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## COUNTY COMMISSION

# Action delayed on zoning application

Lawyer threatens to sue county

BY MIKE SIEFKER  
Kingsbury Journal

In what should have been a short day tackling the latest items on the agenda, Kingsbury County Commissioners were threatened to be sued by Sioux Falls Attorney, Bill Taylor, representing his client, John Mills. Mills is a South Dakota House Representative for District Four. Kingsbury County Commissioners

started their regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the courtroom. Commissioners Steven Spilde and Doug Kazmerzak attended via Zoom, and Chairman Roger Walls was absent.

The day's agenda saw a Planning and Zoning (P&Z) meeting scheduled at 9:30 a.m. At 9:28 a.m. the regular commission made a motion and moved into their P&Z committee. An application had been received from Travis and Deb Steffensen to convert five acres of land zoned agricultural to Lake Park Property for the purpose of building a campground that had access for Highway 81 and Twin Lakes.

Steffensen assured commissioners that the campground would be for friends and acquaintances of the family only. He told commissioners it would not be a campground open to the public.

In late 2020, Steffensen's brother, Todd Steffensen, spoke against a previous request for a conditional-use permit change. Since then, the brothers have traded land. Steffensen's brother did not oppose the proposal Tuesday.

The decision in late 2020 brought forth legal action from Mills, and the permit was reversed due to administration error. See **COMMISSION**, page 3



## Got triplets?

Statistically, the odds of triplet calves is one in every 400,000. That means Mel and Jerod Olson hit the lottery, as they had a cow give birth to triplets over the weekend — two heifers and a bull, shown here with their children Kinzlee, left, Kolt, Kash and Khloe. (Submitted photo)

# The many chapters in the life of a writer

Meet Mike Siefker, our new reporter

BY MIKE SIEFKER  
Kingsbury Journal

For those of you wondering who this new guy named Mike Siefker is, writing and shooting photos for the newspaper, here is your answer. Some may remember me from my time at The De Smet News so it might not surprise you that I'm writing for the Kingsbury Journal. But my path to journalism was not a straight one.

I was born in Florida in 1964. My dad was a career Army Sergeant. We moved between Florida, Texas and southern California when I was growing up.

My maternal grandfather was a good old-fashioned Baptist minister. As a result, I grew up in a religious home and am grateful for that upbringing. I have one younger sister, Karen.

In school, I was content to be the class clown, and because of that, I had frequent trips to the office. I could get good grades when I applied myself, and that was probably about 90 percent of the time. From eighth grade to my senior year, my mother enrolled both my sister and me into a Christian School in El Paso, Texas. I graduated in 1983.

After high school, I attended seminary in San Dimas, California, at Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College. I was going to be a minister. After my first year, I broke my mother's heart and told her it wasn't

God's will for me to be a minister.

So, I worked as a garbageman. It was hard work and taught me a lot. I then became a manager of the custom framing department at a Ben Franklin's Craft Store. I am a perfectionist and enjoyed being creative, which made this the perfect job for me.

I soon got the urge to buy a red Mustang, and that meant I needed more money. I started working at Domino's Pizza delivering pizza part-time at night. A hard-working, courteous, smiling driver could earn some serious cash.

While I was there, the manager talked me into becoming a manager-in-training. Soon, I was a manager of my own store and was offered a "challenge" store in

See **MIKE**, page 2

## The Lake Preston School District is accepting bids

On a one-story building approximately 30 ft x 50 ft that will need to be moved by the bidding party no later than May 31, 2021. This building is currently being used for storage and formerly housed the daycare and preschool. It is located directly north of the school building.

Please contact **Superintendent Dana Felderman** or **Business Manager Kristi Curd** at **605-847-4455** to schedule a time to view or bid. Sealed bids must be received in the office of the business manager on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 8. Winning bid will be notified after the April 12 board meeting.

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## The Lake Preston School District is accepting bids

On the construction of a 40 ft x 40 ft x 14 ft storage shed. Building project specifications can be obtained by contacting **Superintendent Dana Felderman** at **605-847-4455** or emailing him at **Dana.Felderman@k12.sd.us**. The Lake Preston School District will accept bids for all or part of the building project. Your bid may be broken up to include: concrete, disposal of existing structure, electrical and/or structure construction. Project expectations are listed within the building specifications and blueprints. Sealed bids must be received in the office of the business manager on or before 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 8.

Winning bid will be notified after the April 12 board meeting.

## MIKE: Reporting for the KJ

FROM FRONT PAGE

Amarillo, Texas. I worked hard building the sales of that store. I ended up working with Domino's Pizza for close to five years.

At the Domino's in Amarillo, a cute girl came in and applied for the manager-in-training position. She kept staring at me, so I hired her. We eventually got married in 1988 and have been together ever since. Looking into her eyes still melts my heart. I know she would do anything for me, and I would do anything for her, too.

Once we were married, I thought it would be practical to attend college. I went to West Texas A & M University and worked toward a degree in accounting. I was a custodian in the afternoons and evenings. This gave me time to study and attend school in the mornings.

We had two children. The oldest is Kristin; she teaches nursing at West Texas A & M University and works labor and delivery at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I am super proud of her. Our next child was Justin. He was a great little boy who blessed Rhonda and me tremendously. Just after his first Christmas he turned two months old, and we found that he had passed away during the night from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. That was hard. I would not wish a child's death on my worst enemy. Justin's death caused me a lot of anger toward God. It took years before I became accepting of his death.

Shortly afterward, I took a test to join the Amarillo Fire Department. I did well and scored a 98 percent, but I wasn't military and did not receive five points added on to my score. It turns out I ranked 13th out of 430 applicants; that was good. They were only hiring 11 new firefighters; that was bad. I got to do the physical agility test, physical and psychological profile. Two guys above me got moved out, and I was in.

I started that career in 1991. I made it through the six months rookie school and became an emergency medical technician (EMT), too. On the fire department, about three quarters of our calls were medical. This was my dream job. I loved the excitement; I enjoyed the guys I worked with and got to work just three 24-hour shifts in nine days, which is roughly ten days a month.

When you worked a 24-hour shift, you trained, worked around the station and completed lots of other jobs. You ate, slept and showered there. It was like your home away from home. Some nights you got to sleep, and others you never slept.

After every shift, I wrote in my journal about what we had done. This allowed me to process my thoughts and keep a record, which I could use to jog my memory if I ever got called into court about a specific call. I enjoyed writing back then, and it relaxed me. Maybe someday I could write a book about my experiences.

I particularly enjoyed the medical calls and tried to work into a paramedic school, but there were no schools that would work around a fire department schedule. Texas would let you challenge the paramedic test if you were a nurse. So, I decided to be a nurse.

Now, do I become an associate degree nurse or a bachelor's degree nurse? I decided to go for my bachelor's. If something happened to me, and I could not be a firefighter anymore, I had a nursing degree to fall



Mike Siefker

back on. If I could not be a nurse, I at least had a bachelor's degree that would help me get a better paying job.

I graduated from nursing school in 1999, and for most of my nursing career, worked in the emergency room. Those experiences helped me be a better EMT on the fire department, and the medical experiences I had on the fire department helped me through nursing school.

While a firefighter, I had the opportunity to become a wildland firefighter. The physical agility to earn your red card is tough, but I did it after the second attempt.

The fire department was just a Basic Life Support first responder, and they wanted to slowly incorporate some Advanced Life Support crews. I signed up and was accepted into the class. I got paid to become a paramedic. Through my 24 years on the fire department, I was promoted to Lieutenant. I enjoyed being an officer, teaching, working with my guys and making calls with them.

In 2014, my wife and I took my dad to Mapleton, Iowa, for a high school reunion, to visit family in Sioux City and catch up with some old Army buddies. We dropped him off and toured South Dakota for a week. We visited De Smet so my wife could see the Laura Ingalls Wilder sites. I liked the area, and for some reason, I subscribed to the newspaper.

I had been thinking about retiring soon and had been looking at small farms, ranches and land in Texas. Even though the land was drought-stricken for the last five years, they were all asking a pretty penny. One day The De Smet News had an acreage on Jack Jensen's old place for sale. The price seemed good, there were trees and lots of outbuildings.

We ended up purchasing the property, and I turned in my papers to retire from the fire department. I had over 24 years of service and retired with a nice monthly pension. My guys at the fire station helped me move up here in April of 2015.

Since I have been here, I found I miss work and cannot stay home. I have worked at Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital. Then I worked at Sanford's ER in Sioux Falls, where it was busier than De Smet. I worked at The De Smet News for a while, then at The Good Samaritan Society in De Smet shortly before COVID broke out.

Now, I am back to writing for the newspaper, except this time it is the Kingsbury Journal. I enjoy interviewing people and sharing their experiences. I hope you will enjoy reading their stories as much as I enjoy writing them.

# Importance of second COVID vaccine dose

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

The South Dakota Department of Health and other local vaccine providers are now providing second doses to those individuals who received their initial dose. South Dakota continues to follow the CDC recommended schedule of 21 days after first shot for Pfizer and 28 days after the first shot for Moderna. It is important to get both doses of the vaccine so that your body develops enough antibodies to fight the COVID-19 virus if you get

exposed later.

While evidence shows that you likely have a greater degree of protection than those who are not vaccinated at all if you do not receive the second dose, you will not be fully immunized and remain at higher risk of getting COVID-19 than if you received both doses.

While current studies show that it takes two doses of the vaccine to be 95 percent effective, there is no evidence that taking only one dose will have any harmful effects on your health. It will still provide protection, but to a

lesser degree.

It is recommended that you should make every effort and plan accordingly to receive the second dose of your COVID-19 vaccine on time. The second dose of any COVID-19 vaccine must be the same vaccine product as the first dose. Studies have shown that both vaccines are safe, but they work well only when the same vaccine product is used for both doses.

The CDC website shows that 326,763 vaccinations have been administered in South Dakota to date.



## One year since COVID struck

March 9, 2021, is the anniversary date of implementation of visitor restrictions for the De Smet Good Samaritan Society. Although many challenges were faced throughout the year, this facility is one of very few able to say residents have been COVID-19 free throughout the pandemic.

The entire staff sacrificed, adapting routines in their personal lives to ensure the safety of the residents.

The Good Samaritan is currently bringing about a gradual reduction of restrictions while working through the regulations.

Pictured is Laurie Crisler, RN and infection prevention nurse, setting up for a celebration. (Submitted photo)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Feeding South Dakota

On Mar. 24, the Feeding South Dakota food truck will be coming to Kingsbury County. It will be in Arlington first from 9-10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. It will then be in Lake Preston at the UCC/UMC Church from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Last, it will stop in De Smet on Wilder Lane (between the Event Center and Washington Park) from 12-1 p.m. An I.D. must be presented. Their next scheduled stop is on Apr. 28.

### Come see Ben Jones!

Everyone is invited to spend the afternoon with Ben Jones, a De Smet High School graduate, South Dakota historian, author of Eisenhower's Guerrillas, a retired military officer and an educator. He will be at the De Smet Event and Wellness Center on March 24 at 1:30. This event is hosted by the De Smet IMPACTED class.

### Beef Bucks to be featured on Wheel of Fortune

Bob and Nancy Montross were informed that Beef Bucks certificates will be featured Wheel of Fortune, Wed., March 17 and Fri., March 19. The show appears at 6:30 p.m. every weeknight on the ABC network.

## CLARIFICATION

In our Jan. 27 article about Tesla Flak, we should have reported that the covered wagon at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society was donated by David Meade and Marilyn Meade. The shelter for the covered wagon was donated by Hugh Evans. We apologize for the error.

## COURT NEWS

The money collected on a \$117.50 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, \$11 to the 911 Telecommunicator Training Fund, \$6 to the Court Appointed Attorney & Public Defender Fund, \$5 to the Victim's Compensation Fund, \$2 to the Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund and \$1 to the Abused and Neglected Child Defense Fund.

**GARRET WEBER**, Lake Benton, Minn., 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**JESSE VINCENT**, Arlington, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

**JULIO PALOMARES**, Edenburg, Texas, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

**CHRISTOPHER MUNCE**, Brandon, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

**WILLIAM ENGELS**, Lake Preston, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

**KYLE RIEFFER**, Raymond, rear lamps required, fined \$25.00.

# COMMISSION: Candidates being considered for Jensen seat

FROM FRONT PAGE

rors by a county official.

At that time, former Kingsbury County State's Attorney Gregg Gass gave Steffensen a list of conditions that must be met in order to proceed.

After a brief discussion at Tuesday's P&Z meeting, the commission approved the zoning change and then transitioned back into the regular commission at 9:38 a.m.

Once commissioners were back at the regular session, Attorney Bill Taylor showed up. Taylor is from Sioux Falls and represents John Mills, South Dakota State Representative for District Four. He owns a corporation called Wild Ideas Inc., and they have purchased 843 acres in Kingsbury County since 1995. While his property may not be adjacent to the Steffensen's land physically, the properties are next to each other under non-meandering water. Mills has a building on their property that Taylor called a lodge near the area of the zoning request.

Commissioner Joe Jensen informed Taylor that the P&Z committee had already met and approved the request. Taylor asked to address the commission, and Commissioners Kazmerzak and Delmer Wolkow wanted to hear what the attorney had to present.

Taylor spoke to commissioners for 34 minutes then answered questions for another 25 minutes. Taylor told commissioners that they were engaging in "spot zoning" that he said was illegal in the state of South Dakota.

"You do not have authority to grant public access to water via private property," said Taylor. He also told

commissioners if they approved the zoning, the County would become engaged in the meandering lawsuit that the State of South Dakota is still trying to get a final decision on.

Taylor told commissioners, "If you approve the zoning, I will sue you just like I did in November 2020."

Discussions continued back and forth and at 10:37 a.m., commissioners tabled the final approval.

## COURTHOUSE WINDOW BIDS

Facility Superintendent, Lonny Palmund, and commissioners opened the window bids. Two bids were received.

The first bid was from Northern Plains Construction in Tea, S.D. They had bid \$174,500 for the labor to install the windows. They presented two proposals for the windows from two separate manufacturers. The first was from Sierra Pacific Windows for \$192,610, and the second was from Pella Windows in the amount of \$165,677.40. This brought a total of \$367,110 or \$340,177.40 with an additional \$9,500 for some half circle windows above the judge's bench in the courtroom.

The second company to submit a sealed bid was Time Key Glazing in Kansas City, MO. They bid \$237,370 for labor and windows using a manufacturer Quacker Brighton Series Windows.

With a difference of up to \$130,000 between the two bidders, commissioners requested to talk with a representative of both companies. It was determined that Northern Plain's bid

included replacing the whole window and frame, and Time Key's bid was to replace the windows and cover the original frame with panning. Commissioners tabled the decision until April 1, when they can observe some samples and garner some references from similar work done.

## OTHER BUSINESS

• Commissioner Joe Jensen will be moving out of Kingsbury County soon. Three potential candidates are currently being considered. Interviews would most likely occur around or after May 1. Jensen would continue his officer position on the Planning and Zoning board.

• The Director of Equalization, Tammy Anderson, reported to commissioners that there had been three tax appraisal protests filed so far. Two were in townships, and the third withdrew his protest. Commissioners will conduct the hearings in the Kingsbury County Courtroom April 13-15 at 9 a.m. The deadline to file a protest is April 6.

• Sheriff Deputy Wade Hoefert gave a presentation to commissioners on the website he had designed for the county. Commissioners approved of the work so far and requested the website include the county's zoning codes and ordinances. April 7 is the projected date for the new county website.

• The treasurer's office is currently seeking a deputy. Wages were discussed by commissioners, and a recommended wage of \$14 an hour was recommended.

# Voices

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

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

### Last week's weather

- Monday, March 8, 2021**  
High 59, Low 31
- Tuesday, March 9, 2021**  
High 70, Low 41
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
High 46, Low 26  
Snow 3 inches 0.50 precipitation
- Thursday, March 11, 2021**  
High 39, Low 21  
Snow 1 inch 0.03 precipitation
- Friday, March 12, 2021**  
High 48, Low 17
- Saturday, March 13, 2021**  
High 54, Low 26
- Sunday, March 14, 2021**  
High 43, Low 35

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



### Snowy seat

Kingsbury residents woke to a fresh blanket of snow Monday morning, resulting in another round of plowing roads and shoveling driveways, sidewalks and decks like Kathy Whitaker's. (Photo by Kathy Whitaker)

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- Advertising submission:** 5 pm Friday prior to publication

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# Wrapping up another great legislative session

**THIS WEEK**, the 2021 legislative session came to a close. In South Dakota, we keep things short; the session lasts a maximum of 40 legislative days. Every bill gets a hearing, its opportunity to be weighed and vetted by the 105 legislators that you elect to serve you in Pierre.



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

**KRISTI NOEM**

This year was unique in many ways. South Dakota's legislative session was perhaps the most "normal" in the country, with legislators still voting in person. And South Dakota had record revenue numbers and huge amounts of one-time money to invest in the long-term future of our state.

I challenged the legislature that we wanted these dollars to fix problems for 20-30 years or longer into the future. And that's what we're doing.

We're investing a combined \$100 million to finish connecting the state to high-speed broadband. We're

putting \$50 million into an endowment for the South Dakota Freedom Scholarship, which will help kids who need financial assistance get a college degree. We're building the new Dakota Events Complex to make Huron a destination for national and regional rodeo events. And there are so many more impor-

tant projects to strengthen communities.

We're also putting record dollars into savings and trust funds to strengthen the state budget for the future. South Dakota's economy is strong right now, but we want to make sure we're prepared for any future difficulties.

We improved healthcare for South Dakotans by making it more flexible and affordable. We recognized healthcare licenses for folks moving to South Dakota from other states. We provided greater transparency in healthcare costs by requiring that insurance companies show you what the cost of a procedure will be. And we're allowing South Dakotans to have greater flexibility in their access to healthcare.

We also defended the rights and freedoms of South Dakotans.

We defended life. I signed legislation to protect babies who were born

alive. And I'll be signing a bill to ban abortions based on a diagnosis of Down syndrome very soon.

We defended liberty. We simplified youth hunting. We empowered parental choice in education. And we didn't expand government control over our citizens lives like we're seeing in other states.

And we defended property rights. We passed asset forfeiture reform with regards to conservation officers. We're allowing landowners East River to hunt on their own lands. And we passed legislation to codify the Department of Game, Fish & Parks' policy as it pertains to open fields.

All told, it was a fantastic legislative session. We had a lot to get done in a short amount of time, and I'm happy to report that we accomplished quite a bit to make South Dakota safer, stronger, and healthier for our kids and our grandkids.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly - a complete life full of purpose."* JOHN 10:10

### Arlington

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

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

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 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

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Call church at 605-854-9961 for Mass time.

### Bancroft

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

### Carthage

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**, Services on Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Call 605-520-3098 for information.

### De Smet

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

**DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH**, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., 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**, Worship at 10:30 a.m. Can listen on 88.1 FM. or Facebook Live. Adult Sunday School

at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dick Poppen speaks at 9:30 a.m. on KWAT 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.

### Erwin

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Worship at 9 a.m. at Legion Hall first Sunday of month.

### Esmond

**ESMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Sunday service at 9 a.m.

### 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 9 a.m. Sunday School at 10:15 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 9:15 a.m., Church at 10:30 a.m. Service on Facebook.

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

### Oldham

**OLDHAM LUTHERAN**, Church at 10:30 a.m.

### Ramona

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**, Church at 9 a.m.

Send updated information to editor@kingsburyjournal.com or call 605.854.3331

## CARDIAC READY



### Community CPR training

The Cardiac Readiness Group is working hard to get community members in De Smet CPR certified. Last week, DeSCO had twenty of their workforce participate in CPR training. Since they started last year, they have gained four CPR instructors and are working on setting up dates in April and May to have community classes. (Submitted photo)

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# Obituary

## BULAH STEINBERG

Bulah Steinberg, 102, passed away on Wed., March 10, 2021, at Bethel Lutheran Home in Madison, S.D.

Bulah was born Jan. 8, 1919, to Ben and Percy (Cheney) Mikel. She grew up with three brothers, Kenneth, Keith and Joyce Mikel. She attended country school through the eighth grade. She married Bill Steinberg in September of 1935. Bulah and Bill were blessed with a daughter, Marvis Jensen; two granddaughters, Debbie Jensen and Vickie (Kipton) Knudson and one great-granddaughter, Amber Knutson. Bulah and Bill also raised Bill's youngest brother, Jack.

Bulah and Bill farmed for over 52 years near Oldham, S.D. After retiring, they moved to Lake Preston, S.D.

Bulah had a servant's heart and loved babysitting for friends or bringing her delicious cinnamon rolls and lemon meringue pie to those in need. Bulah was a member of Oldham Lutheran Church where she enjoyed being in a quilting group and serving lunch at funerals.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Steinberg; her parents, Ben and Percy Mikel; brothers, Kenneth,



Keith and Joyce Mikel.

As we celebrate Bulah's life, we respect the health of our family and friends, so no formal service will be held. A private family burial will be held at a later date in the Oldham City Cemetery, Oldham, S.D. The Johnson-Henry Funeral Home of Arlington, S.D., is in charge of arrangements.

PAID OBITUARY

The family of Joanne Jensen wishes to express our thanks for all the support we have received since Joanne's passing. Thank you for your prayers, and for the food, telephone calls, flowers/plants, visits, cards, and memorials. Thank you to Pastor Justin for your wonderful message. Thank you to the staff at Bethel Lutheran Nursing Home and Madison Regional Health for the great care you provided for Joanne. Thank you to Johnson-Henry Funeral Home. We appreciate all the kindness shown to our family.

Roger & Sharlene Jensen  
Evan, Bailey, and Rylan Jensen  
Kelly and Brandon Warnke  
Darla Jensen  
Susan & Brian Davey

# What good news is that!

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."* JOHN 15:16

## MEDITATIONS

### VICAR BRAD SANDERSON

Lake Preston/North Preston Lutheran Church

**DURING THIS SEASON OF LENT**, our parish is reading and discussing the five chapters in the Gospel of John that tell us the dialogue between Jesus and his disciples during the night in which they were celebrating the Passover festival in Jerusalem, the day before Jesus was crucified. John's gospel text regarding this evening is very different from the other three (Matthew, Mark and Luke), in that Jesus gives his followers a wonderful message of servanthood, love and grace in these five chapters.

As he washed the feet of his disciples, Jesus was describing to them that there is no limit to what he will do to give them his mercy and forgiveness. Jesus tells them the good news that he is going away; that his death is actually good news for them because he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. Jesus tells them

that he is the way to salvation. What good news is that! We don't have to find our own way! As John's gospel text continues in the fifteenth chapter, Jesus explains to the disciples that he is the vine – that only through him can the branches bear fruit.

The great good news in this chapter is that the disciples, and us, are given the means to bear fruit; they do not have to do this of their own accord, of their own volition, of their own decision. Jesus tells us that we do not have to seek him out and try to choose him. Instead, he tells us that he has chosen us! What great good news! Our Lord loves us so much that he chooses us, and because we have been chosen, we bear fruit that will last, fruit that we bear because of Christ Jesus our Lord. During this season of Lent, we experience what it is that our Lord has done for us!

# Getting by with a little help

**AS A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN**, I walk with my patients as they face many of life's challenges. Facing the diagnosis of dementia may be one of the hardest. Any chronic illness involves loss, but dementia threatens the loss of not only ability and independence, but of the very self.

It is important to realize that people with dementia can have rich and rewarding lives. For most patients there is an initial period where their losses are mild. There is likely time to work on that bucket list, to enjoy hobbies new and old, and laugh with loved ones, even if you are eventually playing Hearts instead of Bridge. While we grieve the loss of what was and of what we expected for the future, we can lose sight of what remains. It is a very human and very understandable response, but it can also waste precious time.

The early stages of dementia provide an important opportunity for patients and the people who love them to consider the future. People with dementia face the near certainty that they will eventually be unable to make decisions for themselves, decisions in keeping with values and preferences they have held all their lives. Developing an advance directive is something many of us put off for some nebulous "later." Doing it now can ensure that our wishes are known and honored when we can no longer express them. It is also an incredible gift to give our loved ones. I've lost count of the number of times I have watched a grieving family clutch that piece of paper to remind themselves that "this is what mom wanted" as they make difficult decisions.

Early on after the diagnosis is also a time to nurture relationships that will provide support for the person diagnosed with dementia and their care partner going forward. Professional help is available and sometimes the



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DEBRA JOHNSTON, M.D.

best option, but community support is invaluable and irreplaceable. Family and friends can offer support and social contact, be it a cup of coffee and a listening ear, or a friendly round of golf, just like the old days. As the disease progresses, the support might be more substantial, such as a ride to the grocery store for someone who can no longer safely drive or keeping an old friend company so their spouse can go to the doctor or get a haircut or just take a break.

As we have seen during the pandemic, suffering from any disease in isolation is lonely and frightening. Regardless of the diagnosis we might face, we can take the time now to make our wishes known and build up our community of family and friends. Ask for, and offer, support. As the old Beatles' song suggests, we get by with a little help from our friends.

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# The book report: Ode to the manual typewriter

I WAS DRYING SUPPER dishes and made the mistake of mentioning to Mom that I had a book report due tomorrow. Actually the report was done; I just needed to type it. She offered to finish dishes. I declined and rationalized my procrastination with a touch of teenage drama. "Life is short, Mom. What if I died in my sleep tonight? Wouldn't you be happier knowing I had not spent my last earthly moments tortured by a typewriter?"



## NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

She replied something about me looking pretty healthy, then added that in heaven God probably required Good Book Reports. I didn't tell her that I was thinking that typewriters more likely came from the depths of the other place. She must have read my mind because she lifted the kettle and dish towel from my hands and pointed to the table, the homework spot. My moment of reckoning had come!

With a huge sigh, I gathered the needed materials. My assignment notebook. The written copy of my report. A tablet of typing paper. A package of white-coated "Correct-It" squares. A typing eraser with a plastic brush on the end. Carbon paper.

I lugged the typewriter into the kitchen from the closet. Years back we had a bigger machine, a Royal. My older sisters won speed-typing competitions with it at college.

I plopped the case on the table with a bit more force than necessary, opened it, undid the locking clips and set it out on the Formica surface. I stared at the blue Smith Corona with four rows of keys and a long space bar, all attached to individual metal rods underneath. I looked inside to see the rows of arms that waited until you pushed down their key, then they slapped against the ink-filled ribbon and printed that letter. On the left a chrome lever with a finger

indent protruded from the carriage which held the rollers. The carriage moved to the left as you typed. A bell dinged near the end of the line. You had to reach up with your left hand and push the lever all the way to the right which returned the carriage back to the beginning of the next line.

I might as well get started. It wasn't like I could talk to it, and it would type what I said. Wouldn't that be something?

A quick glance through my book report notes: At least two type-written pages, double-spaced with standard margins. Points deducted for errors. Carbon copy required.

I tore two sheets of typing paper off the tablet and placed a flimsy carbon sheet between them. Last time I had put the carbon paper in wrong-side-down and the only "copy" was the backwards clone of my science report on its back. I considered not retyping it and telling Mr. Cheadle he could read it by holding it up to a mirror, but decided I needed to pass science.

Using a folded sheet of paper to keep the three sheets in line, I turned the knob on the rollers. I lined up the papers with margins and typed the class name, etc. in the left corner.

The title needed to be centered.

I counted the letters and spaces in *The Last of the Mohicans*. Twenty-four. I set the carriage to the exact center of the page and clicked the backspace key twelve times. Typed the title. Same procedure with the author. James Fenimore Cooper? Couldn't someone invent an easier way to center a line? I made a mental note to read a book by an author with a short name for my next book report.

Main characters. Setting. Plot. Handwritten copy ready, I started typing. My fingers were moving along, and I caught the rhythm as I transferred the words to the paper, line by line. Click, clack, click. Ding. Zzziiipp! Getting the hang of it, I began thinking maybe this typing stuff was not so bad. Just then I glanced up. I had forgotten to set the carriage return to double space. I stared at the crowded words for a second and then ripped the papers up through the top of the rollers.

The second time progressed faster, and I remembered to double space. Again, I clicked along fairly fast. All at once something did not seem right. I had forgotten the paragraph indent. Too much to erase.

The fifth restart was finally getting along when the bell dinged, and I kept going, pushing to get the whole word in the line. It would not fit. I could not divide "trappers" before the "e" so I used the correcting tape. Holding it next to the paper I

typed over the letters to cover them with white.

Two hours later I pelted out the final words and rolled the papers free. Rats! I had an extra "e" at the end of "Hawkeye." Papers back in the machine, I tried to set the line on the exact same place to type over with the correcting tape. Not possible. I grabbed the eraser...

At last I separated the three layers of each page and stapled the two copies. Seven large smoke puffs smudged the carbons. On the teacher's copy was only one small hole where the eraser wore through.

Picking up the crumpled papers dispersed throughout the kitchen, I thought of my next assignment, a research paper with footnotes. I closed the cover on the case. Hopefully, SOMEDAY someone will invent a better machine, one that will correct mistakes. Wouldn't that be something?

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

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# Legislative Update

## Medical marijuana law goes into effect July 1

**THE MAIN RUN** of the Legislative Session has now concluded, and it was an eventful week. As you probably know, your State Senate did not agree with the plan from the governor and the House to delay the implementation of the medical marijuana law (IM 26), which passed with over 70% of the vote this past November, unless we could do more to honor the will of the voters regarding marijuana. The governor and the House did not agree with our plan, so ultimately no bill was passed regarding IM 26, which will now go into effect as scheduled on July 1. The Senate believed that this is the best course of action, and that if any changes



**SEN. DAVID WHEELER**

four bills through the system, and they are now on the governor's desk. I decided to focus my bills on making small changes to improve some statutes with which I have had some experience. These included a bill to

need to be made to the program, we can address them next year after we've had some time to see what works and what does not.

As a first-time legislator, I was successful in getting my

clarify our statutes regarding criminal defendants with disabilities who are not competent to stand trial, and a bill to improve the process for filling vacancies on the general election ballot, which we discovered needed some work after going through that process last year following the death of Rep. Glanzer.

I also worked with Beadle County State's Attorney Michael Moore on a bill to reduce the time minor criminal violations, such as speeding tickets, stay on your public record if you can stay out of trouble for five years. Also, I headed up a bill clarifying some statutes related to notary publics. These were all incremental ways

to help improve various parts of our state law, and they provided excellent opportunities for me to gain experience in navigating the entire legislative process.

The last part of the Session is Veto Day on March 29. The governor gets two weeks to consider any remaining bills on her desk. If she vetoes any legislation, we will take it up on that day and decide to either sustain or override the veto. As always, contact me if you have questions or comments.

Contact Sen. David Wheeler via email [david.wheeler@sdlegislature.gov](mailto:david.wheeler@sdlegislature.gov) or by phone at (605) 412-8825.

## Up next: Service on legislative executive committee

**THE MAIN SESSION** of the 96th legislative session is now complete. The session this year is 37 days, and the only day remaining is veto day on March 29. If the Governor vetoes any bills, the Legislature could still override her veto and pass the legislation. The Governor has not vetoed any bills, but I think there will be a couple that she may stamp with a veto.

This legislative session actually went better than I expected. We as legislators knew the importance of conducting the session in the Capi-



**REP. ROGER CHASE**

had any health concerns, we did not go and potentially spread the virus.

tol in person as much as possible. There was only one week that we had an outbreak with several legislators working remotely. Every day we checked our temperature, and if we

There were hand sanitizer stations located within the halls, on each committee room counter and on each legislator's desk. One long time lobbyist made the comment that he never thought more alcohol would be spread on legislators' hands than would be consumed during a legislative session.

Testimony given in Committees was done in person, and many testified remotely which helped with the number of people in the Capitol. Most schools held off on coming to the Capitol until later in the session, and most followed safety measures to limit the exposure. Legislative socials and promotional meals were down this year, which also helped limit exposure. Many of the legislators have recently started to receive their immunization shots, and hopefully the rest of us will get ours soon.

This year I was able to serve with two new legislators serving District 22. Both Senator Wheeler and

Representative Schneider learned the process quickly. We were able to work well as a team, and that is important to understand all the different legislation that is happening in both chambers. I read their legislative reports, and they did a fine job of reporting the highlights of the session.

Now that the session is over, what happens next? All legislation that is passed will go into effect on July 1 of this year. The only exception is if the bill had an "emergency clause." If the legislation has this clause, it goes into effect once the Governor has signed the legislation. Many states have much longer legislative sessions than South Dakota. South Dakota has a citizen's legislature with many of us taking time away from our full-time professions to serve in Pierre. There is diversity of occupations, ages and backgrounds of legislators who serve.

In the final week, we also elect what is called an executive committee from both chambers to handle legislative issues that arise during the year that we are not in session. Senator White served on this committee in the past, and I was fortunate to have been elected from the House this session. The executive committee meets several times during the year and has limited powers to handle legislative issues that come up. I will report on these meetings throughout the year.

In years past, we try to do follow-up meetings to give question and answer periods to small groups or organizations. In a world of COVID-19, we will likely hold off for a while until the vaccine is more widely dispersed. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you in Pierre. It is a humbling experience to serve in the Legislature. We don't always agree on every issue, but I make it a point to listen to you and read your emails. South Dakota is a great place to live and work! Be safe, and hopefully we can get back to normal soon!

Contact Rep. Roger Chase via email at [Roger.Chase@sdlegislature.gov](mailto:Roger.Chase@sdlegislature.gov) or call or text him at (605) 354-0338.

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# BLUE & GOLD

Bringing you the latest from Lake Preston High School

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## LPHS SENIOR FEATURE: Lynzie Ilenich

Written by: Jasper Denison

This week features senior is Lynzie Ilenich. Lynzie grew up with her grandmother, Penny Ilenich, and her great uncle, Howard Larson. Throughout her time at LPHS, Lynzie has been involved in various sports and activities including art, band, sideline basketball cheer, sideline football cheer, and volleyball. Five words that she uses to describe herself are bold, independent, smart, outspoken, and resilient. In her spare time, Lynzie cares for her wild variety of pets including a snake, a few leopard geckos, two bearded dragons named Pickles and Mango, a sugar glider named Nibbles, and her dog named Sadie.

Lynzie shared a few of her favorites throughout school. Her favorite school lunch was Macaroni and Cheese. She could not decide who her favorite teacher is because she likes them all. Although if she had to choose a favorite class, she would choose Art or Science because they are things that she has enjoyed since she was very young, and has always been drawn to them. Her favorite year of high school has been her senior year, because she has "learned not to care about anything near as much as she did in the past." If Lynzie could take any teacher or staff member with her after high school to help her, she would take Mr. Schmidt because he is extremely intelligent. Her plans for the future are to attend Black Hills State University for Business Degree Major and a Graphics Design minor. Lynzie's senior quote is "I put the "pro" in procrastinate." When asked how she wanted to be remembered at LPHS, she replied "as the weird lizard lady."



## How Parents Should Support A Kid

Editorial By: Stella DeKnicker

Every parent has different parenting methods and ideas. I personally think that many parents don't understand everything going on in their child's life, or how much stress they carry. So, when a student has fallen behind in school, it can mean many different things. Maybe, they missed some days of school, haven't paid attention, don't understand the material they are supposed to learn, or have a lot going on in and outside of school, or they are very stressed.

In any one of these situations,

you should talk to your child first and then maybe a teacher and figure out what is going on. You should understand the situation so you can figure out how you are going to approach it. If your kid is stressed, don't be so hard on them. Set out a time in the day where they can work on it and maybe you could help them or get a tutor for help. If they aren't paying attention, maybe discipline them, take away a distraction they might have that keeps them from doing their school work.

## Wasting Time Making Your Bed

Editorial By: Marissa Rober

I 100% think it is a waste of time to make your bed in the morning. When I wake up, I do not have enough motivation to make my bed. For some people, it is the 1st thing they do when they wake up because it makes them feel organized. On average, it takes a person 5 minutes to make their bed. So that means you are wasting 1 day a year making your bed. But if you are like Morgan Curd, who has satin

sheets that take forever to make her bed because they keep slipping off, you waste 8 minutes a day. So, you end up wasting 2 days a year making your bed just so you can mess it up again. All of the people that I have talked to about this topic make their bed at night more than they do in the morning because it makes them feel more comfortable. In Mr. Solberg's opinion, "it is all a big waste of time."



The MS/HS track teams are both off and "running" to prepare for their upcoming seasons. After a loss of a season in 2020, the coaches and athletes are hard at work to make up for it. Pictured above is the high school track team. The Divers are coached by Tonya Bumann and Jordan Solberg.

<p><b>Blue &amp; Gold</b> 2020-2021 Editor of the Week: Marissa Rober Advisor: Krista O'Dea</p>	<p><b>Seniors:</b> Myra Rhoades, Alex Post <b>Juniors:</b> Rachel Jensen <b>Sophomores:</b> Ava Malone, Janelle Rhoades, Stella DeKnicker, Gretta Larson <b>Freshmen:</b> Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins <b>8th Grade:</b> Amelia Holland, Lane Jensen, Trinity Pirlet, Bradley Rhoades <b>7th Grade:</b> M.P., Lorick Pirlet, Brooklyn Bothun</p>	<p><i>"You can make anything by writing."</i> -C.S Lewis</p>
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# Lake Preston

## MENUS

### 60s-plus meals

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, California Blend Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19:** Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**MONDAY, MARCH 22:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/ Tomato, Fruit

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23:** Shepard's Pie, Vegetable, Peaches, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:** Hamburger on Bun w/ Tomato, Diced Potatoes, Pea Salad, Fruit

### School Lunch

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18:** Super Nachos, Carrots, Peaches

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19:** No School

**MONDAY, MARCH 22:** Pizza Crunchers, Green Beans, Pineapple

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23:** Chicken Nuggets, Smile Potatoes, Pears, Roll

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:** Corndogs, Baked Beans, Applesauce

## NEW ARRIVAL



**Andie Jade Smith** was born on Feb. 15, 2021, at Brookings Health System. Her parents are Jake and Codi Smith of Lake Preston. She weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. She joins a brother, Sage, and a sister, Joey. Grandparents are Del and Mary Smith of Lake Preston and Mike and Nancy Albrecht of McCook Lake, S.D. Great-grandparents are Leona Albrecht of De Smet, Hank and Sandy Albrecht of De Smet, Allen Anderson of Langford and Myrna and Dennis Poulisse of Iroquois.

## CITY COUNCIL

# Taller tower would up your water pressure

KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

The City Council met for a regular meeting on Mon., March 8. All members were present as well as employees Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann and Brenda Klug. Rick Olson joined the meeting later. Banner Associates had two people present to update the board on progress.

### WATER ISSUES

Banner recommended that the new water tower be built 23 feet higher than the current water tower. This would cost \$30,000 and would add an additional 10 psi to many homes. The extra pressure would be especially beneficial to homes at lower elevations. It poses a potential risk for homes with older plumbing.

Phase 1 of the water improvement project will last two years, with work this year beginning on Park Avenue North, going from the lift station to Highway 14. The project will be able to utilize a \$300,000 matching grant previously awarded to the city. Spring Avenue North from 4th to 2nd Streets is also slated to be completed in 2021. If additional time exists, the project will move to north of the railroad tracks. Consideration is being made to ensure that both truck routes are not under construction at the same time. Phase 1 is \$7.2 million,



The City Council now offers Facebook Live to view the meetings from home. Find it on The City of Lake Preston, South Dakota Facebook page. (Submitted photo)

and work will make improvements to issues such as slope challenges and sunken manholes.

The Budget Committee reported that they reviewed the fire department's finances, and made recommendations that aligned them with other city entities.

Doug Bumann reported that a resident would like an old city well in his yard filled in. Zeeck presented a bid of \$3595 to have SD Association of Rural

Water Systems create a map of valves, wells, hydrants, flushing devices, pump stations, tanks and towers. No action was taken. He also reported that he and Doug Bumann built a railing in the loft of the fire department for insurance compliance.

### BEAUTIFICATION

Klug reported that she will get bids for flowers on Main Street again, and

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## SCHOOL BOARD

# Moving forward with spring events

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

At the regularly scheduled school board meeting, Superintendent Dana Felderman said the district is making plans to move ahead with spring events as close to normal as possible. The district plans to host prom and graduation with only slight adjustments over prior years. One adjustment may be in seating arrangements for family on the graduation floor. Considering there was no prom nor audience for the 2020 graduation ceremony, this would be a definite improvement over last year. With both spring sports being outside and relatively socially distanced, golf and track should be able to run similar to pre-COVID seasons.

The board also discussed the future of the old preschool building that is currently being used for cold storage. In prior meetings, the building had been labeled as an eyesore with a functional purpose. At this meeting, the board reviewed three options that Superintendent Felderman had outlined for a replacement building in the same spot. The board voted in favor of getting bid specifications for a 40 X 40 storage building. Felderman would have specific plans drawn up so the interested contractors would be bidding on the

same exact building.

Felderman and Business Manager Kristi Curd added that they had received multiple inquiries on the moving the building off the lot. The board consensus was to ask for a sealed bid with the requirement that the winning bid would need to have the building moved by the specified date.

During new business, the board approved the resignations of Jordan Solberg, Jennifer Stofferahn and Kelsey Smith. Smith resigned from her duties as head volleyball coach only, retaining her teaching position. Solberg and Stofferahn resigned from all duties. Solberg taught middle and high school social studies and was an assistant football coach, head boys basketball coach and assistant in track coaching. Stofferahn is the K-12 art teacher who also used her talents to teach middle school reading and coach middle school girls' basketball. Solberg added that he would be open to continuing to teach drivers' education for the district.

The board voted after executive session to hire Nick Curd as assistant golf coach, to open the positions that were vacated with the resignations of Solberg, Smith and Stofferahn, and to have a special board meeting on March 15.

In other action, the board accepted the letter of intent to negoti-

ate with the Lake Preston Education Association, finalized the dates of the 2021-22 school calendar and cancelled the April 13, 2021 election due to receiving an equal number of petitions for vacancies. Megan Eichler will take the spot vacated by Stacia Sneesby, while Travis Denison and Jerod Olson retain their positions on the board. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 12, 2020, at 5:30 in the Lake Preston School Library.

### LAKE PRESTON BOARD HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING

In a special meeting on Mon., March 15, the board finalized plans for the prospective storage shed that they are seeking construction bids on. The board also accepted two additional resignations. Middle School/High School Principal Melissa Bothun stepped down from her position along with Tricia McCloud from coaching middle school volleyball.

The board entered executive session, citing personnel and negotiations and exited to open the positions vacated by Bothun, McCloud, Stofferahn, Smith and Solberg. They also approved contracts for Business Manager Curd, Tech Coordinator Kristi Odegaard and Brock Dufek for head boys' basketball coach.

LOOKING BACK

# 1946: Wednesday is the most dangerous driving day

10 YEARS AGO

March 16, 2011

A combination of deficit spending and cuts will be necessary to balance the school's budget next year. "Things keep going up, and we're getting less money," Superintendent Casper said Monday night. "The tough thing will be deciding what to cut."

LPHS seniors did not receive the answers to the matter of education funding at Government Day in Hetland. They questioned both District 6 delegates and representatives from the offices of South Dakota's congressional delegations.

Several LPHS students managed to get away for spring break before the sudden storm on Friday night.

A rough-legged hawk was spotted near Carthage last weekend, this hawk breeds in the Arctic tundra with the name referring to its feathered legs.

25 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1996

A fisherman from Sioux Falls landed a record-setting perch on Feb. 24 on Lake Preston; the perch weighed 2# 9oz and was 16" long. Lake Preston was crowded last weekend according to Shane VanBockern and Ray McLaughlin. They estimated more than 300 anglers on the ice each day. They both warned fishermen not to drive on the ice any longer as warm weather has softened the ice considerably.

The LPHS volleyball team was selected to receive the Terrific Kid award for March for their stellar volleyball season. The award was presented by Kiwanis member Iylla Mae



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO:** The Lake Preston quiz bowl team was awarded the first-place trophy in the senior division Monday at the Arlington Quiz Bowl. Team members were Joey Carlson, Troy Nystrom, Clay Jessen, Ben Hauck and Amber Slaight. Lake Preston defeated Hamlin, Rutland and Arlington in the competition.

Jensen.

The Annual Lake Thompson Wall-eye Tournament is scheduled for June 1-2, with officials expecting one of the best years in tournament history due to excellent fishing and the addition of a new state boat ramp on the lake. High water had forced the cancellation of the 1994 and 1995 tournaments.

50 YEARS AGO

March 18, 1971

Clayton Anderson received his certifi-

cate of appointment as postmaster in Lake Preston last Thursday. He has been a rural carrier since May 1949, giving him nearly 22 years of service preceding his appointment.

Douglas Paterson was selected to be the Lake Preston Boy's State candidate with Scott Hodges as alternate. Paterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Paterson and Hodges, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hodges. They are both honor students and are very active in extracurricular activities.

Lake Preston's venerable railroad

depot was officially closed on March 2. The structure was built well before the turn of the century and is now being offered for sale.

"Airport" starring Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin, Helen Hayes, Jean Stapleton, Van Heflin, Lloyd Nolan and George Kennedy will run for a full week starting on March 19 at the Preston Theater.

75 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1946

During the month of January, 13 people were killed in 12 fatal traffic accidents. This figure shows an increase of 61.5% in auto traffic deaths when compared to the five that occurred in January 1945. A total of 168 accidents in the month of January is a new state high. Wednesday is the most dangerous day of the week. Taking chances and careless actions on the part of the driver are underlying causes of many of the accidents.

The Gamble Store announces that a solid oak dinette set with extra leaf and four oak chairs with leather cushions can be had for \$44.50. A living room set of a wine-colored tapestry covered davenport and chair are priced at \$122.50.

100 YEARS AGO

March 17, 1921

Senator Charles A. Alseth returned home from a session of the state legislature on Saturday morning. While a large number of measures were passed at the session, the closing night did not bring any results. The two houses were deadlocked on the question of censorship of movie films and allowing Sunday baseball.

## CITY COUNCIL: Special meeting on valuations scheduled

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the council voted to get new Coco liners for the baskets on Main. She reported that she heard from Tanya Flegel with the Kingsbury Conservation District who reported that there is a reimbursement program for trees purchased from a reputable nursery. There is also a matching fund for labor.

Klug also presented a mailing where someone could get a home painted for free. After discussion, it was decided that she would ask for volunteers on Facebook so that a house could be painted in our community.

OTHER ISSUES

- McMasters Construction was awarded the gravel bid. The winning bid was \$7.05 a ton for screened gravel, \$8.05 a ton for crushed gravel and \$0.30 to haul.

- Kathy Koch, Marla Bertsch and Jan Mobley were approved as city election workers at \$9.50 an hour. Ward I candidates are Kristen Longville and Alex Post. Ward II candidates are Joe Schnell and Jeremy Woodcock. Ward III candidates are Brian Verhey and Jim Conrad. The election is April 13 at the community room.

- The council unanimously voted to raise the cost of building permits from \$10 to \$50. This additional cost will cover the expense of paying the zoning board members for reviewing the permits. Prior to this increase, the city lost money with each application.
- The council also agreed to close

Main Street between the bank and the former AMPI building for the car show during Town and Country Days. The community room will also be made available for the car show staff.

- During council concerns, Verhey brought up the need for a new location for the BBQ contest on June 26, as the previous location is the future location for the Horizon Clinic and no longer available. Possible locations were discussed with power requirements being one of the main challenges.

- Schnell inquired about ways to improve parking at the new ambulance building.

- Longville discussed a possible mass letter seeking donations for the campground. She also outlined elements in the funding grant for improvements to the campground and poolhouse, as well as a possible sculpture walk and gathering spaces in empty lots. She expressed hope that groups such as former classes might sponsor parts of the project like camping pads and then would get their names on a plaque.

- Longville also suggested the cannon get painted as it is in need.

- Longville reported that she had been approached by someone who wondered about getting a plaque put up by the football field to commemorate the former Catholic Church. The council agreed that is not something the council would do, but perhaps a family who went to the church might

be interested. Donna Bumann suggested that perhaps the sculpture walk idea could evolve into a historic tour of Lake Preston with plaques around town that described former businesses.

- Gary Buer reported a resident was having water issues. He also suggested barricades at the corner of Brad Nelson's home to prevent damage by semis. Buer reported sightings of children in need of supervision. He was encouraged to call DSS to make an official report.

- Council member Bumann reported that she'd been contacted about trucks on Park Avenue South. She noted there seems to be a pattern as far as times of day and suggested perhaps patrols could focus on those times. Mayor Andy Wienk asked her to let him know about the times, and he would forward the information to law enforcement.

- John McMasters reported there is a significant pothole by the school.

- Mayor Wienk reported he had been contacted by 21st Century personnel who would like to see the 45-mph speed limit further outside town. Klug agreed to reach out to DOT officials to see where they were with this request, as it had been previously suggested.

- The council will meet Wed., March 17 for a special meeting for those who have submitted a letter contesting home valuations. The council will also vote on whether to increase the height of the water tower.

### City of Lake Preston

#### Updates to City Campsites

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# Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY** is here, and I thought I should share a good recipe to celebrate the day. Unfortunately, I've realized I don't have any recipes for the occasion, so I had to search for a good recipe.

For me, Saint Patrick's Day has always been about wearing something green and drinking green beer. I don't remember eating anything special for the day.

When I lived in Watertown, I always celebrated the day with friends. We'd make sure we were wearing something green, and then we'd go out to drink some green beer. Normally, we'd end up doing some bar hopping downtown, and by the end of the night, go home with a green mouth from all the green beer we'd consumed.

I did some research to see what foods are typically made to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. The most popular dishes are corned beef and cabbage,



## HOME GROWN

**AMY HALVERSON**

soda bread, Irish stew and shepherd's pie. Desserts typically have some sort of mint or peppermint in them.

Since the most popular dish to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day is corned beef and cabbage, I decided to share a highly recommended recipe from the Pampered Chef website. Although I haven't personally tried this one out, it has a lot of good ratings and seems like an easy recipe to try. Enjoy!

### Corned Beef and Cabbage

- 2-3 pounds corned beef brisket
- 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 pound small red potatoes, quartered
- 3 cups water
- 1 tablespoon rosemary, divided
- ½ green cabbage, cut into wedges
- 7.5-ounce container chive & onion cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup milk
- 3 tablespoons prepared horseradish

Trim any excess fat from the brisket and place it in a slow cooker. Add the vegetables, water and rosemary. Cook on low for 8 hours. Transfer the beef to a cutting board. Add the cabbage to the slow cooker and turn heat to high. Cook until cabbage is tender. Slice the corned beef. In a small mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, milk and horseradish. Serve with the corned beef and vegetables.

### COVID-19

#### This week's COVID numbers around the region

COUNTY	ACTIVE CASES			EVER HOSPITALIZED			DEATHS		
	As of Mar. 16	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Mar. 16	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Mar. 16	Prior week	Prior two weeks
<b>Kingsbury</b> Population 5,148	12	13	14	36	36	35	14	14	14
<b>Clark</b> Population 3,691	9	10	10	29	29	29	5	5	5
<b>Hamlin</b> Population 5,903	20	21	27	36	35	34	38	38	37
<b>Miner</b> Population 2,389	13	11	9	17	17	17	9	9	9
<b>Brookings</b> Population 31,965	77	67	57	132	128	127	37	37	37
<b>Beadle</b> Population 17,398	84	112	92	94	92	91	39	39	39

SOURCE: S.D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. UPDATED MAR. 16, 2021; POPULATION AS OF 2010 CENSUS

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# Little known facts about... St. Patrick's Day

BY ANNE AAMOT AND MARY LEE  
Kingsbury Journal

Some people would tell you that everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is locally considered a time to have a green beer or to enjoy a plate of green eggs and ham. Many cities with strong Irish heritage may even have parades or carnivals to celebrate the day, but who really was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family. The patron saint of Ireland, although he was never actually canonized by the Catholic Church, is credited with bringing Christianity to his people.

Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is how he used the three-leaf clover of the shamrock to

describe the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). He is believed to have died on March 17 — the day that bears his name.

Now, it's mid-March, 2021, and although it looks whiter with the recent snow than it does green, we are celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Here are some interesting and little-known facts about this Irish holiday.

- The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue. It is thought that the shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle," the green in the Irish flag and shamrock, or the clover after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

- Legend says that each leaf of the 4-leaf clover has meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.

- Your odds of finding a four-leaf

clover are about 1 in 10,000.

- There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.

- The Irish were not always celebrated as fellow Americans. Beginning in 1845, a devastating potato blight caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland. Approximately 1 million perished; another 2 million abandoned their land in the largest single population movement of the 19th century. Nearly a quarter of the Irish nation came to the shores of the United States.

- The first parade was held not in Ireland but in America. In 1601, at the Spanish Colony in Florida, the first celebration was organized by the Irish Vicar Ricardo Artur. A century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving

in the English military marched in Boston in 1737.

- Corned beef and cabbage was an American innovation. The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country is the alternative of ham and cabbage eaten in Ireland. It was offered as a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants in the late 19th century. The Irish would boil the beef three times, the last time with cabbage to remove some the brine. There isn't any corn in the traditional dish, but a reference to the large grains of salt historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

- Leprechauns are based on Celtic fairies. Meaning "small bodied fellow," the tiny men and women could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

- To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Chicago dyes the river green for a few hours. 1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river.

- Each St. Patrick's Day, it is estimated a whopping 13 million pints of Guinness beer will be consumed globally, which is 819 percent more than usual.

So, even if you're not Irish, it's never a bad idea to celebrate and have a good time. You never know... that leprechaun may have left some gold for you at the end of the rainbow.

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**Beautiful sound**  
Danielle Odegaard, left, Maddison Rieck and Gretta Larson play in the jazz band during their concert on Tuesday night. (Photo by Krista O'Dea)

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# 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, MARCH 18:** Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19:** Pizza Burger on Bun, Tater Tots, Vegetable, Fruit

**MONDAY, MARCH 22:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23:** Pork Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:** Chef Salad w/ protein, vegetables, cheese, Fruit, Crackers

### School Lunch

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18:** Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce, Mandarin Oranges, Dinner Bun

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19:** No School

**MONDAY, MARCH 22:** Chili, Crackers and Cheese, Veggies, Apple, Soft Pretzel

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23:** Turkey Slice, Mashed Potatoes, Tropical Fruit, Bun, Cheesecake

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:** Tangerine Chicken, Rice, Fresh Veggies, Mandarin Oranges

## NEWS BRIEF

### The Bulldogs are off to state!

The De Smet Bulldogs are on their way to the State B Tournament in Aberdeen. They play on Thursday at noon, then Friday and Saturday.

Each game in will have 2,800 tickets available on a first-come first-serve basis, starting one hour before the game. Up to ten tickets may be purchased by an individual at that time.

You can watch them on South Dakota Public Broadcasting, Valley FiberCom Channel 297 or 7, or watch live updates on the SD Scores app.

### NOTICE BY CITY OF DE SMET

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## CITY COUNCIL

# Water hydrants might get a lot smarter

## Bids awarded for summer street repair

BY MIKE SIEFKER  
Kingsbury Journal

On March 10, the De Smet Common Council met for their monthly meeting and opened bids for summer street repair projects: sealing cracks and applying top coating.

### STREET BIDS AWARDED

The city received three bids for top coating. The bids were broken into three separate tasks. The main bid included 22,800 square yards of top coating. An alternate bid was for an additional 6,400 square yards.

The third bid was for fog coating an area of 1,900 square yards to evaluate its effectiveness. Fog coating is reported to extend the life of the top coating work, but it costs more.

The Council approved the bids from the Road Guy in Yankton.

Bids for crack sealing were then opened. Once again, the city received three bids. The city had requested crack sealing for 25,000 linear feet (four and three-quarter miles). The Council awarded the project to Highway Improvement Inc. out of Sioux Falls.

### WATER MATTERS

The Council heard from Bob McNutt, a salesman with Clow Hydrants. This company sells hydrants and monitoring equipment to report the water temperatures and pressures in the water grids and supply lines underneath a fire hydrant.

Keeping an eye on the pressure in the water supply lines could tell those monitoring it when a crack or break in the line has occurred.

The hydrant company can retrofit an existing fire hydrant for \$2,400 or install a new fire hydrant for \$5,900. Monitoring costs would be free for the first year and then \$295 per hydrant per year.

There was some discussion about including three to five of the monitoring fire hydrants in the water loop project. If the city comes under bud-

get for the water loop project, the hydrants may be added to the cost.

No action was taken.

Claus Smith of De Smet had a lengthy discussion with the aldermen and the mayor about the level of manganese in local drinking water, and some of the effects it can have if consumed or on plumbing.

He had also recently received a water bill with the use of 12,000 gallons due to a leaky toilet. Mineral build-up, whether it is calcium, manganese or whatever can weigh a float down in a toilet and cause it to run constantly. Finance Officer, Tracey Larson, said they would adjust the bill based on the procedure the city has in place.

### AT THE AIRPORT

Wilder Field Airport covered a few items on the agenda. First, the city had received a grant for \$9,000 to study and formulate a response for COVID at the airport. Even though the airport is not a busy airport, there still is some special cleaning that needs to be done.

Street Department Superintendent, Ryan Petersen, reported that the tractor at the airport is having difficulty pushing a snowblower and clearing the runways in a timely manner. With the addition of the turnarounds, it increases the time to clear the runway.

It was agreed by Council to add better equipment for clearing the runway into the airport's five-year plan.

Fast Ag Air, LLC, run by Brady Fast had applied for an aerial spraying permit, and Council approved it.

Petersen will be attending this year's Airport Conference held March 31 to April 1. There is no cost associated with this conference as it is held virtually.

The Council also approved a payment to Helms & Associates, an engineering firm, in the amount of \$1,373.39 for work done on the Turnaround Project.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The Council approved contracting with First District in Watertown to update the current zoning ordinances.

De Smet Fire Department was granted special liquor licenses for

April 10 and April 24.

- The Zoning Board approved variances. The first allows Edith Jesser to operate out of two temporary greenhouses this year, and the second changed the zoning from R-2 to C-1 for the De Smet Development Corporation and their property where the new daycare will be constructed.

- The Council granted building permits to Edith Jesser for two temporary greenhouses. Mary Lee was granted approval to erect a lending library in the park across from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society.

- Resolution 2020-01 regarding masks, social distancing and hand hygiene was not renewed.

- An executive session was called to discuss personnel.

- The Council approved changes to the employee policy manual which will allow employees to donate sick leave into a bank. If an employee was to have a catastrophic illness, the bank would help that employee.

- Quotes for flower barrels along Main Street were requested.

- Petersen reported there was an oil leak with the recently acquired street sweeper. It was under warranty, and while being fixed detected another mechanical issue. The city should get a new engine for the sweeper from the warranty.

- The Council approved hiring a new supervisor for the restricted use site, pending a physical and other tests. They have also approved hiring three baseball coaches and one volunteer, two lifeguards and one city helper. The city is still needing a girls' softball coach and pool help.

- The Council decided against purchasing an extended warranty for the new Polaris Ranger.

- De Smet Event Center will get a new Matrix T50 Treadmill at a cost of \$3,099.

- A quote to replace the existing meter reading equipment was tabled.

- The old city shop will see two new garage door openers on the north doors after the Council approved the \$2,400 cost to purchase and install.

- Permission was given to Castlerock Construction to erect and install a basketball hoop at Rose Vincent Park.

### American Bank & Trust donates money to school

Through the Spirit Card Debit Card at American Bank & Trust, the bank was able to donate over \$2,500 to the De Smet School. The card is linked to a customer's checking account, and when the account holder makes a purchase with their Spirit Card, AB&T donates money back to the school.

The bank recently donated \$2,513.48 to the De Smet School District. These funds will be used to buy a variety of items including supplies for a school play, speech therapy materials, nonfiction books for the elementary school and a trombone for music department.



# De Smet

## DAYS GONE BY

# 1971: Bulldogs repeat as State Class B Champions

### 10 YEARS AGO

March 16, 2011

A new branch of the De Smet Development Corporation is being formed. "Young Guns" is a group named for the area's historic pioneer and western legacy. It is being formed to help the city's development corporation with ideas for improving the city's landscape. "This group, led by **Mark Hoek**, is a way of getting more people involved by gathering talents and resources and getting new ideas on how to improve the quality of life in De Smet," said **Rita Anderson**, Executive Director of the De Smet Development Corporation. The goal of the Young Guns is to improve everything about the community and use the city's existing amenities to increase the city's population, help with housing issues and make the community attractive enough to retain residents.

### 25 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1996

**Jerrud Blegen and Cindy McKeel** announce their engagement. Blegen is a son of **Dale Blegen** of De Smet and **Lynne Blegen** of Sioux Falls. He is with the 82nd Army Airborne at Ft. Bragg, N.C. McKeel is a daughter of **Susan and David Cottle** of Faison, N.C., and **Sheirrel and Judy McKeel** of Dudley, N.C. She attends Wake Technical Community College at Raleigh, N.C., where she majors in business administration. A July 27 wedding is planned at Mt. Olive, N.C.

Students of the Month for February have been named at De Smet Middle School. **Brett Poppen** is a sixth-grader who is involved in 4-H, Boy Scouts, basketball and baseball. He is a son of **Bill and Roxanna Poppen**. **Betsy Somsen** is a seventh-grader who is involved in basketball, volleyball, band and piano. **Larry and Marlene Somsen** are her parents. **Krystal Maras**, an eighth-grader, is in the Huron symphony, SEEK, Junior National Honor



**FIFTY YEARS AGO: The De Smet Bulldogs won the state crown the second year in a row Saturday evening at the Sioux Falls Arena, defeating the Lennox Orioles in the championship game 53-44. Left to right, Randy Jencks, Terry Long, Rod Kretchmer, Larry Luitjens, Marv McCune, Rich Schardin, Steve Hein, Laird Beck, Les Kracht, Greg Krieger, Glenn Klinkel, John Hildebrandt, Pat Rodney, Ron Johnson and Arden Rapp.**

Society and the Maras Sisters and **Jacob**. She is a daughter of **Steve and Joyce Maras**.

### 50 YEARS AGO

March 18, 1971

A tremendous welcome awaited the Bulldogs and their coaches on their return from the championship victory at Sioux Falls, many cars meeting them at Howard about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, to escort them home, where the auditorium was already well-filled for the reception planned. Joining in the planning were the De Smet Chamber of Commerce and De Smet Kiwanis Club, with the Jaycees and Jaycettes volunteering to take charge of the serving of refreshments. It was to a packed auditorium that **Coach Larry Luitjens** strode in and to the stage, followed by his squad of

Bulldogs, **Assistant Coach Arden Rapp**, managers, and the Cheerleaders – also champions by decision of the state police committee. **Maurice Wika**, former faculty member and coach, later member of the board of education, was master of ceremonies for a program of reception. The Bulldogs and their coaches occupied chairs extending across the stage through the program. Coach Luitjens was asked to introduce the players, each called upon to rise and invited to speak at the microphone. **Randy Jencks** responded for the squad. Special recognition was given the five cheerleaders, the group having been honored as No. 1 of the "B" Tournament Saturday evening at Sioux Falls. **Mrs. Luitjens**, their coach, introduced them. After a closing prayer by **Father Hermann** and cheer led by the

five girls, refreshments of coffee, cold drinks, cookies and cake were served at tables at the front and rear of the auditorium.

### 75 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1946

The first graders are studying weather charts in science class. Their room is decorated with Holland pictures. **Margaret Ann Glover and Phyllis Smith** both had a birthday last week and brought treats to school.

The second graders are learning to give book reports in social studies class. They are learning to tell time in numbers class. In art they are learning to cut letters. They have their room decorated with flowers.

The third graders are studying short division in arithmetic. They have a new pupil, **Eugene Williams**, from Kansas City, Mo.

The fourth graders are studying the solar system in science class. In arithmetic they are doing two number multiplication. They have kites displayed on the bulletin boards.

### 95 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1926

Healthy and happy as ever, "**Uncle**" **Joe Barker** of Erwin is nearing his hundred mark and looking forward to the gathering of friends and relatives being arranged on his birthday next Thursday.

A large crowd attended the **George Saha** sale Monday. Sales this spring have been bringing good prices. Horses are coming back to the lime-light, and most any old plug can look up and prance, for he is worth money now. Brood sows, ewes and milk cows sell high.

Businessmen of Bancroft have been considering buying the movie business of the Sawyer Theater in Bancroft this week, following the announcement of **Mr. Sawyer** that the show would be discontinued until an agreement was made.

## SENIOR FEATURE: MACKENZIE LOUISE ZELL

### 'Work hard and enjoy every moment'



Mackenzie Zell will graduate in May with the De Smet High School class of 2021. Her parents are Darin and Amy Zell, and she has three brothers, Dylan, Cody and Emmet.

Zell's favorite subjects in school are physics and advanced biology. Some of her most memorable experiences at DHS are making it to state in girls basketball twice and being a part of the school.

Someone who has had a big influence in her life is her Grandpa Marlin Warkenthien.

"My grandpa works for every penny. He has always put a smile on peoples' faces and gives continuous support, even when he can't give himself his own."

Advice she gives underclassmen is, "Work hard and enjoy every moment. You'll miss it, but you should be proud of how far you've come."

Activities Zell has participated in at DHS are basketball, track, National Honor Society and student council.

Zell's future plans are to attend the University of South Dakota Medical School in Vermillion to study biology and continue to pre-med.

## Bred Cow & Heifer Sale

March 20th - 12:00 Noon

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IROQUOIS NEWS

SENIOR FEATURE:  
HEATHER ANN GEYER



‘Don’t just exist,  
live.’

Heather Ann Geyer will be a 2021 graduate of Iroquois High School in May.

Heather is the daughter of Rex and Lynette Geyer of Manchester. Throughout high school, Heather has been involved in the following: Activities: IPAT, I-Club, Spanish Club, Band, Choir, Drama, All-State Chorus,

Student Council, Homecoming Court

Sports: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Girls basketball statistician

Honors: National Honor Society, Honor Roll

Heather’s favorite school memory was winning Donkey Basketball against faculty her junior year.

Her greatest accomplishments in high school have been “trying new things and going outside of my comfort zone to make memories I will never forget ... and passing pre-calc,” stated Geyer.

Band has always been one of her favorite classes.

“Mr. Rounds always makes it so fun and unpredictable every day,” states Geyer.

After graduation, Geyer will miss her classmates and their daily gossip sessions. She leaves underclassmen with the following quote, “Don’t just exist, live.”

Currently, Heather’s plan after high school is to attend South Dakota State University to major in human development and family studies.

OLDHAM-RAMONA NEWS

School Lunch

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18:** Chicken Alfredo on GF Pasta, Garlic Breadstick, Relishes, Fruit

**MONDAY, MARCH 22:** Pepperoni Pizza, Relishes, Fruit

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23:** Chicken Fajita Wrap, Churro, Relishes, Fruit

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24:** Corn Dog, Tater Tot, Relishes, Fruit

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**IROQUOIS NEWS**



**Buddy baskets**

The Iroquois Elementary Student Council raised nearly \$500 to purchase items for Buddy Baskets. They also accepted items and basket donations. The council assembled 13 Buddy Baskets which include pillows, blankets, cooking supplies, laundry supplies, cleaning supplies and a variety of items to help homeless and needy veterans. The baskets were presented to the Bensley-Rounds American Legion Auxiliary Unit 280 of Iroquois on Mon., March 8, 2021, by the Iroquois Elementary Student Council. Back row, left to right: Mary Wienbar (Auxiliary), Carter Arbeiter, Tristan Konshak, Annette Dunham (Auxiliary) Kneeling left to right: Korbyn Faulks, Summer Gondzar, Oliver Blue and Noah Van Diepen. (Submitted photo)

**Iroquois Middle School Student of the Month: Chenoa Harris**

*Aspiring to be a sociologist.*



**What is your favorite subject and why?** History, because I like facts, and it is totally different than what it seems.

**Why is school important to you?**

It may lead to a better future.

**Who do you look up to and why?** My mom, because if she thinks something is wrong, then she doesn't stop until it's right.

**Iroquois High School Student of the Month: Satoya Meyers**

*Aspiring to be either a lawyer or a social worker.*



**What's your favorite subject and why?** English because I like learning about all the different authors, and how they come up with their books.

**Why is school important to you?**

I believe everyone deserves an education.

**Who do you look up to and why?** I look up to my mom because she raised four kids by herself and works really hard at work, pursuing her career.

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

**1911: Deadly buggy accident**

*March 16, 1911*

**Arthur Foust**, who lived near Esmond until very recently, was thrown from a buggy at Rolfe, Iowa, to which place he recently moved and received injuries from which he died within a few days after the accident. He leaves a wife and three children.

**H. M. Best** has sold his residence property in Iroquois to **E. W. Bottomley**. This is a nice property, built last summer and will make **Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley** a nice home. Mr. Best, having been elected county superintendent, will remove to De Smet – hence the sale.

*March 19, 1931*

The De Smet Board of Education made a decided cut in teachers' wages for the coming year, reducing the superintendent's salary from \$2,500 to \$2,000 and an average reduction of 10 percent on the salaries to be paid other mem-

bers of the teaching staff.

Spring work on the farms was in full swing Tuesday morning, the farmers going into the fields in large numbers. Some seeding had been started last week, but only in a few fields.

The surface of the ground is very dry, and everybody is wishing for moisture in either a wet snow or rain. There has been practically no moisture during the winter months, and it is needed soon.

*March 20, 1941*

**Woodrow Johnson** of Esmond resigned his position as teacher in the Osceola school and left yesterday for Fort Snelling, Minn., to become a member of the U.S. Army. "Woody" was one of the fourteen called from Kingsbury County under the Selective Service Act during March. Chas. Deremo of Madison was hired to fill the vacancy in the Osceola school.



**Kennedy named Legionnaire of the Year**

**Bensley-Rounds American Legion Post 280 of Iroquois presented Daniel Kennedy with the post "Legionnaire of the Year" for 2020 certificate at the regular meeting on Thurs., March 4. He was presented the certificate because of the help given to the post with many activities. The post presented the school with individual flags to the first graders, flag education books to the 5th graders, president rulers and coloring books. Kennedy is the Americanism Officer for the Iroquois post. He also helps out with the community.** (Submitted photo)



**Fast serves as Page**

**Kerstyn Fast**, daughter of **Jerrad and Angie Fast** of rural Iroquois, served as a Senate Page in Pierre this past week. She is a senior at James Valley Christian School and plans to attend Northwestern College where she will study public relations. Kerstyn is pictured with her sponsor, **Sen. David Wheeler**. (Photo submitted by David Wheeler)

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## CARTHAGE NEWS

## Updates to the Straw Bale Museum coming

BY LORALEE NELSON

The Prairie Lutheran Parish Church Service for March 21 will be at Trinity in Carthage at 9:30. The service is transmitted to car radios. Everyone is welcome.

The Straw Bale Museum meeting was held Monday evening at The Prairie Inn with Norbert Muldan conducting the meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented. Business included an update on improvements being made at the museum, ordering and distributing brochures, new museum signs, a larger TV donated by the Muldans, plaques and brass plates in honor and in memory of donors, updating the website and some possible TV promotions.

Harriet Hattervig joined Mark and Lisa Hinkley of De Smet in going to Huron Sunday to visit Amy, Darin and Evie Gronewold and having dinner with them.

Harriet Hattervig and Mark and Lisa Hinkley went to Mitchell Tuesday.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The picture of the first tornado taken by the National Weather Service was taken near Carthage on Aug. 28, 1884. It is part of the collection of the National Weather Service and appears on its website. A copy of the tornado picture hangs on the wall of the Campbell Straw Bale Museum.

A tornado in 1947 skirted the town and went southeast leaving hardly a barn in the Carthage area standing. The storm did damage to the blacksmith shop and elevator in town and took the life of Mrs. Harold Humphrey east of town. After the havoc of the storm had settled, a crew was formed called the "Splinter Gang." They went into the country helping clean up debris. It was a storm not to be forgotten by those who lived there.

In 1904, a cyclone was reported at Willow Lake, demolishing almost every building in town. One person was killed and several wounded. Innumerable farm buildings were demolished.

In 1946, a small earthquake was felt in Carthage. Houses were shaken and windows rattled.

Back in 1890 an interesting item: Ferris Drug had weather forecaster flags: white flag for clear weather, blue flag for rain or snow, white flag with black square meant cold weather, a white flag with a black triangle meant a cold wave and a white flag with an upside-down triangle meant warmer weather.

## BANCROFT NEWS

## The rise and fall of local cream stations

BY ROSE GROTHE

The Rev. Richert of Brookings was the speaker at the Presbyterian Church on Sun., March 14. He also installed Doug Fox as the Ruling Elder again and Lionel Miller, returning as Deacon; he officiated at communion. Thank you, Rev. Richert.

Micah Perry of Lennox was a Friday until Sunday guest of his grandmother, Linda Perry, and the Vin Perrys, as they were on spring break at his school.

On a drive around the country this past week, I observed a group of bald eagles out north of town. There were several 'white heads' as well as some 'brown heads,' which I have been told were the young ones. It was an awe-inspiring sight to observe such a large group of the beautiful majestic birds sitting in the trees.

## HISTORY OF CREAM STATIONS

The first cream station was located on the site of the present Standard Station and was in existence by 1905. In 1911, William Frye bought cream here for the North American Cream Company and also did some shoe and

harness repair. He was generally open during the evenings. At the time he bought cream where he and his wife were later to have their telephone office, directly north of Costello's garage.

After Mr. Frye left, Charlie Wigman and Paul Fuerstnau bought cream at the station site. It was from 1924 through the early 30's that Ray Tyrrell also bought here for Fairmont. It was during these years that the following notices were given to producers: Poultry Car on Track at Bancroft All day Friday Oct. 31. Will pay these Cash Prices for Live Poultry Heavy hens 15 cents, Light hens 11 cents, Old Cox 7 cents, No. 1 Turkeys 19 cents, Springs 15 cents, Leghorn Sp.11 cents, Ducks 13 cents, Geese 10 cents, All Poultry Must Have Empty Crops. Yours truly, Ray Tyrrell

Mrs. Bates was the final person to purchase farm products there. "Big John" Jelgerhius of Carthage had people buy poultry for him from another cream station which was north of the Costello garage site. This building was C. O. Dill's drugstore in 1903 and Paul Fuerstnau's grocery and creamery until 1911. It also served as a telephone office until 1915. Inez Maass had a

cream station here from about 1935-1937 and John Poppen from 1937-1938, after which the building was empty.

A final station was located behind Ross Lumber Company, which was in reality an actual creamery or skimming station and not simply a place for buying cream. These all proved successful during their days and the main reason was due to these words reprinted from an early paper: 'The price of eggs has been soaring in Bancroft the past two weeks, two cents above the market being given.' Soaring prices are no longer given nor were they the final year when many of the products were sold to Watertown and other nearby communities. The final gasp of life left when milk was being picked up by trucks from nearby De Smet. (from Gary Lee Jerke's Bancroft S. D. 1889-1971)

I remember the trucks from De Smet coming around to pick up the eggs, and I think they took the cream, too. I'm not sure, but the last, and highest price, we ever got was .18 a dozen. Some people "candled" their eggs and got around .30 a dozen, but it was a lot of extra work. You never knew if the creamery was going to throw them out.

## SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

## Squirrel has successful Easter egg hunt

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

Dianne Larson, the Daron and Derrick Larson families attended the grade school basketball tournament in Willow Lake, Saturday. Some of the Larson children participated.

Tyler and Brody Poppen of Watertown were Saturday visitors of Cork and Illdena Poppen.

We saw some robins; spring is here, I guess. Snowing here today, makes me wonder.

Easter season brings memories of coloring eggs. At first, I remember using watercolors to decorate them. Later, little tablets put into a cup of water, and a little vinegar, each holding different colors, using a white crayon to make designs and decals.

Our kids each had a basket which they placed for the Easter Bunny to fill and hide. I remember one basket was

placed in the dryer. Needless to say, that took some time to find.

One Easter, our parents filled plastic eggs with goodies and hid for children to find. Each child had a plastic bag to put their treasures in. I remember one year a green plastic egg was placed in a crook of a tree. A squirrel found it, and we laughed how it examined such strange nuts. We were all amused by

the squirrel's behavior.

Must not forget how Easter brought out the fine clothes and fancy bonnets.

Now set aside the eggs, baskets and finery to remember the true meaning of Easter. A time we celebrate the Risen Lord, the sacrifice He made for us and the promise of forgiveness and eternal life.

A blessed Easter to all.

## Classifieds

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Harrisburg an "equal opportunity employer", is currently accepting applications for a full-time **Deputy Building Official**.

Duties will include a variety of office and field building services and planning work, including accepting building permit applications, permit research, issuing building, utility, and other permits, answering building related questions, building and site inspection, permit and code enforcement correspondence, record management, work with the Planning and Zoning Official to resolve violations of zoning and other municipal codes. Successful applicants must possess an associates or higher college degree; and have a valid driver's license. **Excellent benefit package.** Position description, information and applications are available at [www.harrisburgsd.gov](http://www.harrisburgsd.gov) and the Harrisburg City Office, 301 E Willow Street, Harrisburg SD 57032. The full-time position will remain open until filled.

For more information contact Michael McMahon, Planning and Zoning Official at (605)767-5010 or [michael.mcmahon@harrisburgsd.gov](mailto:michael.mcmahon@harrisburgsd.gov)

## LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS

## ESMOND NEWS

The Bornitz family attended Jonathan Bornitz's Iroquois Elementary Spring Concert last Thursday evening.

Adaline, Dale and Barb Reilly attended Adaline's niece's, Julie Jacobs, funeral services Saturday in Wolsey.

Rick and Vicky Aughenbaugh had supper with the Cory Aughenbaugh family last Saturday in Sioux Falls.

Marlin Clendening met up with the Jeff Clendening family of Ethan and attended the Friday evening and Saturday sessions of the State B Basketball Tournament held in Huron; the Ethan girls finished in 3rd place.

— MARLIN CLENDENING

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEIDI HALVERSON** (bride to be of Scott Nenaber) Bridal shower- March 27, 2021 2-4pm at the De Smet Event Center- Conference Room West.

**DE SMET FLOWERS** Bridal Registry Heidi Halverson Scott Nenaber Shower: March 27 Wedding: April 24

**1ST ANNUAL EASTER** Basket Filler Craft/Vendor Fair Sat. March 27th 10 AM to 2 PM American Legion Hall Arlington SD A variety of Crafters & Vendors Walking Tacos for lunch.

## THANK YOU

**THANK YOU** for the beautiful cards I received for my 94th birthday. They made my day! LaVonne Garry

**THANK YOU** for the birthday cards sent to me. Curt Krumbach

## AUCTIONS

**INTERSTATE AUCTION CENTER**, Brandon, SD; 3 miles east of Sioux Falls on I-90 exit 402. March 20th Consignment 10:00 AM. 605-331-4550 Jess Donkersloot, Auctioneer. bppagel@gmail.com, auctionzip.com.

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The Contractor shall pay the sum of \$100.00 per day for each day the project is not completed beyond the project completion date as provided herein.

Specifications may be obtained from Brian Zeeck at the City Finance Office in Lake Preston or by phone at 605-203-3030. Submit sealed bids in writing to the City of Lake Preston, PO Box 397, Lake Preston South Dakota 57249. The City of Lake Preston, South Dakota reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2021.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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### CITY OF LAKE PRESTON NOTICE OF INTENT

The City of Lake Preston, PO BOX 397, 111 3rd St. NE, Lake Preston, South Dakota, 57249. Phone # 847-4140 or 203-3030, has applied to amend our current restricted use site. The proposed amended site is approximately 23.60 acres. Which includes the original site along Orange Bridge Rd to the corner of 208th St, then heading east on 208th St to the hay field on the east side of the lagoons. Does not include the whole hay field, just a portion. The legal description is Lots 1,2,3 & 4 103.23 AC 31-111-54, Kingsbury county, South Dakota.

This restricted use site will accept: Burnable items: grass, leaves, garden material, non-painted wood. These items are free of cost as usual.

Non-Burnable items: Building demolition, plaster, sheetrock, asphalt shingles. As well as appliances, metals, sofas, mattresses, furniture, storm doors, and windows. These items will have a cost associated with them.

The estimated annual tonnage of waste materials to be accepted is 100 ton.

This is amending out current permit.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2021.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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### CITY OF LAKE PRESTON NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Municipal Election to be held on April 13th will close on March 29th. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at 1-605-854-3832.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor

to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Any Voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE

Notice is hereby given that a gravel mining operation is to be conducted by Halme Inc 45335 SD Hwy 28 Lake Norden, SD 57248

The legal location is South West ¼ Section 16 111N 56W The general location is 1 ½ miles North, ½ mile West of DeSmet

The operation is to begin 5/1/2021 and will be completed to include final reclamation by 11/07/2022. Proposed future use of the affected land will consist of re-grading, replacing topsoil, and returned to pasture land.

For additional Information contact Halme Inc. 605-881-5498 Or the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre SD 57201-3182, 605-773-4201

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### CITY OF LAKE PRESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Volunteer Fire Department of Lake Preston, South Dakota, will receive sealed written bids at the Office of the City Finance Officer in the City Hall, 111 3rd St NE, Lake Preston, South Dakota 57249 until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday March 18th, 2021, for

#### Generator Light Trailer Combo

The bids will be opened at their regular Volunteer Fire Department meeting on Thursday March 18th, 2021 at 7:00PM.

Specifications or any other additional details about any of the items may be obtained from the City Maintenance Supervisor, Brian Zeeck, who can be reached by phone at 605-203-3030, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm CT.

Sealed bids must be plainly marked to identify their contents. No bid shall be withdrawn after the filing time without written consent of the Volunteer Fire Department for a period of thirty (30) days after the filing time.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Lake Preston, South Dakota, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any formalities or technicalities in bidding, and to accept the bid that is most advantageous of, and in the best interest of, the Lake Preston Volunteer Fire Department.

Dated 02/19/21  
Brenda Klug, Finance Officer  
City of Lake Preston

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### MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

We are seeking bids for the following: Spraying of Right-Of-Ways crushed or screened gravel

All bids due by 5pm, Tuesday, March 23rd. Bids will be opened at 6pm, Tuesday, March 23rd

Bids can be mailed to clerk or hand delivered.

Ryan Schoenfelder  
Township Clerk  
42669 209th St  
De Smet, SD 57231

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### IROQUOIS TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the that the governing body, sitting as a review board of Iroquois Township, Kingsbury county, South Dakota, will meet at the Iroquois Fire Hall in said taxing jurisdiction on March 22nd at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2021.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the Administrator of the local board in writing by March 18th, 2021. Appeals should be mailed to: John Madison 20668 406th Ave Huron, SD 57350.

John Madison  
Iroquois Township Administrator

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### DE SMET TOWNSHIP BID NOTICE

De Smet Township will be accepting bids for all roadwork for 2021-2022 fiscal year. Bids must be for crushed and/or screened gravel. Bids will be accepted until 7:00 P.M. March 30, 2021. Proof of insurance must accompany bids. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

De Smet Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bid forms can be requested from De Smet Township Clerk.

Tammy Dobson  
Township Clerk  
20380 434th Ave  
De Smet, SD 57231

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### RESOLUTION AND ORDER

Supervisor Richard Baier of Spirit Lake Township, Kingsbury County, south Dakota submitted and moved, said motion was seconded by Greg Noem for the adoption of the following Resolution and Order:

WHEREAS, a Petition duly executed by two electors pursuant to SDCL 31-3-6 has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Spirit Lake Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, said Petition requests vacation of a portion of the Township Road lying between Section 3-111-57 and Section 34-112-57 of Spirit Lake Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, more specifically described as follows:

The part of the township road lying between Section Three (3), Township One Hundred Eleven (111) North, Range Fifty-seven (57) West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota; and Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Twelve (112) North, Range Fifty-seven (57) West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, it appears that this Township Road has not been used

for many years for means of regular travel, that it is not presently being maintained and that it would be in the public interest, convenience and necessity to vacate the road, thereby eliminating requirements that the Township Road be maintained and further protecting the Township from exposure to civil liability as the result of the use of said Roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described Roadway is hereby VACATED.

A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS Resolution and Order shall be published in the Kingsbury Journal once each week for two consecutive weeks, and 30 days after the date of the last publication, said portion of the above-described Roadway will be deemed vacated without further proceedings unless appealed pursuant to SDCL 31-3-9.

Township supervisors Richard Baier and Greg Noem voted Aye. Resolution passed.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2021.  
Richard Baier  
Chairman

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 )SS  
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY )

I, Pam Forbes, being duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Spirit Lake Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution and Order and the action taken thereon by the Board of Supervisors, Spirit Lake Township, at a regular meeting on the 2nd day of March, 2021, as the same appears and is of record in the minutes book of the Clerk of this Board and I certify that this a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 2nd day of March, 2021.

Pam Forbes  
Clerk of Spirit Lake Township

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### SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR BIDS

Spring Lake Township will accept bids for gravel for township roads.

The bids should include the price of gravel per cubic yard, loading, hauling, and lay-down. Each pit to be used should be specified. Also include the price for crushed gravel and oversize.

Bids will also be accepted for care and maintenance of township roads, such as mowing, blading, snow removal, pulling shoulders, moving dirt and spraying.

Bids should include the hourly rate of machines to be used and the size and horsepower of each machine.

Each bid must include proof of insurance.

The board will meet at the Scottie Hojer home at 7:00 p.m. March 30,2021, at which time the bids will be opened and read. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Paul Johnson  
Spring Lake Township Clerk

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# Public Notices

## LAKE PRESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on March 8, 2021 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, Steve Carlson, Josh Warne, Amanda Wienk, and Brett Anderson. Stacia Sneesby was absent. Travis Denison joined via teleconference upon entering into executive session.

Also present were School Administrators Supt. Felderman, Business Mgr. Curd, Tech Coord. Odegaard and Principal Bothun. Teachers Brown, Schmidt, Erstad, O'Dea, and Solberg were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Carlson.

**ACTION 107** - Motion by Olson, second by Wienk to approve the amended 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 108**- Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to approve the consent items of cancelling the April 13, 2021 election, approving the 2021-22 calendar with finalized dates, the minutes from February 8, 2021, the February 2021 financials, and the March 2021 bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**  
Supplies: A-OX Welding Supply \$21.14, B-Cake \$62.00, Connecting Point \$124.00, Discover \$1,532.50, Don's Bakery \$46.86, Erstad A. \$46.87, General Wood \$1,037.60, Hillyards \$542.91, Innovative Office Solutions \$613.66, JW Pepper \$35.40, Josten's \$9.67, NAPA Auto Parts \$118.99, Maynard's Food Center \$1,083.97, Runnings \$40.71, Supreme School \$36.08; Services: Automatic

Building Controls \$811.00, Heiman Fire Equipment \$125.00, Madison Regional Health \$125.00; Utilities: City of Lake Preston \$529.74, Cook's Waste \$224.64, Northwestern Energy \$1,052.67, Ottetail Power \$1,761.56, Valley FiberCom \$384.71; Fuel: Coles Petroleum Products \$184.29, Prairie Ag Partners \$2,495.28; Dues/Fees: Great Plains Zoo \$188.50, Imprest \$2,082.34, Lake Preston Area Storage \$70.00, NESC \$6.43, Oldham Ramona School \$100.00, Olson R. \$245.00, Sanford Health Plan \$37.40; Publications: Kingsbury Journal \$566.22; Insurance: Northern Plains Insurance Pool \$2,971.14  
General Fund Total: \$19,313.28

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND**  
Equipment: Discover \$177.34, Innovative Office Solutions \$3,000.00, Marco Technologies \$396.01; Curriculum: Mystery Science \$3,447.00; Library Books: Scholastic Book Club \$129.40  
Capital Outlay Fund Total: \$7,149.75

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND**  
Tuition: Children's Home Society of Sioux Falls \$2,593.16; Supplies: Discover \$12.94, Fonder, S. \$39.72; Services: NESC \$6,984.54; Dues/Fees: USD Center of Disabilities \$50.00  
Special Education Fund Total: \$9,680.36

**FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
Supplies: Appera \$127.18, Culligan \$40.00, McCormack Dist Co \$151.64, Food: Child & Adult Nutrition \$146.23, Earthgrains \$253.95, East Side Jersey Dairy \$993.05, Maynard's Food \$121.43, Reinhart Foods \$3,296.97  
Food Service Fund Total: \$5,130.45  
Grand Total: \$41,273.84

**February Payroll:** General \$117,323.80, Benefits \$38,684.96; Special Education: \$14,438.62, Benefits: \$4,374.18; Food Service: \$4,330.76, Benefits \$1,402.64; Total February Payroll: \$180,554.96

Felderman then reported that there are insurance coverage options for outside entities to be covered by our insurance policy umbrella for an additional premium. Board requested to find out more information about the coverage and plan.

Calendar adjustment regarding prom was discussed. Curd noted that the current date falls the day before the April ACT date, but also had created a calendar listing possible dates with conflicts listed on nearly every date. Due to timing, the board felt it was too late to move prom for this year, but suggested that every effort be made to not have prom the day before the ACT in future years. Felderman then reported that he plans to move forward with the spring events of prom, graduation, and spring sports as normally as possible with some slight adjustments from past years.

**Old Business**  
**ACTION 109**- Motion by Warne, second by Olson to approve obtaining bids on the 40 x 40 x 14 foot building specs. Roll call vote was taken with Carlson, Warne, Olson, and Wienk voting in favor of the amendment, and Anderson voting against. Motion carried.

**New Business**  
**ACTION 110**- Motion by Olson, second by Wienk to accept the letter of intent to negotiate with LPEA. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION 111**- Motion by Warne, second by Anderson to accept the resignations of Jordan Solberg, Jennifer Stofferahn, and Kelsey Smith for head volleyball coach only. All present voted aye, motion carried.

NESC report was presented by Superintendent Felderman. He noted that the school district has added behavioral specialist days due to increased need. Legislative Rep Warne reported on the homeschooling bill that has passed and is on the governor's desk to sign. He added that the increase of 2.4% to school funding looks to still be true. Business Manager Curd reported that the school still meets and exceeds the teacher accountability. She also noted that she has upcoming meetings with the Dakota Ten Food Service Group and with Northern Plains Insurance Pool where she should receive the renewal rates. Principal Bothun reported on the Kindness

Matters initiative that will be implemented in the middle school and high school. Felderman reported on staff survey's that he had initiated. Overall, the results showed that staff would like to see the flex period dissolve and Fridays off in March versus a week-long spring break. Felderman inquired if there would be any objection to the school would be hosting two vaccination clinics for staff of our district and area districts in the near future. No objection was heard.

**ACTION 112** - Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1, 2, 6 & 4 Motion by Warne second by Anderson to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, student concerns, school security, and negotiations. All present voted aye, motion carried. Denison was reached via phone conference at this time.

**ACTION 113** - President Carlson declared out of executive session at 9:00 PM.

**ACTION 114**- Motion by Warne, second by Anderson to open the positions of MS/HS Social Studies and K-12 Art. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION 115**- Motion by Warne, second by Wienk to approve the contract with Nicholas Curd as assistant golf coach for the current season. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION 116**- Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to have a special board meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 15th to review bid specifications and to open additional positions. All present voted aye, motion carried.

**ACTION 117** - Motion by Olson, second by Denison to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. All voted aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 in the School Library. An additional meeting will be held on Monday, March 15th at 5:30 in the school library.

Kristi Curd, Business Manager  
Steve Carlson, President of Board

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

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 5:30 PM on March 8th, 2021 in the high school conference room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres. Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Princ. Andrew Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun. Visiting were Mike Siefker of the Kingsbury Journal. Shelly Osthus and her 6th grade students, Cortney Smith, Coy Van Regenmorter, Jordan Botkin, Noah Luethmers, Jordyn Gilligan. Mike Luethmers, Mark and Jordan Purintun attended the meeting during presentations.

**Public participation:** None

At this time, Beresford Business Manager Jared Olson made an unexpected visit to do a presenta-

tion on behalf of the South Dakota Business Officials Association. Mr. Olson presented Business Manager Susan Purintun the award of 2021 Outstanding School Business Official. He read a proclamation from SDASBO President Darla Mayer along with notes from other business managers and supt. Abi Van Regenmorter expressing their gratitude and Mrs. Purintun's accomplishments through her many years of service to the district, community, educational committees and the business managers organization. Mrs. Purintun was very grateful for the accolades and award noting that there are many deserving of such an award and being fortunate to have so many dedicated and wonderful associates to work with to accomplish what the profession brings to it. Mr. Olson also made note that he had the opportunity to drive around the De Smet Community and found it to be a very progressive and impressive town. He hopes to return to spend more time in the future.

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## Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances

Feb-21	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education
Beginning Balance	\$1,267,180.98	\$1,761,208.29	\$548,558.15
Revenue			
Ad Val Taxes, Gross Receipts	\$32,619.38	\$13,728.88	\$15,322.20
County Apport	\$620.55		\$-
St. & Fed. Aid	\$80,664.79	\$-	\$300.64
Int., Adm., Rentals	\$1,724.70	\$-	\$-
Expenditures	\$(170,372.47)	\$(611.28)	\$(25,535.32)
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$1,212,400.99</b>	<b>\$1,774,325.89</b>	<b>\$538,645.67</b>
	<b>Food Service</b>	<b>Drivers Ed</b>	<b>Custodial Accounts</b>
Beginning Balance	\$6,384.74	\$4,441.42	\$73,314.21
Revenue			
Sales	\$562.28		
Fed/State Reimb	\$-		
Fees/Fundraisers	\$5,000.00		\$2,912.90
Expenditures	\$(12,950.62)	\$-	\$(4,021.68)
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$(1,003.60)</b>	<b>\$4,441.42</b>	<b>\$72,205.43</b>

## Review/Discussion

The five-year capital outlay plan was reviewed by board. Business Manager Curd noted that the plan had been adjusted to reflect the expenditures approved by the board at the last meeting. Superintendent Felderman added that he had been working with Tailored Structures regarding the window replacement project for this summer. The replacement and removal of the north

storage building was discussed with Curd and Felderman reporting that they both have had interested parties inquire on removing the building. Board added that they would entertain bids for the building as long as there was a stipulation included that it would need to be removed by a specified date. Felderman presented three options for a replacement shed.

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The board reviewed and adopted the proposed agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda Item f. approval of Jennifer Stofferahn as K-12 Art and MS Social Studies Teacher with concession extra duties. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller, all voting "aye", motion carried.

**Delegations:** None

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** None

On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of February 8th, 2021; the financial report for the period of February 1st through February 28th, 2021; consideration and approval of all bills; set Driver Education rates at \$250 per student (no increase from FY20); approval of contracts – Madison Birkel, Asst. Track @ \$1050; Jennifer Stofferahn as K-12 Art and MS Social Studies Teacher with concession extra duties.

**GENERAL FUND:** Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 43,717.68; Pr.Yr.Taxes 143.47; Pen&Int 7.16; Interest 77.77, Other Revenue 2384.15; Co Apport 976.92; State Aid 69,159.00; State Apport. 22,436.11; Bank Franchise Tax 29,055.53; Title IV Part A 9865.00; Title I 16,227.00; Title II Part A 201.00; Disbursements – 44,647.53 February Payroll 199,004.07

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 950,799.79**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:** Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 35,471.81, Pr.Yrs Taxes 95.22; Pen&Int 4.75; Other 49,615.14 Disbursements – 15,078.27

**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH BALANCE – 1,549,553.22**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:** Revenue – Ad Valorem Tax 18,610.05, Pr. Yrs Taxes 36.90; Pen&Int 1.84; Medicaid Direct 123.04; Disbursements – 4987.23, February Payroll 42,558.85

**TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 340,970.42**

**FOOD SERVICE FUND:** Revenue – Meals paid by Dist 1480.00; Other Sales 350.66, Federal Reimburse. 27984.78; ESSER I 22,816.00 Disbursements – 11,991.88, February Payroll 9275.99

**TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – 23,206.62**

**ENTERPRISE FUND:** Revenue – None Disbursements – None

**TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4330.54**

**TRUST AND AGENCY FUND:** Revenue – 55,909.74

Disbursements – 46,963.94  
**TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE – 130,686.46**

**GENERAL FUND:** A-Ox Welding, Ag Supplies 1193.71; Active Heating, Repairs/Thermost 630.25, Armory Repairs 1646.70 Total 2276.95; Advance Fund AB&T, State 1-act Play travel 54.00; K.Vockrodt, LP Travel 99.96; A.Rusche, Reimb post-age 15.50; Sanford Health, HSA Fees 10.00; J. Rasmussen, Off BB Dbhldr 125.00; B. DeBoer, Off Dbhldr/Trav 154.40; C.Vossekuil, Off BB Dbhldr 125.00; J.Benning, Off GBB 90.00; T. Johnson, Off GBB 90.00; C.Fugere, Off GBB/Trav 132.00; W.Buck, Off GBB 90.00; R. Hageman, Off GBB 90.00; B. Buck, Off GBB/Trav 104.70; A. Ostrander, Reimb CS Supp 87.72; S. Osthus, Reimb Tuit. 120.00; A.VanRegenmorter; Trav 175.99; A.Hawk, Tech Supp 45.00; J.Bertsch, Off GBB/Trav 174.00; T. Schoenfelder,

Off GBB 90.00; R.Derouchery, Off GBB 90.00; T. Holland, Reimb Cust Supp 327.98; P. Entringer, Off BBB/Trav 144.60; S.Schepal, Off BBB 90.00; R. Effling, Off BBB 90.00; S. Purintun, Reimb Cons Sc Equip Repair Postage 71.70; Total Adv.Fd. 2687.55; ASBSD, Reg Fees 50.00; City of De Smet, Utilities, bus garage 40.79, bldgs. 421.17 Total 461.96; Cook's Waste, Utilities 1406.34; Culligan, Utilities, 62.00; De Smet Flowers, Supplies 139.00; Dust-tex, Covid Clean 476.48; EMC Insur, Add Prem 35.00; Eternal Security Prod., Tech Repairs 1678.76; Fusion, Communications 422.37; G&R Controls, Boiler Repairs 3900.95; Heiman Fire Equip. Fire Ext.recharge 36.00; Hillyard, Cust Supp 1762.41; Johnson Controls Serv/Inspec sprink system 1052.92; Kingsbury Elec, Comm.54.32, repairs/maint 70.00 Total 124.32; Kingsbury Journal Comm 265.00; Maynards, Science Supp 138.54, Cons. Sc Supp 219.02 Total 357.56; NAPA, Trans Supp 256.97; NESC, Gen Serv 10.29, Read. Rec. 303.32 Total 313.61; NW Pub Serv Util, Bus Gar 168.54, Buildings 3126.05 Total 3294.59; O'Keefe Imp, Trans Rep/Maint 1100.71; Office Peeps, Coper Serv/Maint 1069.98; Dustin Olson, Snow Removal 975.00; Otter Tail Power, Bus Gar 116.46, Ath Fd. 135.35, Bldgs 7540.50 Total 7792.32; Protec Roofing, Repairs 1094.90; Rich's Gas, Trans Fuel 3261.91; Scott's Auto Body, Fire Repairs 285.55; Smith's Lumber, Cust Supp 213.71, Shop Supp 59.06 Total 272.77; Training Room, Ath Sanitizer 61.23; Trustworthy Hardware, Cust Supp 26.46; West Sioux/Dakota Pottery, Art Supp 38.40; **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: 38,233.68**

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:** C. Tangen, Reimb Resource Books 800.56; Foreman Bus Sales, 2012 Bluebird Bus 24,000.00; Harv's Drilling LLC, Water Htr Improvements 6121.15; McCune Elec, Water Heater Improv. 398.84; Northern State Univ, Acad Text 23.49; Winsupply, Wt. Htr. Improve. 13,764.70; **TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY IMPROVEMENTS: 45,108.74**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Adv. Fd: E.Martian, LD Supp 266.06; Fusion, Comm. 81.23; Lang.Link, Prof Serv 52.44; McCrossan Boys Ranch, Out of Dist Tuition 1442.67; NESC, Behav. Analyst 3153.48; NESC, Early Childhood 401.93, Trans/Tech 29.62, Psychologist 700.14, Speech Path 1211.93, Phys Therapy 342.24, Occupational Therapy 516.71, Total Monthly NESC 6356.05; **TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES: 8198.45**

**FOOD SERVICE:** CASH-WA of Fargo, Food 3888.64; Child and Adult Nutr., Food 83.36; Maynards, Food 208.55; Prairie Farms Dairy, Food 902.15; School Nutrition Association, Fees 46.50; US Foods, Supplies 185.14, Food 3361.73 Total US Foods 3546.87; **TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES 8676.07**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES 100,216.94** All voting "aye", motion carried.

**NESC REPORT:** NESC Representative Barb Asleson reported on the Feb. regular meeting noting that they had accepted De Smet's request to withdraw from the Reading Recovery Program. The board had also approved a new auditing firm of Qualm, Berglin and Post, PC for a three year contract beginning with FY21.

**EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION:** No report

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Pres. Roth reviewed the legislative session which will be ending this week. At this

point there has been no further word of changes to Gov. Noem's proposal of a 2.4% increase to education state aid. Bill 177 has passed concerning home school students being able to participate in extra-curricular activities. Also HB1217, which specifically requires anyone looking to participating in sanctioned sports to provide and annual signed waiver confirming a student's age and the student's "biological sex, as ascertained at or before birth in accordance with the student's genetics and reproductive biology. Both bills are awaiting Governor Noem's signature.

**BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES:** Supt. Abi reported that the buildings and grounds committee will be meeting on Thursday, at 2 PM. She has been notified that the District's request for new locks/entry system had not been approved for Homeland Security Funding.

**PRINCIPALS REPORTS:** Mr. Armstead told the Board that the band and chorus, along with Lake Preston performed two "Afternoon of Arts" programs on 2/23 and 2/24 with each town hosting an afternoon. The students performed a variety of group ensembles including brass, percussion, swing choir and vocal ensembles.

The One Act Play finished their season with a live performance at the Event Center the previous Saturday evening. The drama cast received a Superior on their performance along with Aria Gruenhagen, Matthew Rusche and Willem Lim receiving individual superior acting awards. The end of the third quarter will be March 16th. State assessment testing began today, March 8th. Testing will continue through May 7th. Mr. Armstead commended the staff for being great to work with being flexible and helping to administer the tests.

The 8th and 12th graders will be training for the CPR exam this coming month.

Teacher's are working on educational experiences for the students that do not attend the music trip in April. There will be approximately 20 students that will be remaining at home. Ideas that have been brought up includes life skills trainings, a presenter, community clean-up and tours of local businesses.

Kindergarten screenings were conducted on Friday, March 5th. There were 16 students screened.

A "Penny War" is taking place for the next two weeks between the 3rd and 4th grade students for a fund raiser for the Food Pantry. Supt. Abi said the students are having a lot of fun with this project.

The board also were reminded that the Boys Basketball team will be vying for the State B's in the SoDak 16 the next night. In the hopes that they make it, the district will receive 80 adult tickets and 20 student tickets for the State B's in Aberdeen. The adult tickets are \$30 and students \$18. The tickets are all general session with no reserve seating. There are 2800 tickets available so there will be plenty of tickets to be purchased at the door. Administrators did note that after each session the arena will be cleared and sanitized for the next round. Those that want to watch other games will need to purchase tickets for those sessions. These is protocol established by the NSU facility.

The staff are preparing students for a remote learning day for Thursday, the 11th in the event our boys make the State Tournament as our seed will play at noon on that day. Friday, the 12th, was already scheduled as a spring break day.

Supt. Abi also noted that Lewis Drug had called earlier in the day and had 10 vaccines available to staff. Staff were to call and set up an appointment for Tuesday afternoon.

**Social Justice Project – 6th Grade Students:** Shelly Osthus' 6th grade students gave three excellent presentations using the ActivPanel for their presentations. Mrs. Osthus explained that the students had to meet 5 objectives, design t-shirts/apparel to help "sell and promote" their project and come up with a hash tag to promote their project. Jordan Botkin and Jordyn Gilligan proposed that the school should build an animal barn on school property. The animal barn would promote work ethic, animal kindness and it has been documented that interaction with animals relieves stress. Their hash tag is #welikeanimals.

The second presentation was done by Coy Van Regenmorter and Noah Luethmers promoting that the District should unblock games on the school's network. The reasoning for allowing the games would help students to develop better dexterity, social skills and improve attitudes. The hash tag they developed was #gamesunblockgames.

Cortney Smith gave a detailed presentation on saving the environment. She gave several points addressing the land, water and space. She gave statistics on garbage accumulation in all three environments. Ms. Smith finished with how all people can do better to recycle and care for our surroundings to save planet Earth. Her hash tag was #bethe change.

**Tax Appeals Representatives:** On motion by E. Buckmiller, seconded by B. Asleson to appoint Jared Tolzin as representative, with Shane Roth as an alternate in the appeals process of assessed property values at Township Board meetings and the De Smet City Council that will be conducted during the week of March 15th-19th, 2021. The other board members will be on call, if needed. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Technology Budget:** Princ. Armstead reviewed the major points of the proposed tech budget for 2021-2022. The total budget at this point is \$125,662.98. The budget is consistent with prior years budgets with continued software, maintenance, supplies and repairs. The major purchases will be to continue adding ActivPanels, security additions and do upgrades for the wireless system. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the technology budget proposed for FY22. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**2021 Music Boosters Trip:** The trip will be the week of April 5th – 10th. Supt. Abi noted that there will be 53 students going along with 14 chaperones, including 2 nurses. The tour will be to Washington DC and Nashville. The company that was hired for the tour that was to of taken place last spring, strongly recommended not visiting New York City with the pandemic still being an issue. The students will not be performing as they have in past year's due to health concerns. A parent meeting is scheduled for March

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**Negotiations Representatives:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to appoint Shane Roth and Barb Asleson to represent the Board of Education for negotiations purposes. All voting "aye", motion carried.

**Executive Session:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to go into executive session at 6:12 PM on personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Regular session resumed at 6:25 PM

There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. (6:26 PM)

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

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## NOTICE OF VACANCY ON SCHOOL BOARD DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office of the following school board member:

One (1) two year (2) year term for a board member residing anywhere within the District. (Position of Evan Buckmiller)

Two (2) three year (3) year terms for board members residing anywhere within the District. (Jared Tolzin and Shane Roth)

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on April 6th, 2021 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 405 Third Street SW between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM central daylight savings time not later than the 7th day of May, 2021, at 5:00 PM, or mailed by registered mail not later than the 7th day of May, 2021.

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Source: 4 SDR 26, effective October 27, 1977; 6 SDR 25, effective September 24, 1979; 8 SDR 24, effective September 16, 1981; 14 SDR 19, effective August 9, 1987; 25 SDR 167, effective July 6, 1999.  
General Authority: SDCL 12-1-9(3)  
Law Implemented: SDCL 9-13-1.1, 13-7-5, 13-7-6, 13-7-10.1

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## REGULAR MEETING OF LAKE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2021

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the Finance Office on Monday, March 8th, at 6 p.m. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Gary Buer, Kristen Longville, Joe Schnell, Brian Verhey. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Rick Olson, Cedric Hay and Weston Blasius from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andy Wienk at 6:11 pm.

Motion by Kristen Longville, seconded by Donna Bumann to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Banner Associates- 60% Pre-Construction:** Weston Blasius explained the current schedule, in January they were at 30% preconstruction, now currently at 60%; hoping to be at the 90% mark come April. Discussed that last week they had met with the city workers to go plans and specs. First topic was raising the height on the new water tower by 23 ft, at its current height it gives off 50-60 PSI. Getting it higher would bump it up to 60-70 PSI, newer plumbing would handle the pressure but older plumbing may not. Discussed pressure on the North end of town, hasn't been good for years. Estimated cost would be \$30,000, potential to move a few things around to be able to handle that cost if we couldn't pay out of pocket.

Joe in at 6:17 pm.

Discussed the potential of more pressure, could help fire hydrant pressures. Weston Blasius indicated that as of right now the plans are at a standstill, they would need a decision before going any further. Plan to make a decision at the March 17th meeting. Discussed the utilities side, Weston Blasius explained the separation of Phase 1 into 3 different phases. Drainage was discussed on Lake Ave, potentially leaving a block or two off to be included in Phase 2 to be able to do the whole street due to drainage issues. Expressed that this would be the time to change things in the plans, once they hit 90% harder to change things. They would like to upgrade the storm sewer drains, but currently they are hitting the top end of the budget. Discussed that the water tower would be on its own contract. Several different satellites are on the current tower, that may or may not still be working. Fremont Ave was discussed, hoping to meet with the school in the near future to collaborate. Council asked about the material that the contractors would be digging up, would we be able to repurpose the material. The contractor will grind asphalt with gravel - some will be used to refill. Discussed where a few good places were to pile material, potentially use the airport land. If plan to use the airport land, gravel and millings would need to be laid down, for truck traffic. Streets were briefly discussed, Andy Wienk inquired about once we get to the 90% preconstruction meeting if we could do another community meeting. Weston Blasius suggested that after the bid is accepted- then we could do a community meeting. To maybe get a clearer schedule from the contractor to share with the community as the construction starts. Bob Bode had been a lot of help with answering questions and attending the meeting last week. Andy Wienk stated that whenever they would like to meet with the school to let him know and he will get it setup.

**Public Comments:** Rick Olson stated that alleys in town had been getting damaged from excessive travel.

Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by John McMasters to approve the February 8th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** Donna Bumann stated that the budget committee had met to go over the Fire Department Budget. Budget committee discussed the criteria they were asking from the Fire Department.

**Water/Sewer/Street Report:** Doug Bumann stated that a resident had asked about a well head in his yard that's abandoned. Wondering if the large block of cement over it could be dug up, owner plans to pour a cement driveway. Brian Zeeck stated that they were almost done with the Park sign. SDRWA had given him a quote for setting up mapping of the curb stops, shut off valves, Mains etc. Tuck pointing quotes were reviewed, still awaiting another quote. Kristen Longville shared information of a "Deadwood Grant" that would help historical buildings. Discussed how limited grants can be, that the building would need to be formally declared historical. Brian Zeeck stated that he is still working on an estimate on the sidewalk work, getting it slopped away from the building. Discussed needing a new pump in the pool before it opens, approximate cost would be \$7,500. Kristen Longville included that the BCBS Grant that she applied for did include the pump. Several items for the campground project, the pool, and Main St. garden had been included in the grant. Funding would be awarded in May but there is also a smaller match grant, if not awarded the large grant we could submit to the small grant. Council reviewed plans for Main St. project in the city lot by the Café. Decision on the pool pump is planned for the March 17th meeting.

**Finance Office Report:** Brenda Klug inquired about the piano in the community room, council decided to list it as first come first serve. Inquired about the coco baskets getting replaced on Main St. Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Kristen Longville to purchase 18 whole coco baskets for the Main St. baskets. All in favor, motion carried. Discussed getting flower quotes for the April meeting to review, from DeSmet and Brookings. Chip and Crack sealing was discussed, newspaper notices were okayd for surrounding newspapers to get more bids hopefully. Brenda Klug stated that she had spoken to Tanya Flegel from the conservation office, 2 grants are available to purchase trees as well as contractor work could be claimed. Trees will be needed for the new and old campground sites. Painting South Dakota was discussed, organize a group and nominate a house to be painted. The state would supply the paint and primer; decided to advertise it on Facebook to get a volunteer group put together. Kristen Longville shared information from the USDA, a program for elderly to get there home painted.

Inquired about a Mediacom bill, as we had to pay to get out of a contract.

Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by John McMasters to approve the following claims as presented: All in favor, motion carried.

A&B Business Inc. \$67.38, printer contract; Airgas 475.55, oxygen-amb.; Amazon \$444.63, books/dvds; Ambill Asso. \$1,715.00, amb. billing; AT&T \$114.51, phone/tablet; Avera Health Plan \$476.85, health insurance; Banner Asso. Inc. \$89,082.30, water & wastewater project; Bonnie Nelson \$140.00, amb. reports; Connecting Point \$60.00, splashtop 1 year; Cooks Waste Paper & Recycling \$2,594.76, city trash/city dumper; Dakota Pump \$1,123.00, cloud9; David Hillestad \$30.00, 3 permits; Deb Miller \$202.16, antivirus/misc./dvds; Del Smith \$30.00, 3 permits; DOR \$208.72, taxes; Farmers Implement \$212.36, snow removal; lamresponding \$305.00, 3

yr sub.; Jerry Brown \$10.00, 1 permit; Joel Johnson \$1,500.00, code enforcement; Kingbrook Rural Water System \$6,898.10, purchased water; Kingsbury Co. \$1,885.00, contract law; Kingsbury Journal \$510.69, publishing; Lake Preston cemetery Assoc. \$3,500, 2021 funds; Leroy Koch \$30.00, 3 permits; Loren Trygstad \$20.00, 2 permits; Lake Preston Auto \$352.37, snow removal; Lake Preston Café \$47.55, lunch w/Banner; Maynard's \$68.69, comm. room/supplies; Mediacom \$1,310.48, contract broke; Northwestern Energy \$1,300.64, natural gas; Office Peeps \$19.97, office supplies; SD One Call \$19.95, January; Ottertail Power Co. \$2,264.43, electric; Prairie Ag Partners \$1,028.34, FD/Amb./city; Public Opinion \$120.62, crack sealing bid; Public Health Lab \$30.00, water test; Radio Time Billing \$222.00, radio advertising; Runnings \$424.99, kerosene heater; Joe Schnell \$495.00, amb. reports/CPR class; Scottie Hojer \$214.20, training/mileage; Stryker \$1,238.20, lucas 3 battery amb.; Sylvan Knutson \$117.89, Amb. payment refund; Valley Fibercom \$222.11, internet/phones.

Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Joe Schnell to approve the financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Building Permits:** Council reviewed one building permit.

**Nuisance Properties:** Briefly discussed the new code enforcement officer, hoping they plan to start as soon as they can.

**Campground Improvements:** No more new information.

**New Business:** Kingsbury Klassic Cruisers-Main St.: Motion by Donna Bumann, seconded by Kristen Longville to approve closing Main St. on July 18th from 2nd St. to 4th St. and the use of the community room. All in favor, motion carried.

**2021 Inventory:** Reviewed previously from emailed packet.

**Open Gravel Bids:** McMasters Gravel & Construction Inc. - Screened Gravel- Delivered \$7.05/Ton - Crushed Gravel Base Coarse Spec. \$8.05/Ton - Hauling \$.30 Cents/Ton/Mile. Hasche Construction Inc. - Crushed Gravel \$9.25/Ton - 1-inch crushed rock also available. Wilde Construction - 1 ¼ inch Screened Gravel- Price includes material and delivery. - \$9.50/yard-equivalent to \$7.31/ton.

Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by Donna Bumann to accept the screened gravel bid from McMasters Gravel & Construction for \$7.05/ton. John McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Brian Verhey, seconded by Kristen Longville to accept the crushed gravel bid from McMasters Gravel & Construction for \$8.05/ton. John McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Brian Verhey to accept the hauling bid from McMasters Gravel & Construction for \$.30 cents/ton/mile. John McMasters abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

**Review Petitions:** Council reviewed 6 petitions.

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**Hire Election Workers:** Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Kristen Longville to hire Marla Bertsch, Jan Mobley and Kathy Koch as election workers for 2021 at \$9.50 an hour. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 101-21:** By a roll call vote; approve resolution 101-21 to increase building permits to \$50. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 102-21:** Council discussed moving the time of the regular meeting to 6pm, after a brief conversation decided to keep it at 7pm for now.

**Hire Baseball/Softball Coaches:** Motion by John McMasters, seconded by Kristen Longville to hire Kristi Curd as the 2021 summer softball coach. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Gary Buer, seconded by Joe Schnell to hire Ryan Sauter as the 2021 summer baseball coach. All in favor, motion carried.

**Review Applications:** Applications were reviewed.

**Employee/Council Concerns:** Brian Verhey inquired where they could hold the BBQ cook-off since there will be a clinic in the location that was used last year. Several cooks have campers, would need 50-amp electrical outlets; park/campground was discussed. New clinic and new provider were discussed as well. Joe Schnell stated that the employees were doing well with log books, inquired about a frozen meter listed in log book. Questioned if they got charged for said meter, in the ordinance it states when a meter freezes then they get charged for a new meter. Inquired about a stop sign being moved along the hwy by the ambulance building. Parking at the shed is minimal, also inquired about somehow getting gravel across the road to be able to back in straight. Kristen Longville inquired about a campground donation letter, discussion about trying to reach the community or alumni by sending out mailers. Kristen Longville inquired about a community cleanup plan during the city-wide cleanup. Inquired about the canon in the park getting painted, a resident inquired about commemorating the Catholic Church by the football field. Council decided that if a group would want to do that, that maybe attended the Church they could. Donna Bumann suggested maybe instead of a sculpture walk do a history walk around town. Discussed standing meeting agenda topics from year to year, in which the current agendas get based off the previous year. Gary Buer stated that Jeremy Jensen purchased the blue house along the HWY, when Valley Fibercom built there building it affected the drainage to come east into the property. Andy Wienk stated that he would recommend them contacting Valley Fibercom, figured Valley Fibercom would be happy to try and come up with a solution. Gary Buer stated that children from Lake Ave have been alone riding scooters, almost got hit the other day. Discussed that the only thing to do in that situation is to call CPS, the city can't do anything; calling CPS gets it documented for future action. Donna Bumann stated that she had been contacted about semi traffic on Park Ave again. John McMasters stated that there is a pothole on 2nd and Spring N right by the school that

needs to be filled. Andy Wienk had 21st Century contact him about getting the speed limit changed as you come into town on the west of town. Kristen Longville inquired about the alley behind her house, being able to use it when the large construction project starts. Joe Schnell stated that he wanted to thank the Sheriff's office for assisting in ambulance calls etc.

Motion by Kristen Longville, seconded by Joe Schnell to go into executive session at 9:07 pm for legal. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 9:18 pm.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer  
 Andy Wienk, Mayor

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE  
 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
 ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 1, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Kingsbury County Courthouse Courtroom to consider in full or in part the following proposed conditions:

David Meyer is requesting a Conditional Use, which if granted, would permit the applicant to establish a Class B CAFO for a 4,992 head hog confinement in a portion of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 109 North, Range 56, West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

All persons interested therein may appear and be heard before the Board of Adjustment at said hearing or may file written comments with the County Auditor at 202 2nd St SE, De Smet, SD 57231, prior to the hearing.

Jennifer R. Barnard  
 Kingsbury County Auditor

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**RESOLUTION NO. 101-21**

WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to set the price for building permits pursuant to South Dakota Statute; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has increased the building permit application fee from \$10.00 to \$50.00, effective as of the 9th day of March, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the building permit application fee shall be \$50.00, unless changed by the Council.

On roll call, all voting "aye", Resolution declared PASSED and ADOPTED on the 8th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF LAKE PRESTON  
 Andy Wienk, Mayor  
 Brenda Klug, City Finance Officer

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# CANCELLED: Unlikely event disrupted school year and students' lives

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ball team is in Spearfish for the 2020 South Dakota High School Athletic Association (SDHSAA) Girls Basketball State Championship. The first day of the tournament saw all eight girls' teams compete, leaving four teams left with a chance at the title. The Lady Bulldogs had played Faulkton that evening and come away with a 50-45 win. One game down, two to go.

**March 13, 2020** Governor Kristi Noem declares a State of Emergency because of the COVID pandemic. SDHSAA officials shut down the girls' state tournament. Officials for the tournament gave no indication what would become of the tournament, and no hope of a postponement was given.

## UNCHARTED TERRITORY

Coach Osthus and the girls' basketball team were fully settled into the tournament. Students, staff, family, friends and fans were already there, or headed that way. On the first day of tournament play, March 12, Coach Osthus was watching the afternoon games when tournament officials informed him their team would be limited to just 120 people. That number included players, coaches and spectators.

"At that point, we were still allowed to play," said Osthus. "We were relieved we got to play, but now we had to make cuts on who could watch the game." Osthus and the girls made the list of spectators allowed to watch the night game, but now Osthus had a challenge no coach could prepare for. Osthus had to deal with the players and their emotions about the COVID restrictions.

"Our girls did a fantastic job of handling the changes and then getting themselves ready to go play. They played a hard-fought basketball game and got the win," said Osthus. "I felt like we were through that. We were on to the semi-finals." De Smet girls would be taking on Castlewood in the semifinal the following day.

The next morning everything began to unravel. Osthus got the news just as they were loading the girls on the bus and going to get a bite to eat. That's when the phone call came in.

"It was abrupt, it was very abrupt. We had like an hour to an hour and a half to get back to the hotel, get packed, on the bus and gone," said Osthus.

"As a coach, you got some girls that are coming off a championship season from the year before and worked really, really hard to get themselves back in position," said Osthus. "Those girls fought through a lot of adversity in the process, and in the blink of an eye, it is over. It was a really, really difficult day for sure.



**On the afternoon of March 12, 2020, South Dakota High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball State Championship tournament officials limited each team to just 120 individuals for the evening game. This included the team, staff and spectators. De Smet girls won against Faulkton 50-45. Their final two games would never be played, as the tournament was cancelled the next day.** (Photo by April Rusche)

It was a long bus ride home with some upset girls. Out of our hands, it was one of those things we just had to deal with the best we could."

"The other unfortunate thing is for some girls on the basketball team, it was their last basketball game they were getting to play in high school. We had some seniors on that team. That was it. They did not get to finish what they started. Yes, they had been a big part of the championship season the year before but for them to work as hard as they did to get themselves back in that position and then for your last high school basketball game to end in this manner is unforeseen, very, very difficult to comprehend," reminisced Osthus.

## DOMINOES FALL

The De Smet boys' basketball team was headed to State the following week. Hopes were high after losing a close championship game the year prior, and earning a #1 seed for the tourney. It was not to be. Within days of the girls' tournament being ended, the boys' tournament was cancelled too. According to Coach Osthus, the dominos just fell for everybody.

Track and Field season was cancelled. Koby Spader had set a new high school state record with his discus throw in 2019. He was a junior then and would most likely have topped that record his senior year. No opportunity ever presented itself for the track and field participants to

compete. Spader was never given a chance to top his own record.

Back in De Smet, school officials scrambled feverishly setting up distance learning. Gov. Noem had asked schools to shut down for a week. Then the request came for two additional weeks. Online classes were set up and teachers became accustomed to a new method of teaching. Then eventually the school year was recessed until fall.

De Smet School Superintendent, Abi Van Regenmorter the School Board and Jr. and Sr. High School Principal, Andrew Armstead, were working hard to ensure the students got to finish the school year and do so in a healthy manner. Plans were made, then redone, and changed again. But the schooling continued.

## CHANGING THE GAME PLAN

As the summer continued, opportunities were slowly opening once guidelines were released and put in place. As summer training commenced, students had their temperatures taken, terms like social distancing were put into place. Instead of the football team lifting weights as a team, students were divided into small groups and that is who they worked out with all the time. This limited exposures. This assured that contact tracing could be maintained.

Football teams soon had extended sidelines, so individuals could maintain six feet of distance. Handshakes with

officials before a game and the opponents after were banned. Footballs had to be rotated regularly to avoid any contamination. If a team had COVID-positive players, the game was postponed. No more Pep Band at the games either. The school did not charge for tickets. Social distance was to be observed by those watching the game. Even the snacks at the concession changed. Everything was prepackaged. Fundraising groups running the concessions made less revenue.

Volleyball teams no longer switched sides during their games. Trips out of town for teams used to require one bus, but social distancing mandated that two buses be used. Benches were sanitized for visitor's protection.

Cross country teams probably saw the least changes. Their starting gate was now widespread. They had the same number of meets, but no awards ceremonies were ever given.

Basketball season brought vouchers for those that wanted to see a game in person. Digital transmission of games were broadcast. Even residents at local nursing homes were anxiously watching the girls' and boys' team throughout the season. Most venues had vouchers for just a third of capacity.

Valley FiberCom worked hard to make games available for those who could not or did not want to attend school sporting events.

Since basketball season has started the number of daily infection rates had dropped to an eighth of what the infection rates were at the peak of the pandemic. Most venues still require masks and social distancing.

Band has had lots of changes as well. The COVID pandemic brought forth the emergence of panty hose fitted on the end of brass, and woodwind instruments. The band trip is usually to New York City and Washington D.C. and involved hauling all the band instruments and playing to audiences at both locations. This year the students do not have to worry about hauling the instruments around, because they will not be playing for any audiences. Since New York City is still a hotbed of COVID activity, the city was replaced with Nashville, TN. 2020 seniors missed out on the trip due to the postponement.

Our students have seen many changes in their academics, activities, team sports and personal lives. Despite it all, their resilience has been unending. With the infection rates dropping, one hopes a normal life is just around the corner, not just for the students, but for everyone.

## BULLDOGS: Tournament bound

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### STATE TOURNAMENT

The win over Timber Lake sends De Smet to their third straight trip to the State B Tournament to be held again this year in Aberdeen on March 18-20. Two years ago, they lost to Clark-Willow Lake in the championship game, and last year their season came to a very disappointing end after qualifying as the #1 seed, only to have the season end due to the coronavirus pandemic.

They are again the #1 seed in this year's tourney and will play the #8 seed, Lower Brule, in the opening game on Thurs., March 18 at 12:00 p.m.

### TICKET INFORMATION

There will be 2,800 tickets sold for each contest. Ticket sales will begin an hour before start time but the main doors to enter the Arena will not open until the fans from the previous contest have exited.

After each contest, the arena will be cleared for cleaning and preparation for the next contest.

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## LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT



### Pile of Crappies

As the ice fishing season comes to an end, this group of Bait Box customers had an awesome day of crappie fishing on Lake Thompson. Year after year, Lake Thompson has continued to produce huge catches. The area lakes will be opening soon. (Photo by Set the Hook Fishing Co.)

### Catch something?

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## BULLDOG BASKETBALL

# Bulldogs back in the state tournament

BY BERNIE STOEL  
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### DE SMET VS TIMBER LAKE

The De Smet Bulldogs are returning to the South Dakota State B Tournament this week after an impressive 64-38 win over Timber Lake in their SoDak 16 playoff game in Redfield Tuesday night, March 9.

<b>De Smet,</b> 64	week after an
<b>Timber Lake,</b> 38	impressive 64-38
	win over Timber

Lake in their SoDak 16 playoff game in Redfield Tuesday night, March 9.

The Bulldogs' excellent ball handling and passing helped them to break a very good 2-2-1 zone press by the Panthers in the first quarter and got them off to another quick start, leading 15-6 after one quarter. De Smet's scrappy man-to-man defense frustrated the Timber Lake players, and De Smet coasted to a comfortable 38-13 advantage at halftime.

De Smet's lead at one time reached 40 points late in the third quarter, and that enabled Coach Jeff Gruenhagen to play his entire bench throughout the fourth quarter, giving everyone one on his squad some playing time.

Kalen Garry again led all scorers in the game with 26 points. Damon Wilkinson had 12 points. Cody Cavanaugh added eight points and Ethan McCune seven. Garry also led the Dogs in rebounding with nine boards followed by McCune and Wilkinson with five each.

<b>De Smet</b>	15	38	61	64
<b>Timber Lake</b>	6	13	25	38

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De Smet Bulldog Cody Cavanaugh meets resistance from two Timber Lake Panthers up high. The Bulldogs won the March 9 SoDak 16 match-up in Redfield 64-38. This win has the De Smet boys' basketball team heading to state in Aberdeen, March 18-20. (Photo by Mike Siefker)

## THE DAY THE SPORTS STOPPED

# We're in the semifinals! Wait... what?

A look back at high school activities in the year of the pandemic

BY MIKE SIEFKER  
Kingsbury Journal

It has been one year since schools in South Dakota had to make changes due to COVID. Some changes were small, and others were huge. Some schools and students were affected in large ways, and others maybe not so much. Here is a look at the effects of COVID on local student athletes and the havoc it dealt to their activities and their lives.

**March 10, 2020** South Dakota announces its first COVID death, and four residents have been diagnosed with the disease. News media outlets have been covering the COVID stories for weeks and concern about the outbreak is in the forefront of everyone's thoughts and conversations. COVID is now officially in South Dakota.

**March 12, 2020** De Smet girls' basketball-  
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Covid restrictions limit spectators in De Smet's first game of the 2020 Girls' Basketball Class B Championship. The Lady Bulldogs played Faulkton and scored their first win, 50-45. One game down, two more to go — or so everyone thought. (Photo by April Rusche)