of Dakota Dunes, S.D., Kevin (Karen) of Gilbert, Ariz., Darren (Teresa) of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Korry (Deb) of Sioux Falls, S.D.; ten grandchildren - Brad Melstad, Jodi Marshall, Melanie Bye, Jenny Cary, Megan Kuehler, Austin Melstad, Logan Melstad, Mackenzie Melstad, Jason Laferriere and Nick Laferriere; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Norma and two sisters, Ardelle and Mavis.

Myron Lee Hofer

Myron Lee Hofer, 76, died Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Monument Health Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Myron was born in Huron, S.D. to Josh and Katie Hofer. He grew to adulthood on the family farm near Hitchcock, S.D. and graduated from Hitchcock High School in 1962. After graduating from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 1967, Myron served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 and achieved the rank of Captain.

Myron married Dorene Tenneboe on April 10, 1966, in Lake Preston, S.D. Two children were born to this marriage, Jason and Justin Hofer. Prior to entering the insurance field as an agent for 40 years, he worked as a National Bank Examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department. Myron loved to play the guitar and played in the "Joyful Noise" group at his church from 1998 to 2020. Myron was involved in his community over the years coaching his sons in baseball, worshipping at South Canyon Lutheran Church, refinishing furniture and spending time with his grandchildren whenever possible.

Myron is survived by his wife Dorene Hofer of Rapid City; two sons: Jason (Brenda) Hofer and Justin (Ni-



cole) Hofer, both of Rapid City; two brothers: Norman Hofer of North Branch, Minn. and Harlow (Michael) Hofer of Sioux Falls; two sisters: Carol (Bob) Murphy of Sioux Falls and Donna Swanson of Rapid City; and two grandchildren: Mason Hofer and Bella Hofer of Rapid City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Family requests a private burial service at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis on December 22, 2020 with full military honors.

The family prefers memorials to South Canyon Lutheran Church.

Arrangements with Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home of Rapid City.

The show must go on!

BY RITA ANDERSON
Kingsbury Journal

In their 5th year of performances, the De Smet Area Arts Council announced that ticket sales have reopened for the 2021 season.

Ticket sales began on Dec. 6 at the De Smet Event Center and will continue until sold out. The cost is \$60 for the entire five concerts.

Season memberships that were purchased for the 2020 season are valid for the new concert schedule, but these ticket holders need to be aware that there is a variation in the schedule and dates that are printed on their tickets. A membership list is being maintained, so if anyone has misplaced his/her ticket, there's no reason for concern.

"This year's concert schedule is one of our most exciting yet with performers coming from across the country, so we were very fortunate to find dates to reschedule with all of them for this coming year," stated

Nancy Montross, De Smet Area Arts Council President. "Now that the Coronavirus vaccinations are becoming available, we are very hopeful that by the end of April when spring hits and concerts begin that the virus issues are contained, so, as they say in the entertainment world, the show must go on!"

The concert series for 2021, held on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m., offers a wide variety of musical genre.

- April 25, 2021 - Doug Gabriel Family Variety Show
- May 23, 2021 - Dayna Jones
- June 13, 2021 - Billy Troy
- September 12, 2021 - Sebastian Sings Sinatra
- October 10, 2021 - Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience

In addition to those holding season memberships, individual tickets will be sold for each concert. Call (605) 854-3502 or (605) 530-0003 to purchase tickets or to ask questions regarding a membership.

And He shall be called...

THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT considerations that go into naming a child. Many people choose a name based on family history. My paternal grandfather's name was Grayson. His mother's maiden name was Gray. Hence our first born son's name, Grayson. Others choose based on the time of year the child was born, with names like Autumn or Summer, or based on a geographical location, with names like Cheyenne or Dakota. Sometimes we try to name the child based on characteristics we hope they have once they are born. In the Bible we see that the Son of God was given several names. In the New Testament, we see that he was called Jesus of Nazareth, the heir of all things, and the Christ, among others.

In the Old Testament, we see that Jesus Christ was given several names before he was born. A familiar passage is Isaiah 9:6 which says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

A counselor is typically someone who guides us in making plans or important decisions. Jesus Christ is called the Wonderful Counselor. He has wisdom that goes far beyond human capabilities. The counsel we get from Christ, which we obtain through God's Word and prayer, is far better than any human counsel we will ever receive.

The title of "Mighty God" is the title of the Lord God himself. One very important fact we need to keep in mind this time of year (and always) is that Jesus Christ is God! He is Immanuel, which means "God with us." Jesus Christ did not come into existence when he was born of a virgin in a lowly manger in Bethlehem.

MEDITATIONS

PASTOR JIM MILLMAN
De Smet Community Church

Jesus Christ is eternal, meaning he always has been and always will be. In Revelation 22:13 Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Jesus Christ IS Mighty God.

As Everlasting Father, Jesus is our benevolent protector. In this name, Jesus is being portrayed as the eternal King who protects his people.

As the Prince of Peace, Jesus is portrayed as the ruler who will bring peace. Once Jesus returns and gathers his church to himself, there will be no more need for conflict or war! Isaiah 2:4 says, "...they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Jesus Christ will bring everlasting peace! Revelation 21 describes a time when there will be no more suffering and not more pain. Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace!

The name that Jesus Christ inherited from his Father is Lord. In the Old Testament, God the Father Almighty is often referred to as simply "the Lord." Philippians 2:9-11 says, "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

As we continue to get to know Jesus a little better each week, it is my prayer that you are finding it more and more difficult to dismiss him as irrelevant.



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FREE Christmas Dinner on Friday, Dec. 25
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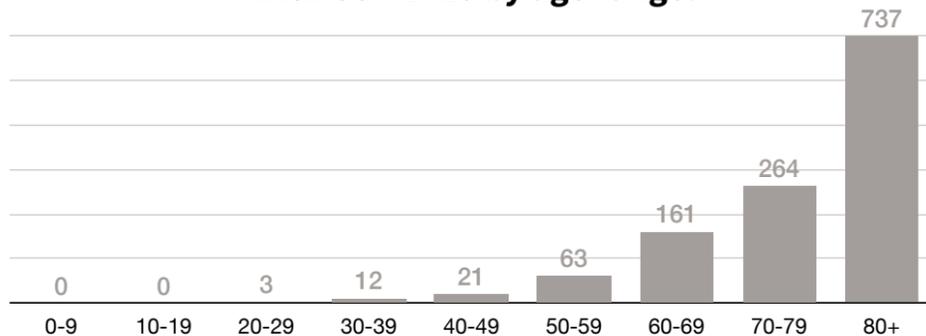
COVID-19

Taking a closer look: COVID outcomes by age

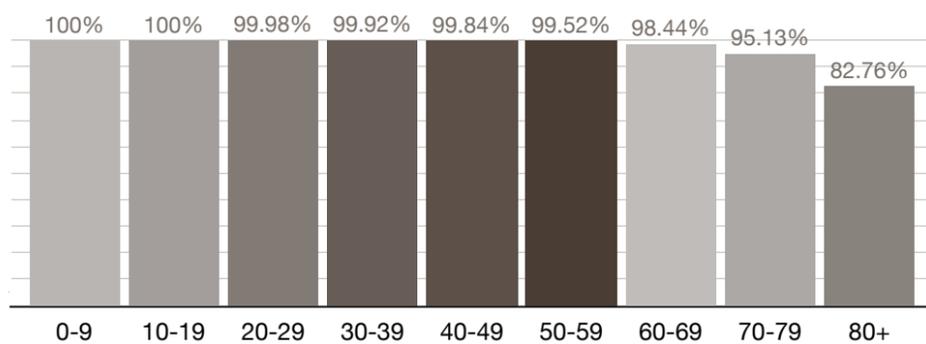
Positive cases drop off significantly as South Dakota continues to recover from the peak experienced in November. Deaths lag positive cases by 2-3 weeks, and have risen to 1,261 since the pandemic began.

Outcomes by age continue to be worse for the elderly.

How many people in S.D. have died with COVID-19 by age range?



What percentage of people in S.D. recover from COVID-19 by age range?



COUNTY	ACTIVE CASES			EVER HOSPITALIZED			DEATHS		
	As of Dec. 15	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Dec. 15	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Dec. 15	Prior week	Prior two weeks
Kingsbury Population 5,148	50	82	80	21	20	17	13	12	10
Clark Population 3,691	41	69	55	24	23	21	1	1	1
Hamlin Population 5,903	68	125	135	27	25	25	28	19	4
Miner Population 2,389	22	35	24	9	7	7	6	5	5
Brookings Population 31,965	291	447	381	94	90	83	24	20	16
Beadle Population 17,398	189	417	389	75	73	69	32	32	29

SOURCE: S.D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UPDATED DEC. 15, 2020; POPULATION AS OF 2010 CENSUS

Gov. Noem announces additional grants

PIERRE, S.D. — Governor Kristi Noem announced up to \$345 million in additional grants for small businesses, non-profit organizations and healthcare providers dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“South Dakota is in a strong position thanks to the amazing work of our small businesses and healthcare providers,” said Governor Noem. “This additional relief will help ensure that our economic engines continue to thrive, and our healthcare providers have the resources they need to continue the excellent care they give to our friends, family and neighbors.”

Eligible small businesses and non-profit organizations may apply for up to \$195 million in grants to compensate for reductions in cash flow from September through November. Eligibility for the grant will be the same as the initial round of grants. Grantees from the first round will be eligible to apply for additional funding, and entities that have not previously applied

will still be eligible as well.

The additional healthcare grants will help cover expenses and lost revenue in October and November for healthcare providers. \$150 million dollars is available to eligible healthcare providers, with \$75 million available for hospitals, nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities, and \$75 million available for other community-based providers of safety net programs. To qualify, providers must deliver services in underserved areas of the state or to persons who are uninsured or part of a vulnerable population such as seniors, persons with disabilities or children. Funds will offset increased costs and lost revenue due to COVID-19 and ensure continuation of essential healthcare services.

Applications for the additional grant will be accepted Dec. 14 - Dec. 20. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and how to apply, is available at <https://covid.sd.gov/smallbusiness-healthcare-grants.aspx>.

Great Holiday Gift!

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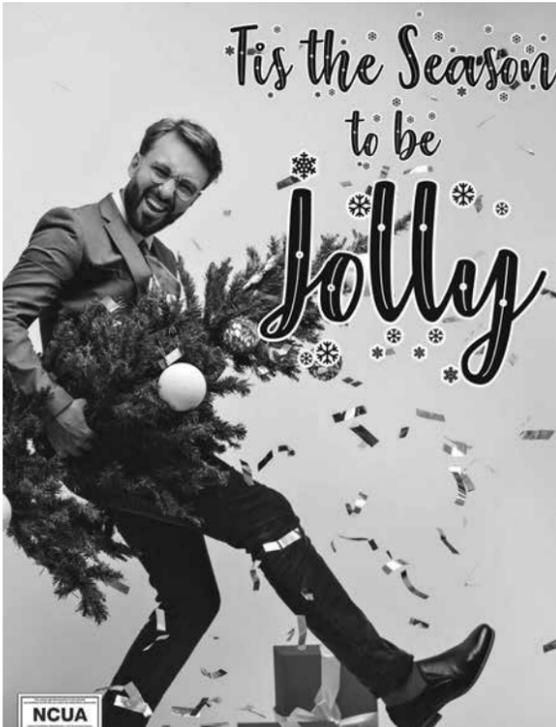
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A CHRISTMAS STORY

'If you're missing Baby Jesus..'

A true story that embraces the Spirit of Christmas



Photo illustration by Donna Palmlund and Sheryl Downes

BY JEAN GIETZEN

Special to the Kingsbury Journal

WHEN I WAS A CHILD my father worked for an oil company in North Dakota. The company moved him around to different parts of the state, and at some point between one move and another, we lost our family Nativity set. Shortly before Christmas in 1943, my mother decided to replace it and was happy to find another at our local five and dime for only \$3.99. When my brother Tom and I helped her unpack the set, we discovered two figures of the Baby Jesus.

"Someone must have packed this wrong," my mother said, counting out the figures. "We have one Joseph, one Mary, three wise men, three shepherds, two lambs, a donkey, a cow, an angel, and two babies. Oh dear! I suppose some set down at the store is missing Baby Jesus."

"Hey, that's great, Mom," my brother and I shouted. "We have twins!"

"You two run back down to the store and tell the manager that we have an extra Jesus. Tell him to put a sign on the remaining boxes saying that if a set is missing a Baby Jesus, call 7162," my mother instructed. "I'll give each of you a penny for some candy. And don't forget your mufflers. It's freezing cold out there."

The manager of the store copied down my mother's message and the next time we were in the store we saw the cardboard sign that read, "If you're missing Baby Jesus, call 7162."

All week long we waited for the call to come. Surely, we thought, someone was missing the important figurine. Each time the phone rang, my mother would say, "I'll bet that's about Jesus," but it never was. My father tried to explain that the figurine could be missing from a set in Walla Walla in Washington and that packing errors occur all the time. He suggested we

just put the extra Jesus back in the box and forget about it.

"Back in the box!" I wailed. "What a terrible thing to do to the Baby Jesus. And at Christmastime, too."

"Surely someone will call," my mother said. "We'll just keep them together in the manger until someone calls."

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When no call had come by five on Christmas Eve, my mother insisted that my father "just run down to the store" to see if there were any sets left. "You can see them right through the window, over on the counter," she said. "If they are all gone, I'll know someone is bound to call tonight."

"Run down to the store?" my father thundered. "It's fifteen degrees below zero out there!"

"Oh Daddy, we'll go with you," I said. "Tommy and I will bundle up good. And we can look at the decorations on the way."

My father gave a long sigh and

'We have one Joseph, one Mary, three wise men, three shepherds, two lambs, a donkey, a cow, an angel, and two babies. Oh dear!'

headed for the front closet. "I can't believe I'm doing this," he muttered. "Each time the phone rings everybody yells at me to see if it's about Jesus, and now I'm going off on the coldest night of the year to peek in a window to see if He's there or not there."

My father muttered all the way down the block, while my brother and I raced each other up to the window where the tiny lights flickered on and off around the frame. "They're all gone, Daddy!" I shouted. "Every set must be sold."

"Hooray, hooray!" my brother joined in, catching up with me. "The mystery will be solved tonight!"

My father, who had remained several steps behind us, turned on his heel and headed back home.

Inside the house once more, we saw the extra figurine had vanished from the set and my mother appeared to have vanished, too. "Someone must have called and she went out to deliver the figurine," my father reasoned, pulling off his boots. "You kids get busy stringing popcorn strands for the tree and I'll wrap your mother's present."

We had almost completed one strand when the phone rang. My father yelled for me to answer it. "Tell'm we found a home for Jesus," he called down the steps. But the caller was not an inquirer. It was my mother with instructions for us to come to 205 Chestnut Street immediately and bring three blankets, a box

of cookies, and some milk.

"Now what has she gotten us into?" my father groaned as we bundled up again. "205 Chestnut Street. Why, that's about eight blocks away. Wrap that milk up good in the blankets or it will turn into ice by the time we get there. Why in the name of Heaven can't we all just get on with Christmas? It's probably twenty degrees below out there now. And the wind is picking up. Of all the crazy things to do on a night like this."

Tommy and I sang Christmas songs all the way to Chestnut Street. My father carrying his bundle of blankets and milk looked for all the world like St. Nicholas himself with his arms full of goodies. Every now and then my brother would call back to him, "Let's pretend we're looking for a place to stay, Dad, just like Joseph and Mary."

"Let's pretend we are in Bethlehem where it is probably sixty-five degrees in the shade right now," my father answered.

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The house at 205 Chestnut Street turned out to be the darkest one in the block. One tiny light burned in the living room, and the moment we set foot on the porch step, my mother opened the door and shouted, "They're here, they're here. Oh, thank God you got here, Ray! You kids take those blankets into the living room and wrap up the little ones on the couch. I'll take the milk and the cookies."

"Would you mind telling me what is going on, Ethel?" my father asked. "We have just walked through below zero weather with the wind in our faces all the way. ..."

"Never mind all that now," my

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BABY JESUS: Finding Him when and where you least expect

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mother interrupted. "There is no heat in this house and this young mother is so upset she doesn't know what to do. Her husband walked out on her and those poor children will have to spend a very bleak Christmas, so don't you complain. I told her you could fix that oil furnace in a jiffy."

My mother strode off to the kitchen to warm the milk while my brother and I wrapped up the five little children who were huddled together on the couch. The children's mother explained to my father that her husband had run off, taking bedding, clothing, and almost every piece of furniture, but she had been doing all right until the furnace broke down.

"I been doin' washin' and ironin' for people and cleaning the five and dime," she said. "I saw your number every day there, on those boxes on the counter. When the furnace went out, that number kept goin' through my mind: 7162. 7162."

"Said on the box that if a person was missin' Jesus, they should call you. That's how I knew you were good Christian people, willin' to help folks. I figured that maybe you could help me, too. So I stopped at the grocery store tonight and I called your missus. I'm not missin' Jesus, mister, because I sure love the Lord. But I'm missin' heat."

"Me and the kids ain't got no beddin', no warm clothes. I got a few Christmas toys for them, but I got no money to fix that furnace."

Without saying anything, we both knew Christmas could never be the same after this.

"Okay, okay," my father said kindly. "You've come to the right place. Now let's see. You've got a little oil burner over there in the dining room. Shouldn't be too hard to fix. Probably just a clogged flue. I'll look it over, see what it needs."

My mother came into the living room carrying a plate of cookies and a tray with warm milk. As she set the cups down on the coffee table, I noticed the figure of Baby Jesus lying in the center of the table. It was the only sign of the Christmas season in the house. The children stared wide-eyed with wonder at the plate of cookies my mother set before them. One of the littlest ones woke up and crawled out from under the blanket. Seeing all the strangers in his house, he began to cry. My mother swooped him up in her arms and began to sing to him.

"*This, this, is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,*" she crooned while the child wailed. "*Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary,*" she sang, oblivious to the child's cries. She sang and danced the baby around the room until he settled down again.

"You hear that, Chester?" the young mother said to another child. "That woman is singin' 'bout the Lord Jesus. He ain't ever gonna walk out on us. Why, He sent these people to us just to fix our furnace. And blankets we got now, too. Oh, we'll be warm tonight."

My father, finishing his work on the oil burner, wiped his hands on his muffler and said, "I've got it going, but you need more oil. I'll make a few calls tonight when I get home and we'll get you some oil. Yessir, you called the right number," he grinned.

When my father calculated that the furnace was going strong once more, our family bundled up and made our way home. My father didn't say a thing about the cold weather and had barely set foot inside the front door when he was on the phone.

"Ed? Hey, how are ya, Ed?" I heard him say. "Yes, Merry Christmas to you too. Say, Ed, we have kind of an unusual situation here and I know you've got that pickup truck. I wonder if we could round up some of the boys and find a Christmas tree, you know, and a couple of things for ..."

The rest of his conversation was lost in the blur of words as my brother and I ran to our rooms and began pulling clothes out of our closets and toys off of our shelves. My mother checked through our belongings for sizes and games she said "might do"

and added some of her sweaters and slacks to our stack.

It was a Christmas Eve like no other. Instead of going to bed in a snug, warm house, dreaming of a pile of presents to open on Christmas morning, we were up way past our bedtime that night wrapping gifts for a little family we had just met. The men my father had called found oil for the furnace, bedding, two chairs, three lamps, and had made two trips to 205 Chestnut before the night was done. On the second trip, he let us go too, even though it must have been thirty below by then, my father let us ride in the back of the truck, with our gifts stacked all around us.

My brother's eyes danced in the starlight. Without saying anything, we both knew Christmas could never be the same after this. The extra Jesus in our home wasn't ours to keep after all. He was for someone else — for a desperate family in a dark little house on Chestnut Street.

Someone who needed Jesus as much as we did.

And we got to take him there.

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Holiday memories, and gingerbread cookies

CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND the corner, and I'm getting caught up and ready for the holidays. I finally got my Halloween decorations down, so I could start putting up Christmas decorations. I'm almost done with my Christmas shopping, and I'm ready to start my Christmas baking.



HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

I personally have never tried making a gingerbread house myself. I don't think I would have the patience to make one or the will power to finish one without eating it before it was done.

You can also use a gingerbread recipe to make ornaments for your Christmas tree. All you need to do is put a small hole in the top of your cookies with a toothpick and let some of them sit out until they completely harden. Then, hang them from your tree with a string or ribbon through the hole.

The recipe I'm sharing this week is a family recipe for gingerbread cookies. These always turn out good and disappear fast. I hope you enjoy them. Merry Christmas!

When I think of the holidays and baking, gingerbread is always at the top of my list. One of my favorite childhood memories is looking forward to going to my grandparents' farm in Alexandria, S.D., and finding their gingerbread cookies.

My grandma always made two different sizes of gingerbread men, and my grandpa was in charge of decorating them. He would outline each one with white frosting and add details like funny faces and buttons on their clothing. The cookies always went fast, so you had to get there early to get one of the big ones or a cookie with extra frosting.

Besides gingerbread cookies, you can also make gingerbread houses. These would be fun to use for decorations as well as eating. You can make it a family activity to see who can make the most creative house.

Storage tips for gingerbread cookies:

- **Roll out dough** on a surface that's lightly dusted with flour or a mix of flour and powdered sugar.
- **Keep cookie cutters from sticking** by misting them with cooking spray or dipping edges into flour.
- **Add decorations** such as colored sugar, coconut, toasted sliced almonds, sprinkles, edible glitter or semisweet baking bits before the icing dries.
- **Let decorated cookies** rest flat and uncovered for about 2 hours or until icing firms up.
- **Cookie dough can last** in the freezer for up to 3 months. Baked (undecorated) cookies can be stored up to 4 weeks. Baked and decorated cookies can be stored in airtight containers up to 2 weeks.

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

Gingerbread Cookies

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 cup shortening | 5 cups flour |
| 1 cup sugar | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 1 egg | 1 teaspoon ginger |
| 1 cup molasses | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 ½ teaspoon baking soda | 1 teaspoon cloves |
| 2 tablespoons vinegar | |

In a large bowl, mix molasses and baking soda. Add shortening, sugar, egg and vinegar; mix well. In separate bowl combine flour, salt, ginger, cinnamon and cloves. Slowly add dry ingredients to molasses mixture and mix well. Refrigerate overnight. Roll out and cut into desired shapes. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes.

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KELLY EVANS-HULLINGER, M.D.

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A single human cell contains a mind-numbing 6 billion base pairs (each base pair is one of four types of nucleic acid molecules) in its DNA, organized into 23 pairs of chromosomes. Fascinatingly, only about 1.5 percent of our DNA actually codes for proteins, while the vast remainder is noncoding DNA, serving a regulatory function or, at least as far as we understand, no function at all.

In 2007, the first individual human genome was sequenced and published. In 2008, James Watson (as in, the 1962 Nobel Prize winning Watson and Crick model of the DNA double helix) poetically had his genome sequenced and published. The ability to sequence an individual human's genome held much promise, we hoped, in regard to predicting illness and personalizing medical interventions. But in 2020, this promise remains very much unfulfilled. In most cases primary care physicians don't yet utilize genomics information in our daily practice. Why is this?

The short answer: It's complicated. In some specific instances, genetic information can clearly convey an increased risk for disease. One example of this might be the BRCA gene mutation and associated risk of future breast or ovarian cancer. Because this specific gene mutation is so tightly linked with elevated risk, testing and finding the mutation in an individual (based on their family history or known relative with a mutation) can have direct practical implications on strategies for cancer screening or even consideration of surgery to remove the at-risk tissue.

Scenarios like BRCA mutation are outliers, however. When we look to common diseases, such as cardiovascular disease or diabetes, finding genetic information useful gets, well, complicated. In these cases, what we have found is that many genes are involved, and it is extremely difficult to estimate how much a mutation in one of those genes affects overall risk. That's not to mention all the environmental factors which may affect risk as much or more than the genetic profile.

Genomics remains a vast, new, and thus far difficult to access specialty of medicine. At its current rate of growth, however, I am confident my previous statement will not remain true during my career in medicine.

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The surprise inside

ELBOWS ON THE COUNTER, I watched as Mom carefully pried the top corner from the blue and red box. The words on the front foil wrap boldly proclaimed "Free Glass Inside!" A giant starburst twinkled brightly on the picture of the tall glass tumbler. "Duz does everything!" was printed at the bottom of the carton. Guess it did, as my mother beamed as she pulled out the smoky-blue treasure. She rinsed and dried it until it sparkled like the picture and fondly placed it next to the other three on the top cupboard shelf.

There is an element of excitement about getting something free, and manufacturers used the sales tactic to their advantage, especially following the bleak years of the World Wars and the Great Depression. After long periods of doing without so there would be enough for the soldiers or struggling to feed the family, it must have been fun to get something pretty — especially when it came free!

Duz did it again when they included a 22K Golden Wheat dish in every box. Monday washings enabled American housewives to collect plates, cups and saucers nice enough to grace the table when company visited. Even cooked oatmeal was special when served in "crystal" bowls that came free in Crystal Wedding Oats canisters.

A Cannon bath towel snuggled in every package of Breeze laundry soap. The clothes on the line fairly gleamed with the brightness from all the detergent purchased!

Companies quickly discovered who made the food-buying decisions in the family — the children! Cracker Jack plopped a prize in every box, beginning in 1912. For more than a century, kids couldn't wait to open the small bonus, a metal or plastic toy or a baseball card.

Kellogg was the first manufacturer to offer prizes in their cereal, and others soon followed suit. "Snap," "Crackle" and "Pop" figurines stood by as we listened while pouring milk over the crispy morsels of rice. Wheaties boxes boasted of the "real" microscope inside, a plastic device that magnified things six times. Attached to the box of one cereal was an actual 45 record. It didn't matter that we had never heard of the band or the song. It played!

Hidden in boxes of Wheat and Rice Honeys was a free 2 Stage Rocket that separated in mid-air when launched. In 1958, Nabisco Spoonmen "Munchy," "Crunchy," and "Spoon-size," (they ran out of "unchies"?) attached to a child's spoon, assisting as he or she scooped up little squares of the shredded grain.

During the sixties, youngsters could complete their espionage repertoire by buying all three kinds of Chex: rice, corn and wheat. With a Secret Agent ring, watch and decoder pencil in hand, we had it all. We could practice our spy technique while watching our atomic submarine (Wheaties freebie) crash-dive and resurface with Frogmen (Kellogg's Cornflakes) swimming along beside.

One afternoon, as I was strolling through the grocery aisles with my mother, I spotted the endcap display of neatly stacked Kellogg's boxes with the vivid sign above: "Free Dagnet Whistle inside every box!" Immediately, the theme song of my favorite



NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

TV show trumpeted in my head: DUM da dum-dum. I heard the solemn announcer: "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to protect the innocent." I envisioned my hero, Sgt. Joe Friday. I NEEDED that whistle. "Mom, can we please buy cornflakes?"

I stared wistfully at the picture of the whistle on the box as I put it away in the cabinet at home. Mom insisted that we finish all the "old" stuff before we could open new. Waiting for that prize was like anticipating Christmas in September. I thought it would never come.

I had to be patient. Joe Friday was patient. At night I dreamed of chasing down the bad guys. I blew my whistle and they stopped and held up their hands. I hauled them in to the precinct.

The dilemma was real the morning I could finally open the box. Of course the prize was hiding at the bottom. A choice had to be made. Dig in with both hands and fish it out? Eat the whole box? Wait a few days and risk that a brother or sister might find it first?

Mother's big enamel bowl held most of the flakes; the distinct aroma of corn drifted up as I emptied the box. Finally, out dropped the coveted red whistle, wrapped in crinkly, clear cellophane. Flakes flew as I grabbed it. With a delighted grin, I slipped it into my pocket.

One cup at a time I began pouring that cereal back into the crisp white package. The fine print at the bottom of the ingredients list, "contents may settle during shipment," was an understatement. At last the huge bowl was empty and the paper package stuffed back into the box. My breakfast bowl overflowed only slightly with the flakes that wouldn't fit. I poured in milk, lifted a spoonful and chewed away as I examined the carton in front of me.

Wait! What was that? What was printed on the white circle on the bottom front corner? "Coming soon! A powerful Superman Belt and Buckle in specially marked boxes. Help Superman save the world. Don't miss it!"

I stared at the bulging box before me. I poured myself another bowl.

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

A new slate of U.S. ag leaders in Congress

THE WINDS OF CHANGE WILL SOON be sweeping through the agriculture industry in Washington, D.C. Between a new administration and turnover of three of the top four Agriculture Committee leaders in the House and the Senate, next year is shaping up to look quite different. The retirements of Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Ranking Member Mike Conaway, R-Texas, and the defeat of Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., means the two committees will lose a combined 86 years of institutional knowledge around agriculture policy.



FROM THE CORN ROWS DOUG NOEM

Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark., will take the helm as the top Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee in the new Congress. Boozman is viewed as a thoughtful, pragmatic leader who understands the importance of expanding markets for U.S. agricultural products. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., will continue in her role as the top Democrat on the committee. Stabenow has been a stalwart for the ethanol industry and the role it plays in a cleaner fuel supply.

Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., was ultimately successful in securing the support of his Democratic colleagues for the position of chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif., had thrown his

hat in the ring as well. Scott, whose district is primarily a suburban district in metro Atlanta, is a member of the Blue Dog caucus, a group of moderate, budget-conscious House Democrats. Scott has served on the House Agriculture Committee for the entirety of his 18 years in Congress and has made addressing agriculture's aging constituency and maintaining relevancy with the next generation a priority during his tenure.

Across the aisle, Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson, R-Pa., has been chosen by his caucus as the lead Republican on the committee. Thompson brings an acute understanding of some of corn

growers' top policy priorities to the position as he currently serves as the ranking member of the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee.

DUSTY JOHNSON GAINS SENIORITY

With a handful of members moving on from the committee next year, South Dakota's own Congressman Dusty Johnson is poised to move up a few rungs on the seniority ladder. Having already served as the ranking member of a subcommittee as a freshman member, he will continue to be an important voice for the committee on a number of issues important to South Dakota. Beginning in January, Johnson will take on the position of Republican co-lead of the House Biofuels Caucus with Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Ill, during the 117th session of Congress.

The incoming Biden-Harris Administration has included climate change as one of its top four policy priorities. Rounding out the list are COVID; economic recovery and racial equality. The prioritization of climate change creates a unique opportunity for the agriculture sector as corn ethanol is a proven method by which to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There is a lot of momentum in Washington on this issue, and it is important that ag-

riculture be part of the solution.

Agriculture will also be watching the trade policy space closely to see where the Biden-Harris Administration will take the situation with China and whether there will be an opportunity to pivot to offense in the Southeast Asian markets.

VILSACK A FAMILIAR FACE TO AGRICULTURE

There has been no lack of attention around Biden's selection process for the secretary of agriculture position. The selection of former Secretary Tom Vilsack will provide for some certainty and stability against the backdrop of change. Vilsack, a known quantity for agriculture, ran the department for the entirety of President Obama's eight years in office, and as an Iowa native, brings a solid foundation in production agriculture.

Change can certainly breed opportunity. In order to take advantage of the potential opportunities ahead for agriculture, education will be key. It will be important to make new members of Congress, new Agriculture Committee leadership and new administration officials aware of our policy priorities and the role for agriculture in the important issues facing our country.

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De Smet

MENUS

60s-plus menu

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17: Hotdog on Bun, Potato Salad, Vegetable, Fruit

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18: Pizza Burger on Bun, Tater Tots, Vegetable, Fruit

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22: Christmas Meal- Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetables, Fruit, Bun, Dessert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23: Chef Salad w/ protein, vegetables and cheese, Fruit, Crackers

School Lunch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10: Cheese Thursday, December 17: Ham Slice, Cheesy Hash browns, Pineapple, Bun, Cheesecake

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18: Hotdog on Bun, Tater Tots, Apple

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: No School-Christmas Break

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22: No School-Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23: No School- Christmas Break

NEWS BRIEFS

Firemen will deliver Christmas treats

The De Smet volunteer firemen are continuing their tradition of driving firetrucks around town on Christmas morning to deliver treats to children in the community. The firemen have continued this practice for longer than anyone in town can remember.

If you will have children visiting your house on Christmas morning and would like the firemen to stop by, call fire chief Shawn Wolkow at 860-1512 or assistant fire chief Mike Warne at 203-0201 to be added to the list.

DE SMET RESCUE

November 2020 Calls

Avera De Smet Hospital — 10
St. Luke's, Aberdeen — 1
Prairie Lakes, Watertown — 1
Fire (standby) — 1
Fixed wing/helicopter — 5
Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls — 1
Queen of Peace, Mitchell — 1

All they want for Christmas is....



Letters to Santa were sent at the De Smet Community Women's Cookie Walk last week at the Event Center. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

PRE-K

Becky Albrecht's pre-K students at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School in De Smet shared some of these Christmas wishes and ideas.

CARTER BUCKMILLER — Santa rides a sleigh to my house. Last year Santa got me a sled, but this year I want a Paw Patrol set.

EVERETT LEE — Santa has lots of reindeer and this year I want a remote-control motorcycle. I also want you (Santa) to know that I lost a tooth!

EMMETT HENDRICKSON — Santa please bring me a transformer and I will leave you cookies.

KINNLEY PALMLUND — This year I have been pretty good and this year I want a unicorn that has a steering wheel and a pedal.

ZACHARY STANTON — This year I want a piano, it is at Ward's Store.

MILES ALBRECHT — This year I really want a red dragon transformer ball. Can you bring something for Ivy and Vada too? I will leave cookies on my table for you and carrots for the reindeer.

PARKER CROWE — I want Legos for Christmas and a transformer that isn't orange because I have the orange one. I know you live at the North Pole.

ARIELLA VAUGHAN — I want racers, a box of crayons, and Legos and I need a Bible. My mom needs scissors. Santa I know you wear red and white, and I love red.

ANIKYN FISHER — I want a toy animal that walks. I know you will come in the middle of the night but I will be sleeping.

LOGAN GRUBB — I want my own Legos and I love Santa's long beard, it's even longer than my dad's beard!

ELI JOHNSON — I want tractors. Santa loves cookies like me!

RYKER HARGINS — I want my own cars so that I can crash them. I know that Santa has reindeer and a fast sleigh.

ELEANOR ANDERSON — I want a LOL baby brother doll. I am so excited for Santa to come to my house with his reds gloves on.

LILLIAN ALBRECHT — I want a remote-control puppy, and I will name her Elsa Papa! I will leave Santa 4 cookies on Christmas with lots of sprinkles!

VAUGHN SIVER — I want a remote-control motorcycle and transformers, a new Hulk and a Smart watch this year. Santa, make sure you read the note that I will leave for you, I am going to write it with a red & green pattern! Merry Christmas, Santa!

KINDERGARTEN

Brittani Wilkinson's kindergarten class at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School in De Smet had the following messages for Santa Claus:

ASPEN AUGHENBAUGH: "I would like a Barbie Malibu House for Christmas. I would also like a Hoverboard. Can I be an Elf and help you? I would like to see and talk to Mrs. Claus."

KYLAN BOTKIN: "Would you bring me a Mighty Pup Tower? I would also like a Paw Patrol Chase truck with helicopter."

COLT WIPF: "I made some treats for you. Please put the presents under the tree."

RYDER SCHULTZ: "I want presents like a fire truck or Paw Patrol game. Will you put me on the nice list? I'm being nice."

BRINLEY WILKINSON: "Do you really deliver ALL the presents? How many elves do you have? I love my Elf on the Shelf. I like it when he hides. How does your sleigh fly in the air? When were you born? Am I on the nice list? Is my whole family? Can you bring

me an Osmo Disney? We don't have a chimney so you'll have to use your special key."

JADEN HOJER: "I want a puppy for Christmas. Can I also have one of your reindeers that fly or one of your elves? I hope my brother gets a Steelers Jersey. Your elf is at our house. It was funny when he was on a zipline. I want a huge candy cane 7 feet tall."

ELIZABETH GRIFFITH: "How bright is Rudolph's nose? How tall are your reindeer? Can you bring me a light up scooter? How many people are on the nice list? I think I'm on the nice list."

LOGAN SPRINGER: "How do you go so fast down the chimney? How do the presents get down? Is your "Nice" list big? How did your beard get so long? I watch you on Christmas shows every day. Can you bring me a double remote control car? You should be silly on Christmas."

BO LUETHMERS: "Hi Santa, hope you don't be late for Christmas. Hope you get back safe. I would like a dirt bike. Thank you."

RILEY ALBRECHT: "When you were little did you have a beard? Why do you always give presents? Can you bring me a 4-wheeler and a police car? Make sure you eat breakfast so you don't get sick. Be careful so you don't get stuck in the snow. Put the presents under the Christmas tree."

BRYLEE HUNT: "I'm going to give your reindeer carrots. Can you bring me a doll house? Where do you live? Is it nice there?"

KINDERGARTEN

Lexi Johnson's kindergarten students at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School in De Smet wrote the following letters to Santa:

BEAU HARTY: "I want a monster truck. I also want a birthday cake."

BLAKELY WENDLING: "I want a black and pink pair of gloves. What kind of cookie do you like?"

COLT EFRAIMSON: "Do your reindeer jump? I know reindeer pull your sleigh. I want a reindeer for Christmas. I also want a race car. I have a gift for you when you stop."

HARLAN KOISTINEN: "I want another pony for Christmas. How many reindeer do you have? How many suits do you have? I also want a Lego set for Christmas."

HUNTER POE: "I want a toy train and an airplane. I also want a drone. I want a toy tractor too. I want you to check the list twice to make sure that I am on the nice list."

KADENCE WILKINSON: "Thank you for giving me presents. I see you on cartoons. I want Barbies for Christmas. How do you make the presents?"

MADISON COLLIER: "I want a Rainbow High doll. I also want a Holly and Jolly gingerbread person just like our classroom has. What is your favorite cookie? What is your favorite letter? My favorite letter is "M.""

MAIJA LEE: "I want a moose, a cow,

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De Smet

DAYS GONE BY

1970: Prairie Park community established in town

10 YEARS AGO

December 13, 2010

De Smet is one step closer to bringing SDN Communications to town. De Smet City Council approved a special exception permit Dec. 12 for SDN to build a tower. "SDN is bringing a better grade highspeed infrastructure for the school and the hospital," said **Rita Anderson**, De Smet Economic Development Coordinator. **Gregg Gass**, who attended the meeting on behalf of Silver Lake Partnership which owns the property next to the location where the tower could be built, requested that the tower only be allowed to build on the east 70 feet and with a limitation of up to 200 feet in height. SDN Communications would need further approval if the company wants to build a tower higher than 200 feet.

25 YEARS AGO

December 13, 1995

Norma Rabenberg of Bancroft attended the Nikken, Inc. International Convention Dec. 4-5 in Irvine, Calif. Some 1,800 attended the convention, and it was shown via satellite at 22 other sites throughout the United States and Canada. While there, Rabenberg attended the Rev. Robert Schuller's Glory of Christmas show at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove. She said it is a spectacular performance with angels flying 30 feet in the air. The show also features horses, camels, sheep and goats. The cathedral itself is made up of some 10,000



FIFTY YEARS AGO: A considerable expansion is announced for Farm Mutual Tornado Insurance Company of South Dakota, with its home office at De Smet, in extending its coverages of wind and hail to make a package including liability and other risks. The home office staff are from left, Irene Poppen, assistant manager, Ann Richards, Helen Johnson, Margaret Schmidt, Evelyn Paulson, Dean Hyink, Margaret Kracht, Betty Field and center, Bill Poppen, general manager.

glass panels which measure two by six feet. It seats some 2,890, and three shows are held daily. Glory of Christmas is presented nightly for 30 days during the holiday season.

50 YEARS AGO

December 17, 1970

Winter's snow came to the area Tuesday night, continuing through Wednesday and amounting to enough depth that it seemed it was here for the winter, replacing the light cover of two weeks earlier with a depth

of several inches. There were travel warnings out Wednesday, and that night, particularly farther east and south with Sioux Falls reporting eight inches of snowfall.

Acceptance of the housing complex at De Smet by De Smet Housing Commission came Monday afternoon with payment of \$376,868 made to the developer. Financing of the project was completed last week with the receipt of a check for \$402,000. The project has cost a total of \$417,307. With a few minor details in construc-

tion still to be completed, the complex of seven structures, to house a maximum of 40 persons, is ready for occupancy. It marks the completion of a project started in 1967 with the vote of De Smet citizens approving a Housing Authority to make possible such an improvement for the city. The complex has been given the name "De Smet Prairie Park" by the De Smet Housing Commission which consists of **Craig Munger**, president, **Alfred Ryland**, secretary, **LeRoy Stadem**, **Floyd Abrahamson** and **Clyde Riley**.

75 YEARS AGO

December 13, 1945

All is ready for the visit of old St. Nick Saturday, here in De Smet. To add to the Christmas party for children, a free movie show is arranged for. The first show starts at 1 p.m., Santa is scheduled to arrive at 3 o'clock, and a second picture show starts at 3:30.

Four Kingsbury county youths left Monday night as the December contingent. They were **Marvin Ogren**, De Smet, **Alfred Siver**, De Smet, **Richard Soma**, Oldham, and **Richard Wilson**, Carthage. Two left for pre-induction examination. They were **Lynn Jerome Eidsness** of Lake Preston and **Leslie Rae Nelson**, also Lake Preston.

Paul Green, stationed on an island just below Japan, has been assigned to the criminal investigation work as a special agent, on his legal training and experience.

City Council approves exemptions, building permit

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet City Council, at the Dec. 9 meeting, approved a special exemption application to the De Smet Development Corporation to allow a licensed commercial daycare facility in a residential zone as well as a variance and building permit to build the facility less than 30 feet to the front and less than 30 feet from the north and east property lines. City Attorney Todd Wilkinson, attending via Zoom, stated that the two lots in question are the only ones on the entire block that were not already zoned commercial.

Two women with connections to De Smet, Lacey (Martens) Cooper and Kelly Irvin, currently own and direct two daycare facilities in Tea — Super Titans and Early Explorers. They are opening Early Explorers II soon in De Smet. The women will oversee the operation of the De Smet facility but will hire local people to fill director and other positions.

The facility will be housed in a building designed specifically for a daycare and purchased through the South Dakota Governor's House Program. The house that once occupied the corner lot was demolished recently, a new foundation is poured and the

building is scheduled to be delivered within a couple of weeks.

City council member Bret Jensen stated they should have gotten approval before they started.

"We're trying to stop the cows from getting out after they've left," he commented.

De Smet Development Director Rita Anderson stated there was some miscommunication, and she thought when the demolition of the house was approved, everything was approved.

Council member Jay Slater said he would like to include area contractors in on future discussions when they begin working on new zoning regulations. Other council members agreed.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

- The council approved a liquor license and operating agreement transfer from Wendy Lu's Lounge to Klinkel's III for the purpose of name change only. New owner LuAnn Klinkel originally applied for the license under the name Wendy Lu's but will now be opening soon as Klinkel's III in the same location her parents and grandparents once ran a bar. City Finance officer Tracey Larson said Klinkel is able to serve food now, but she is waiting for

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DEAR SANTA

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and a Christmas tree for Christmas. I want to see your reindeer. I also want to ride with you at night. I also want a picture of the ocean."

MICHAEL DYLLA: "I want a new farm set for Christmas. I also want a remote-control scooter. The last thing I want is a real scooter."

SLADE VAUGHAN: "I want a tractor for Christmas. Do you like cookies? Do you play with your reindeer?"

TYLER ALBRECHT: "I want a remote-control helicopter. I also want a remote-control dirt bike. What kind of cookies do you eat? The last gift I want is a remote control combine."

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De Smet

Year in review for economic development in De Smet

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who shopped local this year! City of De Smet sales tax revenue numbers have stayed even or slightly higher with what was budgeted, so we say a special Thank You to all of YOU who have supported our local businesses! Every purchase makes an impact on keeping our local businesses and economy stable.



LOOKING FORWARD

RITA ANDERSON

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW:

The largest accomplishment for our businesses throughout the area for 2020 was surviving this year of the coronavirus. We are very proud of all of our businesses and our people who have done all they could to minimize the effects of the virus and our health care workers working countless, stressful hours to keep our medical facilities open. Amidst all of this, De Smet was able to create many positive happenings in 2020:

- The Kingsbury Journal weekly newspaper was rolled off the presses with 28 pages on May 20 after the long-time publisher of the De Smet News and Lake Preston Times closed its doors on April 1. The two former newspapers were merged into one through the efforts of many volunteers and the Development Corporations from De Smet and Lake Preston

partnering to continue the 140-year legacy as the voice of the people of the Kingsbury County area. Being run by volunteers, it has now created three paid positions along with the many volunteer hours contributed.

- Workforce Housing Incentive Program was instituted giving \$1,000 to new employees relocating to De Smet.
- Early Explorers Early Learning Child Care Center will be opening in Feb., 2021, after starting the project through community meetings in January. The facility is being completed with a SD Governors Daycare building on ground donated by Wendel and Ellen Schubloom to the Development

Corporation, bringing 12 future positions, with owners and managers of the facility from Tea, S.D.

- New 8-unit housing development was completed by SoDak Construction and immediately had full occupancy.

- Freedom Manufacturing began operations in the new spec building in the Industrial Park. They specialize in custom design and manufacturing of oil service equipment, including training for their products' operators.

- After Bill & Connie Halverson's retirement and closing of the Black Tie Floral & Gifts and Mr. Bill's Car Wash, a new automatic car wash, Nimble Wash II, and Detail Guy, a vehicle detailing shop, are opening soon in their location.

- ROCS Transit Service began full-time operation in De Smet in February and is now expanded to cover all of Kingsbury County.

- Five Year Tax Abatement Program for New Home Construction was instituted by the City of De Smet and will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

- 2020 Innovative Community of the Year Prize was awarded to De Smet by the Dakota Resources organization.

- Housing Needs Assessment Completed and Housing Plan developed bringing upscale town homes, apart-

ment complex and spec house program beginning construction in 2021.

- Potential new and expanding businesses are constantly being worked with to bring their operations to De Smet, including business for the building vacated by Sheyenne Dakota, which has consolidated operations to their main offices in North Dakota.

- Businesses were assisted with CARES program funding applications, and awareness was created for organizations and individuals of funding.

- Klinkels III will bring back a great deal of tradition as Luanne Klinkel opens the restaurant and bar in the same building on De Smet's Main Street that her parents and grandparents operated as the 'gathering place' for the area for many years.

- There are many ongoing projects happening, such as the De Smet Master Plan, tourism campaigns, social media, the website and more. We appreciate all of our community volunteers who give such a great amount of time for the many projects that keep this community so progressive.

- We wish everyone best wishes for a very prosperous New Year for 2021!! My cell number is 605-203-0216, to call for information, additions to this list and new ideas for our community!

SCHOOL BOARD

School board amends sport spectator guidelines

Close contact considerations changed

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

The majority of the discussion at Monday's De Smet Board of Education meeting was about amending the recently implemented sports spectator guidelines. Last week, it had been decided that each De Smet athlete in grades 7-12 would receive four school-designed lanyards to give to whomever their family chooses for entrance to basketball games and wrestling matches.

Visiting teams would receive four vouchers per athlete.

Under the original restrictions, students younger than seventh grade would be required to have a lanyard or voucher, while students in grades 7-12 did not require one. Although board members said most people were understanding about the restrictions, there were a couple of disgruntled people. One board member had heard comments from parents with larger families who didn't want to have to get a babysitter for some of their children when they don't have enough lanyards for everyone.

Several different options were debated, including increasing the number of lanyards handed out, allowing everyone in an athlete's household in on a family pass, and

opening up and requiring everyone to wear masks. The people in favor of keeping restrictions as is, pointed out that the restrictions also help protect the athletes.

There was also discussion about people in the community who have tested positive for COVID, yet they still attend events and gatherings where they will likely infect others. There was concern that some infected people will still attend sporting events.

"If something bad happens, it could end their season," board member Jared Tolzin pointed out. "I want them to have a full season."

After much discussion, the board decided that students in grades preK-12 will not be required to have a lanyard. This will allow families to bring all of their younger children to their siblings' sporting events.

Adults will still need a lanyard and are required to wear them at all times during the event. Masks are recommended for all spectators. Children in grade 6 and younger must remain seated with their family during the event. There will be designated areas for visiting and home team spectators, and people are asked to social-distance as much as possible.

Admission will not be charged at sporting events during this school year. Home events at the armory are also livestreamed. People can find the link on the De Smet School District's Facebook page. The board also discussed the fact that the theater at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center is now open for people who wish to watch the livestreamed event there.

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MASK NOTICE

The De Smet City Council supports and encourages the residents and patrons of De Smet to follow CDC guidelines to help reduce the spread of Covid-19 by wearing a mask when attending public events and in public locations.

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De Smet

DCW HOUSE OF THE WEEK



Week three winner

McKinley Bickett's home at 112 Front Street is the third 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)

COUNCIL: Games to be streamed at Event Center

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the finalization of the liquor license.

- The 2020 COVID-19 resolution was continued for another month. This resolution asks businesses to adhere to several basic recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control.

The city council has held the last couple of meetings in the Lyle Room at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center to allow for better social distancing. Council members have also started using small laptop computers that will be paid for with COVID grant money. Many government entities purchased these devices so employees and council members can work and attend meetings virtually if they or someone in their household need to quarantine.

As of Dec. 9, there were 13 COVID-related deaths in Kingsbury County in less than two months. The public can also attend any open portions of a city council meeting, either in person or, more safely, via a Zoom link that is available prior to every meeting on the De Smet City webpage.

- De Smet volunteer firefighters Shawn Wolkow and Cole Munger approached the council about bunker gear. The firefighters have been using the current gear since 2002, with some jackets in use since 1997. The men brought in a few pairs of boots and pants along with jackets to show the wear and tear on them. They asked permission to go ahead and order some new gear. Each set of bunker gear will cost \$2,210. The firemen proposed buying 10 sets a year for the next three years. This expense has already been budgeted for next year. It will take some time for the gear to arrive; they don't have to pay for it until they get it, so they want to order it as soon as possible. Their request was approved.

- De Smet Event & Wellness Center director Kristi Hubbard suggested opening the theater at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center for people to view home basketball games, since the school is limiting attendance at home sporting events. The games will still be livestreamed, so people can

see them online. Hubbard thought this would be another way for people to watch them.

There has been significant community spread of COVID in Kingsbury County, which prompted the school district to limit attendance to four spectators per student athlete. Middle and high school students can attend without a special pass.

Cavanaugh spoke out loudly against the school's decision.

"I hope there is a backlash about allowing only four people," he opined. "I wish they would just go to a mask mandate for people attending games, and you know how I feel about masks!" Cavanaugh has made it known previously that he does not support a citywide mask mandate.

The council approved Hubbard's request to allow people to watch games in the theater at no cost and possibly find volunteers to make and sell popcorn.

Hubbard also reported that she had met with the advisory board, and they suggested an increase from \$30 to \$35 a month for use of the wellness center, to remove the price breaks for six and 12-month memberships, as well as increase the rent from \$600 to \$750 to rent the main event room. Hubbard said people often wish to rent one of the smaller rooms as well when they rent the large one.

- Shane Waterman, a civil engineer with Clark Engineering, presented an update on the water project, stating bids were opened on Nov. 18.

"We got a nice group of bids in," he reported.

He recommended the city go with the lowest bid for \$312,183 from Winter Construction. He said other bids were from between \$331,603 - \$419,000.

City Finance Officer Tracey Larson said the loan is not completely processed, so the decision will have to be contingent on the city receiving the loan. Waterman said Clark Engineering has good history with Winter Contracting.

Cavanaugh stated he hoped they don't have any change orders as the

city has been burned by other companies on change orders before. Waterman said he didn't expect anything significant but stated that sometimes they find something unexpected once they get into a project, and slight modifications are needed.

"Hopefully we've done our homework and this is not going to be an arduous project," he said.

Waterman reported that as of Jan 1, Clark Engineering is going to be fully integrated to IMEG, a conglomeration of 15-20 companies. He said the acronym IMEG doesn't mean anything.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

- Council member Lowell Hanson said he has a problem with rusty water at his end of town. He said he hadn't spoken to any neighbors, but there is a hydrant on his corner. Council consensus was to have city water superintendent Richard (Charlie) Stoddard investigate the problem.

- Council members discussed several nuisance properties, but did not name them publicly. Cavanaugh said he had called the sheriff on one property owner. This person apparently received a ticket but was still not in compliance. There was discussion that another \$100 ticket should be issued.

"If they are relentless making a mess, we have to be relentless giving tickets," Cavanaugh said.

- There was discussion about an unnamed manufacturer in town leaving equipment out on the street, possibly causing liability problems for the city if someone were to drive through and hit the equipment. City attorney Todd Wilkinson will send the offending party a letter, and Mayor Gary Wolkow said they would follow up.

- Director Rita Anderson presented the year in review for the De Smet Development Corporation.

"I'm impressed by how much you have gotten done," council member Pam Spader commented.

- The 2020 year-end meeting is scheduled for Dec. 30 at City Hall.

BOARD

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IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD:

- Approved sixth-grade boys being able to participate in junior-high basketball as needed. The approval will allow them to practice with the junior high boys. The younger boys will not override the older boys' playing time, but can step up if they are needed.

- Accepted the resignation of Suzanne Sinclair, paraprofessional and remote-learning coordinator and approved the signed employment agreement with Madison Birkel, to fill that role.

- Amended close-contact quarantine lengths. Board president Shane Roth expressed his opinion that if a student comes in contact with a COVID-positive person in a school setting while wearing a mask, they should not be considered a close contact. He said it is an incentive for student athletes to wear masks during the school day. Although some board members questioned how much risk this might expose the students to, Roth's motion ultimately passed. The new policy adopted is as follows. "Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 10 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send a child back to school 7 days from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free. Close contacts are required to wear masks and social distance as permitted throughout the school day if they return to school prior to the end of the DOH recommended quarantine timeframe. If it is determined that a student is a close contact while wearing a mask in the school setting, the close contact can return to school if the child is symptom-free."

- The board also looked at different possibilities for future building improvements. They are considering a future remodeling project to add on to the existing high school building and allow grades preK-12 to be in one building. Discussion is still in the early stages.

- Principal Andy Armstead reported that everyone on the high school oral interpretation team did well at the state level. Participants competed virtually. Armstead also said that Jan. 8, 2021, is the end of the first semester. Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter reported that the elementary school winter concert was performed at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center and was also viewed remotely.

- Van Regenmorter said there will be early dismissals on two Fridays in January and two Fridays in February next year to allow staff time for planning and helping remote-learners with any catching up they need.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19: Cook's Choice

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: Shredded Beef Sandwich on Bun, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Fruit

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit

School Lunch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17: Hotdog on Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Pear

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18: Super Nachos, Carrots, Peaches

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: Grilled Cheese, Baked Beans, Applesauce

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22: Corndogs, Carrots, Pears

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23: No School- Christmas Break Starts



Susan Buer talks with Jessie Buer during the Fair. (Photo by Brenda Klug)

Craft & Vendor Fair a success

The 1st Annual Lake Preston Craft & Vendor show was very well attended on Sat., Dec. 12th at the American Legion. Hosts of the event were Amber Hesse and Brenda Klug; both plan to keep it going for future years.

Thirteen vendors offered a wide variety of hand-crafted items as well as goods from independent sales representatives. The American Legion served adult beverages and Dianne Mulder served lunch at the event. "Was a nice event for the community to get out of the house and get some last-minute Christmas shopping done," stated Brenda Klug.

First graders write their letters to Santa

DEAR SANTA, I am sorry that our family isn't making cookies this year. I would like lots of legos. **Elliott**

DEAR SANTA, I know I am bad at school. I know I know I am on the naughty list. I read your paper last Christmas and like what you said. I am going to leave cookies out for you. From **Araya**

DEAR SANTA, For Christmas I want a Barbie camper. Merry Christmas, Santa. My baby sister wants toys and my brother does too. I have been good. **Charli**

DEAR SANTA, I really want a dog so much. I have been helping my mom cook pizza. I love my mom so much. Merry Christmas! **Sofia**

DEAR SANTA, I am good. I help my friend and I help my family. I want a robot for Christmas. I want a candy cane too. **Hope**

DEAR SANTA, I would like a toy. I have been nice. I like your reindeer. I would like a toy. I will leave you some cookies. Love, **Jason**

DEAR SANTA, Thanks for the gift. I really want a dirt bike. I have been helping my dad. I have been good. Merry Christmas, Santa. **Blaze**

DEAR SANTA, I want three things from you. I want wooden tracks, Toby tracks and have a good Christmas. From, **Tyson**

DEAR SANTA, What I want for Christmas is a model truck. I will



Spirit of giving

Tricia McCloud's fifth-grade class at Lake Preston Elementary School raised and donated money to fill five Angel Tree tags from the First National Bank in Lake Preston. The students typically go shopping as a class; due to restrictions this year, they shopped virtually, and their teacher picked up the items. After filling the tags, the class had extra money which they used to purchase food for the local food bank. Students include Kayden Lusk, left, Kamdon Anderson, Rhyann McGuire, Alise Hope, Owen Wienk, Danielle Kruger, Leigh Hansen and Mary Unruh. (Submitted photos)

leave cookies for you. I would like a blue tractor for my brother. Can you give me a camera too? **Waylin**

DEAR SANTA, Hi! My name is Kinzlee. I want stuff that you find in an office! I want a lego set and a Barbie! I have been good. **Kinzlee**

DEAR SANTA, I made a song that you will like. It is called Jingle Bells. What

do the reindeer eat? What color is your sleigh? Love, **Ryker**

DEAR SANTA, I want a Lego set. How are the elves? How are the reindeer? Merry Christmas, Santa! I am going to leave cookies. Love, **Aubree**

DEAR SANTA, I like your elf, Scout. Have I been good or bad? I will leave you food and your reindeer food. Will you leave me presents? Love, **Avery**

CITY COUNCIL

Council addresses permit and landfill prices

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

The Lake Preston City Council met on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. for a regular meeting. Council member Gary Buer was the only member absent. Employees Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann and Brenda Klug were also present. Jake and Luke Smith attended as representatives of the Development Board. They were inquiring about the details of the sewer project in front of the manor. At the special meeting held last month, it was decided that the city council would put \$9,000 toward that project. They also inquired about starting the transfer of what is known as the ice rink lot to the name of the development board for future development.

Mayor Andy Wienk provided the semi-annual report from the fire department. The drive-thru pancake feed, the most recent event, raised \$1500. He added that it has been a fairly quiet year for calls. Regular training included controlled burns and water rescue among other things.

The city council voted unanimously to change the price of build-

ing permits to \$50. The committee met prior to the meeting to review the price of building permits in area towns. Of that \$50, \$40 is paid to the zoning board members for their signatures on the permits. It was brought to the attention of this council that zoning board members were paid in years past, but at some point, that stopped. This council resumed payments which meant that the city lost money on each permit. The council will now make \$10 per permit.

The landfill position was changed to a seasonal position from a permanent part-time position. As the landfill can now accept construction debris, the council had previously discussed the need to review fees at area landfills. That subcommittee also met prior to this meeting. Details are in the minutes of this meeting in the Kingsbury Journal and will also be published when the rubble site is closer to reopening. Appliances will be \$10 each with additional charges for pick up loads and trailers. The non-burnables such as shingles will be \$30 per pick-up load and \$40 per trailer. Sofas and box springs will be \$10 each, \$15

per pickup load and \$30 per trailer. There will be no charge for yard debris.

Changes are coming for snow removal. The first reading of the new Snow Removal Ordinance was approved. The first violation will result in a warning, the second violation will result in a \$50 fine with additional violations costing \$100. Repeat offenders could be towed at the owner's expense.

Dave Miller joined via phone to discuss progress with nuisance properties as well as to explain changes to the program. Mr. Miller explained that much of the effort this year went to making sure that the ordinances were clear about what deemed a property a nuisance. He also noted that many houses do not have house numbers which made his job more difficult. He shared that going forward, the city will have the option to sign a contract with a new service, or the city can decide they no longer want an outside entity to handle nuisance properties. Mr. Miller offered to bring the new provider and do a ride along with someone from Lake

Lake Preston

LOOKING BACK

2010: Winter arrives in a big way

10 YEARS AGO
December 15, 2010

The first major blizzard of the winter moved across eastern South Dakota Friday night and Saturday closing some highways. In the Lake Preston area, approximately 4 inches of snow was received. The blizzard was followed on Sunday by below zero temps. The city crew was out on Saturday and again on Sunday, opening city streets, but work remained to be completed on Monday when the pile of snow down the center of Main Avenue was removed.

A large cast of LPHS students put on a rollicking rendition of "A Christmas Carol" last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the school auditorium. The musical was set in the Sodi-Pop Saloon somewhere in Texas in 1880. The costumes were much like the simple set with townspeople wearing pioneer garb and the Sodi-Pop girls dressed to suggest saloon girls. Everyone gave their all in presenting an outstanding show.

Melanie Vedvei Olson, 2004 graduate of LPHS and daughter of Alan and Deb Vedvei, returned to her alma mater as the assistant girls basketball coach. Olson is employed by Daktronics in Brookings and is married to 2005 LPHS graduate Jerod Olson.

25 YEARS AGO
December 14, 1995

Tired of water and waiting for help, residents of Kingsbury County gathered Monday to form an association to combat flooding problems. Nearly 40 people attended to form

the Lake Thompson Association. After more than a decade of dealing with the effects of flooding, the frustrated victims said they want answers, and they want action. They have the backing of **Senator Randy Frederick, Representatives Roger Lee and Doug Bierschbach**. Previous efforts to correct the flow were stymied by threats of lawsuits from further downstream. They intend to hire an attorney who has experience in related situations to seek answers.

Odegard Ranch owned by **Wayne and Randy Odegard** of Lake Preston was 1st runner up in the 1995 Master Pork Producers competition. The local operation competed in the 150-400 sows category. The 87 nominated producers were evaluated on production, performance, utilization of facilities, innovation, goals, herd health and industry activity.

Michele Olson and Jason Paul, who was dressed as Clifford the Big Red Dog, shared stories as they visited elementary classrooms at the school last Monday. The reading time helped promote a book fair at the school library.

50 YEARS AGO
December 17, 1970

The annual Kingsbury County Snow Queen Festival will be held on December 21 in the Arlington city auditorium. Lake Preston girls who are entered in the contest are **Rhonda Sneesby, Vickie Lolling, Kathy Brandner, Sandra Swenson, Rhonda Thomsen, Susan Wienk, Edna Stevens, Kathy Shaw, Jeanette Nelson, and Carla Eidsness**. This year's event is the second un-



TEN YEARS AGO: The first major blizzard of the the winter moved across eastern South Dakota on Friday night and Saturday closing some highways. Lake Preston had approximately four inches of snow.

der joint sponsorship of the Kiwanis Clubs of Kingsbury County.

75 YEARS AGO
December 13, 1945

Major E.K. Hesby and family arrived here last Friday from Ft. Jackson, S.C., and are visiting with relatives. Major Hesby, who was one of our dentists, has been in the service 4 years and 3 months and is now on a delayed furlough until March. He intends to open his dental office in our city again in the near future.

John Marek met with a painful accident Tuesday while operating a corn

picker. One hand was caught in the machine, crushing three fingers. He was taken to the hospital in Volga.

100 YEARS AGO
December 14, 1920

The boys basketball team with **Coach H.H. Chalfant** started on a wonderfully fine trip to Miller, Highmore, Philip, Rapid City, Sturgis and Deadwood ending at Lead. While it is too much to hope they may win all seven games, we do believe they will return with some victories to their credit and with honor won and merited on every floor.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



Coppock's house is this week's winner

This week's winner in the Otter Tail Lighting Contest for week two in Lake Preston is **John and Mary Coppock**. Their address is 211 Park Ave. S. Make sure to drive around town and check out all the lights! (Submitted photo)

THE FAMILY OF LARRY GUNDERSON is thankful for the kindness of the Lake Preston Ambulance Crew and Lake Preston Fire Department for the many trips they made with Larry, the wonderful care he received from the staff at Avera DeSmet Hospital and the staff at the Avera Heart Hospital. Thank you family, friends and neighbors for the prayers, kind words and deeds, food, cards, flowers and memorials. Thank you to the Lake Preston American Legion for honoring him at his memorial service. May God bless you all.

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CITY COUNCIL

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Preston. The city council thanked Mr. Miller for his time and effort to help the city address nuisance properties.

Authority to deem a dog restricted was given to law enforcement with the first reading of changes to Chapter 13.4. Restricted is the new term to replace what was previously known as vicious dogs. The first reading was passed.

The council passed the first reading of the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. The two big items were the fire truck and ambulance building. They also approved the transfer of money from the Contingency Fund as is typical for the end of the year. Amount details can be found in the minutes of this meeting.

The council approved the transfer of title for the Ice Rink Lot to the Development Board. Brian Zeeck passed his final water exam, and his raise was approved. Employees were notified of their Christmas bonuses. The city council thanked all three city employees for their great efforts this year. Each employee was also notified of their raises. Brenda Klug will receive a 5% raise, while Doug and Brian will each receive a 4% raise. LaVerne Scheidt was hired for an as-needed snow removal position at \$10/hour.

In council concerns, Brian Verhey inquired about eliminating the can collection trailer as it has become an eye sore. Members agreed. Brian Zeeck answered that he would get it taken care of. Donna Bumann inquired about the possibility of the council sharing the cost of a housing study with the development board. The cost to the city would be \$1250. Having a completed study opens the doors to financial options for potential developers as well as helps prioritize housing needs.

The council went into executive session for personnel reasons and adjourned around 10:20 p.m.



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 Employee Price **\$27,377**
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2020 GMC TERRAIN AWD **SAVE \$7,767**
 Employee Price **\$34,713**
 MSRP: \$42,480
 Rebate: -\$4250
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$3517
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2021 CHEVY TRAX AWD **SAVE \$2,752**
 Employee Price **\$21,752**
 MSRP: \$25,860
 Rebate: -\$2500
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$1608
 #1010 4cyl, Remote start, Driver confid pkg, LT

2021 GMC Canyon Crew AT4 **SAVE \$3,662**
 Employee Price **\$37,662**
 MSRP: \$41,875
 Rebate: -\$1000
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$3213
 #1001 V6, Nav, Htd seats/steering wheel, trailering, AT4

2020 BUICK ENVISION **SAVE \$7,981**
 Employee Price **\$34,904**
 MSRP: \$42,885
 Rebate: -\$4750
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$3231
 #A028 4cyl, Nav, htd sts, pwr liftgate, Premium

2020 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB **SAVE \$7,840**
 Employee Price **\$46,945**
 MSRP: \$54,785
 Rebate: -\$2750
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$5090
 #A408 5.3, Htd seats, remote start, Bose radio, RST

2021 BUICK ENCLAVE AWD **SAVE \$4,449**
 Employee Price **\$49,131**
 MSRP: \$55,630
 Rebate: -\$2250
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$4449
 #1040 V6, Nav, H&C seats, Trailering, Premium

2021 CHEVY CAMARO
 #1029 6.2, Heated seats, remote start, Nav, Alwhls, SS
 MSRP: \$46,080
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$3196
 Employee Price **\$42,884**

2021 CADILLAC XT4 AWD
 #1009 4cyl, Moonroof, H&C seats, Driver awareness pkg, Luxury
 MSRP: \$48,625
 Rebate: -\$500
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$1674
 Sale Price **\$46,451**

2021 GMC ACADIA AWD
 #1018 V6, Moonroof, Nav, Trailering, Denali
 MSRP: \$52,330
 Rebate: -\$2000
 Prostrollo Disc: -\$4107
 Employee Price **\$46,223**

2021 GMC 1500 CREW CAB
 #1044 Duramax, Nav, Bose, Heads up display, SLT
 MSRP: \$62,180
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 Prostrollo Disc: -\$5839
 Employee Price **\$53,591**

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SCHOOL BOARD

School looks to expand coop sports with Arlington

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

At Monday's school board meeting, Superintendent Dana Felderman and board members serving on the cooperative sports committee reported on their recent biannual co-op meeting with Arlington. Members stated that the current cooperative sports of football, football cheer and competitive cheer are going very well with more participation numbers in cheer expected next year.

With football, they are currently at the top of the 9AA tier with an ADM (average daily membership) of 59 male students, with four young men that Supt. Felderman has filed exemptions with the South Dakota High School Activities Association due to inability to participate. These exemptions would put the cooperative team at one below the cut-off in order for the team to stay in nine-man classification. SDHSAA will review the exemptions at their January meeting. The consensus of the committee is that the co-op is going well enough that the teams would stay together regardless of their class size.

In reviewing upcoming student numbers, Felderman pointed out that the schools are currently at their peak with students. The future numbers look to remain stable with a small decline for Lake Preston, but Arlington numbers will be seeing a marked decrease in 2023. Lake Preston's average daily membership declines by seven from the current year to 2023-24 while Arlington decreases by 17. With those numbers, it would put the prospective co-op's ADM numbers to 89 which would allow the cooperative teams to be classified as a B school for most athletic programs in the 2023-24 school year. Although, the teams would have to jump up to A if they were to co-op during the prior years before going back down to B.

With the potential decline in numbers, Felderman stated, "I do not want to be too late." That is why he was informing the Lake Preston board of this now, so a proactive approach could be taken. Felderman noted that the SDHSAA deadline to co-op for volleyball and basketball is April, but

it doesn't take long for those months to fly by. The board consensus was to reach out to Arlington and see if there would be any interest in joining forces in specifically basketball but would entertain other sports like volleyball as well.

The Lake Preston School has a need to move forward in joining their girls' basketball programs, and Arlington appears to need numbers in boys' basketball. The Lake Preston girls are not lacking in overall numbers but rather in participation. Felderman stated that our school is not alone in this trend with many area schools seeing a decline in participation specifically to their girls' basketball programs. Arlington's boys' number is due to the overall lack of boys in the younger grades. Their boys' basketball program may not have a junior high team next year due to this.

It could be a case where Lake Preston could help Arlington in boys' basketball, and Arlington could help Lake Preston in girls' basketball.

Board member Brett Anderson stated, "If we help you, you help us; we are either in this together, or we are not."

Board President Steve Carlson added, "The handful of people I have talked to from Arlington would be in favor of joining in more sports."

Superintendent Felderman was given direction from the board to reach out to Arlington to feel out the interest level in going forward in joining in more activities.

In other board action, the board decided to stay at tier one with open attendance at the December basketball games, with masks highly recommended. This would be evaluated again in January if necessary. They also decided to collect admissions for the boys' basketball games with concessions at both boys' and girls' basketball events. The board discussed the need for hiring a long-term substitute for semester two. Although, Felderman stated that the school is in a better place now than

even last month, there is a need for that substitute during a maternity leave later in the spring.

Board entered executive session citing personnel, student concerns

and negotiations. The board exited with no action taken. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11, 2021, at noon in the Lake Preston School Library.

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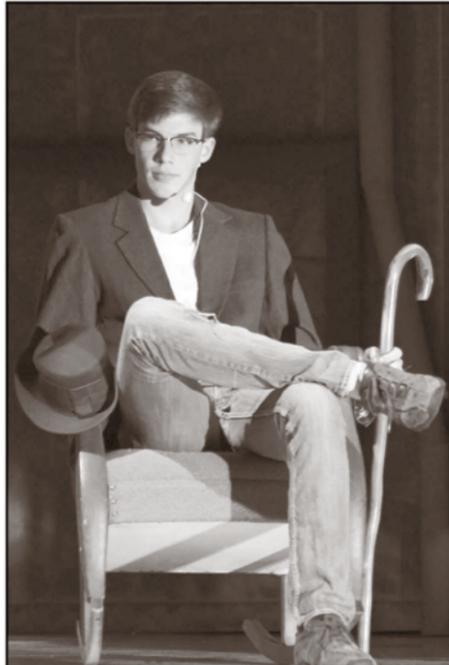
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BB Opening Game

By: Amelia Greene

Last Friday night, the Divers traveled to Ramona to face the Oldham-Ramona-Rutland Raiders to kick off this year's basketball season. The final score was 51-71, the Raiders over the Divers. Tate Larsen scored 7 points, had 3 rebounds and 1 assist. Carter Malone had 9 points, with 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 block, and 1 steal. Rhett McMasters had 6 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 steals. Jasper Denison scored 19 points, had 21 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal. Riley Casper had 2 points with 6 rebounds and 1 assist. Jake Larsen scored 5 points with 4 rebounds. Josh McMasters had 2 points, 1 assist, and 2 steals.

The Divers will host their first game against Elkton-Lake Benton Friday evening. The first game is set to start at 4pm.



Pictured above, Carter Malone starring as "Grandpa Joe" sits in his rocking chair listening to his wife and in-laws bicker back and forth.

Dipped Gingersnaps Recipe from Michelle Odegaard

2 c. sugar
 1 1/2 c. vegetable oil
 2 eggs
 1/2 c. molasses
 4 c. all purpose flour
 4 tsp. baking soda
 1 tblsp. ground ginger
 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1 tsp. salt
 Additional sugar
 2 packages (12 ounces each) vanilla baking chips
 1/4 c shortening

In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar and oil; mix well. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Stir in molasses. Combine dry ingredients gradually. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape into 1/4 in. balls and roll in sugar. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 for 10-12 minutes, or until cookie springs back when touched lightly. Remove to wire racks to cool. Melt vanilla chips with shortening in a saucepan over low heat. Dip the cookies halfway. Shake off excess. Place on waxed paper lined baking sheets to harden.

Yield about 14 1/2 dozen.

As the holiday is quickly approaching, many are ramping up their holiday meal plans and treat making. Blue & Gold staff member, Ava Malone, has shared one of her mother's recipes which would make a great addition to your plates!



Pictured above, the LPHS students performed "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" this past weekend. The cast and crew were able to put on delicious show for all ages!

<p>Blue & Gold 2020-2021 Editor of the Week: Gretta Larson Advisor: Krista O'Dea</p>	<p>Seniors: Myra Rhoades, Alex Post Juniors: Rachel Jensen Sophomores: Ava Malone, Janelle Rhoades, Stella DeKnikker, Gretta Larson Freshmen: Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins, Patrick Poppen 8th Grade: Amelia Holland, Lane Jensen, Trinity Pirlet, Bradley Rhoades 7th Grade: M.P., Lorick Pirlet, Brooklyn Bothun</p>	<p><i>"A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit."</i> -Richard Bach</p>
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CARTHAGE NEWS

What caused a mysterious hole to appear overnight?

BY LORALEE NELSON

The Prairie parish service for Dec. 20 will be an outdoor service at 9:30 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Artesian. People will sit in their cars outside the church and listen to services on the radio. Everyone is welcome.

Prairie Lakes Parish will hold an outdoor Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran in rural Iroquois. Everyone is welcome.

Santa is coming to Carthage Main Street at 10 a.m. Dec. 20. Rumor is that he will be coming by firetruck.

Lisa Hinkley of De Smet spent last Saturday visiting her mother Harriet Hattervig.

John Meligan of Ft. Pierre visited Shirley Stroud last Tuesday afternoon. Russ Stroud of Huron visited on Wednesday.

Play books for the Carthage community play have been ordered. Because of COVID-19, the play will not

be held in March as usual, but it will hopefully take place in August during Straw Bale Days.

The weather was nice enough that the children at Lorelee Nelson's on Dec. 9 were outside drawing on the sidewalk with sidewalk chalk!

DID YOU KNOW?

In the spring of 1955, the Carthage News reported a mysterious hole in the ground at the Ernie Hall Farm. The following article is found in "Carthage, Gem of the Redstone," by Sally Madison.

"There was some excitement over the weekend at the Ernest Hall farm in Redstone Township, when a hole in the yard that appeared overnight caused some speculation among neighbors and people of the community. The hole was halfway between the barn and the house and was approximately 20 inches in diameter and 18 feet deep. It was so perfect and with no cave in that one would think it had been bored with a post auger.

Max Stroud and Mr. Hall first noticed it Saturday afternoon, and before the day was over, several people viewed it and speculated as to what caused it. Could it have been caused by something dropping from the sky? Was it an old abandoned well? Or what-have you? Mr. Hall contacted Sheriff Jens Jorgensen, and he notified the Air Force investigators from St. Paul, Minn., and they too, were mystified. But they couldn't find anything at the bottom to indicate it might have been made by something falling from the sky. As of now, the incident is closed as Hall expects to fill the hole in, unless some old-timer comes forward with an explanation that there was a well at one time. But that would leave the question of why such a perfect hole? Anyway, the Halls are glad that none of their small children happened to fall in it as the youngsters had been playing around the yard throughout the day."

Next week there will be a solution offered by a woman from Pennsylvania.

BANCROFT NEWS

Banking back in the day

BY ROSE GROTHE

We have been having some spectacular sunrises and sunsets along with some beautiful days, which really makes the winter shorter. The trees were so beautiful in their coating of frost yesterday as well.

Billie Sargent of Huron was the speaker at the church on Dec. 13.

Update on Larry Martens — he had a tracheotomy, ventilator removed, and a vent put into the trach, a feeding tube, and screws put into the broken leg to hold it together. They are looking for a place for him to stay so he can get out of the hospital and start therapy. We still covet your prayers for him.

The project of the siding of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was abruptly brought to a halt last Wednesday when a member of the working crew lost his life in an accident at the site. We ask that you keep his family in your prayers.

BANCROFT HISTORY

(Continued from last week)

It was due to this that the bank went broke in late 1914 or early 1915. W. J. Agnew, who time and again would put the town back on its feet, took over as director in 1916 for a short time and worked the assets back up to \$10,000.00.

H. M. Best became the next director in 1917 until 1929 when the capital stood at \$30,000. It was at this time the market crash hit and W. H. Boorman, who was the final director for only a short time, lost his life. With his life the life of the bank also went.

The building stood vacant until Ruth and Bill Austin made it into a restaurant in 1935-36. On September 26, 1937 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hageman purchased the building and used it for a home and restaurant until 1969.

South of the bank was a building that certainly saw a multitude of uses. It was at different times a pool hall, hotel, restaurant and dormitory for the men during the 1930's. There were also families that called it home and it was a factory for processing wheat into Puffed Wheat—a breakfast cereal.

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Santa may use a pickup

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

The Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church holds indoor as well as drive-up services at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Services are also livestreamed on the church Facebook page. Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Dick Poppen speaks at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday over KWAT radio. The Christmas program service takes place Dec. 20, and Christmas Eve service is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Jeremy and Jamie Forbes are the parents of a baby boy born Dec. 1. He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Grady Virgil. He joins a sister, Tabor, and brother Briggs.

Duane Poppen stopped last Wednesday at the Cork Poppen's on his way to Howard.

I can't believe the weather! We still have green grass in December. Santa may have to use a pickup instead of his sleigh. Yes, I know the weather can change very quickly. At least let's enjoy it while it lasts.

OLDHAM-RAMONA NEWS

School Lunch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17: Macaroni & Cheese, Garlic Breadstick

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18: Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21: Chicken Tenders, Au Gratin Potatoes, Roll

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22: BBQ Mr. Rib on Bun, Potato Wedges

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23: No School-Christmas Break Starts

ESMOND NEWS

Christmas tradition continues on

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

Annette and Charemon Dunham conducted the Iroquois American Legion military rites last Monday at the service for Hugh Evans.

Marlin and Jeanette Clending attended the graveside services for Larry Riden at Emmanuel Lutheran northeast of Howard last Saturday. Larry was the husband of Joan (Hoeye) Riden, who grew up in Esmond.

I stand corrected – I have been reporting that the Esmond Community Christmas Party, which has been held for more than 135 years, would not be held this year. I did not know that last Wednesday night, the night it was scheduled for, that Curt Wehlander and our granddaughter Rosalie Wehlander went to the Esmond Hall and turned on the

Christmas lights (still up from last year). Rosalie went on stage, played a version of "Joy to the World" and then did the traditional all kids and adults on stage singing "Jingle Bells" while ringing the bells. So, a party was held, and Christmas in Esmond continues on.

HISTORY NOTE -

1892 – The M. E. Ladies (of Esmond Methodist church) held an ice cream social and raised \$13 with Rev. Carpenter as minister. Regardless of how hard times were, the church always held a big Christmas program each year with much decorating being done for the event

1912: Started out with the Esmond girls basketball team playing a game at Lake Preston and losing by a score of 2-1.



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IROQUOIS NEWS

Taking the learning outside

BY MARY WIENBAR
 Kingsbury Journal

At Iroquois School, the youngest students love playing and learning outside. Providing age appropriate activities in all areas of development in the outdoor setting is the main focus of the outdoor classroom.

Preschoolers have been taking advantage of the great fall weather and spending many hours at the school's outdoor classroom this year. The fresh air also provides a safe learning environment since it is difficult for preschoolers to social distance.

Preschool teacher, Mary Wienbar tries to provide opportunities for learning in all areas of early childhood development. In building their artistic skills, children have the opportunity to easel paint, draw with sidewalk chalk, dot paint on mural paper, or use crayons on old rolls of

wall paper. Sensory learning includes a water table, sandbox, and raking and rolling through fallen leaves.

Messy play is important for sensory learning and early childhood development. Early literacy and numeracy activities include reading stories in the shade of a tree, writing names with giant letter magnets and playing hopscotch or stepping stones. Children can weave cords or laces on the weaving panel to make shapes, letters or numbers. Other activities include a chime board for making music and a Lego building station.

Wienbar recently wrote for and received a United Methodist Women's Love Ribbon Grant, to purchase equipment to be used at the outdoor classroom. An interlocking giant blocks set and interchangeable outdoor ramps, purchased with the grant money, have been a great addition to the outdoor experience.



Elienai Hernandez, Sarai Hernandez and Nathan Wipf play in the leaves during a beautiful December day. (Photo by Mary Wienbar)

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Celebrating 95 years

BY KAREN BOHLANDER

Marjorie Ann (Rounds) Blue celebrated her 95th birthday on Dec. 12. Due to COVID her celebration was different than in past years, but at one point, over the last few weeks, most of her 15 children and several grandchildren and great grandchildren were able to come for a short socially-distanced visit. She received many cards over the past few weeks as well, with as many as fifteen in one day.

Blue has 15 children, 41 grandchildren and 66 great grandchildren.

She lost her mother, Mary, when she was four. She and one of her

younger brothers went to live with an aunt and uncle in Philip, S.D. She moved back to this area when she was a junior in high school, graduating from Iroquois. She married Robert "Donnie" Blue on June 10, 1945, and they were blest with 51 years together before Donnie passed away in 1996.

Blue always keeps herself busy finding something she wants to do. She enjoys doing word search puzzles. Blue greatly misses attending church at Holy Trinity since COVID. She also misses attending all the games in the Iroquois gym and cheering on the Chiefs. Until COVID, she could be found at most of the games!



Passersby on Hwy 14 could see the sign placed in Marj Blue's yard celebrating her 95th birthday. (Submitted photo)



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IROQUOIS NEWS

1910: Mail carriers treated like real fellows, entitled to holiday

December 15, 1910

A bowling team went to Carthage last Wednesday; cleaned up the bowlers of that burg by a nice margin and brought the purse to Iroquois. The Iroquois team consisted of **Thos. Serine, Raymond Matson, Ole Larson, J. A. Schneller and Joe Otter**. Neither side played a swell game.

In this and other communities, a small investment in padlocks this winter will be a paying investment. Petty thieving is frequently reported, and articles of value should not be left around loose. Recently, the Hob Café lost a 17-pound ham, and a farmer who had purchased a bill of groceries and left them in his car standing on the street had no groceries when he was ready to start for home.

Rural mail carriers are not required to deliver mail on Christmas day, the government treating its employees just like they were real fellows and entitled to a holiday like other folks. The bank and post office will observe holiday hours, and business places generally will close for the day with the exception of a few hours in

the morning.

During the past week, nearly all mail trains have been late from one to two or three hours due to the handling of Christmas mail and express. Extra help was carried, and the service was as good as t'was possible to make it. The local post office force and the rural carriers also had their hands full in handling the outgoing and incoming mail.

December 18, 1930

Carpenters partitioned off the ladies waiting room in the Northwestern depot last week, and but one waiting room, the west one, will be heated and lighted this winter. The company, in the interest of economy, is adopting this plan quite generally, and the aggregate saving will amount to a neat sum.

Two fire insurance inspectors are working in Iroquois this week, making an inspection of the business properties for the purpose of re-rating the city. It is nine years since the last inspection, and there have been numerous changes in the risks

during that period. The firefighting equipment was inspected a couple of weeks ago.

December 14, 1950

Vern Parkhurst bought the Standard Oil Station, Tuesday of last week, from **Al Martens**. Mr. Parkhurst formerly operated a station at Hayti for about a year and knows what it means to look after that kind of business. His many friends wish him the best of success.

The city main street is now taking

on the Christmas scheme as the colored lights have been strung across the street.

The Christmas season is in full swing, and our stores have a nice line of merchandise to meet the needs of the most fastidious. Take a look about, and you will find a fine line of Christmas suggestions for children, young folks and grownups. Keep in mind the Christmas tree and treats for the children on Saturday the 23rd, with a free movie for all, from "Tiny Tim" to Grandpas and Grandmas.

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Iroquois musicians celebrate the season

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ERIC & SUSAN EASTIN DE SMET CITY LOT 20 BLOCK 3 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....422.03

ERIC & SUSAN EASTIN DE SMET CITY LOT 4 & E 50'

LOT 5 BLOCK 3 ELY'S ADD'N
2019.....110.28

TANYA FLEGEL LAKE PRESTON CITY ALL LOT 10 & S 30' LOT 11 BLOCK 2 ENSIGN'S 1ST ADD
2019.....743.76

MICHAEL GIEDD DE SMET CITY LOT 1 & E2 LOT 2 HANSEN MEYER ADD TRACT 2 (MH)
2019.....261.04

MATTHEW L GILBERTSON DE SMET CITY W2 LOT 5 & E2 LOT 6 BLOCK 7 CARROLL'S ADD'N
2019.....730.92

LEVI & ASHLEY GRIFFIN BADGER TOWN LOT 4 BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....380.57

LEVI & ASHLEY GRIFFIN BADGER TOWN LOT 5 BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....44.55

JOSH GRUSETH LAKE PRESTON CITY LOT 7 BLOCK 15 WTL CO 3RD ADDN LAKE PRESTON
2019.....494.66

GREG HESBY LAKE PRESTON CITY N30' OF E110' LOT 13 & E10' LOT 14 BLOCK 3 ENSIGN'S 1ST ADD'N
2019.....899.58

MARTIN HESBY SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP NW 24-109-53
2019.....2056.17

RICK G HOLLAND LAKE PRESTON CITY LOT 12 & ALL LOT 13 EXC N 18' BLOCK 9 WESTERN TOWN LOT CO'S 2ND ADD'N
2019.....1682.05

PAMELA J JENSEN ARLINGTON CITY NE2 LOT 7 & ALL LOT 8 & 9 BLOCK 16 WTL CO 4TH ADDN MH IN NOEL NELSON NAME
2019.....847.64

TIMOTHY D JENSEN HARTLAND TOWNSHIP S622' OF W843' OF NW, N326' OF W843' OF N2SW 12-112-55
2019.....888.55

TIM JENSEN & MARK JENSEN HARTLAND TOWNSHIP NW EXC N1998' THEREOF & 3 AC IN NWSW 6-112-54
2019.....1458.73

TIM JENSEN & MARK JENSEN HARTLAND TOWNSHIP SW EXC 3 AC IN NW COR 6-112-54
2019.....3235.32

STEPHEN JOHNSON WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP S16 RODS OF E20 RODS SE 2-109-55 (AKA OUTLOT 'A' OF SESE)
2019.....793.15

ROBERT M KNEIP ARLINGTON CITY LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 9 WTL CO'S 3RD ADDN
2019.....901.70

ROBERT M KNEIP ARLINGTON CITY LOT 10 BLOCK 9 WTL CO'S 3RD ADDN
2019.....655.21

MICHEAL K & HEATHER M KOHRS IROQUOIS CITY E 50' X 90' SUB-DIV 15 & 16 BLOCK 5 ORIGINAL PLAT (OLD MUSEUM)
2019.....332.26

RENETTA A & KAREN KORKOW LE SUEUR TOWNSHIP NW 17-112-58
2019.....1077.62

MIKE LANAM OLDHAM CITY 66' X 297' LOT 1 BLOCK 4 CASE'S 1ST ADD'N
2019.....428.50

SALLY JODOZI LAUDOLFF & ETAL WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP S2NE 32-109-55
2019.....837.84

STEVEN LENTSCH OLDHAM CITY LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 6 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....516.79

ERIC LILJEGREN DENVER TOWNSHIP LOT 1 OF JENSEN'S ADDN IN SW 16-111-53 (SUBDIVISION OF TRACT 3)
2019.....1358.49

AUSTIN LUND SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP S578' OF E567.5' SE 34-110-53
2019.....274.31

MARK MADSEN ARLINGTON CITY LOT B3 OF LOT 1 JOHNSON'S ADDITION
2019.....413.77

CAMARON & MICHELLE MARLOW BADGER TOWNSHIP LOT 6 BLOCK 2 SOUTH BAY ADDN IN GOVT LOTS 4 & 5 15-112-53
2019.....1958.52

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP SE 5-109-56
2019.....1509.84

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP E99.5 ACRES NE EXC 2 AC SCHOOL & EXC 4.08 AC 9-109-56
2019.....851.91

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP NE 10-109-56
2019.....1149.36

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP W40 RODS OF N104 RODS NW EXC .026 AC HWY & .58AC 10-109-56
2019.....253.72

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP SW EXC 2.53 AC DEED HWY 10-109-56
2019.....1546.28

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP SE 10-109-56
2019.....1400.27

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP SW 12-109-56
2019.....1339.04

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP S82 ACRES SW 14-109-56
2019.....544.69

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST MATHEWS TOWNSHIP NW 23-109-56
2019.....1454.17

ROBERT E MCADARAGH TRUST DE SMET CITY LOT 14 BLOCK 2 BROWN'S SUB DIV
2019.....796.18

SCOTT MCCASKELL ESMOND TOWNSHIP N400' OF E450' OF W80 ACRES NE 32-110-57
2019.....309.47

MEGEN A MENZEL LAKE PRESTON CITY LOT 14 BLOCK 7 ENSIGN'S 2ND ADD'N
2019.....1419.19

SHANE C NELSON SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP BLOCK 2 OF BLOCKS 1, 2, & 3 NELSON ADDITION IN SW 31-110-53
2019.....611.02

SHANE C & VICKIE L NELSON WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP N640' OF E418.13' OF NESE 29-110-54
2019.....409.94

DUSTIN OLSON DE SMET CITY LOTS 1 THRU 8 BLOCK 6 DRAKE'S ADD'N
2019.....411.93

DUSTIN OLSON DE SMET CITY LOTS 1 THRU 8 BLOCK 7 DRAKES ADD'N
2019.....69.44

DUSTIN OLSON DE SMET CITY LOTS 3 THRU 6 & GRAVEL PIT BLOCK 8 DRAKE'S ADD'N
2019.....43.85

DUSTIN OLSON DE SMET CITY W 50' LOT 6 BLOCK 10 DRAKE'S ADD'N
2019.....576.64

OUTDOOR SPECIALITIES LLC SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP

OL B & C IN NW 27-109-54
2019.....406.79

LANCE PALMLUND DE SMET CITY LOT 1 OF OL 18 WESTERN TOWN LOT CO SUB
2019.....715.20

THOMAS & CAROL PERRY LAKE PRESTON CITY ALL LOT 8 & S25' LOT 9 BLOCK 3 ENSIGN'S 1ST ADD'N
2019.....989.99

RELIABANK DAKOTA OF HAMLIN COUNTY HARTLAND TOWNSHIP N68 AC OF S2NE 4-112-55 (BOOK 49 PAGE 239 FROM MATTHEW & KRISTI STEVENSON- ASSIGNMENT OF CONTACT INTEREST)
2019.....1771.05

AARON & ALISON SANDERSON BADGER TOWNSHIP LOT 11 BLOCK 3 SOUTH BAY ADDN IN GOVT LOTS 4 & 5 14-112-53
2019.....219.59

SET THE HOOK LODGE LLC LAKE PRESTON CITY ALL LOT 8 & S2 LOT 9 BLOCK 6 WESTERN TOWN LOT CO'S 1ST ADD'N
2019.....436.30

SET THE HOOK LODGE LLC LAKE PRESTON CITY N2 LOT 9 & ALL LOT 10 & S2 LOT 11 BLOCK 6 WESTERN TOWN LOT CO'S 1ST ADD'N
2019.....560.73

SET THE HOOK LODGE LLC LAKE PRESTON CITY N 20' LOT 11 & ALL LOT 12 BLOCK 2 ENGIN'S 1ST ADD
2019.....837.52

WAYNE SHANKEY & KEVIN STIRLING OLDHAM CITY LOT 12 BLOCK 17 MILWAUKEE'S 1ST ADD'N
2019.....300.43

KURTIS & SARAH SMITH OLDHAM CITY LOT 9 BLOCK 10 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....392.11

BRYCE STEPHENS DE SMET CITY LOT 8 BLOCK 1 SILVER LAKE SUB
2019.....127.57

JACOB JAMES STEWART SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP LOT 1 DRISCOLL ADD NE 27-109-53
2019.....998.14

KENNETH STIRLING OLDHAM CITY LOTS 7-10 BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....374.32

KENNETH STIRLING OLDHAM CITY LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL PLAT
2019.....451.47

ERIC D & KRISTAL R TAYLOR ARLINGTON CITY LOT 6 BLOCK 6 CHANDLER'S 1ST ADDN
2019.....1139.30

DELORES M O & JOY L WALLUM SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP E2NW 36-109-54
2019.....1626.13

JOY L & DELORES O WALLUM IROQUOIS TOWNSHIP W2NW, N2SW EXC 1.35 AC TO BEADLE CO 31-111-58
2019.....1815.38

JOY L & DELORES O WALLUM IROQUOIS CITY 165' X 250' BLK 1 N2SW 31-111-58 WALLUM'S ADD'N
2019.....1050.46

JOY L WALLUM & TOM WALLUM SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP W2NW 36-109-54
2019.....1701.23

JOY L & DELORES M O WALLUM & TOM R WALLUM MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP SE EXC E1200' OF S650' 4-110-57
2019.....2015.41

TOM WALLUM WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP NW EXC N2N2NW 27-109-55
2019.....2403.82

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TOM WALLUM WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP SW 27-109-55 2019.....2963.97

TOM WALLUM IROQUOIS CITY LOTS 1, 2 & 3 BLOCK 16 WESTERN TOWN LOT CO'S 2ND ADD'N 2019.....34.55

TOM R & DEANNA DEE WALLUM WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP S2NW & S 22 RODS OF THE S2NW 25-109-55 2019.....1693.38

TOM & DEANNA WALLUM WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP N2N2NW 27-109-55 2019.....861.37

DAVID E & CHRISTINE L WALTERS DE SMET TOWNSHIP E614' OF W1036' OF N726' OF NE 8-110-55 2019.....509.59

Witness my hand this 10th day of December, 2020, AD

Elaine Blachford, Treasurer
Kingsbury County

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**NOTICE TO PERSONS OF DELINQUENT MOBILE HOME / BUILDING ON LEASE SITE TAXES
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY: SS**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to SDCL 10-22-2, the names of the persons whose mobile home / building on lease site taxes are delinquent for the 2019 year payable in 2020 and the aggregated amount of the total tax, penalty and interest cost are as follow:

Taxpayer, Legal Description, Total
CODY BERGER, Rec #7430,
2019..... \$87.34
- 1973 MOBILE HOME TRANS INTO
REAL ESTATE 2004
LOT 17 BURMEISTER MH COURT
S#:0456465G T#:190631388

TERRY CRATER, Rec #7428
2019.....\$95.03
- 1973 MOBILE HOME TRANS INTO
REAL ESTATE 2004
S#:0256536G T#:113361300

JEROME LEON MILES, Rec #7842
2019.....\$110.95
- MOBILE HOME ON LEASED SITE
(WALTERS COURT)
S#:P145040 T#:162160218

MARK A JENSEN, Rec #3921
2019.....\$848.91
8- 112-54 LEASED SITE HOUSE NW
8-112-54

Dated this 10th day of December, 2020

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**REGULAR MEETING OF LAKE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 7th, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Community Room on Monday, December 7th, at 7 p.m. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Kristen Longville, Joe Schnell, Brian Verhey. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zecek, Doug Bumann, Jake Smith and Luke Smith from the Development Board. Teleconference: Dave Miller from SDML.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andy Wienk at 7:05 pm.

Motion by John McMasters, seconded by Joe Schnell to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

No Public Comments.

Transfer ice rink lot to the Development Board:

Jake and Luke Smith representing the LP development board, discussed the development of the ice-skating rink for the new Horizon Health Care clinic. Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Brian Verhey to transfer lots 27 & 28 Block 1 Original plat to the LP development board for future clinic. All in favor, motion carried. Discussed confusion if the city was getting quotes for the new sewer line from Manor Ave to the current clinic or if the development board was to get quotes. As time passes the harder it will be with frost setting in, and cost will rise. Determined that the city had allotted \$9,000 to the development board for the project, they could get the quotes and get the work started. Discussed the tearing down of the Manor project, determining where the rubble from the building will go. Determined that it can be piled first then would have to figure out digging a hole to get it buried.

Fire Department Meeting: Andy Wienk whom is one of the assistant chiefs stated that they just had a pancake feed, which was very well attended. Will be having their annual soup supper to wrap up the year, recently qualified for some COVID funding: masks, washer, and dryer. Throughout the year there hadn't been very many calls, hoping in the near future they can start Chase the Ace back up. Andy Wienk stated that they had their usual trainings, a few controlled burns and water rescue trainings, working towards updating equipment. Joe Schnell stated that the Bait Box has offered there snobear if the fire department would ever need it.

Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by Kristen Longville to approve the November 2nd regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by John McMasters to approve the November 23rd special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Brenda Klug stated that John McMasters, Brian Verhey, Joe Schnell had met to discuss building permits and new rubble site prices. Building permits would now be \$50 as the city is now paying the zoning board, a resolution would be read at the end of year meeting to make it official. Rubble site pricing was discussed in great detail, everything that is free currently will stay free except appliance. New prices were set for no burnable items, household furniture etc.- another resolution would be read at the end of year meeting to make it official. Discussed making the rubble site position a seasonal just like other summer helpers. Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by Kristen Longville to change the rubble site position to a seasonal yearly position. All in favor, motion carried. Discussed taking of fees at the physical site, decided it would be best to write duplicate tickets and have residents pay at the city finance office. Council and city maintenance workers discussed the area out at the rubble site and the land to the east of the lagoons. Hopefully could expand to the east, after inquiring about any haying agreement or contract.

Water/Sewer/Street Report: Brian Zecek inquired about getting Merrill Zecek a gift card for years of service and helping Brenda Klug out last week by working from home off his internet connection. Inquired about

a gift card for Jeremy Woodcock for all the help with snow removal throughout the year. City workers had been working on getting trees cut down in the park and a few alley ways, discussed replanting in the park after cutting certain ones down. Fence at the pool is complete, doing some cleanup at the rubble site, lots of leaves in the gutters around town. Discussed installing the cameras in the spring, 4 at the pool and 4 more at the park to get certain areas. Added some gravel to a few locations in town, lagoons are set never had to do a discharge all year. Discussed fine amounts for ticketing vehicles parked on city streets, warning first time- \$50 second time- \$100 third time. Discussed the pumps at the lift station. Inquired about getting quotes for a new door for the garage door by the bulk water on the west side of city hall. Fire Hydrants were discussed, especially the one by the Lutheran church which does not work. Brian Zecek inquired how much was budgets for 2021 for meters, hoping to get certain meters updated especially the schools and apartment buildings. Meters that the city already have are special meters that can be turned off by a simple button instead of turning off the curb stops, possibly for our normal offenders. Needing to test them out before installing them, hoping to have the sales representative come and walk them through it. Inquired about setting a budget for the pool to keep up on repairs, each year budget \$5,000 to do 25x25 ft of cement and in 4 years it would be completely finished instead of all at once. Discussed an exhaust fan at the pool, the motor isn't running. Doug Bumann stated that he had reached out to Prairie Ag about contributing to paving the North end of Main St. & 5th St., wouldn't be until 2022 when the paving would actually happen.

Finance Office Report: Brenda Klug stated that she had gotten an inquiry about the in-memory benches, wanting to get one for there late husband. The company that we previously used out of Sioux Falls is no longer in business. Brian Zecek inquired about moving the cement picnic table on Main St. to the grass area at the pool. Brenda Klug inquired about a previous claim, we are to pay insurance back 50/50 of what we receive from the case. Discussed having Brenda contact Todd Wilkinson and claims associates to get further information. Brenda Klug updated the council on several water bill claims that Marcene Smith is working on. Discussed getting out of a contract with Mediacom and getting all the equipment returned.

Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Kristen Longville to approve the following claims as presented: All in favor, motion carried. A&B Business Inc. \$67.38, printer contract; Amazon \$440.57, books, dvds, supplies; Ambill \$105.00, ambulance; Aron's Electric \$2,855.30, misc. lights/park/pool; A&T \$112.44, phones/tablets; Avera Health Plan \$476.85, health ins.; Banner Ass., Inc \$14,671.45, W & WW project; Bode Construction \$2,816.33, pool project; Bonnie Nelson \$38.75, ambulance; Connecting Point \$1,806.00, ultra-service call; Consolidated plastics Co. Inc \$85.68, entry mat; Cooks \$4,298.43, city trash/city dumpster/fall cleanup; Core & Main \$323.00, water; Deb Miller \$50.97, library misc.; DOR \$196.26, taxes; Henry Schein \$300.02, ambulance; Kingbrook \$5,952.25, water purchased; Kingsbury Co. Treasurer \$22.00, title fee; Kingsbury Co. \$1885.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$345.04, publishing; LP Auto

\$1,229.80, misc.; Lyle Signs \$209.40, truck signs; M & T Fire \$18,537.00, FD/ COVID funding; Maynard's \$217.45, supplies; MC&R Pool \$31,756.87, pool project/closing; McMasters Gravel \$827.55, gravel; Mediacom LLC \$704.87, phone/internet; Midwest Glass LLC \$252.52, tornado shelter door; Northwestern Energy \$449.44, natural gas; Office Peeps \$117.73, office supplies; SD One Call \$8.40, October; Ottetail Power Co \$4,086.74, electric; Overdrive \$600.00, library renewal; Pioneer Research \$549.00, sidewalk salt; Prairie Ag Partners \$6,648.61, misc. city/FD/ Amb.; Public Health Laboratory \$15.00, water sample; Runings \$74.99, supplies; SD Finance Officer Assoc. \$40.00, 2021 fee; SD Gov. Human Resource Assoc. \$25.00, 2021 dues; SD Municipal League \$883.76, 2021 membership; SDRS \$53.78, penalty; Tailored Structures LLC \$28,005.09, Amb. building; Valley Fibercom \$218.75, telephone/internet; Milbank Winwater Works \$465.00, meter items.

Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by John McMasters to approve the financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Few building permits were discussed.

Nuisance Properties: Brenda Klug stated that Dave Miller had stopped in November to go through his list, to get correct addresses. Discussed Mel Ness's properties, Dave Miller highly suggest getting the shed on the 300 block tore down for safety reasons. He didn't think that the house on the 200th block looked unsafe enough to get it torn down also. Brian Verhey inquired about residents inquiring about the house, council discussed that our hands are tied until the 3 years are up on taxes not being paid. Dave Miller via teleconference updated the council with happenings of the last year. He had done a first inspection then needed some ordinances changed, etc. - easily got 20-30 violations. He expressed that the city has never been charged for any of the work he has done so far, as the next steps weren't completed. One property in town he believed to be unsafe for residents is Mel Ness's second property with a collapsing shed. Dave Miller discussed the process of getting the building condemned, recommended have the city workers put up snow fencing as caution until it gets torn down. Discussed that Dave will be wrapping up his position with the municipal league, a replacement proprietor will be taking over in the spring- everything will be the same as the municipal league although.

First Reading of the Uniform Building Code Ordinance 444-20:

Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Kristen Longville to approve the uniform building code ordinance 444-20. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Letter from Resident- Last 5 years of Trash: Council discussed the resident's inquiry, council determined that none of them had heard of this topic nor had the finance officer till now. In said letter it was explained that they had previously reached out to council members. Request was denied.

First Reading of 4.6.10 Snow Removal Ordinance:

Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by Donna Bumann to approve 4.6.10 snow removal ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.

First Reading of Chapter 13.4 Dogs:

Kristen Longville inquired about the changes to the current ordi-

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nance, Brenda Klug stated that Todd Wilkinson had mainly changed whom can declare a dog vicious. Previously it stated a health board declares them viscous, but now law enforcement is able to deem dogs vicious. Todd Wilkinson in an email had stated that he would like to see our current case go through the court system, as previous tickets have already been issued and not paid. Motion by John McMasters, seconded by Donna Bumann to approve chapter 13.4 dog's ordinance changes. All in favor, motion carried.

First Reading of the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance 443-20: Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by John McMasters to approve the supplemental appropriation ordinance 443-20. Roll call vote. Brian Verhey abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer Authority- Contingency Fund: Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by Kristen Longville to approve transfer. All in favor, motion carried.

Brian's last Exam raise: Motion by Kristen Longville, seconded by Joe Schnell to approve a 50 cent raise for Brian Zeeck for passing his last water exam. All in favor, motion carried.

Christmas Bonuses: Motion by Kristen Longville, seconded by Brian Verhey to give full time employees Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, and Doug Bumann each a \$500 bonus, Deb Miller a \$100 bonus, and William Ranft a \$100 bonus. All in favor, motion carried.

Snow Removal Help/Other Application: Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Donna Bumann to hire Lavern Scheidt for snow removal help when needed at \$10 an hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Employee Reviews: Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Brian Verhey to give Brian Zeeck and Doug Bumann a 4% raise for the new year of 2021 and give Brenda Klug a 5% raise for the new year of 2021 and. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Kristen Longville, seconded by Brian Verhey to give Merrill Zeeck and Jeremy Woodcook each \$50 chamber bucks for their help throughout the year. All in favor, motion carried.

Employee/Council Concerns: Brian Verhey stated that Aron Bickett got the siren rewired and working great, discussed where it will go when the tower gets replaced. Discussed setting the last meeting of the year on

December 28th @ 6pm, to wrap up the year's bills.

Kristen Longville inquired about getting Facebook lives going again, helps include the community. Discussed possibly getting microphones or equipment to help with the process, getting a tech professional to come in and get it setup.

Brian Verhey inquired about getting rid of the can drop off, no groups want to take it in for profit.

Donna Bumann inquired if the city would contribute funds for a housing study, getting a housing study would attract developers and also opens doors for financing. Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Kristen Longville to contribute \$1,250 in 2021 to the development board for a housing study. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussed new businesses coming to the area that could have a positive impact on the community, several jobs and housing needs in the future.

Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Kristen Longville to go into executive session at 10:06 pm for personnel. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 10:10 pm.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer
Andy Wienk, Mayor

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MINUTES FOR TOWN OF ERWIN

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

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

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

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$222.33, KRWS \$33.00, Rich Close (pump sewer lift) \$175.00, Allen Wilde Construction (gravel) \$808.00, Dakota Pump (inspect lift station) \$183.76, American Trust Insurance (City ins.) \$500.00, SD Municipal League (dues) \$83.63, Kingsbury Journal \$38.12

and \$33.20, payroll \$466.36. Transfer \$2022.26 from sewer account to general Account for 2020 expenses. Popkes made a motion to pay and Penn 2nd.

Popkes moved to accept the variance from Dennis and Lisa Kuhl. Penn 2nd.

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

The next regular meeting will be held Monday January 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Legion Hall.

Myrna Knadle, Finance Officer

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF KINGSBURY THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ESTATE OF TIMOTHY A. STEVENS 38PRO. 20-18 DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

Notice is given that on December 9, 2020, in the Circuit Court of Kingsbury County, South Dakota, Ashley Janssen, whose address is 101 Roberts Avenue, Volga, SD 57071, was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of the above named decedent. 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.

Notice is further given to all unknown heirs, devisees, and Personal Representative named in any Will that is being, or has been, probated, or offered for informal or formal probate in the county, any Personal Representative of the above named decedent whose appointment has not been terminated, and all persons who have any interest in any matter being litigated who are either unknown or whose addresses are unknown that on December 9, 2020, in the Circuit Court of Kingsbury County, South Dakota, Ashley Janssen, whose address is 101 Roberts Avenue, Volga, SD 57071, was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of the above named decedent.

Dated: December 9, 2020.

Ashley Janssen

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF KINGSBURY THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ESTATE OF DONALD H. WALRAVEN, 38PRO20-000017 DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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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KINGSBURY KNIGHTS

Knights open season 2-1 at home quadrangular

BY FRANK CRISLER
Arlington Sun

The Kingsbury County Knights went 2-1 at a quadrangular in De Smet Dec. 17, shutting out Hamlin/Castlewood 66-0 and beating the Watertown JV 46-27, but losing to the Canton JV 48-30.

**Kingsbury 66
Hamlin/Cast. 0**

There were only three matches in the opener for Kingsbury and Hamlin/Castlewood, with the Knights winning all three by pin.

Ethan Johnson pinned H/C seventh-grader Tate Everson in 4:30 at 126; Matthew Steffensen pinned sophomore Kaden St. Pierre in 3:09 at 152; and Kain Gilligan at 220 pinned junior Michael Stevenson in 3:07.

Both teams were open at 160 and 285, resulting in a final score of 66-0.

**Kingsbury 30
Canton JV 48**

The Canton C-Hawks' JV went 3-0 at De Smet on Thursday, including a 48-30 win over the Kingsbury Knights.

The Knights started well, with De Smet eighth-grader Gannon Gilligan pinning Canton eighth-grader Zach Bartels in 46 seconds; DS eighth-grader Kaleb Johnson winning by forfeit at 113 and Arlington freshman Caden Murphy pinning Canton eighth-grader Lane Halverson in 5:07 at 120.

But the C-Hawks turned the tables, tying at 18 with seventh-grader Aiden Kranz pinning Ethan Johnson in 1:10 at 126; seventh-grader Aiden Kranz pinning Dylan Zell in 26 seconds at 132, and freshman Ashton Keller pinning Lane Holland in 4:23 at 138.

De Smet senior Alec Dobson got the Knights back on the board by pinning sophomore Darin Swier in 1:27 at 145, and Arlington senior Matthew Steffensen made it 30-18 by pinning freshman John Halverson in 5:09 at 152.

But that was to be Kingsbury's last win.

Canton junior Luke Richardson won by forfeit at 160; senior Jaden Dominisse pinned Griffin Clubb in 37 seconds at 170 to tie it up at 30, then sophomore Beau Williams won a 4-2 minor over Nate Kersting at 182 to take a 33-30 lead.



Griffin Clubb at Howard in his third-place win over Parker's Logan Bridges. (Submitted photos)

Kingsbury was open at 195 and 285, and Canton junior Isaac Suter won a 4-0 minor over Kain Gilligan at 220, making the final score 48-30.

**Kingsbury 46
Watertown JV 27**

The Knights finished Thursday's quad with a 46-27 win over the Watertown Arrows' JV.

The match started with Watertown taking an early lead. Gilligan got the Knights started by pinning eighth-grader Leo Stroup in 35 seconds at 106, but Watertown eighth-grader Nathan Briggs pinned Kaleb Johnson in 2:53 at 112; seventh-grader Markus Pitkin pinned Caden Murphy in 2:32 at 120 and freshman Tucker Urdahl pinned Ethan Johnson in 3:38.

That put the Arrows up 18-6, but Kingsbury tied it up with a forfeit at 132 for Lane Holland, and a 14-second pin by Dylan Zell of junior Aden Roth at 138.

Alec Dobson gave the Knights a 22-18 lead with a 9-1 major over sophomore Jackson Maag at 145, but that



Kain Gilligan with a pin over Hamlin's Michael Stevenson, Dec. 10 in De Smet. (Submitted photos)

was cut to 22-21 after sophomore Jax Kettweig took a 6-3 minor over Matthew Steffensen at 152.

Both teams were open at 160, then at 170, Griffin Clubb pinned freshman Andrew Stricker in 59 seconds to push Kingsbury's lead to 28-21. It was 34-21 after a forfeit at 182 to Cael

Schoenfelder, and Nate Kersting made it 40-21 after moving up to 195 and pinning freshman Blake Wientjes in 40 seconds.

Kain Gilligan pinned freshman Landon Peery in 59 seconds at 220, and Kingsbury was open at 285 to make the final score 46-27.



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DEC. 18: The Divers play the Elkton-Lake Benton Elks at home. Parent's Night, Music Booster Bingo and Comp. Cheer fundraiser meal will also be held.

DEC. 21: Lady Divers vs. Estelline-Hendricks at Estelline.

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Basketball

DEC. 17: Lady Bulldogs play the Estelline Lady Redhawks at Estelline.

DEC. 19: The Lady Bulldogs compete in the Entringer Classic at Brookings.

DEC. 21: The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs play a double-header at home against the Dell Rapids St. Mary Cardinals and Lady Cardinals.

DEC. 22: The De Smet Bulldogs play the Estelline Redhawks at Estelline.

LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL

Lady Bulldogs start the season with a win

BY VICKY DYLLA
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet Lady Bulldogs took the court Friday night to start their season with a win over the Deubrook Dolphins 49-46. The Dolphins came out with a quick press the first half, and the Lady Bulldogs struggled handling the ball. The Dolphins started to foul, which put the Lady Bulldogs on the line to bring the game closer.

Kennadi Buchholz received her 3rd foul with a little over three minutes left in the 2nd quarter, which pulled her out for the rest of the first half. Coach Pitts headed to the locker room with the Lady Bulldogs trailing 34-23 at halftime.

At the start of the second half, the Lady Bulldogs came out strong with a couple good plays resulting in points on the scoreboard. They started slowing down, taking the care of the ball and stepping up their defense. Albrecht had to sit in the middle of the 3rd quarter after getting her 3rd foul, and Buchholz, with her 4th foul with 3:40 left, also took the bench. The score was Deubrook 36 and De Smet 33, which remained the same until the end of the third quarter.

Coach Pitts put his five starters back on the court for the start of the 4th quarter. The Lady Bulldogs worked hard on defense and kept



Lady Bulldog center Kennadi Buchholz works her way around a Deubrook Lady Dolphin in the Dec. 11 season-opener at De Smet. (Photo by Donna Palmund)

working the ball around to get good shots, which brought the score within one to two points most of the fourth. The Dolphins fouled Buchholz on a shot down low, putting her

on the line to tie the game at 45-45. The Dolphins came down the court and were unsuccessful at a basket.

With 19.1 seconds left, the Lady Bulldogs inbounded to Buchholz;

she connected with Zell and then to Birkel for two, putting the Lady Bulldogs up 47-45. The Dolphins were quick to get the ball in and down the court and drew a foul. Holmlund went 1 for 2 on the line bringing the score to 47-46 with 2.6 seconds on the clock.

The Lady Bulldogs quickly got it in to Buchholz, and the Dolphins immediately fouled her. Buchholz went to the line and sank both free throws, putting the Lady Bulldogs up 49-46 with less than a second left. The Dolphins passed it in and were unable to succeed with any attempt at the basket.

The Dolphins were led by Baylee Holmlund with 12 and Carley Landmark with 8. The Lady Bulldogs scorers included Kennadi Buchholz with 16 points, Emma Albrecht 9 points, Mackenzie Zell 7 points and Cori Birkel 7 points. Also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Camryn Schmidt 4 points, Jacie McCune 4 points, Ella Poppinga 1 point and Alyssa Asleson 1 point.

The Lady Bulldogs JV lost 20-48. The Lady Bulldogs were back on the court Mon., Dec. 14 at home against Wolsey-Wessington. They will then be on the road, playing on Thurs., Dec. 17 in Estelline and Sat., Dec. 19 against Deubrook in White for the Entringer Classic.

De Smet	14	23	33	49
Deubrook	19	34	36	46

WRESTLING: Ken Ruml Invitational

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Once again, the schedule was a challenge, pairing the Knight with sixth-ranked McCook Central/Montrose freshman Kade Grocott. Clubb made it to the second period, but was pinned in 2:54, with Grocott going on to win the title.

In the consolation bracket, Clubb opened with a bye, then pinned Parkston sophomore Bryce Neugebauer in 31 seconds to advance to the third-place match.

Clubb won third by pinning Parker sophomore Logan Bridges in 3:19.

Nate Kersting, an Arlington junior 11th-ranked at 182, opened with a tight 9-7 minor over Deuel sophomore Dominic Constant.

But the Knight couldn't get past 10th-ranked Wagner junior Nolan Dvorak in the semis, pinned in 4:26. That dumped Kersting into the consolations, where he responded with a 10-4 minor over Parkston senior Logan Heidinger.

Kersting took third at 182 by winning another close one, taking a 6-5 minor over Tri-Valley freshman Isaac Nehlich. He earned 10 team points for the Knights.

Kain Gilligan came in 11th-ranked in the state at 220, but opened against eighth-ranked Flandreau junior Chase Reed, who came away with a 4-1 minor decision, before going on to place second.

The De Smet senior faced Howard sophomore Kaden Hofer in the consolations and advanced with a pin in 1:25. Gilligan next faced 12th-ranked Isaak Pulse, a McCook Central/Montrose sophomore, and again won by pin, in 2:35.

That put the Knight into the third-

place match against ninth-ranked MV/P/C-S junior Cole Pranger. The match went the distance, but Pranger was the winner, on a 3-1 minor.

Gilligan earned 10 team points and placed fourth.

Gannon Gilligan, an eighth-grader from De Smet, came in ranked 12th in the state at 106.

He faced 11th-ranked Flandreau freshman Brayden Wiese in the opener, who took a 9-4 minor decision. That put Gilligan into the consolation bracket.

The young Knight stayed alive with a 3-0 minor over Deuel freshman Jason Quail then advanced again by pinning Parker eighth-grader Alex Kuchta in 3:50.

But Gilligan was stopped just short of placing, pinned in 1:42 by seventh-ranked MC/M eighth-grader Trystan Traupel, who went on to place third. Gilligan earned three team points for the Knights.

Ethan Johnson also earned three team points at 126. He was pinned in 1:22 by eighth-ranked Howard sophomore Karsten Hamilton in his opener, who went on to place second.

Johnson advanced on a forfeit, before being pinned in 3:26 by M/V/P/C-S junior Austin Hauge, one win short of placing.

Finally, De Smet eighth-grader Kaleb Johnson went 0-2 at 113. He was pinned in 1:11 in his opener by sixth-ranked MC/M senior Dakota Buck, then pinned in 2:58 by Parker seventh-grader Riley Pankratz, who went on to finish fourth to Buck's third.

The Knights finished with 73 team points, near the middle of the 12 teams competing. Howard won the meet with 157.5 points.



Watch De Smet games at the Event Center

The De Smet Event & Wellness Center is streaming all home games and they will now stream the away games as long as where they're playing has a link available to watch. There is plenty of room for social distancing and to chat with other locals while watching the Bulldogs play! (Photo by Kristy Hubbard)

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ON THE HUNT



Great shot!

Garrett Smith (son of Justin & Traci Smith) shot his first deer last week. The warmer than normal temperatures have made outdoor activities much more enjoyable. Get out before it turns cold!

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

DIVER BASKETBALL

Tough loss for the Divers

BY DONNA BUMANN
Kingsbury Journal

The Lake Preston Divers opened the boys basketball season on Friday night in Ramona against the Raiders. The game was much closer than the score of 51-71 would lead one to believe. The Raiders are a physical team and saw multiple players in foul trouble in the first half. Their full court press proved to be problematic for the Divers and led to numerous turnovers. The Divers were able to make a run in the 4th quarter and brought the team within striking distance before a scoring run by the Raiders again opened it up. As of writing this story, statistics were not available. The JV won their game against the Raiders with a score of 30-18.

BULLDOG BASKETBALL

Top rated Bulldogs win opener

BY BERNIE STOEL
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet Bulldog boys basketball team opened the 2020-21 season Dec. 11 with a 63-24 victory over the Deubrook Dolphins.

Both teams came out having trouble scoring. Midway through the first quarter, senior Ethan McCune hit a pair of three pointers from the corner that got things going offensively. But De Smet's swarming man to man defense frustrated Deubrook, and they could not score as the Bulldogs led 16-0 after the first quarter.

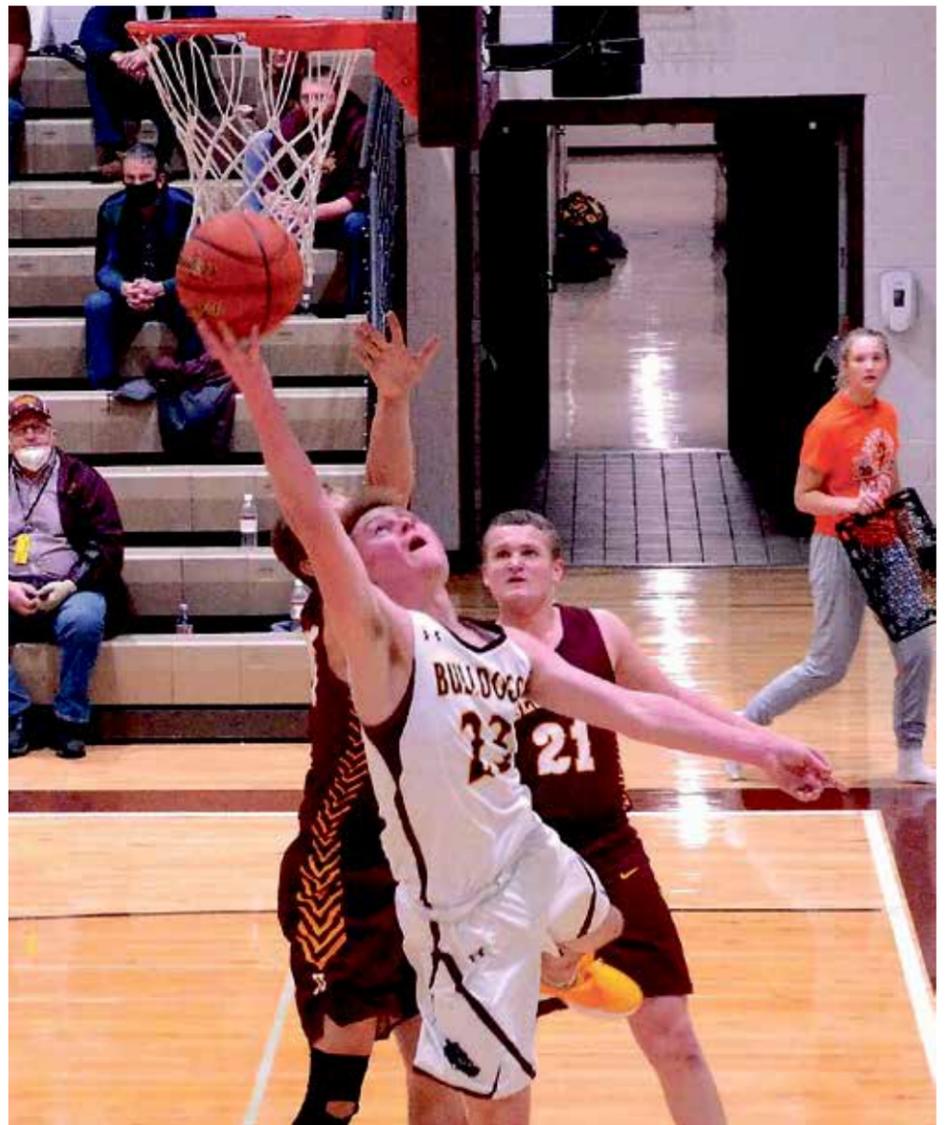
The remainder of the game was more of the same as De Smet's defense held Deubrook to 20 percent shooting from the floor.

Offensively-balanced scoring led by Kalen Garry's sixteen points propelled the Bulldogs' win. He was followed by McCune with fourteen, Cody Cavanaugh with eleven, while Rett Osthus added nine points.

"Our team defense looked good and forced Deubrook into making bad decisions and taking off-balance shots," said De Smet's coach Jeff Gruenhagen. "We need work on clearing the boards. A good opening game, and I saw a lot of good things from our reserves."

Gruenhagen also credited Cody Cavanaugh for playing the way a senior should play every night. "Outstanding hustle, baseline to baseline."

De Smet's B Team also won 41-24, with Kady Fast leading the Bulldogs with 14 points.



De Smet Bulldog senior guard Cody Cavanaugh goes up for a basket Dec. 11 against the Deubrook Dolphins. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

KINGSBURY KNIGHTS

Wrestlers hit the mat as season begins

BY FRANK CRISLER
Arlington Sun

The Kingsbury County Knights opened the 2020-21 wrestling season by going 2-1 in a quadrangular in De Smet on Dec. 10, then placing seventh as a team at the Ken Ruml Invitational in Howard on Dec. 12

The Knights will be back in action Saturday, wrestling at the Madison Invitational, before taking a Christmas break until a Jan. 2 tourney in Salem.

KEN RUML INVITATIONAL

Kingsbury's Dylan Zell and Matthew Steffensen each placed second at Howard Dec.12, with Griffin Clubb and Nate Kersting placing third, and Kain Gilligan placing fourth.

Dylan Zell, sixth-ranked at 132, scored 18 of Kingsbury's 73 team points.

The sophomore from De Smet opened with a tough match against ninth-ranked Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney junior Griffin Tobin, but Zell came

away the winner, pinning Tobin in 3:48. (Tobin went on to place third.)

That put the Knight into the semifinals, where he faced Parker freshman Andrew Even and had little trouble pinning the Pheasant in 33 seconds.

His reward was a match against fourth-ranked Howard senior Riley Genzlinger. The match very nearly went the distance, before Genzlinger pinned Zell in 5:41.

Matthew Steffensen, who came in 10th-ranked in the state at 145, also opened with a tough one, winning a 4-3 minor decision over MV/P/C-S sophomore Drew Gerlach, who went on to place third.

The Arlington senior advanced to take on Flandreau junior Tanner Christensen in the semis, and advanced to the finals with a pin in 4:28.

There Steffensen faced Tri-Valley senior Porter Jensen, ninth-ranked to the Knight's 10th. The championship match was as close as that would indicate, tied in regulation before Jensen won 13-11 in overtime.



Dylan Zell competes Dec. 12 in the match at Howard. (Submitted photo)

Steffensen earned 16 team points. Griffin Clubb, a De Smet sophomore, placed third at 170 and earned 13 team points.