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## COUNTY COMMISSION

# County plans bridge and road improvements

Outgoing commissioner Shelley Nelson thanked for her service

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

At Tuesday's Kingsbury County Commission meeting, County Highway Superintendent Dave Sorenson updated commissioners on current projects. Sorenson is working to secure grants that

will hopefully help pay to replace bridges, including one near Lake Albert and one north of Manchester. They will possibly be replaced with box culverts. Commissioner Joe Jensen commented that box culverts would be the best solution as the older plank bridges can't handle big modern farm equipment. Jensen asked Sorenson if there will be less heaving in the roads next spring because we haven't had as much moisture. Sorenson replied that there still is moisture, it's just down deeper and noted that a lot will depend on how cold it

gets. He added that it takes three years after major flooding (which the area had last year) to really get things dried out.

Chris Brozik, vice-president of Civil Design, an engineering firm in Brookings, works with Sorenson and the county on a regular basis. He attended the meeting and gave a presentation to update the commissioners on what goes on in the course of regular bridge inspections. The county is responsible for 30 bridges that meet National Bridge Inspection Standards to be

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## Out with the old

Workers with Bob Bode Construction are in the process of tearing down the 30,000 square-foot building that once housed the Kingsbury Memorial Manor in Lake Preston. The manor opened on Sept. 20, 1959, as a senior-living facility and at one time also housed the Lake Preston Hospital and a community daycare. The facility closed many years ago. At a June 2018 meeting, about 80 Lake Preston community members began discussing plans with city council, the development board and representatives of Mills Construction of Brookings to repurpose the building. Several ideas were considered to occupy the space, including apartments, motel rooms, a clinic, offices and more. Plans were scrapped when it was determined that any major renovation project was going to cost the city more than taxpayers could afford. Once the property is cleared, there are plans to build houses on the land. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

# Lumps of coal for scammers this year

Beware of providing personal info to callers

BY CARYN HOJER  
Kingsbury Journal

This Christmas, we all need to keep scammers off our gift list. All year long, we need to keep scammers off of our gift list. The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Office is warning residents to use caution when providing their personal and financial information to anyone as well as not allowing themselves to believe scare tactics used by scammers.

Recently, Sheriff Steve Strande and his

office have received several reports of attempted and successful scams. He wants everyone to keep from becoming a victim.

The Sheriff's Office has been advised of residents receiving phone calls from people identifying themselves as utility companies, collection agencies and many other variations of organizations and businesses claiming they are owed money. The scammers use tactics to intimidate the people they are calling and are so persuasive and persistent in these tactics that the person receiving the call feels it necessary to comply with the request. Most times they try to prevent the person being called from ending the call.

## WATCH OUT FOR DIRTY TRICKS

In one instance recently in Kingsbury County, scammers advised an individual that they were calling from Otter Tail Power Company, needing to collect a debt. They told the individual to obtain gift cards in a substantial amount and provide gift card numbers to them as payment for balance owed. Unfortunately, this individual did have a small amount owed, making it much easier to fall victim. It is vital that everyone remembers that no business, company or bill collector is going to request nor accept gift cards as payment for a bill or debt. If you are

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# Jet fuel maker options site near Lake Preston

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Gevo, Inc., announced on Dec. 21 that it has optioned the right to purchase approximately 239 acres of land near Lake Preston, S.D., and has met the initial milestone to secure control of a site by the end of this year that meets the conditions required by the contract that Trafigura Trading LLC (“Trafigura”) and Gevo executed in August 2020. The production facility planned for Lake Preston is contemplated to produce about 45,000,000 million gallons per year collectively of jet fuel and renewable gasoline products. Gevo intends to make a decision on whether to purchase the Lake Preston site in the future as part of the Citigroup led project financing.

“We like the scale of plant that could be built at the Lake Preston site; it has the potential to produce large amounts of our products. It also has room to expand further or add other businesses,” said Patrick R. Gruber, Gevo’s Chief Executive Officer.

### ABOUT GEVO

Gevo is commercializing the next generation of renewable premium

gasoline, jet fuel and diesel fuel with the potential to achieve zero carbon emissions, addressing the market need of reducing greenhouse gas emissions with sustainable alternatives. Gevo uses low-carbon renewable resource-based carbohydrates as raw materials, and is in an advanced state of developing renewable electricity and renewable natural gas for use in production processes, resulting in low-carbon fuels with substantially reduced carbon intensity (the level of greenhouse gas emissions compared to standard petroleum fossil-based fuels across their lifecycle). According to Gevo, their products perform as well or better than traditional fossil-based fuels in infrastructure and engines, but with substantially reduced greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to addressing the problems of fuels, Gevo’s technology also enables certain plastics, such as polyester, to be made with more sustainable ingredients. Gevo’s ability to penetrate the growing low-carbon fuels market depends on the price of oil and the value of abating carbon emissions that would otherwise increase greenhouse gas emissions.

## SCAMMERS: What to do and not to do

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contacted by someone alleging to be collecting a debt for a company you have an account with, hang up and obtain the phone number from your bill and contact the business directly to find out if the call is legitimate. Don’t take a phone number from the caller. Most certainly, do not give out any financial or personal information.

Sheriff Strande advised another scam that has been making the rounds for some time is the call, text or email from the IRS claiming you owe taxes, and the IRS is going to file paperwork at the courthouse. The scammers will go so far as to say they are going to freeze assets, put a lien on your property and/or seize your property. The IRS or any state department is not going to call, text or email anyone in an attempt to notify of taxes owed. Never provide debit or credit card information through email or text and never give this information to someone over the phone who you cannot verify is the entity you need to be contacting.

Recently, a man in the Sioux Falls area was scammed out of over \$500,000 when scammers were persistent in their tactics claiming a vehicle he had sold was found to have drugs in it. They told him he needed to pay to have it cleaned up or was going to face charges. It’s easy to say that shouldn’t have happened, but these scammers are clever and intimidating. It’s much easier to fall victim than one might think.

Scammers use all kinds of technology to make the calls seem legitimate to convince people to comply with their requests. Through technology, they are able to make

the phone call appear as though it is from a local number or one from within the state. Some people have received calls that appear to be coming from their own number.

We’ve all heard of the scam in which a caller pretends to be a grandchild or family member in need of urgent help. If you receive a phone call like this, hang up and call that family member or another family member to verify if it is actually your loved one who called you.

The Sheriff reminds everyone to use caution when shopping online. Be aware of fraudulent websites and know how to find out if a site is legitimate. Everyone needs to exercise caution online.

There are far too many variations of scams to list here. We have all been warned many times. We aren’t even able to call this the “Twelve Scams of Christmas” because there are hundreds of scams, and they are attempted all year long.

One individual said he placed a big note by his mother’s phone saying, “You don’t owe anyone any money. All of your bills are paid. Your grandchildren are fine – if they aren’t, they are resourceful. You donate to charities you know you can trust.”

“If a caller is persistent with you, and you question the validity of the call, advise them you will meet them at the Sheriff’s Office so you can discuss the matter further,” said Sheriff Strande. He also stated, “If you question a call received, contact our office, so we can help you keep from becoming a victim.”

For further information on how to avoid being scammed, visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>.



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# COMMISSION: Road upgrades for proposed dairy discussed

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considered NBIS structures. As a general rule, these bridges are each inspected every other year, which means they do 15 one year and the other 15 the next. Some of them may be inspected more frequently if there are issues with them. There was discussion that the Lake Whitewood Bridge south of Lake Preston was closed for as long as it was because the water was too high for it to be inspected. That road was able to be re-opened last November, and, more recently, they were able to increase load limits to 75 percent of what would normally be a legal limit. Brozik said that he had advised Sorenson to keep it closed last year because of the high water and because, until he could physically inspect it, there was concern that it could have some ice damage. He said that last August, the water had gone down enough that he was able to put on a pair of swim trunks and get into the water to inspect the bridge. The bridge was opened to limited traffic in late summer.

Brozik explained that he goes through each structure inspection with Sorenson, and they document location, condition, what has already been done and what may need to be done. This information is needed when applying for a bridge improvement grant. A new box culvert near Lake Albert, for instance, would cost more

than \$400,000, and with an 80/20 grant, the county's share would be \$82,759.

Ty Eschenbaum is a partner with A-1 Development Solutions. Eschenbaum is working with the owners of the proposed Vander Dussen Dairy in Spring Lake Township. He spoke to commissioners about proceeding with the project, which would require major road upgrades in the area that the dairy would be willing to pay for. Eschenbaum attended the meeting via Zoom and asked that if there were some state grant money available for this project through the Department of Transportation, would the county share some of those dollars with Vander Dussens. He said they are open to all options, and that whatever does not come through in the way of grant funds, they can put that cost on to the dairy. He added that they would like the county's blessing to move forward, but just wanted to know when Brozik submits the proposal, what part of the cost is their invoice. Jensen said they would be discussing legalities with their lawyer, and that he would like to keep the project going.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONERS:

- Held executive sessions, one with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation, and another to discuss personnel.

- Approved a county inmate housing contract with Lake County.
- Discussed updates to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. County Auditor Jennifer Barnard showed commissioners a spreadsheet outlining claims that have been made and paid. There was discussion of employees being reimbursed for COVID-related expenses.
- Decided to hold a meeting with Spring Lake Township regarding billing for the "Big Ditch."
- Approved county employee salaries for 2021.

## COUNTY THANKS NELSON, WELCOMES KAZMERZAK

Commissioners and several county employees came into the courtroom to thank outgoing commissioner Shelley Nelson for her years of service in District 2 and to welcome Doug Kazmerzak to the seat. District 2 is the Lake Preston area and includes Hartland and Baker Townships. Kazmerzak took out a petition as an Independent, and since no Democrats or Republicans ran in primaries, he was appointed to the commission. Nelson's last day on the commission ends at midnight Jan. 4, 2021. Kazmerzak will begin his 4-year term on Jan. 5, 2021.

The end of year meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in the courtroom.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Feeding South Dakota

Due to inclement weather, Feeding South Dakota will be coming on Dec. 31st instead of Dec. 23.

### End of year at the courthouse

The Kingsbury County Courthouse will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday. The Kingsbury County Commissioners will hold a special end-of-year meeting at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in the courtroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. The Kingsbury County Treasurer and Register of Deeds offices will close at noon on Dec. 31 to conduct year end business, and the courthouse will be closed on New Year's Day.

### Christmas gift idea

If you are still searching for that perfect Christmas gift, De Smet native DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruemple, whose "Nooks and Crannies" column appears in this newspaper, has recently released the fifth book in her "Promises to Keep" series.

The first book in the series, "Promises to Keep," introduces the Andersson family as they begin their dream of farming on the Iowa prairie in 1938. The family faces many challenges, with subsequent books, "Promises Challenged," "Promises Strengthened," "Promises in Courage," and now the most recent book, "Promises Under Fire," following them and their neighbors through all kinds of hardships and adventure, including life in a small Iowa community during World War II.

The books can be purchased as paperbacks or ebooks on Amazon.com.

### The Kingsbury County Register of Deeds' Office and Treasurer's Office

will close at 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 31, 2020 to conduct year-end business. The Register of Deeds' Office will accept new documents for recording until 10:00 am on the 31st. Thank you!

### My family would like to thank

everyone for the cards, calls, messages and memorial donations since the loss of my sister. The many kindnesses shown were so greatly appreciated and have helped us through a difficult time. Thank you to all of my co-workers at the Courthouse, Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office for all of their support as well as the memorial money donated to the Senior Meals Program. A special thank you to Randy and Lindy Holland for their generous donations to De Smet Rescue and De Smet Fire. Thank you again!

*Caryn Hojer  
Ashley, Mike & Landen Warner  
Mark Hojer  
Mikenna Hojer  
Matthew Hojer*

I'd like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, emails and well wishes sent to me on my retirement. I'm going to miss the producers in Kingsbury County. They are the best.  
**Shelly Stout**



Residents made old fashioned decorations this year for the Christmas tree at De Smet Good Samaritan Society. (Submitted photo)

# Christmas traditions go on

Things look a little different this holiday season at De Smet Good Samaritan Society. Because of the pandemic, residents were not able to have their usual gingerbread house day with local fifth-graders, but they made a gingerbread train and village on their own as an afternoon activity. It was reported to have been a "glorious mess!"

Residents decided to string popcorn and cranberries for their Christmas tree. They also cut out paper stars and added candy canes, making the tree reminiscent of a cut on old-fashioned Christmas tree.

Other crafts include individual trees hung near each resident's door.

Sugar cookies were baked and decorated as a winter afternoon project and later eaten with cocoa.

Residents have been singing carols, popcorn socials continue on Friday afternoons and Bingo is still the most popular small group activity.

Residents and staff also have been reminiscing about Christmases past, with stories of Christmas magic thrown in for those unable to read on their own. Spending time near the fireplace is popular these days.

Good Sam still plans to have an in-house Christmas/birthday party and host a Christmas Eve Service for residents on Dec. 24. The final party of 2020 will be a New Year's Eve celebration supper on Dec. 31.

*This is a condensed version from the December, 2020 issue of the Good Samaritan Society newsletter*

## 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.

**LANE HOLLAND** of De Smet, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**CHRISTOPHER WETZEL** of Madison, 60 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**JENSEN TSCHETTER** of White Bear Lake, Minn., 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**JAMES COLBY** of Brandon, prohibited method of taking furbearer, fined \$157.50.

**JASON HESSE** of Bryant, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**TURNER VANDYKE** of Elkton, 41 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$137.50.

**MOHANAD DAWADA** of Oakdale, Minn., 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**GREGORY CHATHAM** of White, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**LESLIE PALMLUND** of De Smet, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**CODY KOOL** of Brookings, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**ALDEN BOYD** of Lake Preston, plead guilty to DUI 1st Offense. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, pay \$782.00 in fines and costs and license revoked

for 30 days. The 30 days in jail is suspended on the following conditions: be a law-abiding citizen for one year, pay fines and costs as ordered, pay restitution in the amount of \$4543.71 and complete an alcohol evaluation and successfully complete any recommended and approved treatment at the direction of his Court Service Officer.

## SHERIFF REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports one accident.

**DEC. 16 - VICKIE NELSON** of Badger was traveling south on 450th Avenue south of 203rd Street when a deer ran into the roadway. Nelson was unable to avoid hitting the deer. The 2020 Ford Edge she was driving suffered \$3800.00 in damages.

# Voices

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



### Rolling right into Christmas

A Christmas sweater party was held at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center last Friday night, where a whole group of youth dressed up in their holiday wear. Winning in the boys category was Miles Albrecht, and Haley Lee won in the girls category. (Photo by Kristy Hubbard)

### Last week's weather

**Monday, December 14, 2020**  
High 24, Low 12

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**  
High 30, Low 16

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**  
High 32, Low 17

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**  
High 40, Low 12

**Friday, December 18, 2020**  
High 38, Low 18

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**  
High 36, Low 4

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**  
High 41, Low 17

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# Don't take the Christmas tree's promise for granted

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME of the year. As I write this, it's the last day of Hanukkah, Christmas is right around the corner, and the New Year comes shortly thereafter. I know my family is excited to celebrate Christmas and spend some time together.

Across South Dakota and around the world, families are celebrating beautiful traditions to ring in the holiday season. As we celebrate these traditions, it's important for us to take a step back and remember why we practice them in the first place.

Christmas trees are one of my favorite holiday celebrations. Every year in millions of homes across the country and around the world, we decorate evergreen trees to celebrate Christmas. It's easy to take for-granted that this is just something that we do, but there's a purpose for this tradition.

Christmas trees are a symbol of



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

KRISTI NOEM

rebirth and renewal. Every winter, the cold comes, the snow falls, and the sun shows its face less and less. But these beautiful Christmas trees stand tall, beautiful, and green, promising us that spring is not far off. The weather will warm; the green will return to our landscape; our future is bright.

Just like Christmas itself, these trees remind us that life and beauty are still present even during the coldest and darkest times. I'm reminded of A Charlie Brown Christmas, when Charlie Brown famously asks, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" His best friend Linus reminds him of Jesus' birth. And then the kids decorate a tiny little Christmas tree, and they manage to make it so beautiful.

Linus' reminder to Charlie Brown is perhaps the most beautiful symbol of rebirth and renewal for our world. Christmas reminds us that Jesus came to a world that was cold and dark. A little baby was born to save us all, and his birth brought the promise of everything that he would do for us.

That's an important reminder in every season of life. But it rings especially true this year. We've faced new, unique challenges this year in

South Dakota and around the world, and COVID-19 has been the toughest. People have lost their livelihoods. Many folks, especially in the vulnerable population, have had to drastically change their day-to-day lives. And – most heartbreaking of all – so many families have lost loved-ones.

But even during difficult times like this – especially during difficult times – we must remember that we will get through this together. No matter how cold and dark the season, we can look at the green branches of the Christmas tree and remember that spring is on its way.

I hope that you and yours have a truly Merry Christmas. If you're celebrating another holiday, then happy holidays to you as well. Let's remember the Christmas tree's promise of rebirth and renewal. I'm so excited for what the future has in store for all of us.

## 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 10:30 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.

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### Iroquois

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**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.

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### Oldham

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## The Star of Bethlehem

Steve Strande took a picture of the Star of Bethlehem shining brightly over the Lake Preston Lutheran Church. The 'Christmas Star,' as it is also sometimes called, is actually formed by Jupiter and Saturn aligning in the night sky. The conjunction of the two planets occurs roughly once every 20 years, but the night of Dec. 21, 2020, was the closest they have appeared in almost 400 years. (Photo by Steve Strande)

# Obituary

## WILLIS JOHN NELSON, JR.

Willis John Nelson, Jr. was born March 12, 1939, to Willis John Nelson, Sr. and Helen Erica (Wegnar) Nelson in Litchfield, Minn. He was the third of six children. Willis graduated from Crookston High School and furthered his education at Moorhead University with a degree in Liberal Arts.

In 1961, Willis joined the Military Service. He completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and was stationed at Ft. Snelling, Minn. He trained for the Military Police and escorted wartime prisoners, by train, to Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Dad had a love for dogs and would pet the German shepherd guard dogs every chance he got. He completed his two years of full-time service, then his four years of inactive duty. He left the army as Sergeant First Class, with a Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge (Rifle) and Marksman Badge (Carbine).

Willis and wife Bonnie moved to New Effington, S.D., in 1966, then Gary, S.D., in 1975, where he was principal and taught business classes in both schools. In 1976, a hardware store was purchased in South Shore, S.D., and operated until



1982. During this time Willis became the manager of the rural water systems in Milbank, Arlington, Aberdeen and Gettysburg (Eagle Butte), where he retired at the age of 65.

Willis was a lover of the outdoors; camping, fishing and especially hunting pheasants and deer, which he shared with his

kids. In the early 1980's, Willis and Steve headed out west to hunt in the Slim Buttes area. He made up an outfitters camp and hunted the area with rural water friends, his kids and grandsons until 2012. It eventually became known as Willie's World.

In Willis's spare time, he was cutting down trees, tearing down houses to sell the wood, tending gardens and raising pigs with his daughter, Rene'e. Willis was also a big dog lover. He raised German shepherd pups for a few years then moved on to yellow labs. He was always seen with his dogs, especially during pheasant season.

Grandpa Woody, Hunter couldn't pronounce Willie, and the name stuck, loved when the grandkids would visit. He would take them exploring along the banks of the Missouri River and go to museums where the boys learned what a rotary phone was! He would take them out for ice cream. They would play in the orchard, play checkers and learned to clean chickens. Cody and Hunter would go out shooting when they were younger, then fishing and hunting deer and turkey when they were older. Every year during hunting season, the boys were with him

at some point or another. He shared his love of nature with them, along with several valuable lessons.

In January of 2018, Willis moved into the Fergus Falls VA Home. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 7, 2020. Willis is survived by daughter Rene'e (Tim) Backman of Lake Preston, S.D. and son Steve Nelson of Elbow Lake, Minn.; grandkids Cody Backman of LaPorte, Colo., Hunter Backman of Fargo, N.D., Charles Backman of Watertown, S.D., Kayleen Huerta of Brookings, S.D., Eileen Backman of Fargo, N.D. and TJ (Kristen) Backman of Sisseton, S.D., along with several great-grandkids; sisters Gaylis Miho of New Brighton, Minn. and Nancy Bowker of Hickory, N.C.; brothers Eldon (Sandy) Nelson of Fridley, Minn. and Gary Nelson of Mariposa, Calif., along with several nieces and nephews.

Willis was preceded in death by his parents, Willis and Helen; and sister Robyn Santillanes.

Visitation will take place from 1-2 p.m. with a prayer service at 2:00 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 27, 2020, at the Glende-Nilson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls, Minn. N

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## Significance of Jesus's birth

### MEDITATIONS

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De Smet Community Church

**THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT** Christmas traditions that are observed this time of year. Many families share a large meal together. We look forward to having our entire family together, the turkey and all the fixings, lefse w/ brown sugar and Grandma's secret recipe for cranberry sauce!

One of my favorite Christmas traditions has been reading the Christmas story from Luke chapter two. In this story we learn that the earthly life of Jesus Christ had very humble beginnings. After a long journey, Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave birth to her first-born son. She then placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

God chose to reveal the birth to shepherds who were tending their flocks in the area. The most important birth in the history of the world was announced by an angel of the Lord with the glory of the Lord shining all around them. Notice that this birth announcement was not given to the most important men in that day. God did not choose to reveal the birth of His only Son to kings or princes or the religious leaders in the area. Instead, He chose shepherds, whose profession was considered in that day to be insignificant and lowly. The shepherds then went to see the child. When they returned, they glorified and praised God for the things He had revealed to them.

That is generally where we stop reading, but perhaps we should continue. This story tells us about the birth of Christ, and that this was important enough to warrant an angel of God. However, the story fails to tell us why this event is significant. We need to keep reading.

The Bible tells us that we, as human beings, are sinful by nature. Ever since Adam and Eve committed the first sin by eating the forbidden fruit in Genesis 3, human beings have been inherently sinful. Romans 3:10 tells us that "none is righteous, no, not one." Later in verse 23 the Apostle Paul says, "for all have sinned and

fall short of the glory of God." Paul goes on to tell his readers in Romans 6:23 that the wages of our sin is death. He's talking about more than simply physical death. Here Paul is referring to eternal separation from God the Father Almighty.

The Bible also tells us that there is nothing we can do on our own to be seen as righteous in the eyes of God. Galatians 2:16 says, "yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ..." There is no amount of good deeds that will pay the penalty of our sins and get us into heaven. We can give all of our money to the poor and walk a thousand little old ladies across the street, yet we would be no closer to heaven than when we first began.

This is where the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ comes in! Romans 5:8 says, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." 1 John 3:16 says, "by this we know love, that he laid down his life for us..." What these verses (and several more) are telling us is that when our all-powerful, supremely holy God looks at those who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, He no longer sees our sin! Instead, He sees the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to add the reading of the true Christmas story to your Christmas traditions if you have not already done so. And do not stop there! Keep reading so that you can learn just how much God loves you. He sent his one and only son to earth to die for the penalty of your sins so you do not have to.

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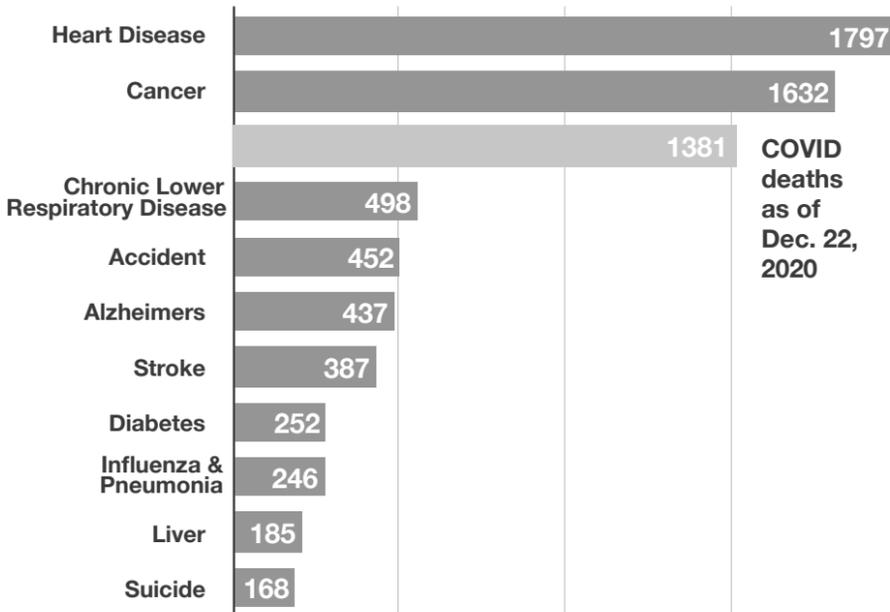


COVID-19

# Taking a closer look: Leading causes of death

Active cases in the area continue to decline from the peak experienced in November. South Dakota deaths from COVID now stand at 1,381. With one week remaining in 2020, that ranks the virus just behind heart disease and cancer when compared to 2018's full-year total.

## How are South Dakota's COVID-19 deaths comparing with past leading causes of death?



Non-COVID causes of death are from 2018, the most recent year for which reporting is available. Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Vital Statistics Reports, revised January 13, 2020.

## This week's COVID numbers around the region

COUNTY	ACTIVE CASES			EVER HOSPITALIZED			DEATHS		
	As of Dec. 23	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Dec. 23	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Dec. 23	Prior week	Prior two weeks
<b>Kingsbury</b> Population 5,148	41	50	82	24	21	20	13	13	12
<b>Clark</b> Population 3,691	19	41	69	24	24	23	2	1	1
<b>Hamlin</b> Population 5,903	44	68	125	28	27	25	32	28	19
<b>Miner</b> Population 2,389	18	22	35	12	9	7	6	6	5
<b>Brookings</b> Population 31,965	219	291	447	98	94	90	28	24	20
<b>Beadle</b> Population 17,398	92	189	417	79	75	73	34	32	32

SOURCE: S.D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UPDATED DEC. 23, 2020; POPULATION AS OF 2010 CENSUS

# The scene in the snow globe

**A THICK FLURRY OF FLAKES** churns and swirls wildly, creating a crystalline wall of white. Gradually, the whirling slows, and the gossamer flecks begin to drift and flutter gently, magically revealing a snow globe scene.



## NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

A little girl, hands clasped at her heart, gazes up at the tree in the corner of the small living room. She and her younger brother stand sheltered between Mom and Dad. Their eyes reflect the dazzling lights that flicker before them, melding the colors and textures into a beautiful Christmas memory. The idyllic image glows in my mind as I envision my sister's remembrances of an enchanting night long, long ago.

It was the girl's fourth Christmas. The warm scents of spruce and burning wax mingled together as the day's events flashed through her mind. As Dad headed out the door that morning, bundled in his winter coveralls and cap and overshoes, he had turned to Mom and said quietly, "We have to give them a Christmas."

Later Mom popped a huge bowl of popcorn. With Don in his high chair, tasting bits of the white fluff, Deloris and Mom used darning needles to string the popped kernels and bright red cranberries into a long rope. That afternoon Dad tugged a small tree in through the kitchen. Mom brought a coffee can filled with wet sand, and together they set the tree in its stand of bright wooden pine boards. "We can't let the tree dry out," Dad said as they worked. "There was another fire near Brookings. They lost..." He paused and glanced at the children as they looked up at him, waiting. Then he ruffled Don's blond hair and smiled wistfully. "Let's get this tree decorated!"

Dad held his small boy up close to the top and helped the pudgy little hands nestle the star into the branches. Mom had cut a star out of a box and covered it with precious tin foil. They wrapped the popcorn-cranberry garland all around the tree. Then the children helped drape "icicles" over the tips of the branches. Mom had saved the tinsel from last year, carefully laying each strand on a piece of cardboard, then wrapping all in newspaper.

When the silver strings covered the tree, Dad brought out the box of candles and burnished brass

candle holders. Mom smiled. "We used these on our Christmas trees when I was growing up." She carefully pushed a white candle into each holder, and Dad began clipping them onto branches.

Soon twenty-four small white pillars stood out against the dark green needles. Mom left for a few minutes and came back carrying two small packages wrapped in white tissue paper. She placed them under the tree.

The regal spruce stood solemnly, as though it knew how important it was on this special Christmas Day. "Are you ready?" Dad asked the girl and boy as he used a match to light a stubby red candle that was waxed unto a plate. "Mom and I will light the candles. Then we'll turn out the lantern. The candles can burn for just a little while." Two little heads looked up in wonder and solemnly nodded.

Again the snow globe picture glitters in my mind—the family standing before their tree, the light of the candles glowing in the darkness. Like icicles touched by first rays of sunlight, the tinsel shimmers in reply. They sing Silent Night.

With hands crossed over her heart, the little girl stared at the glorious sight. The reflection of the light glowed in her eyes, and those of her little brother, her mother and her father. A portrait is etched in their hearts as a precious memory that comes back to life as the story flows from the Nooks and Crannies of my sister's mind.

Those were simpler times. No electricity. No layers of gifts piled under the tree. But the joy and hope shone as brightly as the candles on that spruce so long ago, encircled in light and love, like a snow globe.

I wish you a snow globe Christmas.

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# Keeping it simple, and peanut brittle

**CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE**, and I've finally gotten a start on some of my candy making. I've decided to keep it simple this year. I still have cookies to make, so I don't want to start experimenting with any new candy recipes (no matter how delicious they look). Heaven knows even the simple recipes can cause troubles, so I'm sticking with my basics.



## HOME GROWN

**AMY HALVERSON**

The second batch was better, but the wax paper was stuck to the bottom. We peeled off as much as we could,

but unfortunately a few unlucky people found pieces with paper still stuck to the bottom.

Thankfully, this year I had better luck with my brittle. I skipped the wax paper all together, so I didn't have to worry about anyone having paper stuck in their teeth. I premeasured everything and was able to whip out two batches in no time.

This week I'm sharing my recipe for microwave peanut brittle. Besides the wax paper incident, this always turns out well for me and is really easy to make. Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

### Microwave Peanut Brittle

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 dash salt

- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Line a baking sheet with wax paper and spray with Pam. Combine sugar, salt and syrup in 3-quart microwave bowl. Stir in peanuts. Microwave on high until light brown (8-10 minutes) stirring at least two times. Remove from microwave and stir in remaining ingredients adding baking soda last. Stir quickly and pour onto wax paper. Spread thin. Allow to set until hardened, then break into pieces.

### Peanut brittle tips:

- **Grease baking sheet and spoon:** Instead of using wax paper, use a paper towel to generously grease bottom of baking sheet with butter and also butter bottom of large spoon to spread brittle.
- **Warm baking sheets:** Preheat oven to 175. Once preheated, add baking sheets, turn off oven and let baking sheets stay warm in oven while preparing brittle. Remove just before ready to pour peanut brittle, and it will spread much easier on a warm sheet.
- **Pre-measure ingredients:** Once peanut and sugar mixture is ready, everything else needs to be added immediately. It's much easier to have them measured and ready to dump in.
- **Store:** Peanut brittle should keep at room temperature for up to one month in an air tight container. It will last in the freezer for up to three months

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



### If you don't like the weather, wait a week.

**Above:** There may not have been snow on the ground yet, but this frosty scene in rural Kingsbury County last week shows winter's beauty. (Photo by Mary Lee)  
**Below:** Wait a few days, and here is De Smet's Main Street on Wednesday morning. Maybe we will have a white Christmas after all? (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



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# ‘All this for me?’

Learning a lesson in giving

BY JAMES JESSER  
Kingsbury Journal

When our children were small, money was often tight, but we had plenty. Plenty of love. Plenty to eat. They had plenty of imagination and plenty to play with; cardboard boxes, tables and blankets created new worlds to explore.

One Christmas, we decided to forego gifts for them and spend the money instead on shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. It would be a lesson in giving. We knew that with two sets of grandparents, they would still receive plenty.

Operation Christmas Child is an international relief organization. They provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities. The boxes are shipped to children who are affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease.

Right after Thanksgiving, we ventured to town with high spirits. They enjoyed shopping at Kmart and selecting toothbrushes and paste, wash cloths, soap, a rubber ball, coveted matchbox cars and a new doll for our unknown friends.

Afterward, we splurged and ate supper out. It was on a rare occasion that we felt we could afford a restaurant meal. That night we had the fried chicken baskets at Harold's. With our stomachs and hearts full, we drove around town looking at the lights.

Over the next week, the shoeboxes

were packed and repacked and readied for delivery. Each item was discussed and delighted over. Oh, were the children going to be surprised when they opened our boxes!

Our three children seemed content with the idea of not receiving presents from us. However, they received more than they gave.

Early in December, a neighbor dropped off a bag of sewing scraps. Inside was yards and yards of blue and brown striped knit fabric. Our children did need new pajamas, so my wife sewed them each a set of pajamas and hid them away for Christmas Eve.

Deep down in the bag was some small jingle bells and fur fabric. I found a pattern for stuffed kittens and sewed, by hand, a kitten for each of our children.

Aunt Ruby joined in the fun and knitted each one a pair of slippers.

Kelly, a co-worker, gave me three new tiger-shaped cups that she had received in the mail. We decided to add them to their gifts.

We wanted one more thing to add to their Christmas packages. McDonald's Happy Meal toys were coin banks that year, so we spent a total of \$3.75 and bought a bank for each of them.

We wrapped each item separately and then wrapped them in a box. On Christmas Eve we ate our traditional supper and snuggled together on the couch. Squeals of delight could be heard as they opened their boxes.

Our son sat quietly looking at his collection of plenty and said, "All this for me?"

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# It's not too late for these last-minute gift ideas

**BY JAMES JESSER**  
Kingsbury Journal

Can't get out to shop?  
Is your budget tight?

Do you feel isolated and lonely this Christmas?

Here is a list of gift suggestions for all ages. They do require thought and commitment. The person receiving

the gift will cherish it possibly far longer than a purchased gift.

• Write twelve letters to loved ones, one for each month telling your favorite memories of time spent, re-

membering times you have shared and thanking them for the life lessons they have taught you. Share your adventures, family history, thoughts on the ever-changing world, silly things you did as a child, your first crush, how you met your spouse or how you attained faithfulness.

- Give self-addressed envelopes to older loved ones, saving them time and energy.
- Give yourself the gift of gratitude. Send letters to people thanking them for what they mean to you. Service people, politicians, former teachers and mentors, family and friends will all appreciate knowing your thoughts.
- Give a book of certificates: "One night of free babysitting;" "One week of laundry;" "One week of lawn mowing;" "Snow shoveling;" "One week of dishwashing without grumbling."
- Give a soup or casserole of the month. Each month take a batch to someone. They will look forward to your visit and your cooking.
- Give that family heirloom now. What a joy it would be to receive that gift from the hands of the giver instead of after they are gone.
- Give a subscription to a favorite magazine or the Kingsbury Journal.
- Give a gift certificate from your local grocery store or mechanic.
- Copy your favorite recipes and share them. Has a recipe been passed down for a generation? Now is the time to pass it to the next generation.
- Do you have a reader on your gift list? Go through your library and gift them a book or two that you loved.
- Do they have a passion? Give to their favorite charity or foundation.
- Tools gathering dust? Just might make the perfect gift for someone.
- Special birthday or anniversary? Contact the wedding party or family and friends and ask them to send a letter of their memories of the day.
- Put together delicious mixes.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.

LUKE 1:31-32

May your holidays be filled with the joy and hope that come from faith in Christ Jesus.

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  - 1 teaspoon each cloves and cinnamon
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
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### Swiss Mocha

- 1/2 c instant coffee
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1 cup powdered milk
  - 2 tablespoons cocoa
- Mix well and store in airtight jars. Use 2 tablespoons for 4 ounces of hot water

### Granola

- 3/4 cup brown sugar
  - 1/3 cup vegetable oil
  - 1/3 cup honey
  - 5 cups oatmeal
  - 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- Mix oil, brown sugar, and honey in a saucepan. Heat until sugar is dissolved. Combine dry ingredients in a large cake pan. Pour sugar mixture over the dry mixture and mix well. Bake at 375 for 10 minutes. Store in an airtight container. Add nuts, wheat germ, coconut, or raisins after cooking.

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# Look for the light

DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU LIVE, it looks like we may not have a “picture perfect” white Christmas this year. It seems fitting given the many things about 2020 which were not what we imagined, let alone “perfect.”



## THE PRAIRIE DOC

ANDREW ELLSWORTH, MD

While the holidays can be a season of happiness and joy, for many they are accompanied by anger and sorrow. Missing loved ones from the past, remembering relationships that soured, thinking of hopes and dreams that never materialized can make customarily joyous Christmas carols sound like fingernails on a chalkboard.

It can be hard to appear festive when we feel down. It may be tempting to hold fears, failures and bad thoughts to ourselves. We may not want to broadcast our problems to the world, however, hiding and suppressing our feelings is not what the doctor recommends. Letting things build up and fester is not a good idea whether it be a boil on our skin or a strong emotion.

If you are feeling low, talk to someone. Call a family member or a friend. If you do not have a particular person in mind, talk to a counselor, your doctor, your pastor or call 1-800-273-TALK. It can also help to put your thoughts on paper. The point here is to let it out, identify it, talk, or write about it and disarm it. Do not let dark thoughts overwhelm you and control you.

Exercise can help, too. Moving your body triggers your brain to release endorphins, the chemicals that facilitate feeling good. Activity gets your mind off things that cause you to worry and on to a brighter, healthier cycle of thoughts.

Meditation, prayer or yoga may be helpful. If you are not sure how to meditate, consider watching a how-to

on YouTube. Reach out to a church leader for guidance on prayer. If you’ve never done yoga, contact a local yoga studio or online classes.

People do care about you. I know there are many caring people in our communities. We see them unselfishly serve others. But they may need someone to talk to as well. If we all strive to open up to the people around us, we may find that we are all feeling a mix of emotions during the holidays.

Yes, the days are short; the darkness is long, but it will not last. December 21 marks the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year, after which the days get longer, and light extends the day. This year, on this same day, something called a “Great Conjunction” occurred. The planets Jupiter and Saturn appeared the closest they have been in almost 400 years. To the naked eye, they looked like one, bright star, thus earning the nickname the “Christmas Star.” Years ago, a star guided wise men toward a new hope. We too, can look for the light around us, bringing hope to our days ahead.

### IROQUOIS NEWS

## 1910: Young people make the most of moonlight skating

December 22, 1910:

C. T. Liddle has sold his furniture, undertaking and feed business to Spencer Jordan, who will continue the business at the old stand, the transfer to take place the first of the year. Mr. Liddle still retains the machinery and coal business. Mr. Jordan has been connected with the firm for some time past and is thoroughly competent to give the public the splendid service it has been accustomed to under the former proprietor. The Chief welcomes Mr. Jordan to the business circles of Iroquois and predicts for him a successful career.

The first skating of the season was indulged in last week by the lovers of the sport. During the bright moonlight evenings, the young people made the most of the opportunity to engage in this healthy sport.

December 25, 1930:

The Iroquois High School basketball team went to De Smet last Friday night and defeated the high school team of that place by a score

of 17 to 8. The game was a good one, our boys making an exceptionally good showing.

December 21, 1950:

Maynard Sweet is having erected on his property north of the tracks a building 24x24 and built of cement blocks to be used in breaking up the different pieces of machinery and other worn-out material. Sweet and Mulford, as our folks know, are engaged in buying up old iron, machinery in fact anything which is discarded about the home, farm or elsewhere. During the cold weather, it is impossible to work in the cold. In the future the firm will take on car repair work.

Many of our citizens have taken great pride in decorating for the festive season of Christmas, and it would be a pleasure to drive about the city and take a look.

The Iroquois Christmas tree has been placed at the intersection in the center of the main street and is now in readiness for the big time on Saturday.

### Letters to Santa

Jaxon Bakke and Wade Burma, a US Post Office Rural Carrier, had some fun in the Kindergarten room when students wrote a letter and then placed it in his mail carrier bag. (Photo by Jessica Eckmann)



## Merry Christmas From Our House To Yours



May the coming season deliver an abundance of peace, joy and happiness to your doorstep. We really appreciate your making us feel so at home here.



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### IPAT spreads Christmas cheer

Iroquois Peer Assistance Team (IPAT) members assembled and delivered fruit bags to forty-one community members. They know how hard this past year has been for everyone, and they completed this community service project hoping to spread some Christmas cheer. There are 21 students on the IPAT team. Pictured, front to back: Harley Nelson, Jorja Huls, Kaitlyn Maas, Heather Geyer, Hayley Geyer, Hannah Hofhenke and Trysten Zavesky. (Photo by Karen Bohlander)

## ESMOND NEWS

# Church celebrates season with first gathering in eight weeks

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

The Esmond Church gathered Sunday morning and celebrated the "Reason for the Season" with the lighting of the Advent wreath, readings by the youth, the reading of the Christmas story along with the candle lighting service, the ringing of the bell and the singing of Christmas carols. It was the church's first gathering in eight weeks.

Erik and Hannah Wehlander are home on Christmas break from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, respectively. Hannah's DWU Christmas choir is being livestreamed and also will be broadcast on Keloland TV at 2 p.m. Dec. 24. The entire concert is avail-

able to watch on the DWU Music Facebook page.

Deb Pearl of Huron was a visitor at the Esmond Church for Sunday morning services.

Leo and Selma Dunham were home this weekend, and they, along with their sisters Annette and Charmon, took part in the Christmas celebration on Sunday morning.

The first of social-distancing Christmas gathers by the Clendening families was held Sunday, when Jeff and Gena Clendening and their sons, Garrett and Ryder, brought dinner. Gifts were opened, and they made homemade ice cream. They also brought a pickup load of cut wood as an extra Christmas present for Grandpa Clendening. Clendening's grandson Garrett, who works

parttime in a nursing home, told an interesting story of how one of the residents, who is more than 100 years old, had contracted the Spanish Flu as a young girl in the 1919 pandemic, obviously survived, and has just now recovered from COVID-19.

Adaline Reilly's granddaughter Jana Rose and son Ashton, from Wolsey, were guests last Sunday.

## HISTORY NOTE -

The end of 1920 reported that oats and barley crops were good, wheat crop being poor, and a carload of apples on the sidetrack was supplying everyone's needs. Those needs were not only apples but also cider - both hard and sweet.

Merry Christmas from Esmond!

## BANCROFT NEWS

# Town once operated a puffed wheat plant

BY ROSE GROTHE

Mark Knight was the speaker at the Presbyterian Church this on 12-20. This week will be our Christmas program at 11 a.m. There will be no speaker.

Larry Martens was discharged from the hospital in Tulsa to Cornerstone Specialty Hospital in Muskogee, Okla., on Thursday of last week. He has progressed to opening his eyes on command and will be starting therapies shortly. His address is Larry Martens, Cornerstone Specialty Hospital, 351 40th St. Rm 8 Muskogee, OK. 74401.

Linda Perry's family, Jason and Leslie Richie and family of Webster, the Alan Perrys of Lennox, and Vin and Melody Perry and family of Bancroft, all visited Sunday afternoon. Linda's grandson, Logan Richie was home from the Navy.

Janice White of Brookings came to spend the afternoon with her mother Rose Grothe last Saturday. They had supper together.

## BANCROFT HISTORY

Three brothers, Conrad, Miles and George Wertz, with a great deal of ingenuity, started a short-term successful operation in bringing a wheat puffing plant into town. It all began when Conrad saw a similar machine in Sioux Falls and decided to build one in Bancroft. The machine would have three guns made from four-inch steam boiler flues, each 18 inches long. These would each hold on half pint of wheat.

In a book by Gary Lee Jerke, "A History of Bancroft," he describes this in a little more detail. "Later at Melham the same principle was applied with a presto-lite tank holding five quarts of wheat which made 24 packages of breakfast food. This tank was on a stand under which were half kerosene and half gas burners giving off a big red flame. In the rear of the gun was a pressure gauge which would have to develop 240 pounds of pressure in eight minutes after which the steel door would be opened and the wheat would be shot out in puffed form onto a twenty-foot screen."

The wheat plant was first located in the Dan Thompson Lumber building from 1935-36. They then thought of moving into the Billington Implement shop, but this would have been a bad location, according to barber Bill next door. Many a customer may well have left scarred from his shaving experience had that occurred.

Therefore, the wheat puffers, who sold a sack of puffed wheat for 50 cents, moved to the Melham store building where Oscar Forbes was the only remaining town resident and businessman until Melham's death in 1942. Eventually, the puffed wheat, which sold under the name of "New Deal," was turned over to the K & K store of De Smet. And so ended another Bancroft business.

## SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

# Vaccinations anticipated

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church services take place at 10:30 a.m. Services are livestreamed on the church Facebook page and also broadcast on 88.1 F.M. radio. The Christmas program was held Dec. 20. Christmas Eve services are scheduled at 8 p.m. Dec. 24. It will be an outdoor service, weather permitting.

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

Snowfall made an appearance last week with colder temperatures, but a few days of warmer temperatures were expected.

Anticipation of the COVID-19 vaccination is exciting, with hope the virus will be conquered in the coming year. Until then, keep wearing masks, use common sense and stay well. Merry Christmas to all!



## Santa arrives in Carthage

Since it looks like there will be no snow for Christmas this year, Santa had to get an early start. The reindeer simply refuse to fly without any snow. He chose a firetruck, which seems appropriate. He arrived in Carthage last Saturday and started putting all sorts of goodies in a candy cane shoot. Seemed silly at first, but, with a helper on the ground, it worked just fine. Although you can't see Santa clearly in this photo, he was in the firetruck loading candy into the shoot. About 40 youngsters and a lot of young-at-heart folks were on hand to greet him. Merry Christmas from Carthage. (Photo by Jodene Darnell)

## CARTHAGE NEWS

# Humorous letters ponder unsolved mystery

BY LORALEE NELSON

The Prairie Lutheran Parish will have an outdoor church service at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve at Immanuel in rural Iroquois. Dec. 27 worship will be at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran in Carthage. This will also be an outdoor service, with people staying in their cars and listening to the service over the radio. Everyone is welcome at both services.

There will be a blood drive Jan. 14 at the Carthage Community Center. Call Jodene Darnell for more details and to make an appointment.

Brenda Enck and Merrik called on Lorelee Nelson Monday. Kathy Larson and Josh Larson were Wednesday visitors. Harriet Hattervig had

lunch Wednesday with Mark and Lisa Hinkley in De Smet before an afternoon appointment.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The mystery about the hole in the ground from last week's paper was never solved, but a lady from Pennsylvania wrote a letter with her idea. It was printed in the Carthage News in 1955 and is found in "Carthage, Gem of the Redstone" by Sally Madison. She writes, "Dear Mr. Hall, Maybe I can help solve the mystery as to how the hole in the ground got in your backyard. A gentleman from Canada once told the story that he was putting up a new fence on his farm. He had dug all the fencepost holes when a terrific windstorm came up and blew all his holes away. He advertised for the lost

holes and received an answer from Texas that a man down there had possession of them, and if he would come identify them, he could have them back. So, there is a possibility that he identified the wrong holes, and the original holes may have been blown around the country for quite some time. Maybe, if you would advertise for this gentleman up in Canada, you may gain a friend by solving his mystery, and your own, too. In advertising for this man, you may find him through the "Liars Club of the World," because I know he is a member." Sincerely yours, Loretta West.

*Original editor's note — The Halls have received letters from all over the country and some of them written with quite a bit of humor. The above was one of them, and the News asked the Halls to let them publish it.*

# Lake Preston

## MENUS

### 60s-plus meals

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24:** Cream of Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit, Crackers

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25:** Closed for Christmas

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29:** BBQ Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Fruit, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30:** Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes w/ Sour Cream, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Bread

### School Lunch

CHRISTMAS BREAK

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Remote viewing options available for events

The Lake Preston School District currently allows open attendance at home basketball games, but masks are highly recommended. Individuals who are at high-risk or are ill are asked not to attend. However, the school may use a voucher system with 2-6 vouchers per family pending tier level (which is based on rate of COVID spread) or space in the facility. Events at the main gym at Lake Preston School are livestreamed and can be viewed online by typing <http://play.keemotion.com/420/6387/0/RTvrS7.html> into your internet browser or on ValleyFiberCom Channel 282.

### Winter break

Classes at Lake Preston School were dismissed at 2 p.m. Tuesday for winter break and will resume on Jan. 4, 2021

### Santa's helpers will be out and about

Make sure to be on the look out for Santa's helpers on Christmas morning! They will be going around town and delivering goodie bags to elementary students and their families.

## Students present 'Willy Wonka'

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Because of COVID-19, there was limited attendance at both the Dec. 11 matinee and Dec. 12 evening performances of this year's musical at Lake Preston School. Cast and crew members were each allowed four vouchers per performance. Those attending had to present a voucher at the door. Also, because of health concerns, there was not food served at either performance this year.

The cast, directed by Lynne Brown and assisted by Kayla Vockrodt, presented "Willy Wonka Junior," a musical play based on the children's novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by British author Roald Dahl. The character of Charlie Bucket, who is one of five children to win a golden ticket which granted them a tour of the candy factory, was, in the Lake Preston adaptation, a girl named Charli, played by Gretta Larson. Willy Wonka was portrayed by Gunner Larson. Charli's Grandpa Joe, who accompanied her on the visit to the factory, was played by Carter Malone. Augustus Gloop, the chocolate-loving German boy was played by Tucker Holland, and his mother, Mrs. Gloop, was played by Morgan Curd. Both spoke and sang in exaggerated, but spot-on, German accents.

The Oompa Loompas, who also served as stagehands, were Jasper Denison, Jonah Denison, Tate Larsen, Josh Mc Masters, Tyler Jurrens, Weston Woodcock and Jake Larsen.

Other cast and crew members included Alex Post, narrator; Madison Perkins as Mrs. Bucket, Corey Jurrens as Mr. Bucket, Bergen Woodcock as Grandpa George, Ava Malone as Grandma Georgina, Stella DeKnicker as Grandma Josephina, Garrett Kruger as the candy man and Chris Tvinnereim as Slugworth. Charli's friends were Annika Nelson as Jane, Holly Andrews as Matilda and Ashton Wienk as James.

Other children and parents touring the factory were Kate Ries as Felicia Trout, Marissa Rober as Violet Beauregarde, Angel Henry as Lavender Beauregarde, Danielle Odegaard as Mrs. Beauregarde, AJ Wienk as Mike Teevee, Rachel Jensen as Ms. Teevee, Jocelyn Stefensen as Veruca Salt and Rhett McMasters as Mr. Salt.

Ty Jensen was recruited from the elementary school to play a squirrel who had the job of sorting the "bad nuts" from the "good nuts."

A matinee was performed on Dec. 10 for students in grades 4-12.



Above: Morgan Curd, left, as Mrs. Gloop, and Tucker Holland as her chocolate-loving son, Augustus Gloop, entertained the audience with their over-the-top German accents. Below: Three of the eight Oompa Loompas, who also served as stagehands, include Westin Woodcock, left, Jake Larsen and Jonah Denison. (Photos by Donna Palmlund)



Gretta Larson, right, as Charli Bucket, a poor child who wins a golden ticket and a tour of Willy Wonka's factory. Carter Malone portrays Grandpa Joe, who accompanies Charli on the adventure.



Willy Wonka, foreground, is portrayed by Gunner Larson, while Mike Teevee, a boy obsessed with television and electronics, is played by AJ Wienk.



# Lake Preston

## LOOKING BACK

# 1945: More homes and businesses needed for community

### 10 YEARS AGO

December 22, 2010

It was a white Christmas for Lake Preston with the first of two snowstorms arriving on Monday. School was dismissed early, and by 2 p.m., children were out having fun playing in the snow. The second storm is predicted for Thursday continuing into Friday.

Sixth grade teacher **Joyce Carlson** continued her tradition of having her students create gingerbread houses. The kids love showing off their creative styles and get to snack on some of their decorations while working.

The Chamber announced the winners of the annual lighting contest, the homes of **Darrel Tolzin and Geniece Holm, Bob and Darlene Hauck, Gary and Jolene Zeeck and Jerome and Janean Woodcock** took top honors.

### 25 YEARS AGO

December 21, 1995

Santa made his appearance in Lake Preston over the weekend as people gathered in town for the annual pancake feed sponsored by the Lake Preston Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber also announced that the holiday drawings will be held next Saturday at 3 p.m.

The 8th grade basketball team took first place at the De Smet tourney on Dec. 9. Team members are **Chris Janssen, Darin Wilde, Will Janssen, Derek Anderson, Tony McGuire, Scott Steffensen, Mark Jensen, Brady Malone, Brian Sanderson, Josh Warne, Brett Anderson, Nate**



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO:** The eighth-grade basketball team took home the first-place trophy at the De Smet tournament Dec. 9. Team members are **Chris Janssen, rear left, Darin Wilde, Will Janssen, Derek Anderson, Tony McGuire, Coach Mark Sjolie; Scott Steffensen, middle left, Mark Jensen, Brady Malone, Brian Sanderson, Josh Warne; Brett Anderson, front left, Tyler Muser, Nathan Jones and Matt Nelson.**

**Jones and Matt Nelson.** The coach is **Mark Sjolie.**

### 50 YEARS AGO

December 24, 1970

LPHS freshman **Margaret Wilde**, an FHA member working on her Jr. Chapter degree, had a program with **Mrs. Pederson's** sixth grade class at the manor. There were readings, guitar numbers and singing of favorite car-

ols. Each student had made several gifts they presented to the residents. This was a happy moment for both young and old getting to know each other.

**Mr. Papke**, school counselor, warns students to be wary of representatives from questionable schools who will be making their rounds in this area. The evidence of pressure will tell you who they are and also de-

mands of a deposit at the time of an interview. "It would be better to give up your big chance rather than be sorry when big promises do not materialize."

### 75 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1945

**Emil Heggelund and Robert Welch** had a harrowing experience on Friday a.m. when the 1941 Chevy driven by the former ran into the engine of the C & NW RR on the crossing two blocks east of the depot here. They were driving north on the street and did not notice the train until it was too late; Emil applied the brakes, but they hit the rear of the locomotive. Both occupants escaped without harm; Bob was thrown out of the car and wrenched his knee.

More homes and buildings are needed for the growing residential and commercial demands of our fair town.

### 100 YEARS AGO

December 25, 1920

The Sunday schools of the Protestant churches are all ready for the celebration on Christmas Eve. The three churches will have Christmas trees and attractive programs given by the children, and, as usual, the little folks will be rewarded with candy. Be sure and attend one of the programs and let yourself go back to your childhood days "just for tonight."

## HOUSE OF THE WEEK



### Week three winner

**Darlene Copple** at 307 Fremont Ave. in Lake Preston is the week three winner of the Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Lake Preston Chamber/4 Lakes Forward and Otter Tail Power Company. Each week through the end of the year, a different house will be chosen for the honor. Each weekly winner will each receive \$25 in Lake Preston Chamber Bucks. (Submitted photo)

# De Smet

## MENUS

### 60s-plus menu

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24:** Soft Shell Taco w/ protein, tomato, lettuce, Tater Tots, Fruit, Dessert

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25:** Closed for Christmas

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable, Meat Sandwich, Fruit, Dessert

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29:** Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30:** Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Salad, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Alternative viewing options available

In an effort to help control the spread of COVID-19, the De Smet School District is, at this time, limiting attendance at high school sporting events. However, the games are livestreamed and can be viewed online. Type <http://play.keemotion.com/230/1633/0/vrT-pK3.html> into your browser or visit the De Smet School District Facebook page for the link. The theater at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center will also be open on home game nights for people who wish to watch the livestreamed events on a big screen.

### Firemen's tradition continues

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.

### Christmas break

Classes at De Smet Schools were dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18 for Christmas break and will resume on Jan. 4, 2021.

### Todd named to USF dean's list

Jonathan Todd, a 2017 graduate of De Smet High School, was named to the University of Sioux Falls' dean's list for the fall 2020 semester. Todd is majoring in criminal justice and sociology. To qualify, students must earn a term grade-point average of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

## DHS Class of '72 kicks off sound system challenge for event hall

Advisory Board volunteers kick in \$10,000 — "That's a lot of hot dogs and popcorn!"

BY RITA ANDERSON  
Kingsbury Journal Staff

Greg Carmon announced that the DHS Class of '72 is making the first contribution of \$583 for a new sound system for the large exhibit hall in the De Smet Event Center.

"I challenge the other classes to come together and make a donation, so we have a good sound system by the time we have our next All-School Reunion," said Carmon.

The Event Center Advisory Board reacted to the challenge and donated \$10,000. Sharry Knock, former Advisory Board President, reported their contribution was raised by a lot of volunteers operating the concessions for various events.

"That is a lot of hotdogs and popcorn!" commented Knock. "The volunteers have not only given their time but have donated their own equipment and food products to provide popular food items for various events over the last several years. We are so proud of making this donation possible. We feel passionate about this project."

The need for a sound system for the main event hall has been on the 'wish list' since the building was opened. The estimated cost for the entire audio system with installation is \$30,000.

"This is something that we have talked about for a long time, and we have seen the need for it again and again," announced Nancy Montross, Advisory Board President. "We have missed out on revenue from larger conferences and meetings because we were not able to provide necessary sound equipment for quality meetings. The audio system was in the original plans for the building but



Those visiting the De Smet Event Center will be able to view total contributions given to the Event Hall Audio System Fundraising Campaign by viewing the 'thermometer' donated by Lyle Signs. It is hopeful to have the system installed by the All-School Reunion. (Submitted photo)

was one of the things we put on the wait list when we added the theater, and also because the total bids were higher than estimated. The De Smet community, including our alumni, have always been very giving, and we hope they will join in this important challenge. If everyone donates a little bit, it will happen!"

All are encouraged to make a donation to make the sound system a reality. Donate as an individual or a group. For alumni, donations may be made in a person's name and also designated for a certain graduating class. The success of the campaign will be

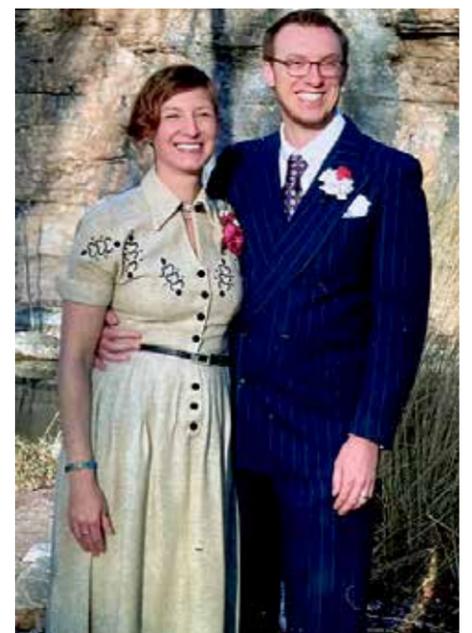
monitored for all to see with a large thermometer, donated by Lyle Signs, placed at the Event Center. The campaign reached one-third of their goal with the Class of '72 and the Advisory Board concession donations.

Donations may be made at the Event Center or mailed to the De Smet Community Foundation, PO Box 42, De Smet, SD 57231. A receipt will be mailed to donors for income tax records. Checks should be made to the De Smet Community Foundation/Sound System. If you have any questions call (605) 203-0216 for more information.



### Timeless attire

Former De Smet residents Robert and June Klinkel, left, were married on Jan. 21, 1951. Nearly 70 years later, on Nov. 12, 2020, their granddaughter Michaela Klinkel married Ryan Evans in Boulder, Colo. Something unique about this wedding is that Michaela wore the same dress her grandmother wore for her wedding, and Ryan wore Robert's wedding suit. Michaela's parents, who both grew up in De Smet, are Mike and Danita Klinkel of Spearfish. Her maternal grandparents are Don and Charmaine Bohn of De Smet. Robert Klinkel died in 2003, and June now resides in Spearfish. (Submitted photos)



# De Smet

## DAYS GONE BY

# 2010: The heart of Christmas still the same

### 10 YEARS AGO

December 22, 2010

Christmases have changed since **Laura Ingalls Wilder** grew up in the neighborhood. She saw changes within her own lifetime from the lean to the more lavish celebration. But in today's commercialized times, the things that matter the most are the same – family and friends. "Christmas was a neighborhood affair in those years; travel limited to distances of a few miles with horse and buggy, but relatives and neighbors making it a time for gathering in the home or church with music, gifts, good food that included special treats of apples, oranges, popcorn, cider," the late **Aubrey Sherwood** wrote in *Christmas Past* in the Little Town on the Prairie about his own childhood Christmas, a story that ran in *The Lore* in the fall of 1982.

### 25 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1995

In an effort to meet the high demand for grain cars, Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp. has placed an order with Trinity Industries, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for 300 new covered hoppers, which will be delivered starting in May 1996. The cost of the new equipment exceeds \$16 million. Meanwhile, the 917-mile regional railroad is acquiring 550 more covered hopper cars from other sources which, together with the new equipment, will increase DM&E's grain fleet to more than 1,100 cars. Approximately 350 additional cars will be in service by year end, the railroad said. Grain accounts for 40 percent of DM&E's 53,000 annual car loadings.

### 50 YEARS AGO

December 24, 1970

The Night Before Christmas  
T'was the night before Christmas,  
and the plant was locked tight;  
not a creature was stirring on this cold,  
silent night.

The meat was all hung in the cooler with care;  
the lights were all out  
and the lobby was bare.

The owner at home, in his nightgown  
and cap, had just settled down  
for a long winter's nap.



**FIFTY YEARS AGO:** Fred Peschl's Christmas ad for his meat locker included a special version of the poem "The Night Before Christmas." Employees were Earle Kickland, Robert Johnson, Bernard Kuiper, Rodney Zell, Philip Carrol, Leonora Hulbert, Betty Poppen, Mary Ann Poppen, Jackie Lee, Jerry Hein, Margaret Schultz, Don McKittrick, Anitra Schardin, Dorothy Erickson, Craig Johnson, Ronald Brown, Donald Pollock, Rodney Combs and Marcella Peschl.

Then back at the plant there arose  
such a clatter that the neighbors got  
up to see what was the matter.

They saw in the half-light a tall,  
gaunt man, who was pounding the  
plant door with the palm of his hand;

He shouted and pounded; he rattled  
the pane; he kicked at the door  
again and again.

With this the neighbors sped to the  
phone and summoned the owner from  
the warmth of his home;

The unfortunate fellow had worked  
hard this day, but he grudgingly  
crawled from under the hay.

When to the scene of the distur-  
bance he presented himself, he could

scarce be described as a jolly old elf;

His hair was disheveled; his face  
wore a frown, and from under his coat  
showed a foot of nightgown.

He approached the intruder and  
grasped his lapel; then he scared him  
half silly with a deep guttural yell –

"What's the meaning of this?" half  
the town heard him shout. "Can't you  
tell the plant's closed when the lights  
are all out?"

"I know," said the fellow, startled  
but game, "but I must get in there just  
the same."

"For inside your freezer, I'm sorry  
to say, reposes my turkey for Christ-  
mas Day."

So, the owner grumbled but took  
out his key and opened the door to go  
have a look-see;

He was back very soon, and under  
his arm, he carried the bird that had  
caused the alarm.

The man heaved a sigh, and he  
grinned as he said, "Thank you, kind  
sir, now return to your bed."

"Thanks to you, tomorrow WE will  
feast too. And with each bite of tur-  
key, we'll be thinking of you."

With a yawn the owner said, "Oh,  
that's all right. We're at your service  
day or (ugh) night."

Now he started for home with foot-  
steps that flew, but he turned once  
and shouted: "Merry Christmas to  
you!"

### 75 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1945

A full evening of Christmas carols  
will be presented by the high school  
vocal department in the auditorium  
Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A mixed  
chorus of 75 members, a girls' glee  
club of 40 and a boys' glee club of 25  
will be featured under the direction of  
**John D. Natwick**. In addition to the girls'  
sextette, a duet and several solos have  
been prepared. A candle lighting effect  
will be used at the program. There will  
be no charge for this presentation.

The current epidemic of influenza  
and mumps have taken quite a toll  
on attendance in both the grades  
and high school during the past two  
weeks. There are many students ab-  
sent from their classes at this time  
because of these diseases.

### 80 YEARS AGO

December 6, 1935

**Walter Kracht** resigned as deputy  
sheriff, taking effect Dec. 1, to give full  
time to his produce business. **Merle  
Melstad**, sheriff, does not expect to  
replace him, having **H.W. Montross** as  
a deputy here, with **Jack Iverson**, Lake  
Preston, as the only other deputy.

**Frank Miller** has accepted a job with  
the Cave Auto Supply Company of Wa-  
tertown, resigning from his duties as  
night watchman the first of the month.  
Fred Carmon was appointed night  
watchman and began duties Dec. 1.

## DCW HOUSE OF THE WEEK



### Fourth and final winner chosen

The fourth and final Christmas House of the Week for 2020 belongs to the David and Amanda Fields family, and it is located at 410 Olivet Ave., De Smet. Each week in December, the De Smet Community Women choose a different decorated house to honor. Each winner receives \$50 in De Smet bucks. The contest is sponsored by the DCW and Otter Tail Power Company. (Submitted photo)

# De Smet

## Students share Christmas wishes and thoughts

### SECOND GRADE

Some of Roxy Fast's second-graders wrote Christmas wish letters to Santa while others wrote to their parents' wishes. Here are their requests and observations, complete with original spellings:

**DEAR MOM,** 3 resins why dogs are good pets. They are fun t play with me. They will ckpe me ckumpne wall I was home. I will snugol with him. Love, **CASEN**

**DEAR SANTA,** There are three reasons I want a Huver borde, First it will help me lern to ballenc. Second it will be fun to do outside. YhirdI whold like it vary much. A Huver borde wholde be the best. Love, **HADLEY**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a dog for Christmas. There are three reasons I want a dog. First, they are soft. Second, they are fun to play with. Third, dogs are my favorit animal, Dogs are great. Love, **EMALINE**

**DEAR MOM AND DAD,** I want a 22 for Christmas. There are 3 reasons why I want it. First, I will shoot birds. Second, I can shoot rabbits. Third, I can shoot stuf. Last 22 are my best. Love, **EASTON**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want an iPad for Christmas. There are three reasons I want an iPad. First, I need a bigger screen to play roblox. Scond, the phone I have right now barelie works. Third, my mom won't let me get roblox on her laptop. Fourth, the tablet that I have right now is not able to get roblox. I pads are fun! Love, **MEYER**

**DEAR SANTA,** I would like a toy cat for Christmas. I would like a toy cat for three reasons. First, so I can play with it wen I want to with my dolls. Second, I can have a mom cat for my babey cat. Third, I can have 2 dogs for my dolls and 2 cats for my dolls. Love, **KIRALEY**

**DEAR SANTA,** I would like a cat for Christmas. I would like a cat foe three reasons. First, it is soft. Second, it will play with me. Third, it is sweet. Cats are cute! Love **JACKSON G.**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a cat for Christmas. I would like a cat for three reasons. First, I love cats. Second, It will play with me. Third, they are furry



Mrs. Fast's second grade class got to dress up for Grinch Day last week. Students enjoyed Flashlight Friday during independent reading time, built a new tree for Cindy Lou Who out of marshmallows and toothpicks, wrote similes for the Grinch, made some special Grinch snacks and did many Grinchy math and language art activities! (Submitted photo)

and cute. Love, **CLARA**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a Happy Napper for Christmas. I want a Happy Napper for three reasons. First, if I get a Happy Napper, I do not need to use blankets anymore because it is a blanket and a pillow. Second, it will make my bed more comfortable. Third, it will be easy to make my bed with a Happy Napper. I think having a Happy Napper would be so comfy. Love, **COLE**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a dog bed for Christmas. There are three reasons I want a dog bed. First, I want my dog to be cumfy. Second, she sleeps on the flore. Third, I can lay in it. Love, **GRACYN**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a dog for Christmas. I have three rsiones. One, they are friendly. Two, they are good listenrs. Three, They wote like my babe Bruba. Love, **MARY**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a hamster for Christmas! There are three reasons why I want a hamster. First, I will name it Hamey. Second, they are small and can fit through tiny cracks. Third, they are fuzzy and soft. Love, **JACKSON C.**

**SEAR SANTA,** I want a Boston Scott jersey because he is my favorite football player. 2. My favorite number is 35. 3. I like the eagles. Love, **BON**

**DEAR MOM & DAD,** I want a rifle for Christmas. There are 3 reasons I want a rifle. First, I can shoot a dear. Second, I will keep it safe from kids. Third, I will put it in your den. Love, **BRONSON**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a horse for Christmas, There are there are three reasons I want a horse. First, I want a horse because I have been baging for a horse. Second, I have lerned alat abot horses from my fried Gracy. Third, my cosin. Love, **CORA**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a toy semi and a toy shop for Christmas. There are three reasons. First, I went to look at it. Then I wanted it. It will be fun to play with. Love, **GAVIN**

**DEAR SANTA,** I would like a gun for Christmas. I have three reasons. First, I can shot stuff. Second, I can have two guns. Third, So I can have difrent guns for hunting. Love, **ROCKY**

**DEAR SANTA,** I would like a fish for Christmas. I would like a fish for three reasons. First, a fish is very nise

and dose not need very much aten-shon. Second, fish are not very nosey and thay can't hear very well if we make lots of nose. Third, If you are bord fish are fun to play with. Fishes make good pets. Love, **IVY**

**DEAR DAD & MOM,** I want a hamster for Christmas. There are three reason I want a hamster. Frist reason, it wod-lud cep me cumney. Second reason, I want a pet. The third reason is because I like little pets. Love, **JACOB**

**DEAR SANTA,** I would like a drone for Christmas. I would like to spy for three reasons. First, I want to spy on my dad working. Second, I want to see what my mom is cooking. Third, I want to see my neighbors. Drones are cool. Love, **TY**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a puppy for Christmis. There are three resens I want a puppy. First, it will play with me. Sekint reasen, it will sleep with me. Third reason, when I am lonely it will keep me cumpney. Love, **AVERY**

**DEAR DAD AND MOM,** I want a Rc car for Christmas. There are three reasons I want a Rc car. First, they go fast. Second, I can jump it. Third, it can go into mud. Rc cars are cool! Love, **HUNTER**

**DEAR SANTA,** I would like toy cows for Christmas. I would like toy cows for three reasons. First, I want cows because I only have two. Second, I need cows on my farm. Thrrrd, cows are my fravit animal. Love, **EMMET**

**DEAR SANTA,** I want a rabbitt. I want a rabbitt for three reasons. First, a rabbitt is fluffy. Second, a rabbitt duset make much noise. Third, a rabbitt duset take much room. A bunny is grate. Love, **LILLYEN**

**4TH GRADE**

Mrs. Albrecht's fourth grade class got to write Christmas Would you rathers.

I would rather get \$1000 dollars to buy for others, than be given an \$100 dollar gift. I like to see people smile so I know they are happy. I would have \$1000 dollars to spend and I could maybe get them their dream gift. I could buy board games. I like games so the person I gift the game to, and myself could play the game, and we could develop a lasting friendship. I could buy people who don't have much, a gift. I would feel happy to make others happy. I am blessed, but others may not be blessed with a nice home and food not to mention Christmas gifts. This is why I would rather give \$1000 gift than receive one for \$100. **BY KATE FRAMSTAD**

I would rather wear a Santa suit to school for a week rather than to sing loudly in front of the class. To begin, I am inferior at singing. I get nervous when I sing, and I get nervous that I may make a mistake. Next, I like Santa because he gets everybody presents so everyone likes him if they like getting presents. Everyone loves Santa, and I would love to have my whole class to love me. If it is cold outside, my Santa suit will keep me warm, and I am always cold. I know the suit would keep me warm because of all that white, soft, fluffy fur. Last of all being nervous when I sing, having my whole class love me and the warm suit are why I choose wearing the Santa suit for a week rather than singing a solo. **BY CALLAN ALDERMAN**

For more Would You Rathers, visit [kingsburyjournal.com](http://kingsburyjournal.com).



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# Little known facts about...Christmas

BY MARY LEE  
Kingsbury Journal

As Christmas draws near, there are lots of Christmas decorations and lights to enjoy. It really is a special time of year. With that, let's explore the traditions and some history of the Christmas tree.

- One of the first Christmas tree decorating ceremonies involved adorning a fir tree with paper flowers, singing and dancing around and then – brace yourself – lighting the entire thing on fire. According to records, it would take place in the town square of Riga, the capital city of Latvia in 1510.

- These days, the most popular Christmas trees are Scotch pine, Douglas fir, Frazer fir, balsam fir and white pine. However, in the early days before everyone settled on firs and pines, some Europeans used cherry or hawthorn trees as their Christmas greenery. The appeal of these trees was in their flowers. If you cut off a branch, brought it inside and set it in a pot of water, it would flower just in time for Christmas.

- Twenty-five to 30 million live trees are harvested annually from a crop of about 350 million trees in farms across the United States. It's a commonly-held myth that Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states, but according to NBC, there are no tree farms in New Mexico, South Dakota or Wyoming. In fact, the country gets most of its trees from Oregon and North Carolina.

- The huge holiday spectacle at Rockefeller Center in New York City has a humble beginning. In 1931, the construction workers put up a mere 20-foot tree in the plaza and decorated it with paper garlands, strings of cranberries and tin cans. Today, a Norway spruce no taller than 100 feet is chosen every year, trucked into Manhattan, propped up in the plaza and topped with a Swarovski crystal star that weighs in total more than 9000 pounds.

- People have used metallic tinsel to decorate their Christmas trees since at least the 1800s. The shiny strips of metal reflect light, allowing for a sparkling tree even in candlelight. Originally, only the rich could afford tinsel, since it was made out of actual silver. Copper and aluminum became substitutes, but neither was ideal.

- If you prefer an artificial tree, you are not alone. Artificial trees date back to the 1880s when Germans made the first ones from dyed goose feathers held together with wire. Since then, people around the world have made fake trees out of aluminum, cardboard and glass. Although, most artificial Christmas trees sold today are made of PVC plastic.

- Towns across the United States make the Christmas trees out of materials unique to their settings. Rockland, Maine, made a 40-foot tree of lobster traps; Junction, Texas, displays a tree made of deer antlers; Chandler, Ariz., turns tumbleweeds into a glittery Christmas tree each year, and fittingly, Lynchburg,

Tenn., makes a tree out of Jack Daniels whiskey barrels.

- Between 2013 and 2017, Christmas trees caused an average of 160 household fires each year. To avoid becoming a statistic, it is recommended to water your tree daily. Whether your tree is real or artificial, you should keep it away from heat sources and unplug when you are away or sleeping.

SOURCES: GOOGLE AND WWW.BESTLIFEONLINE.COM



## Oral interp team earns top ratings at state

Four De Smet High School students earned superiors recently at the State Oral Interp contest. All pieces were pre-recorded and submitted for judging. There was no in-person competitions this year. The team of Carly Wiese, left, Matthew Rusche, Aria Gruenhagen and Willem Lim earned a superior in Reader's Theater. Gruenhagen also earned superior ratings in the storytelling and humorous categories, and Lim earned a superior in poetry. The De Smet students also won the Team Excellence award. (Submitted photo)

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## Wishing you a safe & healthy holiday season

This holiday season, we urge you to continue to be mindful of COVID-19 precautions, wear your mask, and help us keep our community well. Thank you for your patronage this year and we look forward to serving you in 2021.

*Clinic staff:*

<p><i>De Smet CHC:</i> Lance Lim, MD Jodi Jung, CNP Lorinda Holland, CNP Angela Steffensen, LSW Mychelle Donelan Kathy Heller Tammy Lowe Ashley Tolzin Nancy Wienk Codi Smith</p>	<p>Lori Feller Lisa Virchow Tracy Lenz</p> <p><i>De Smet Dental:</i> Lamar Koistinen, DDS Devon Clubb, RDH Cindy Foss, RDH Sarah Anderson Renae Aughenbaugh Lori Heitland Lisa Hilkemeier</p>	<p>Kallie Hubbard Rachel Schipper Elizabeth Zavesky Lori Feller</p> <p><i>Lake Preston CHC:</i> Lance Lim, MD Kristen Longville Michele Block Lori Feller Codi Smith</p>
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& De Smet Dental Clinic*  
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# Public Notices

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FARM CREDIT SERVICES  
OF AMERICA, FLCA,  
38CIV20-000047  
PLAINTIFF**

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

Cynthia M. DeJong, Trustee of the CCG Trust dated April 2, 2015; Cynthia M. DeJong; Chase Aaron DeJong; Gavin Lee DeJong; and Heartland State Bank,

**DEFENDANTS**

1. By virtue of an Execution issued out of and under the seal of the Clerk of Courts in and for Kingsbury County, South Dakota, upon a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure rendered on December 1, 2020, and docketed in said Court on December 1, 2020, in the above entitled action, said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure being in favor of the Plaintiff, Farm Credit Services of America, FLCA, and against Defendants Cynthia M. DeJong, Trustee of the CCG Trust dated April 2, 2015; Cynthia M. DeJong; Chase Aaron DeJong; and Gavin Lee DeJong, jointly and severally (the "DeJong Defendants"), for the sum of \$1,920,449.20, which Execution was directed and delivered to me as Sheriff in and for Kingsbury County, South Dakota, I have by virtue of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution levied upon all of the right, title and interest of the DeJong Defendants, above named, in and to the following described real estate:

NE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 109 North, Range 58 West of the 5th P.M.;

SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 109 North, Range 58 West of the 5th P.M.; and

NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 109 North, Range 58 West of the 5th P.M.;

All in Kingsbury County, South Dakota

2. The mortgage being foreclosed is dated April 14, 2017, and was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Kingsbury County, South Dakota, on April 19, 2017, at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Book 38 of Mortgages, Page 627.

3. Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned Sheriff, as aforesaid, will sell the above described real property to the highest bidder for cash at public auction, on the steps of the Kingsbury County Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, on January 29, 2021, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., on that day to satisfy the said Execution and Judgment, together with interest and costs thereon.

4. The premises will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law in the State of South Dakota. The premises will be offered for sale in three parcels as described above and then in one unit.

5. So far as can be determined from the records of the Kingsbury County Register of Deeds and Clerk of Courts, there are no prior liens of record, and the real property taxes are paid in full, and persons interested are referred to the records of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Courts for further details.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

/s/Steven A. Strande, Sheriff,  
Kingsbury County, South Dakota

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Kingsbury County Board of Commissioners will open sealed bids on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Kingsbury County Courthouse, De Smet, SD for 2021 gravel end dump pup trailers.

Specifications may be obtained at the Kingsbury County Highway Department, P.O. Box 55 De Smet, SD 57231. Phone 605-854-3491. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bank draft payable to Kingsbury County in the amount of 5% of the amounty bid or a 10% bid bond, issued by a surety authorized to do business in the state of South Dakota payable to Kingsbury County.

The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to accept the best responsible bid.

Bids are to be filed with the county auditor on or before the specified hour set for the opening and shall be clearly marked "gravel end dump trailer bid"

Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020

Jennifer Barnard  
Kingsbury County Auditor

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
\*\*\*Unapproved Draft Minutes\*\*\*  
De Smet, South Dakota  
December 8, 2020**

This meeting was recorded as a portion of the Commission meeting and available in the Auditor's office for listening.

The Kingsbury County Planning and Zoning Commission met Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in the Courtroom in the Kingsbury County Courthouse with Roger Walls, Delmer Wolkow, Joe Jensen present and Shelley Nelson present. Steve Spilde attended via conference call. Chairman Jensen presided.

**MINUTES**

Walls moved and Spilde seconded to approve the Planning and Zoning minutes from October 20, 2020. All present voting via aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

The following plats were presented to the Board.

Plat of Lot 6 & 12 of Hauck's Bay Addition of Hauck's Landing Development, a Part of Govt Lots 2 and 3 of Section 22 TWP. 110 North, RGE 55 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Jensen informed the Board Lot qualifies for the size requirements and recommended the approval of the Plat.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded that Lots 6 & 12 of Hauck's Bay Addition of Hauck's Landing Development, a Part of Govt Lots 2 and 3 of Section 22 TWP. 110 North, RGE 55 West be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval of the recording of the Plat. All present voting via aye - 4, nay - 0 and Nelson - abstaining. Motion carried.

Plat of Lot 2 of Tract 1 Jensen's

Addition, SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 111 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Jensen informed the Board Lot qualifies for the size requirements and recommended the approval of the Plat.

Plat of Lot 2 of Tract 1 Jensen's Addition, SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 111 North, Range 53 West be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval of the recording of the Plat. All present voting via aye - 4, nay - 0 and Jensen - abstaining. Motion carried.

Walls moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from Planning and Zoning and return to regular session. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Joe Jensen, Chairman

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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

Kingsbury County Clerk of Courts:  
Jennifer Malone  
Kingsbury County Courthouse  
PO Box 176  
De Smet, SD 57231  
605-854-9090

Prepared by: Tim Hogan  
Attorney of the Estate  
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Brookings, SD 57006  
605-692-1818

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

The Kingsbury County Commission convened acting as the Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering the conditional use application of Travis Steffensen of 21269 US Highway 81, Arlington, SD. If granted, this would permit Steffensen to establish a Lake Front Campground on Lot 1 in the East Half of the SE 1/4 and Lots 5 & 6 of Section 25, T110N, R53W. Board members present were Joe Jensen as Zoning Officer, Roger Walls, Delmer Wolkow, Shelley Nelson and Luke Weber. Steve Spilde joined via Zoom. Chairman Walls presided.

This meeting was recorded as a portion of the Commission meeting and available in the Auditor's office for listening.

Also in attendance included Travis Steffensen, Jeff Stewart, Tim Steffensen, Todd Steffensen, and Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization. Also attending via Zoom was Donna Palmlund with the Kingsbury Journal.

**MINUTES**

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the minutes from November 17, 2020. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried. Walls turned the meeting over to State's Attorney, Gregg Gass.

Gass provided instructions to those in the gallery and turned the meeting over to Travis Steffensen.  
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Travis Steffensen provided information to the Board of his desire to establish a private campground on his property for family and friends to enjoy the lake. This would have a maximum of 10 lots. Steffensen also stated he had been in contact with the Department of Natural Resources regarding placing a septic system to be drained. Steffensen had also received a letter from the Department of Transportation granting the change to the current access to the property in question.

Gass went through a list of requirements and regulations to verify compliance. Travis Steffensen answered all the questions asked.

Todd Steffensen spoke in opposition of the Conditional Use Application.

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

Wolkow moved and Weber seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for deliberation at 10:28 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to return to regular. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 11:00 A.M.

Nelson moved to approve the Conditional Use Application with conditions stipulated by the Board. Gass read the proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law:

Travis Steffensen requested a hearing on a Conditional Use Permit before the Board of Adjustment on July 7, 2020. The hearing was continued to August 18, 2020; to September 8, 2020; to October 20, 2020; and to December 8, 2020 at 9:45 a.m.

The Kingsbury County Commission reconvened acting as the Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. in the court room of the Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering the application of Travis Steffensen of 21269 US Hwy 81, Arlington, SD, 57212, for a conditional use permit to allow a campground, with necessary fittings and appurtenances, all to be located on a plat of Lot 1 in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4) and Lots 5 and 6 of Section 25-110-53, Kingsbury County, South Dakota. Travis Steffensen presented information in favor of the application. John Mills presented a letter opposing the application. Todd Steffensen testified against the application. Board members present were Spilde, Walls, Wolkow, Nelson and Weber. Chairman Walls presided. After hearing from the interested parties and receiving written documentation in support of the permit, and receiving written documentation in opposition to the permit, Delmer Wolkow moved to go into Executive Session for deliberation, the motion was seconded by Luke Weber. All voted aye. Motion carried. The board went into Executive Session for deliberation. Shelley Nelson moved to retire from Executive Session, Steve Spilde seconded the motion. Roger Walls declared the board out of Executive Session. Shelley Nelson moved to approve the application based on the following Findings and Conclusions:

1. That the submitted written application of Travis Steffensen dated May 12, 2020 is for the construction and operation of a campground, with necessary fittings and appurtenances,

pursuant to Section 4.04.02(1), 4.04.03, 4.04.04, 4.04.05, 4.04.06, 5.07, 5.34 and 6.05.01 of the Kingsbury County Zoning Regulations.

2. That written notice of the conditional use permit has been given to the adjacent landowners.

3. That notice of hearing was published once, ten days or more prior to the Board of Adjustment public hearing, in a paper of general circulation in the area affected.

4. That the public hearing was held on July 7, 2020, continued to August 18, 2020, continued to September 8, 2020, continued to October 20, 2020, and held on December 18, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. at the court room of the Kingsbury County Courthouse, De Smet, South Dakota.

5. That the Kingsbury County Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction and is empowered under Section 4.04, 5.07, 5.34 and 6.05 of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance cited in the application or referred to at the hearing to grant the conditional use, and that the granting of the conditional use will not adversely affect the public interest.

6. That the application is for new construction.

7. That the Board of Adjustment finds compliance with the specific rules governing individual conditional uses and that satisfactory provision and arrangements have been made concerning the following, where applicable:

a. Entrance and exit to the property and the proposed structures thereon, including automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire or catastrophe.

b. That off-street parking and loading areas are where required accessible to the roadways leading to the campground, which will not adversely affect adjoining properties and properties generally in the district, particularly related to the economic, noise, glare, or other effects of the Conditional Use.

c. That utilities, refuse, and service areas with reference to location, availability and compatibility are adequate, except as otherwise conditioned.

d. That screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions and character are adequate.

e. That signs if any and any proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district are adequate.

f. That required yards and other open spaces, including setbacks, are adequate.

g. That the general compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district is acceptable.

h. That roads providing access to the property are adequate to meet the transportation demands of the proposed conditional use.

i. That DENR needs to approve the sewer installation, subject to final construction.

j. That applicable requests of the

Department of Health have been made, the intent being to use rural water.

k. That the camp sites be limited to 10.

l. That the application of Travis Steffensen for a Conditional Use Permit has met all of the requirements of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinances, subject to the following contingencies:

Contingent on the following:

1. Roads to facility match location of easements.

2. Dumpsters and other garbage removal be provided.

3. That zoning officer approve final installation on inspection.

4. That applicant meets the 9' property line setbacks and lot size requirements and elevation requirements.

5. That septic tanks be pumped annually each fall and that annual reports be made to the zoning officer indicating the date of service and each tank shall be pumped immediately after notification to the zoning officer when flood conditions apply.

6. That the applicant have a responsible person on duty at all times.

7. That the applicant receive DENR approval for the water and septic systems.

8. That the applicant comply with all other county zoning ordinances in relation to the project.

Based on the above Findings and Conclusions, Shelley Nelson moved, and Delmer Wolkow seconded to grant the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Travis Steffensen. Roll call was taken.

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

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to move out of Board of Adjustment and return to regular session. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Roger Walls, Chairman

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**\*\*\*Unapproved Draft Minutes\*\*\***  
**De Smet, South Dakota**  
**December 8, 2020**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioners Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Commissioners Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls, Shelley Nelson, and Joe Jensen present. Chairman Walls presided. Also attending via Zoom were Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, and Donna Palmlund with the Kingsbury Journal.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, requested to add a signature request for the Department of Legislative Audit and a Beadle County Sheriff Jail Fee Contract on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. Barnard also informed the Board the item for Emergency Management would not be addressed today.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

**HIGHWAY**

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

Sorenson and the Board discussed the bi-annual contract renewal for Sorenson. The only changes to the contract were the time period of January 2021 thru December on 2022 and the annual salary.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to renew the contract for the highway superintendent. Spilde stated the contract renewal should wait until after an evaluation was completed. All present voting aye - 3, nay - 1, motion carried.

Sorenson informed the Board the work on CR 4 and 11a had been completed.

Sorenson stated he would like to advertise for the purchase of three new pup trailers for purchase in January 2021, which was budgeted for.

Sorenson also informed the Board a payment will be received from Miner County for the workshare during 2020.

Sorenson requested to move into Executive Session for personnel.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 9:00 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Executive Session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:15 A.M.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEMS INC 22.59 SUPPLIES, APPEARA 177.84 SUPPLIES, ASPHALT PAVING & MATERIALS 941.60 PATCHING, AT&T 96.88 UTILITIES, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-MI 104.95 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, BADGER OIL COMPANY 1238.75

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& TRAILER SPECIALISTS LL 1565.17 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, TRUENORTH STEEL 4559.69 SUPPLIES/SNOW, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 101.92 SUPPLIES, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC. 1467.90 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, ULTRA-CHEM INC 541.23 SUPPLIES, USPS 64.00 BOX RENT, USPS 491.50 POSTAGE, VERIZON 355.98 UTILITIES, VERIZON 210.00 UTILITIES, VISA 2.12 SUPPLIES, VISA 4076.93 SUPPLIES/WEB PAGE/TABLETS, PHILIP J & CYNTHIA I. WARNE 1208.47 OVERPAYMENT, GLEN WENDEL 50.84 GRAND JURY FEES,

**END OF MONTH**

COURTHOUSE SALARIES	\$54,222.92
HIGHWAY SALARIES	33,287.78

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

Sanford Health Plan	27,845.36
AFLAC	1,425.58
AFLAC	456.40
Office of Child Support Enforcement	403.00
The Principal Financial Group	255.95
Delta Dental	844.00
Avisis Third Party Administrators	217.22
SD Retirement Supplement Pretax	3,250.00
SD Retirement System	13,534.36
SD Retirement Supplement	525.00
AFSCME	259.60
Kingsbury County	26,826.76

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

Cash on Hand	\$2,110.49
Checks in Treas. Possession less than 3 days	64,946.79
Credit Card	1,411.19
Cash Short	-185.39
Cash Long-ISF Check	100.00
Demand Deposits	43,212.05
Savings Account	3,301,399.49
Revolving Loan Fund	295,203.56
Big Ditch MM	361,969.43
Time Deposits	1,657,523.80
TOTAL	5,727,691.41

**BREAKDOWN OF MONEY BY FUNDS**

County General Fund	2,569,199.21
Special Revenue Funds (Road & Bridge, E911 Fund CH Bldg, Revolving Loan, Emergency Management, Domestic Abuse Funds 24/7 & M&P Fund)	2,040,243.96
Drainage Ditch #4	188,053.70
Drainage Ditch Debt Service Cash	-1,857.14
Amount held for School Dist.	532,031.65
Amount held for Townships	50,703.71
Amount held for Cities	63,614.11
Amount held for East Dakota Water Dist.	1,924.60
State Remittance	172,469.65
Amount held for others	111,307.96
TOTAL	5,727,691.41

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
 Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment to hold the Travis Steffensen Conditional Use Application Hearing at 9:41 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 11:15 A.M.

**SPIRIT LAKE TOWNSHIP - BRIC GRANT APPLICATION**  
 Todd Kays and Greg Maag, with First District Association, and Greg Noem, with Spirit Lake Township, joined the

meeting via Zoom.

Barnard reminded the Board of the application the County is submitting on behalf of Spirit Lake Township. Barnard also informed the Board the various forms and documents that needed to be signed and submitted before the application can be processed. Maag provided information on the program and the need for the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study.

Barnard requested authorization to electronically sign the application on behalf of the County.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded for Barnard to be authorization to electronically sign the application on behalf of the County. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Barnard read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2020-28**

**APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE and COMMUNITIES (BRIC) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the County of Kingsbury is submitting a BRIC Grant application on behalf of Spirit Lake Township for the completion of a H&H study to the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

**WHEREAS** the County is required to appoint an Applicant Agent for the purpose of signing documents and assuring the completion of all application documents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kingsbury County Commission appoints the Kingsbury County Auditor as the authorized Applicant Agent.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to approve Resolution 2020-28 and for Chairman Walls to sign the same. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Barnard stated she had read the following contract to Spirit Lake Township Chairmand, Richard Baier. Barnard read the following contract between the County and Spirit Lake Township:

**CONTRACT FOR APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF SPIRIT LAKE TOWNSHIP FOR BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES GRANT**

**COMES NOW**, Kingsbury County, by and through the Chairman of its County Commission, and subject to the approval of the Kingsbury County Commission, and Spirit Lake Township, by and through Richard Baier, its chairman, and subject to the approval of the Township Board, and enter into the following Contract with Spirit Lake Township to include the following:

That Kingsbury County is filing a "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" Grant Application on behalf of Spirit Lake Township.

That the Spirit Lake Township will be responsible for the minimum of the 15% match in addition to any and all overages to the cost of the project.

That Spirit Lake Township will be responsible for providing "local match" funds for the mitigation being applied for.

That Kingsbury County will not be providing any of the match dollars for the project if it is approved.

Barnard verified with Spirit Lake Township Board member, Greg Noem, this is what the Board had previously indicated. Barnard stated Chairman Baier was planning on coming to the office later in the day to sign the contract.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to approve the contract with Spirit Lake Township and for Chairman Walls to sign the same. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

The Board took a moment to recognize State's Attorney Gregg Gass and Commissioner Shelley Nelson. Both Gass and Nelson have provided 12 years of service to Kingsbury County. Plaques were presented to Gass and Nelson.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION**

Anderson met with the Board to discuss the abatement of property taxes that were charged on excess square footage. The abatement request was for \$1,208.47 for four years of overage on record number 1426.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to approve the abatement of \$1,208.47 on record number 1426. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning to review two proposed plats at 11:51 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 12:02 P.M.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to accept the Plat of Lots 6 & 12 of Hauck's Bay Addition of Hauck's Landing Development as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. All present voting aye - 4, nay - 0, abstain - 1. Motion carried.

Spilde moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Plat of Lot 2 of Tract 1 Jensen's Addition as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. All present voting aye - 4, nay - 0, abstain - 1. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR**

Barnard discussed employee vacation balances and new timesheets for 2021.

It was the consensus of the Board to exempt the Sheriff's Deputies from the vacation time carry-over limit of 80 hours due to the inability to take vacation time while one deputy was unable to work due to illness.

Barnard informed the Board a signature was needed on the final billing from Legislative Audit for the 2017-2018 Audit that was completed earlier in the year.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded for Chairman Walls to sign the form for the Legislative Audit billing. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Barnard informed the Board the

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SDPAA 2021 Rating Supplement was being completed and requested authorization to sign the forms as needed on behalf of the County.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded for Barnard to sign the SDPAA 2021 Rating Supplement as needed. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Barnard provided information to the Board regarding an alternate auction opportunity for surplus property. Walls had additional information from a local entity. The local entity will be looked into further.

Barnard informed the Board the County had received a Letter Notifying Adjacent Property Owners of Special Exception Hearing and a Letter Notifying Adjacent Property Owners of Variance Hearing from The City of De Smet. Both letters were regarding the request for a licensed commercial day care facility to be built across the street from the courthouse. Included in the information was a Property Owner Consent Form for signature.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to support the project and for Chairman Walls to sign the consent form indicating the same. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Barnard presented a Beadle County Jail Contract on behalf of the Sheriff's office. The fee for daily confinement is \$70.00.

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to approve the contract and for Chairman Walls to sign the same. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**EXTENSION**

Marie Claire Bauer, Extension/4-H Director, met with the Board to review the 4-H activities from March through December of 2020. Attendance was done in person, virtually or a hybrid of the two.

Activities have been limited due to the Coronavirus. Plans for various options are being made for the upcoming year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 1:27 P.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Spilde moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from Executive Session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 2:00 P.M.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Roger Walls, Chairman  
ATTEST  
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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**REGULAR MEETING  
DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL  
December 9, 2020**

The De Smet Common Council met in regular session on December 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Council members Bret Jensen, Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Shon Asleson, Jay Slater, Mayor Gary Wolkow, Finance Officer Tracey Larson. Council member Pam Spader

and Attorney Todd Wilkinson (via phone) arrived later. Absent: none.

Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was started with the council and those from the public reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Wolkow asked anyone attending the meeting by phone or video conference to please mute their devices.

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Slater, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, all voting aye, motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Motion by Cavanaugh, seconded by Asleson, to approve payment of the claims as presented, all voting aye, motion carried. The claims are as follows: PAYROLL \$30,515.42; OASI Benefit 2,334.42; Aflac, ins. premium 280.95; Dearborn National, life insurance 140.80; Delta Dental of South Dakota 360.44; VSP 190.96; The Health Pool of SD, health insurance premium 6,413.12; SDRS, retirement benefit 3,659.28; De Smet Postmaster, special exception & variance applications for De Smet Development Corp daycare 89.60; De Smet Postmaster, variance for De Smet Development Corp daycare 6.40; Mediacom, utilities 111.99; Alla Prima Art Services, appraisal 1,115.20; American Bank & trust, Wilder Pass principal 944.30; Avera Medical Group Mitchell, supplies 154.00; Avid Hawk LLC, supplies 35.00; Better Homes & Gardens, library supplies 15.00; Center Point Large Print, library supplies 29.21; Century Link, utilities 538.67; City of De Smet, utilities 309.82; City of De Smet, supplies 21.30; Connecting Point, software, supplies, repairs & maintenance 150.00; Consumer Reports, library supplies 52.19; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, repairs & maintenance 6,603.65; De Smet Bucks, supplies 1050.00; De Smet Cemetery Assoc., interest on CD 18.55; De Smet Trustworthy Hardware, supplies 210.44; Demco, library supplies 183.99; Department of Health, repairs & maintenance 73.00; Display Sales, supplies 52.00; Duininck, repairs & maintenance 1,917.00; Feld Fire, fire dept supplies 4,050.00; Hawkins, Inc., water chemicals 20.00; Health, library supplies 24.95; HGTV Magazine, library supplies 39.97; Innovative, supplies 275.00; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, repairs & maintenance 220.00; Kingsbury County Auditor, law enforcement contract 6,283.33; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, utilities 162.46; Kingsbury Journal, publishing 909.32; Kristy Hubbard, supplies 30.92; M & T Fire and Safety, supplies 760.00; Maynard's, supplies 75.32; Micro Marketing LLC, library supplies 320.09; Napa, supplies, repairs & maintenance 61.98; Northwestern, utilities 646.32; O'Keefe Implement, Inc., supplies, repairs & maintenance 403.46; Office Peeps, Inc., library repairs & maintenance 25.00; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies 864.94; Ottetail Power Company, utilities 5,047.35; Patricia & Dennis Nelson, meter deposit refund 125.00; Pheasantland Industries, supplies 72.08; Postmaster, supplies 175.00; Potomac Aviation Technology Co., airport repairs & maintenance 334.28; Reader Service, library supplies 18.33; Reed, debt service principal 690.58; Reed, debt service principal 2,500.00; Rich's Gas & Service, fuel & supplies 983.44; Rob Kittay – Board of Operator, travel & conference 20.00; SD Assoc. of Rural Water System, travel & conference

565.00; SD Dept. of Revenue, sanitation sales tax 450.58; SD WWA, travel & conference 10.00; Share Corp, chemicals 2,479.08; Smith's Lumber, supplies 38.03; State of SD, utilities 23.58; Summit Supply Corporation, repairs & maintenance 298.90; The Main Stop, fuel 456.06, Wilder Pass, LLC, TIF Wilder Pass principal 31,672.08; Woods Heating & Cooling LLC, repairs & maintenance 841.84; Zep Sales & Service, supplies 204.69; Clark Engineering, water looping project 2,660.00; Helms & Associates, airport turnarounds project 491.09.

**LIQUOR LICENSE & OPERATING AGREEMENT TRANSFER:** This being the date and time advertised motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to approve the transfer of the liquor license and operating agreement from Wendy Lu Lounge to Klinkel's, III, all voting aye, motion carried.

Council member Spader arrived at this time.

**WATER LOOPING PROJECT:** Shane Waterman, Engineer for Clark Engineering/IMEG met with the council to give an update on the water looping project. Waterman reported that bids had been opened for the project on November 18, 2020 with seven bids submitted for the project. Clark Engineering/IMEG has reviewed the submitted bids. Winter Contracting, LLC of Brookings was the lowest bid in the amount of \$312,183.00. The project will be completed during the summer of 2021. References for Winter Contracting, LLC were provided and reviewed by Clark Engineering/IMEG and found no significant performance or financial issues related to the projects listed in the reference list. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve and accept the bid tabulation as the official results of the publicly held bid opening and authorize it to be published, all voting aye, motion carried. Recommendation was made by Clark Engineering/IMEG to award the De Smet Water Distribution System Improvements to Winter Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$312,183.00 contingent upon the approval of the SRF loan finalization. Motion was made by Asleson, seconded by Hansen, to approve awarding of the De Smet Water Distribution System Improvements to Winter Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$312,183.00 contingent upon the approval of the SRF Loan Fund intended for use in financing this project, all voted aye, motion carried.

Attorney Wilkinson joined the meeting via phone at this time.

**ZONING:** Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Jensen, that the Council to be convened as the Board of Adjustment, all voting aye, motion carried. The Board of Adjustment was called to order by Mayor Wolkow. This being the date and time public noticed for the hearing on Special Exception Application #89 submitted by the De Smet Development Corp., Director Rita Anderson met with the board to discuss the special exception application. The De Smet Development Corp. has requested a special exception to allow the operation of a licensed commercial daycare in an area zoned "R-2" General Residential District on the following legally described property: Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat, and addressed as 106 Calumet Ave. SE, De Smet, South Dakota.

Notice of the hearing was properly

given by certified mail and by publication of the publication of the Notice of Hearing in conformity with Section 3.04.05 of the City Zoning Ordinance. Nobody from the public appeared in opposition of the proposed special exception application.

Upon conclusion of the hearing and the Board having considered the application and evidence presented, enters its findings as follows:

1. That property legally described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat, De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, is located within the city limits of the City of De Smet and the Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction over the application.
2. That the property is currently zoned "R-2 General Residential".
3. That adjacent properties are zoned "R-2 General Residential" and "C-1" Central Commercial District.
4. That a licensed commercial daycare is a use permitted by special exception within both the General Residential District and the Central Commercial District.
5. That the applicant has filed the required application for the special exception permit and the notice of hearing was properly given.
6. That none of the adjoining property owners presented any objections to the licensed commercial daycare facilities.
7. That over 50% of the property owners within 150' returned their consent to allow a licensed commercial daycare on property zoned as "R-2" General Residential.
8. That the licensed commercial daycare establishment is compatible with adjacent properties and other property in the district.
9. That granting the special exception is in keeping with the City of De Smet's comprehensive land use plan.
10. That all requirements of the City of De Smet Zoning Ordinance have been met.

Based upon these finding, a motion was made by Slater, seconded by Jensen, to recommend approval of the special exception permit to the De Smet Development Corp., for a licensed commercial daycare facility, all voting aye, motion carried.

This being the date and time public noticed for the hearing on Variance Application #90 submitted by the De Smet Development Corp., Director Rita Anderson met with the board to discuss the variance application. Director Anderson has requested a variance that they be allowed to construct a 50' x 24' licensed commercial daycare facility on the following legally described property: Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat, and addressed as 101 Joliet Ave. SE, De Smet, South Dakota.

Notice of the hearing was properly given by certified mail and by publication of the publication of the Notice of Hearing in conformity with Section 3.04.05 of the City Zoning Ordinance. Nobody from the public appeared in opposition of the variance application.

The location of the proposed construction was reviewed by Alderman Slater. Upon conclusion of the hearing and the Board having considered

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Continued from preceding page the application and evidence presented, enters its findings as follows:

1. That property legally described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat, De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, is located within the city limits of the City of De Smet and the Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction over the application.
2. That the property is currently zoned "R-2 General Residential".
3. That adjacent properties are zoned "R-2 General Residential" and "C-1" Central Commercial District.
4. That the lot is located at the intersection of two street right-of-ways (Joliet Ave. SE & 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE).
5. That the Area Regulations of the "R-2" zoning require a front yard set-back of thirty (30) feet and the "Additional yard Requirement" in Chapter 4.07 Yards, states that a corner lot must have a front yard along both streets.
6. That the Area regulations of the "R-2" zoning require a rear yard to have a minimum distance of twenty-five (25) feet set-back from the property line.
7. That the Area Regulations of the "R-2" zoning require a maximum lot coverage for all buildings and structures not to exceed thirty (30%) percent of the total lot area.
8. That the proposed building would be constructed in the same front set-back from the east lot line (front yard) as the existing structure on the adjacent property.
9. That the proposed building addition would be constructed 16'4" from the north (front yard) property line.
10. That the previously existing residential structure and garage have been removed from the lot.
11. That the lot coverage of the new daycare structure would have a lot coverage of 7.28% and is 22.72% below the 30% lot coverage allowed by ordinance on a property zoned R-2" General Residential.
12. That none of the adjoining property owners objected to the proposed variance.
13. That granting the proposed variance would not increase any safety exposure to the adjacent property owners.
14. That the Board of Adjustment take into consideration each application on its own accord.
15. That ordinances have been approved and adopted to protect the De Smet residents and properties within the city limits.
16. That the current structure locations do not result from the applicant's action.
17. That the reasons set forth in the application justify approving a variance.

Based upon these findings, a motion was made by Slater, seconded by Asleson, to recommend approval of the variance application #90 as submitted by the De Smet Development Corp., for a licensed commercial daycare facility, all voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wolkow declared the council

back in session.

Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Spader to approve the recommendations from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to approve the Special Exception Application #89 submitted by the De Smet Development Corp., all voting aye, motion carried. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Jensen, to approve the Variance Application #90 submitted by the De Smet Development Corp.; all voting aye, motion carried.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the building permit application submitted by the De Smet Development Corp. - daycare facility, all voting aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-1:** At the June 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting, the council approved amending Resolution 2020-1 to allow establishments to open to 50% of building capacity at a time for on-premise consumption of food/beverage excluding employees, with six (6) feet social distancing between people, businesses being responsible to monitor their establishment, to be effective June 11, 2020, with no additional special meetings to be held unless drastic changes happen with the number of COVID-19 cases. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to approve extending the current Resolution 2020-1 until January 13, 2021, all voting aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Shawn Wolkow and Fireman Cole Munger met with the council to discuss the bunker gear equipment currently used by the volunteer members. Some of the bunker gear was purchased in 1997 and is showing wear and tear, and other gear was purchased in 2002 and also wearing out. The City budgeted \$23,000.00 in 2021 for fire department equipment. Motion was made by Asleson, seconded by Slater, to approve the fire department ordering bunker gear in 2021 up to \$23,000.00 as budgeted, all voting aye motion carried.

**SECOND READING TO AMEND WATER/WASTEWATER RATES:** Finance Officer Larson presented the council information proposing an increase of \$4.35 surcharge to the water rates for the water project loan repayment. The proposed surcharge rate would be applied to the water service only and there would be no change to the wastewater rate. The water surcharge can only be used toward repayment of the water project SRF loan. There would be no change to the water usage rate/1,000 gallons or to the flat rate charge. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Spader, to approve the second reading to amend Ordinance No. II-2Q, Section II-2-6. Water Services Hookups and Rates, all voting aye, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. II-2Q**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. II-2 ENTITLED: SECTION II-2-6. WATER SERVICE HOOKUPS & RATES:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT SAID ORDINANCE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Section II-2-6.** Water Services Hookups and Rates.

**RATE SCHEDULE FOR WATER USAGE**

The rates for water consumption shall be computed on a monthly (1 month) basis. Any fractioned use of 1,000 gallons shall be rounded to the next 1,000 gallon increment and shall be considered as 1000 gallons for billing purposes. A minimum monthly rate of \$18.22 of which sum \$2.50 per hookup shall be designated for debt retirement, shall be charged to the service regardless of usage as long as the water shall be turned on to the service. The following rates shall be effective for residential and commercial usage for water supplied by the City of De Smet, to-wit:

For usage, per 1000 gallons \$3.32

Other Water charges, the City of De Smet hereby establishes a surcharge of \$4.35 payable by each customer of its system who receives or benefits from the services of the project financed by the DW-02 loan with the borrower bond Series 2020. The collection of the surcharge shall start on January 1, 2021. The surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as the borrower bond is paid in full, it shall be collected at the same time as other charges of the system, and establish a surcharge account to segregate the income from other system income for book keeping purposes to be pledged to the South Dakota Conservancy District. The surcharge shall be reviewed from year to year and modified in order to provide the required 110 percent debt coverage.

Meters shall be read monthly and water bills shall be due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of every month of each year at a place designated by the City. After 5:00 P.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of said month, water bills shall be deemed delinquent and a 15% penalty shall be added to the unpaid customer's account having a balance of over \$10.00.

No utility connection shall be made for municipal water or sewer services until the owner, occupier or user of the premises shall deposit with the City the sum of \$125.00 as a guarantee of municipal utilities payment. Said deposit shall be retained by the City without interest until the municipal utility service is disconnected or terminated. Upon vacating said building or location of the discontinuance of the use of the municipal utilities therein, the deposit shall be returned to the person who paid said amount, less any sums then due and owing to the City for utility services.

All other sections of said Ordinance and Ordinances amending Ordinance No. II-2, except those herein specifically modified, remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2020.

**CITY OF DE SMET**

ATTEST: Gary Wolkow, Mayor  
Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

Passed First Reading: November 10, 2020

Passed Second Reading and Adopted: December 9, 2020  
Published: December 23, 2020

**EVENT CENTER:** Kristy Hubbard, Event Center Director, met with the council to inform the council that the Event Center Advisory Board had met the previous week and reviewed the rental rates for the De Smet Event & Wellness Center. The recommenda-

tion was to increase the event hall for a full day rental from \$600.00 to \$750 and the half day rate from \$350.00 to \$400.00, leave all other room rental rates the same, and increase the wellness membership from \$30.00 to \$35.00 and remove the free months included at enrollment unless it is during the yearly promotion. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Jensen, to approve increasing the rate for the Event Hall from \$600.00 to \$750.00 for a full day rent, increase the half day rate from \$350.00 to \$400.00, and increase the wellness monthly rate from \$30.00 to \$35.00, all voting aye, motion carried. Director Hubbard asked the council to consider opening the theater to the public to view the De Smet High Scholl home basketball games due to the limited spectators allowed at the game and about serving concessions for the game nights. The council agreed to have the theater open at no charge to watch the home games, leave the concessions for the game nights to the discretion of Director Hubbard, and suggested getting volunteers to help with the center for the ball game nights. Director Hubbard also inquired about purchasing a EV3000i steam cleaner in the amount of \$3,094.00 with the disinfectant attachment using COVID-19 grant reimbursement funds. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Spader to purchase the steam cleaner in the amount of \$3,094.00 with COVID-19 grant funding, all voting aye, motion carried.

**DE SMET DEVELOPMENT**

**CORPORATION:** Rita Anderson, De Smet Development Coordinator, presented a year in review list of accomplishments to the council. Some of the year highlights include: creating the county-wide newspaper; formed a Day-Care Task Force bringing a new daycare into De Smet; assisted in bringing the ROCS Transit Service to De Smet; and assisted businesses with Covid-19 CARES program funding.

**PROJECT PAYMENTS:** Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve pay request #3 in the amount of \$491.09 to Helms & Associates for the turnaround's bidding phase, and pay request #4 in the amount of \$2,660.00 to Clark Engineering for the water looping project all voted aye, motion carried. These airport project expenses will be reimbursed by 100% from grant funding.

**2020 CONTINGENCY TRANSFER AND FIRST READING TO SUPPLEMENT THE 2020 EXPENDITURE BUDGET:**

Finance Officer Larson gave a report on funds that will need to be supplemented in the 2020 expenditure budget after contingency transfers. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Asleson to approve transferring a total of \$56,100.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Financial Administration for equipment - \$5,000.00, Government Buildings for repairs & maintenance - \$16,000.00, Fire Department for the equipment - \$20,000.00, Sanitation for residential garbage services - \$4,000.00, Liquor for supplies - \$1,500.00, and Streets for equipment and repairs - \$9,600.00, all voting aye motion carried. Funds to be supplemented are funds that have added improvements or maintenance projects. Funds that will need supplementing include the Streets, Airport, and Water. The airport project will have grant funding to cover 95% to 100% of the project expenses. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Spader to

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# Public Notices

## LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on December 14, 2020 in the Lake Preston School library. At 5:30 PM President Carlson called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jerod Olson, Josh Warne, Steve Carlson, Amanda Wienk, Stacia Sneesby and Brett Anderson. Travis Denison was available by phone conference.

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

**ACTION 73** Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to approve the agenda as the order of business. All voted aye, motion carried.

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

**ACTION 74-** Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to approve the consent items of the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes, November 2020 financials, and December bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

### GENERAL FUND

Dues/Fees: ASBSD \$25.00, Cash \$66.30, Brown L. \$122.00, DCI \$43.25, Nelson M. \$58.77, Sanford Health Plan \$33.55, SDACCC \$125.00, SDHSAA \$50.10; Services: Automatic Building Controls \$240.00, Duenwald, Dan \$4,026.65, Jensen Repair \$135.69, NESC \$6.43, Freeman R. \$135.50, Taylor Music \$327.50; Utilities: City of Lake Preston \$475.60, Cook's Waste \$224.64, Northwestern Energy \$1,010.88, Ottertail \$1,820.41, Valley Fibercom \$404.41; Fuel: Coles Petroleum Products \$722.01, Prairie Ag Partners \$1,551.25; Supplies: Continental Research Corporation \$787.70, Dakota Potters Supply \$115.20, Deluxe \$488.95, Discover \$2,076.61, Hillyard \$1,235.19, Innovative Office Solutions \$321.32, J W Pepper \$53.82, Jostens \$437.67, Lake Preston Area Storage \$70.00, Lowe's \$43.89, Macksteel \$21.84, Maynard's Food \$311.13, Office Peeps \$78.68, School Specialty \$57.40, Sioux Falls Two Way Radio \$209.98; Publications: Kingsbury Journal \$116.25; Insurance: Northern Plains Insurance Pool \$2,971.14  
General Fund Total: \$21,001.71

### CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Equipment: Daktronics \$920.00, Discover \$427.09, Hauff Mid America Sports \$2,065.00, Hillyards \$1,500.00, Lowe's \$1,522.95, Marco Technologies \$396.01; Library Books: Jones B. \$46.64  
Capital Outlay Fund Total: \$6,877.69

### SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Tuition: Children's Home Society of Sioux Falls \$5,081.58; Supplies: Discover \$159.99; Services: NESC \$974.06  
Special Education Fund Total: \$6,215.63

### FOOD SERVICE FUND

Food: Child & Adult Nutrition Services \$197.40, Earthgrains \$181.86, East Side Jersey Dairy \$554.72, Maynard's \$63.90, Reinhart Foods \$6,950.97, Supplies: Appera \$105.60, Culligan \$30.00, Discover \$845.10, Lowe's \$173.81, Food Service Fund Total: \$9,103.36  
Grand Total \$43,198.39

**November Payroll:** General \$136,258.49, Benefits \$41,307.93; Special Education: \$17,682.97, Benefits: \$5,199.12; Food Service: \$7,086.53, Benefits \$1,672.43; Total November Payroll: \$209,207.47

### Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances

Nov-20	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education
Beginning Balance	\$1,064,319.98	\$1,570,796.22	\$409,797.77
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Ad Val Taxes, Gross Receipts	\$456,450.57	\$233,362.88	\$189,550.81
County Apport	\$785.71		\$200.00
St. & Fed. Aid	\$62,091.12	\$-	\$223.59
Int., Adm, Rentals	\$2,244.60	\$-	\$-
Expenditures	\$(167,094.94)	\$(3,100.61)	\$(29,665.44)
Ending Cash Balance	\$1,418,760.10	\$1,801,058.49	\$570,106.73
<b>Food Service Drivers Ed Custodial Accounts</b>			
Beginning Balance	\$1,235.70	\$4,441.42	\$84,949.56
<b>Revenue</b>			
Sales	\$951.51		
Fed/State Reimb	\$17,538.02		
Fees/Fundraisers			\$4,563.02
Expenditures	\$(12,166.78)	\$-	\$(224.53)
Ending Cash Balance	\$7,558.45	\$4,441.42	\$89,288.05

### Review/Discussion

Superintendent Felderman and members Warne and Wienk reported on the Cooperative Sports meeting held with the Arlington Cooperative Sports committee members. Felderman reported that the co-op is going very well in all areas. Football numbers should allow the team to remain as nine man as Felderman has applied for exemptions that will bring our male ADM numbers

down to 55 if the SDHSAA grants those at their January board meeting. He plans to attend that meeting in Pierre, if possible.

Discussion was held on the possibility of broadening the co-op into other areas as well. Currently the Lake Preston School does not have enough participation to have a girls' varsity basketball team this year. And, by looking at the numbers for Arlington males, they may have an issue in future years for boys' basketball. Members directed Supt. Felderman to request Arlington to consider joining in other sports including boys' and girls' basketball as well as volleyball and other sports.

During the discussion on semester two forecast, Felderman recommended to continue to go as we are with the afterschool programs and flex period scheduling. He commented that we are in a better place now with Covid than we were even last month.

Felderman then requested dialog on winter activity and mask protocols. Board discussed whether or not to go with a voucher system for sporting events. He did not feel the need to collect admissions or have vouchers for girls' basketball, as they would not have a varsity game so attendance should be low. But, he felt that admissions along with vouchers could be collected for double headers or boys games. Board consensus was that with only two home events before January, the board could leave it at open attendance, and revisit this at that January board meeting. If Covid numbers increase, the Superintendent would be allowed the freedom to adjust this as necessary.

Superintendent Felderman presented information regarding EPSLA leave and the numbers of staff out due to covid since school started. Due to this, he recommended retaining a long term substitute to have report daily to assist with distance learning and covid leave along with covering a maternity leave later in the spring. Business Manager Curd reported on the school election timeline stating that it would need to be decided at the January board meeting.

### New Business

**ACTION 75-** Motion by Anderson, second by Wienk to have open attendance to sporting events and to begin charging for home boys basketball games and double headers. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION 76-** Motion by Anderson, second by Olson to approve the adjustment to the mask protocol and tier system. Members Anderson, Olson, Denison, Sneesby, Wienk and Carlson voted aye. Warne voted nay. Motion carried.

NESC report was presented by Member Olson and Supt Felderman. Felderman stated that with Rutland school joining the co-op, there would be a need to add NESC staff. Business Manager Curd reported that the annual audit was complete and that it went well. Principal Bothun reported on high school English classes offered by the district. She also reported that the student council blood drive did well enough that a scholarship would be given. Felderman reported that there would be some open enrollments to approve in January. He is expecting 3-4 new students to the district.

**ACTION 77 -** Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1, 2 & 4, Motion by Anderson second by Olson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student concerns at 6:59 pm. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION 78 -** President Carlson declared out of executive session at 8:11 PM.

**ACTION 79 -** Motion by Wienk, second by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. All voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2020 at noon in the School Library.

Kristi Curd, Business Manager  
Steve Carlson, President of the Board

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Continued from preceding page approve the first reading to approve Ordinance No. IV-220 to supplement the 2020 budget, all voting aye, motion carried.

**SPECIAL MEETING:** Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Jensen, to approve holding a special meeting on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5:00 PM at City Hall for the 2020 year end meeting, all voting aye, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Motion was made by Hansen, seconded Cavanaugh, to approve the November 2020 Cash Balances Report as presented by the Finance Officer, all voted aye, motion carried.

**OVERTIME:** Motion by Asleson, seconded by Spader, to approve the overtime hours for the month of November as presented, all voted aye, motion carried.

**OTHER:** Other non-action items of discussion were as follows: 1) the

November law enforcement report; 2) nuisance properties; 3) the appraisal completed on the Harvey Dunn paintings; 4) using the old metal bleachers from the baseball field and using the metal pieces for a trailer.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Hansen, seconded by Jensen.

To comply with SDCL 6-1-10. Publication of Payroll information, the payroll changes were effective December 1, 2020 as follows: Street Assistant, Jason Springer \$16.80/hour; Buildings/Parks Superintendent, Cole Munger \$18.45/hour; and Water/Sewer Superintendent Richard Stoddard \$19.70/hour.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL

# Lady Bulldogs add a win and two losses

BY VICKI DYLLA  
Kingsbury Journal

**ESTELLINE**

The De Smet Lady Bulldogs headed to Estelline on Dec. 17 to take on the Redhawks. Both teams were off to a slow start putting points on the board. Kennadi Buchholz was able to get the Lady Bulldogs on the board halfway through the first quarter, and the next trip down the court, Mackenzie Zell hit a three from the side to put De Smet ahead. The Redhawks were quick, and the Lady Bulldogs struggled for a bit taking care of the ball. Jacie McCune put in a three with two seconds left in the first half to pull the score closer, the Lady Bulldogs trailing 16-17.

Starting the second half, the Lady Bulldogs came out strong offensively and defensively. Zell had a nice pass to Emma Albrecht, cutting to the basket to get the offense going. On the next trip down, Albrecht drove the lane and dished it off to Buchholz for another two. The Redhawks struggled to get going on their end as the Lady Bulldogs were putting a stop to anything they tried.

De Smet did a good job passing the ball, driving to the basket and looking for the post, which is exactly how they started the fourth quarter with McCune connecting to Buchholz for two. The Lady Bulldogs slowed it down and worked their offense to get points on the board. Their defense was very strong, holding the Redhawks to only nine points.

Zell led with eight points, six rebounds, and Albrecht contributed

seven points and seven rebounds. The Redhawks were led by Kylie Beare and Kathryn Wegner, each with 7 points.

The Lady Bulldogs JV lost 20-21.

<b>De Smet</b>	9	16	32	48
<b>Estelline</b>	11	17	23	26

**DEUBROOK**

The Entringer Classic was handled a bit differently this year due to COVID. Instead of having all of the teams play at Colman, games were each held at individual sites. The Lady Bulldogs were matched up with the Deubrook Dolphins on Dec. 19 for the second time this year.

The Lady Bulldogs started off with the tip from Kennadi Buchholz to Mackenzie Zell, and Zell went in for a layup for two. The Dolphins came out with a strong press, and the Lady Bulldogs struggled getting the ball up the court. Heading into halftime, De Smet trailed Deubrook 24-37.

The second half continued a strong show of defense, resulting in only single digits scored by both teams. The Dolphins continued to be all over the court, pressing hard and making it tough for the Lady Bulldogs to work the ball around and into the post.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by Buchholz with 14 points, 12 rebounds, while Zell added 14 points and 11 rebounds. The Dolphins were led by Baylee Holmlund with 19 points.

<b>De Smet</b>	11	24	32	42
<b>Deubrook</b>	21	37	43	53

**DELL RAPIDS**

With school on Christmas break, the Dog Pound was full to watch the girls and boys take on the Cardinals



De Smet senior Mackenzie Zell, right, scrambles for control of the ball Monday against a Dell Rapids St. Mary player. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

from Dell Rapids St. Mary on Monday evening.

The first trip down the court, the Lady Bulldogs were able to hold the Cardinals on defense with time out on the shot clock. De Smet headed down the court, and Emma Albrecht hit a three in the corner to put the Lady Bulldogs on the board. The Lady Bulldogs worked the ball around and had some nice passes into Kennadi Buchholz the first quarter.

The Cardinals came out with quick, scrappy defense the second quarter and were also hot offensively. Coach Pitts and the Lady Bulldogs went to the locker room at half trail-

ing 18-26.

Buchholz started the second half with a nice shot to get the Lady Bulldogs going, but they were not successful offensively the rest of the game. The Cardinals were connecting on their end.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by Buchholz with 20 points and Albrecht with 12 points. The Cardinals were lead by Ell Heinitz with 20 points.

The Lady Bulldogs will take on Iroquois/Doland at 11:30 a.m. in the Huron Holiday Classic on Dec. 29.

<b>De Smet</b>	16	18	24	34
<b>Dell Rapids</b>	7	26	36	48



**Chief's ball**

Keith Hagen, left, and Cole Nelson dribble the ball up the court against Centerville last week. (Submitted photo)

LADY CHIEFS BASKETBALL

# Lady Chiefs open basketball season

BY LINDSAY NOLTE

The Iroquois/Doland Lady Chiefs opened their basketball season on Fri., Dec. 11 as they hosted Mitchell Christian. The Chiefs struggled on offense and fell to the Golden Eagles 19-50. Junior Katie Dubro led scoring with five points and grabbed four rebounds. Senior Jorja Huls had seven rebounds, while senior Kaitlyn Maas scored five points and three rebounds. Senior Harley Nelson netted five points, and sophomore Anna Decker added four points and three rebounds.

"This game was a struggle from the start," noted Coach Jeff Nolte. "We just couldn't find any kind of rhythm."

Nolte attributed the loss to first-game jitters and was confident that the team would bounce back.

On Tues., Dec. 15, the program recognized the Lady Chiefs for parents' night. Decker hit a buzzer beater shot to win the game 48-47 over the Wessington Springs Spartans.

Dubro led scoring with 15 points and six rebounds, while Decker added 12 points and four rebounds. Huls scored eight points, and Maas tied the game with a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left as she scored seven points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Nelson

added five points and four rebounds, as senior Caycee Schneider scored two points, and senior Hayley Geyer grabbed four rebounds.

"This is the team I expected this season," commented Coach Nolte regarding the win. "The girls fought hard all night and finally got some things to go their way. When Kaitlyn hit the three to tie things up, I was thinking about overtime. Then we put Wessington Springs on the free throw line where they made two with 6.9 seconds left. Katie did a great job of getting the ball up the floor quickly and finding Anna for the open three."

Nolte noted that his girls really learned how to win a close game.

On Sat., Dec. 19, the team travelled to Centerville to face the Tornados. The Chiefs jumped to an early double-digit lead against the Tornados in the first quarter. The momentum did eventually swing toward the home team; however, as the Chiefs lost 50-73. Dubro netted 20 points and had seven rebounds. Decker added 11 points. Maas had seven points and four rebounds; freshman Rebecca Bich had six points, and Schneider added two points and four rebounds. Coach Nolte recognized that his girls played hard and continue to improve with each game.



Anna Decker drives the ball to the basket. (Submitted photo)

The Iroquois/Doland Chiefs are now 1-2 and will face the De Smet Lady Bulldogs in the Fair City Classic in Huron on Dec. 29.

**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

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**DEC. 29:** Lady Divers vs. Florence-Henry at Henry TBD

**DEC. 31:** Boys Entringer Classic, Divers vs. Hamlin at Hamlin

**De Smet Bulldogs**

**Basketball**

**DEC. 29:** Lady Bulldogs Huron Holiday Classic in Huron.

**DEC. 31:** Bulldogs vs. Sioux Valley at Volga

**KINGSBURY KNIGHTS**

# Knights compete in Madison Invitational

**BY FRANK CRISLER**  
Arlington Sun

Dylan Zell and Nate Kersting placed second in their weight classes to lead the Kingsbury County Knights at the Madison Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday in Madison.

The Knights finished sixth of nine teams in a strong field, earning 105 points. Harrisburg won the tourney with 205 points, and Howard was second with 169.

The Kingsbury County wrestlers are now on a two-week break, not taking the mat again until a Jan. 2 tournament in Salem.

**MADISON INVITATIONAL**

The Kingsbury County Knights had two wrestlers place second and two more place third at the Madison Tournament Saturday.

Dylan Zell, sixth-ranked at 132, earned 20 team points for the Knights, placing second at 132.

Zell, a De Smet sophomore, opened against Harrisburg freshman Teegan Stauffacher, getting the pin in 1:53.

In the semifinals, the Knight faced Rapid City Stevens junior Jacob McCormick, eighth-ranked in Class A, but Zell again got the pin, this time in just 58 seconds.

The 132 lb. finals saw Zell facing Howard senior Riley Genzlinger again, as he did the previous week in the title match at Howard.

Genzlinger won with a late pin last week. This time the match went the distance, but the undefeated Howard wrestler won a 4-0 minor decision. Zell is now 6-3 on the season.

Arlington junior Nate Kersting came in 11th-ranked at 182 and wrestled only twice at Madison, placing second for 18 team points.

Kersting opened with a bye then faced Madison sophomore Lucas Johnson in the semis, pinning the Bulldog in 4:40.

In the finals, Kersting was matched with Harrisburg senior Carter Tuntland, fifth-ranked in Class A. Tuntland didn't get the pin, but did win by technical fall, 17-2 in the third period. Kersting is now 7-3 on the season.

Gannon Gilligan, a De Smet eighth-grader, went 3-1 at 106 to place third and earn the Knights 18 team points.

Gilligan came in 12th-ranked and won his opener easily, pinning Dell Rapids seventh-grader Connor Hanson in 41 seconds.

However, the semifinal match was tougher against Madison seventh-grader Caleb Hodges, eighth-ranked in Class A. Gilligan was pinned in 1:11.

In the consolation bracket, the Knight advanced by pinning Chamber-



Al Dobson, far right, earned fifth-place at the Madison meet. (Submitted photo)

lain junior Mikyle Weston in 1:47 to advance to the third-place match. There Gilligan faced RCS sophomore Evan Eckholm and took third by pin in 3:50.

Gannon Gilligan is now 8-3 on the season.

De Smet senior Kain Gilligan also placed third, at 220, for 16 team points.

The 11th-ranked Knight opened by pinning Madison senior Tyler Reck in the last second, at 6:00, to advance to the semifinals.

There he faced Harrisburg junior Ayden Viox, third-ranked in Class A. That proved to be a tough assignment, and Gilligan was pinned in 1:35. Viox went on to take the title.

In the consolations, Gilligan faced Milbank senior Logan Meyer and advanced to the third-place match on a pin in 2:25. The Knight took third with an 8-2 minor decision over RCS senior Eli Huot.

Kain Gilligan is now 7-4 on the season.

Arlington senior Matthew Steffensen, 10th-ranked at 145, ran out of matches under the new COVID rules that cap at four and had to forfeit the third-place match, placing fourth for 14 team points.

Steffensen opened in the prelims, pinning Milbank eighth-grader Joseph French in 1:19 to advance. That put the Knight up against Harrisburg freshman Soren Aadland, but he was pinned in 1:03.

In the consolation bracket, Stef-

fensen stayed alive by pinning Sioux Falls O'Gorman senior Nate Sprenkle in 4:31 then advanced again by winning a 16-8 major decision over RCS junior Bryan Roselles.

That earned him a rematch with Aadland for a chance at third, but under the new rules, he had to forfeit. Steffensen is now 7-4 on the season.

De Smet senior Alec Dobson came back, after missing last week's tourney, and placed fifth at 138 in Madison, earning eight team points.

Dobson had a tough draw in his opener, matched against Dell Rapids senior Jacob Vogel, third-ranked in Class A. Dobson put up a fight but was pinned in 4:00.

In the consolations, Dobson faced RCS sophomore Corter Doney and advanced on a pin in 1:00. It was a loaded bracket at 138 in Madison, with fourth-ranked Madison senior Sam Olson waiting next.

Dobson again put up a good fight but lost an 11-8 minor and was eliminated. Olson and Vogel went on to wrestle for third, with Vogel winning a 6-0 minor.

Dobson is now 5-2 on the season.

Arlington junior Luke Steffensen also placed fifth, earning five team points at 126.

Steffensen opened with a bye in the six-man field, advancing to the semis.

There he faced Madison junior Isaac Henry, fifth-ranked in Class A, who pinned the Knight in 1:19 and then went on to take the 126 lb. title.

In the consolations, Steffensen faced eighth-ranked Howard sophomore Karsten Hamilton and was pinned in 2:43. Hamilton went on to place third.

Steffensen did get a win in the next match, earning fifth by taking an 8-5 minor over Chamberlain sophomore Declan Tviet.

Luke Steffensen is now 2-2 on the season.

Finally, Griffin Clubb, a De Smet sophomore, went 2-2 in Madison to place sixth—also running out of matches but earning six team points at 170.

Clubb opened in the prelims, winning a 5-0 minor over Chamberlain sophomore Swade Reis. However, the Knight lost a 7-6 minor decision to Milbank junior Leyton Raffety and was knocked into the consolation bracket.

There he faced O'Gorman freshman Alex Munce but had little trouble, winning by pin in 43 seconds to advance. However, Clubb couldn't get past seventh-ranked Howard junior Ty Beyer, who pinned him in 2:26 and then went on to pin Raffety to take third.

Clubb would have wrestled for fifth but had to forfeit, as he had wrestled four. He is now 7-5 on the season.



**Lake Preston Parents' Night**

Parents' night was held at the first home game on Friday night. (Submitted photo)

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## BULLDOG BASKETBALL

### Undefeated Bulldogs get strong wins at home

BY BERNIE STOEL  
Kingsbury Journal

#### CLARK-WILLOW LAKE

The De Smet Bulldogs boys basketball team defeated the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones 57-33 Tuesday night, Dec. 15 behind the hot hand of Kalen Garry and a strong defensive effort by the entire team.

Garry led the Bulldogs with 28 points, followed by Cody Cavanaugh with nine and Ethan McCune with seven. Tory Holland, Garry and McCune each had five rebounds to lead De Smet, and Rett Osthus was the assist leader with six assists and five steals. As a team, De Smet shot 48% from the field.

Coach Jeff Gruenhagen said, "It was a great defensive effort as a team tonight. We touched a lot of passes and never let them get comfortable. Kalen was really good on both ends, and Rett made some amazing steals."

The defense that Coach Gruenhagen was referring to held Clark-Willow Lake to 31% shooting. They were only 4/24 during the second half.

#### DELL RAPIDS

The team remained unbeaten and rated #1 in S.D. Class B Basketball by defeating #5 Dell Rapids St. Mary 69-33 Monday night at the Dog Pound.

The Bulldogs came out with a

strong first-half balanced shooting attack, putting up an impressive 64% from the field. Rett Osthus shut down the Cardinals high scoring guard Connor Libis, allowing him only three points the first half and ten for the game. De Smet was in total control, leading 47-17 at the break.

The Bulldogs never let Dell Rapids back in the game, shooting 60% for the game while holding their opponents to 23%.

With four minutes remaining, Coach Jeff Gruenhagen cleared his bench after junior sensation Kalen Garry put down a two-hand slam dunk. Garry led the team with 23 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Osthus followed with 15 points and nine assists, and Ethan McCune added 13 points.

One of the highlights of the game was when 6'7" sophomore Damon Wilkinson entered the game just nine days after suffering an accidental hunting injury and scored nine points.

"Rett had an awesome performance tonight," said Coach Gruenhagen. "After he got us started on the offensive end right away in the opening and then led us in just a great defensive effort. His focus and relentless drive bring the team's energy up. Fun to watch!"

The Bulldog B Team also won 33-20 behind Kasen Janssen and Kadyn Fast with nine points each.



De Smet senior Ethan McCune goes up for a basket Dec. 15 against the Clark-Willow Lake Cyclones. (Photo by April Rusche)

## ON THE HUNT



### Brother and sister tag team

Gabriel and Arabel Aughenbaugh both filled their tags this deer season. Youth can begin mentored hunting at the age of 10, and hunters 12 and older may take the safety course for a tag of their own. (Photo by Kara Aughenbaugh)

#### On the hunt?

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

## DIVER BASKETBALL

### Elks edge the Divers

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The Divers hosted their first home game Friday against the visiting Elkton-Lake Benton Elks. Although the Divers came up short with a 35-46 loss, they put on a good performance for those in attendance for Parents' Night.

The full court press was less crippling than in the game against Wolsey-Wessington Tuesday night. Carter Malone led scoring with 11 of the total 35 team points. He was followed by Rhett McMasters with 8 while Jasper Denison and Riley Casper both had 6. Carter Malone led with eight rebounds closely followed by Jasper Denison with six rebounds.

The Divers next travel to Estelline Mon., Dec. 21 to battle the Estelline-Hendricks Redhawks.



Carter Malone goes up against players from Elkton-Lake Benton on Friday. (Photo by Laurie Casper)