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Flying high



Was the eagle giving me the stink eye or posing for the camera? The eagles were flying near Manchester last week. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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TOP DOGS



The De Smet Bulldogs raised the championship trophy on the floor of Wachs Arena in Aberdeen on Saturday, March 20, after two years of high expectations and unprecedented adversity due to the COVID pandemic — marking De Smet's sixth boys state basketball title. (Photos by Jeremy Waltner)

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COVID-19

This week's COVID numbers around the region

COUNTY	ACTIVE CASES			EVER HOSPITALIZED			DEATHS		
	As of Mar. 23	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Mar. 23	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Mar. 23	Prior week	Prior two weeks
Kingsbury Population 5,148	25	12	13	38	36	36	14	14	14
Clark Population 3,691	24	9	10	29	29	29	5	5	5
Hamlin Population 5,903	12	20	21	36	36	35	38	38	38
Miner Population 2,389	10	13	11	17	17	17	9	9	9
Brookings Population 31,965	95	77	67	134	132	128	37	37	37
Beadle Population 17,398	59	84	112	94	94	92	39	39	39

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TREVOR FROST, Ashton, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

GREGORY CASS, Lake Preston, violations of safety requirements, fined \$182.50.

RODNEY KOISTINEN, Bryant, 65 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

JACK BRATLAND, Bryant, 71 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

KRZYSZTOF LIPOWSKI, Tobyhanna, Pa., 45 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

TREVOR PETERS, Winner, 61 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

TIMOTHY MORGAN, Mitchell, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

HOPE PINZINO, Huron, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

KELLY BENNETTS, Spicer, Minn., 36 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

CODY STEVENS, Carthage, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50 and certain operators required wear seat belts, fined \$25.00.

SHERIFF REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports two accidents.

MARCH 17 - JASON HASSE of Lake Preston was driving east on US Highway 14 near mile marker 395 when a deer ran into the roadway striking his vehicle. The 2007 Lincoln MKZ Hasse was driving sustained \$5000.00 in damages.

MARCH 19 - JAMES GAARD of Sioux Falls was driving east on 218th Street when he missed the curve, crossed into the north ditch and went into the water. The 2016 Cadillac Escalade that Gaard was driving sustained \$1000.00 in damages.



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Hats ON! Inspiration for a young imagination

THE GOLDEN AGE OF MILLINERY was nearing the end of its sparkle when I was born in the fifties. Headdress as fashion began during the Industrial Revolution and continued through mid-twentieth century. In the Nooks and Crannies of my mind my mother loved hats. Dad would tell her to buy a new one, often for Easter. This was one of the few luxuries she allowed herself during the years she and Dad raised six children.

When women dressed up during that era, they stepped into heels, then crowned their heads with the finishing touch before they glanced in the mirror and walked out the door. Every special occasion required a hat, but mostly I remember them in church.

Our family often sat in the same pew, close to the back at our little country church, West Bethany Lutheran. Don ushered and the older girls helped with music, so just four of us filed in this one particular Sunday. I sat on the far end next to Mom. Delmer sat soberly between Mom and Dad. Ever since he had made that parting comment to the pastor as we shook hands and exited the church, the folks felt the need to guard him. I did not understand what was so terrible about it. My brother had simply grinned up at the minister and bid him good-bye. So, an alligator was mentioned. It was just a kid's popular farewell message. The additional statement that included a timeline for straighter teeth—well, I suppose it could have been misconstrued as an insult, but it showed creativity and imagination on my brother's part, as well as rhyming skills. Needless to



NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

say, Dad and Mom did not appreciate his talents at the time.

So, there I was feeling badly for my brother who hardly dared move. Dad stared straight ahead, probably hoping his kids would not embarrass him today. I looked up at Mom and took in her hat. It was a green silk brocade with golden threads outlining flower petals. A narrow brim surrounded it at a slight angle. A matching velvet ribbon circled just above the brim. On the front a round pendant sparkled like emeralds on the ribbon.

Just then the pastor stepped into the pulpit. I always had a vivid imagination, and at a very young age, I discovered that it was the most active at two definite times: one, racing back to the house in pitch dark after closing for the chickens, and two, sitting quietly in a church pew — during the sermon.

So, all that sermonizing inspired my brain into high gear. I looked around to see if any other women's hats were as pretty as Mom's.

The nice pianist wore a navy-blue satin; Mother called it a pillbox. Im-

mediately, I imagined tiny white tablets spilling out as her fingers pounded the keys. My sisters said the First Lady often wore a pillbox. Who was the First Lady? From the background of my mind, the pastor's reading from Genesis trickled into my image. That's it! Eve was the first lady. My short legs began swinging back and forth in excitement. Mom gave me "the look." My legs stopped. But, wait a minute. Why would Eve have bothered with a hat?

My gaze wandered to three ladies in the front pew who waited to sing the special music. Their hats fit close to their heads like wide headbands. One was white lace. The middle hat sparkled with brown sequins. A purple bow bent over the short gray curls of the third. Three arches of color swayed slightly in rhythm with the lesson. Vaguely words from Matthew, something about "birds of the air," fluttered from the front. All at once, I imagined three wild geese flying in formation, their honking fading into the distance.

On the other side of the church a beautiful image of a rooster pheasant flashed into my mind. I saw him rise into the air, chirping his flight call. The hat that inspired my vision curved over the lady's head like an upside-down bowl covered with feathers. One long tail feather skimmed the side. I felt sorry for the pheasant.

In the row directly in front of me, a white net drooped to gray-sleeved shoulders. The netting circled all around in front of the girl's eyes. Something about Paul and locusts and wild honey droned in from the pulpit area. All at once a terrific idea

buzzed into my brain! That veil was the perfect protection from the bees and wasps that sometimes circled above the sanctuary as if deciding who to dive-bomb next. My feet started moving again.

My mother released a sigh of relief as "Amen" resounded through the building. The sermon was over.

I followed Delmer as we filed out past the preacher. He politely shook the man's hand and moved on. I nodded, barely touched the outstretched hand and rushed out the door. I could not look up at the guy in robes because I knew I would check to see if the "alligator's" teeth were any straighter.

On the five-mile-drive home, Dad glanced in the rearview mirror and addressed Delmer. "You sat real nice in church today, Son." I felt a bit miffed that he did not comment on my exemplary behavior.

Then our father started reviewing the main points of the sermon. I blinked up at my mom's pretty hat. Suddenly my eyes glazed over, and I turned to the window. I scanned the sky for flying geese.

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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Voices

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Last week's weather

Monday, March 15, 2021

High 36, Low 27
Snow 7 inches

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

High 31, Low 28
Snow 1 1/2 inches

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

High 35, Low 28

Thursday, March 18, 2021

High 43, Low 29

Friday, March 19, 2021

High 49, Low 22

Saturday, March 20, 2021

High 62, Low 37

Sunday, March 21, 2021

High 51, Low 40

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Youth wrestlers off to state!

These youth wrestlers have qualified for the State AAU Tournament that will be held in Rapid City on March 26-28. Pictured are Owen Anderson, back left, Dylan Zell, Ethan Johnson, Greyson Nielson, Kaleb Johnson and Payton Botkin. Carson Eichler, middle left, Chase Henriksen, Jaylynn Johnson, Cody Zell and Easton Ruml. Tripp Langland, front left, Tyler Albrecht, Eli McCloud and Weston Eichler. Not Pictured: Lane Jensen. Coaches are Chris Gilligan, Rustin Albrecht, Mike Johnson, Shane McCloud, Ray Johnson and Bryan Pietig.

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Building an endowment for our state's future

I RECENTLY HAD THE PRIVILEGE of hearing from two impressive young South Dakota college students. Hattie Seten is the Students' Association President at South Dakota State University, and she was recently selected to be a Rhodes Scholar. Abuk Jiel is the President of the University of South Dakota Student Government Association. They're both hard-working, incredibly articulate, and both come from low-income families.

Hattie and Abuk told me their stories at a very special event: I had the privilege to sign SB 171, which funds \$50 million for the South Dakota Freedom Scholarship. These funds will work with \$150 million in private donations (\$125 million have already been pledged!) to create an endowment for a needs-based scholarship in South Dakota.

Once established, this endowment



GOVERNOR'S DESK

KRISTI NOEM

will perpetually create opportunities for thousands of students like Hattie and Abuk to go to college. So many of these bright young South Dakotans just need an opportunity to succeed. I challenged the legislature to approve this funding so that

we could provide just such an opportunity, and I am so glad that they followed through.

Let's be clear — this isn't a free handout. These students need to graduate, and then live and work in South Dakota for at least 3 years after their graduation. After that time, I am confident that many of these folks will decide to build their careers and raise their families in South Dakota. But until very recently, we've struggled with young talent leaving our state. This scholarship will help to reverse that trend.

With all of the new businesses flocking to South Dakota, we have a serious need for workforce development. Our unemployment rate is only 3.1 percent, which is incredible news! But a low unemployment rate means that it can be tough to find skilled workers to fill job openings. This

scholarship will be a crucial part of training the workforce that South Dakota needs to staff up the businesses that are moving to our state.

So many people deserve thanks for their generosity in making this happen. T. Denny Sanford and the folks at First Premier Bank and PREMIER Bankcard helped get this project off the ground with the initial \$100 million pledge. The legislature stepped up with an additional \$50 million. And both Avera Health and Sanford Health pledged \$12.5 million apiece, bringing the total funding to \$175 million.

But we need \$200 million to make this endowment sustainable into the future, so we will continue to work hard to raise the final funds to make this project a reality. Our young South Dakotans deserve nothing less.

WORSHIP SERVICES

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 PETER 2:24

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.

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Lake Preston

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

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.

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Road kill peeps and banana split salad

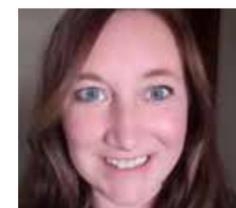
EASTER IS RIGHT around the corner, and plans are starting to be made. As I was browsing through my recipes to decide what to take to our family gatherings, I was reminded of the time I decided to try something new and fun to take to Easter ... home-made Peeps.

This was back when I was in my twenties and constantly trying to find new recipes to impress everyone at family gatherings. I didn't pay attention to how many steps were in a recipe or how long it would take. I just searched for recipes no one else had ever made that looked fun to make and yummy to eat.

When I came across the recipe for homemade Peeps, I thought that would definitely be a winner. There weren't many ingredients to make them, and who doesn't love Peeps?

Unfortunately, it didn't take me long to realize that my recipe choice was a huge mistake. Although it didn't call for many ingredients, the combination was a huge mess. The marshmallow mixture was horrible to try to get into a piping bag, and what was left in the bowl hardened like a glue that took forever to soak and scrub off.

Then, there was the actual making of the Peeps. They sure made it look easy, but trying to get the marshmallow out of the bag and into the "simple" chick form was a nightmare. It wasn't until the very end of the bag that I was able to get



HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

a couple to look right, but the rest were just long ovals with a lump at the end.

To make matters worse, my marshmallow mix must not have been right, because after sitting a short while, all of my creations started to flatten. The couple chicks that had initially looked pretty good ended up looking like flattened road kill.

After wasting so much time on them, I decided to bring my road kill creations to Easter anyway. Everyone got a good laugh, and a few brave relatives who tried my Peeps said they weren't too bad, although I noticed them really having to gnaw on them to get a piece off.

Moral of the story ... stick with simple recipes and don't ever try making homemade Peeps.

This week I'm sharing a much easier and delicious recipe for a great salad that could even be served as dessert. Enjoy!

Banana Split Salad

20-ounce package frozen strawberries, thawed	1 box instant chocolate pudding mix
20-ounce can crushed pineapple	3 medium bananas
	8 ounces Cool Whip

Pour strawberries into large bowl and mash. Slice bananas and add to bowl. Add pineapple and sprinkle pudding mix over top. Stir well. Fold in Cool Whip. Keep refrigerated.

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Obituary

WILLIAM 'BILL' WILKINSON

William "Bill" Ray Wilkinson, 71, De Smet, S.D., died unexpectedly Wed., March 17, 2021. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wed., March 24, 2021, at American Lutheran Church, De Smet, S.D., with Pastor Jonathon Dolan officiating. Burial followed at De Smet Cemetery. Visitation and a prayer service were held Tuesday at the American Lutheran Church. Service will be Live-streamed on Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel Facebook Live.

Bill Wilkinson was born Nov. 5, 1949, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to Ellsworth and Bette (Halvorson) Wilkinson. They moved to De Smet where he attended grade school and high school and graduated in 1968. He attended Augustana College and then transferred to Northern State University where he played football for the NSU Wolves. He graduated with majors in English and history and a minor in political science, with the intentions of becoming a lawyer, but instead fell in love with farming after he and his brother, Ed, worked on Milton Vieth's farm.

Bill was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Mary Lynn O'Keefe, on Dec. 19, 1971. Shortly after they were married, they moved to the country and started building their farm life and cattle herd. To this union of marriage, three children were born: Daniel, Mark and Victoria.

In 1976, he made a change and began his registered angus cattle herd, which he took pride in. For the past 20 years, he and his sons have sold registered angus yearling bulls every year. He was proud of his cattle herd and enjoyed making and talking to friends from all over. He loved every part of his job on the farm, especially his cattle. From the time that Bill and Mary moved to the country, he farmed and raised cattle until his last day.

Bill was a faithful member of the American Lutheran Church of De Smet, where he has previously served as president and on numerous boards of the church council. He was passionate about singing gospel songs and also singing the oldies with his grandchildren. Bill has been a board member of the Kingsbury County Conservation Board for many years. He was very fond of pheasant hunting season every year, having old classmates and friends come to the farm to join the hunt. He also enjoyed spend-



ing time at the lake with family, and helping and teaching his grandchildren anything that he possibly could. Bill was a supporter and enjoyed cheering on the Green Bay Packers. Bill was a lifelong and dedicated De Smet Bulldog fan where he coached and helped with football numerous times over the years.

Bill's greatest love was his family. He was beyond proud of his 11 grandchildren and loved attending all of their activities. He devoted a lot of time toward helping them learn how to ski at the lake, teaching them everything about hard work on the farm, helping them with their basketball shot and football throws and tackles, and especially making sure that his family was always together on the holidays.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Wilkinson, De Smet; children, Dan (Amy) Wilkinson, Mark (Brittani) Wilkinson and Vicki (Chad) Dylla, all of De Smet; grandchildren, Autumn, Colt and Carter (Dan & Amy); Damon, Grant, Nate and Brinley (Mark & Brittani) and Megan, Amanda, Michael and Adam (Vicki & Chad); one sister, Barbara (Bob) Satter, Irene; brothers, Ed (Sally) Wilkinson, Erwin and Todd (Jean) Wilkinson, De Smet; brothers-in-law, Bill (Jill) O'Keefe, Lake Worth, Fla. and Bob (Shari) O'Keefe of Rapid City and many nieces and nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellsworth and Bette.

Arrangements by Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel www.crawfordosthus.com

PAID OBITUARY

'I go away, the Spirit comes'

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go away, I will send him to you." JOHN 16:7

MEDITATIONS

VICAR BRAD SANDERSON

Lake Preston/North Preston Lutheran Church

DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON, our Parish has continued our reading and studying of the five chapters of the Gospel of John that tell us of the discourse between Jesus and his disciples during the evening in which they celebrated the Passover festival in the upper room in Jerusalem. We have come to call this night Maundy Thursday.

John's gospel devotes five full chapters (13 through 17) to the evening and the message that Jesus gives to the disciples and to us. In spite of our tendency to view this night with sorrow and trepidation, Jesus reminds us that his death and resurrection is to our advantage! In John's gospel, Jesus begins the evening by showing his disciples that there is nothing that he will not do to give them grace and forgiveness: he begins by washing their feet, doing a servant's job, humbly giving up himself.

We have so come to feel sorrow at

Christ's death, not wanting him to die, not wanting him to suffer. Jesus himself has to remind us that it is to our advantage that he "go away," that he continues to give himself fully for our salvation. In his vast love and mercy, Jesus gives to us the gift of the Holy Spirit — the Advocate, as this version of scripture calls the Spirit. In the sixteenth chapter of John, Jesus explains that when the Spirit of truth comes, we will be guided into all the truth: the truth that Christ has given himself fully for us and for the forgiveness of our sin. The death of Christ is indeed to our advantage: in his death he has taken our sin from us, and in his resurrection, he has given us the promise of the same! Christ gives to us all that he has and all that he is! What an advantage that is for us! During this season of Lent, we experience what it is that our Lord has done for us!

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Thank you from Bev Mulder

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, calls, gifts, flowers and prayers since my hip replacement surgery. Thanks to my doctors, therapists, Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital, De Smet and Lake Preston Ambulance, De Smet Transit and the staff at the Village for their excellent care during my stay there. Special thanks to Gary Wolkow for all his help and also to Roger and Luanne Osthus for all their care and concern over all the years I was at Prairie Park. I feel especially blessed to have lived in such a great community with so many friends, family and dedicated care givers.

To all my card playing buddies: "Keep Getting Those Good Hands!"

Love Bev Mulder

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.



Lake Preston Progressive Community Women

presents the
Ninth Annual Tour of Tables

Lake Preston Auditorium
Saturday, April 10, 2021
Doors open at 10am • Lunch served at noon
Raffle Baskets Drawn at 12:30pm
Contact Amber Nelson for tickets 203-1000

BLUE & GOLD

Bringing you the latest from Lake Preston High School

VOLUME 65 / ISSUE 27

LPHS SENIOR FEATURE: Alex Post

Written By: Lynzie Ilenich

Featured this week is Alex Post. He is the son of Amy and Dan Post and the brother of Ryan and Angie Post. Chloe and Libby are Alex's dogs. Five words he would use to describe himself are inspirational, energetic, out-going, funny, and entrepreneur.

While at Lake Preston High School, Alex found himself participating in numerous extracurricular activities such as Special Olympics, One-Act, band, chorus, Oral Interp, a writer for Blue and Gold newspaper, FFA, student council, all-school musical, and Unified Champions group. When asked who his favorite teacher was, he said Mrs. Hillestad. He chose her because "she teaches us things we need

to know about the real world." However, Alex's favorite class was Agriculture, because it involves a lot of hands-on activities. If he could, Alex would take Mrs. O'Dea with him after high school to help him, so that she could help him with English.

During high school, Alex's favorite activity was the all-school musicals. His favorite school lunch is Stir Fry. Because he is excited to graduate, he stated that his senior year has been his favorite year of high school. Alex plans after graduating are attending South Dakota State University and getting a PhD in Computer Science. He wants to be remembered for being inspirational, and being an outgoing and a funny guy. His hopes for the future are to become a Computer Science professor someday in the future!



The Lake Preston School has had their world brightened a bit by the addition of new LED lighting in both gyms. This is to complete a project of fitting the school with the same LED lighting. Our future looks brighter and brighter at LPHS!

What Volunteer Work Would You Do?

Editorial By: Gretta Larson

Volunteer work is not just something to do so that you can add more things onto your college application. To volunteer is to decide that you personally want to help someone or a group of someone's get something done. People will volunteer because it makes them feel good about themselves. They will also do so because they just like doing something to fill their day. In smaller communities, like Lake Preston, we have several different things that you could volun-

teer to do, such as working at school events or working at the fire department. Either way, you are contributing to your community. In bigger cities, there would be volunteer jobs like picking up trash around the city or working at soup kitchens. Either way you look at it, there is always something to volunteer to do. However, you don't even need to volunteer to do those things either like simply just picking up trash in the ditches along the road throughout the year. Anything and everything is greatly appreciated!

Using Art & Creativity as a release

Editorial By: Milli Waikel

Art is one of the most creative outlets, in my opinion. Art includes music and literature. When it comes to expressing myself, my main outlets are drawing, painting, and listening to music. I transfer my feelings onto paper and calm it in a steady flow of music. The music helps me focus and compress my feelings in a way where I can close my eyes and pretend I'm floating in my own made up world where the

law of gravity is broken, everything is peaceful, and time moves slow. Then, I open my eyes and draw what I may see or the way I feel. When I draw, I pretend as if every stroke releases my stress. The brush is like the tether that connects my world to this earth. Art is one of my favorite things and one of the subjects I'm most passionate about. It allows a temporary escape from everything crazy..

HEARD AROUND SCHOOL: WEIRD WHISPERS OF LPHS

"Like the time I hit the old man with a sledgehammer... that was completely an accident too!"

"Her laugh is the scary part!"

"Look how much money's coming out of this coat!"

"Do you not shave your belly button?"

"I know I'm going to regret it, but I gave him a saw..."

"We act super dumb, but we're not that dumb."

Blue & Gold

2020-2021

Editor of the Week:
Milliana Waikel

Advisor: Krista O'Dea

Seniors: Myra Rhoades, Alex Post

Juniors: Rachel Jensen, Marissa Rober, Milliana Waikel

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

Freshmen: Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins

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

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

"After the storm is when the flowers bloom."

Lake Preston

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THURSDAY, MARCH 25: Hot Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Bread

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: Sloppy Joe on Bun, Cream of Broccoli Soup, Mandarin Oranges, Crackers

MONDAY, MARCH 29: BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Potato Salad, Beans

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Pork Chop, Sweet Potato, Broccoli, Fruit,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31: Chicken Alfredo/Noodles, Lettuce Salad

School Lunch

THURSDAY, MARCH 25: Beef Burger on Bun, Corn, Peaches

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: No School

MONDAY, MARCH 29: Taco Burger on Bun, Corn, Peaches

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Mac & Cheese, Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Muffin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31: Crisпитos w/ Cheese Sauce, Green Beans, Pears

CITY COUNCIL

Emergency siren to find a new home

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

The Lake Preston City Council met for a special meeting on Wed., March 17 at City Hall. All council members were present with member Gary Buer joining late. Josh Warne joined the council as the school board representative to review property assessment appeals.

The regular meeting was recessed so those present could meet as a Review Board of Equalization. Two letters were received, and the council voted to change the assessment valuation of both properties. The council also voted to change the valuations of properties that had been recommended for change by Tammy Anderson, Kingsbury County Tax Assessor. The Board of Equalization was adjourned, and the regular council meeting resumed. Josh Warne left.

In new business, the council voted to approve the raising of the new water tower at a cost of \$30,000. This will increase the water pressure 10 psi and will be especially beneficial to those at lower elevations. The council also looked at three possible logos for the new tower and asked for prices before making a decision.

The council voted to raise the south lift station. This has already been budgeted as work for 2021. The council also voted to replace the pump at the pool. The new pump from MC&R Pool will cost \$7500. The council voted to approve work to the well found in a yard as discussed at the last council meeting.

The new water tower requires that the emergency siren be relocated, as it cannot be put on the new tower due to new regulations. Bids for a new

siren ranged from \$20-30,000. The council discussed ways the current siren could be set on a new base. The council asked that city employees explore options for relocating the current siren.

Finance officer Brenda Klug reported that she is working on having the museum and city hall declared historic buildings. This declaration will make the buildings eligible for grants to help pay for repairs.

During council concerns, Brian Verhey discussed grading alleys as conditions dried. Joe Schnell again discussed parking options for the ambulance. Kristen Longville discussed road conditions on 4th Street South. John McMasters discussed fixing pot holes as snow melted.

The meeting was adjourned and will next meet on April 5 at 7 p.m.

A spinning wheel's story

BY MARY ROCKINO
Kingsbury Journal

Imagine living on the prairie in the winter and needing warm clothes. There were no stores where you could buy them, but you had some woolly sheep on your farm.

After the men sheared the sheep, you would card the wool and use your spinning wheel to make thread which then could be made into nice warm clothes.

This spinning wheel came from Norway in 1887 when T.E. Uglem and Johanna Pedersdatter (Almaas) Uglem emigrated to America and found their way to Lake Preston in 1902.

It was a functional item in their home. It was the second item moved into their new house after the stove. The children remember how Johanna would sit off in a darkened room away from her large family to do her knitting. A special friend told her daughter that Johanna would knit mittens with no thumbs "too much trouble and not necessary!"

The spinning wheel in our museum, a treasured family heirloom, was cared for by two of Johanna's daughters, one of whom married John G. Nelson. It was donated to the museum by Bethel N. Thompson, Bentena's daughter and the granddaughter of Johanna.

There are other stories of pioneer



life in our history book which is still available from any museum board member.

Lake Preston Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

Thursday April 1, 2021
6:30pm

Lake Preston Community Room

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.

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.

LOOKING BACK

1921: Prize-winning sow badly burned but will survive

10 YEARS AGO

March 23, 2011

Dale Blegen, publisher of the De Smet News and Lake Preston Times, is one of three longtime journalists being inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame on April 8 in Brookings. Blegen started out as a barber in Brookings but then enrolled in SDSU to earn his degree in journalism. He purchased the De Smet News in 1977 and the Lake Preston Times in 1984.

Flooding on Lake Thompson is again a main topic on people's minds with the coming of spring. Twin Lakes Road, which runs between Lakes Thompson and Henry, is rapidly deteriorating. Seventy people attended the emergency meeting, with township and county officials to make plans for the flooding.

Melburn and Frieda Munson are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

Gold Xperience's final number at their concert included a little dancing. Soloists **Kelly Scheidt and Anthony Strande** didn't dance; others did, including **McKinley Bickett, Cierra Jensen, Zach Longville, Brooke Virchow, Isaac Wilde, Allison Strande, Carson Hillestad, Kelli Garry, E.J. Salazar and Kari Nelson.**

25 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1996

Members of the Lake Thompson Association say misinformation and supposition are causing problems for the association and fear in some area residents. Board members met with reporters from area newspapers hoping to replace faulty information with facts. They were particularly incensed by an opinion in a Brookings newspaper of a "wall of water being sucked from Lake Thompson down river." In 1894, it was a nearly round



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: The Lake Preston 5th graders finished their basketball season with a 13-2 record winning 1st place in the Lake Preston and Arlington tourneys. Members are **Matt Paul, Phil Warne, Ryan Klinkel, Jorden Jacobsen, Jake Smith, Corey Nelson and Coach Paul Casper.**

lake measuring five miles across, now it extends 18 miles in length, blocking off E-W roads from Highway 14 to the Oldham road and has increased from 8,800 acres to 17,000 acres.

50 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1971

Weighing less than 70 pounds, but a tiger on the mat, **Stanley Steffensen** carried Lake Preston school colors to a state championship last week when he won his age-weight division in the South Dakota Junior Olympic Wrestling Tournament in Watertown. He is

the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Steffensen** and has a brother **Steven** who won 3rd place in his division. **Mike Koch, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Koch,** was the third LPHS wrestler at the meet.

The winners of the annual science fair on March 9 were **Debbie Hesby, Camilla Iseminger, Debbie Larson, Debbie Pas-tian, Doug Olson, Billy Paterson, Kevin Gudahl, Michael Koch, Lyle Palmlund, Alden Boyd, DeWayne Anderson, Kay Anderson, Gail Swenson, Dionne Brandner and Renita Thomsen.** The students will take their experiments to the SDSU Science Fair on April 3.

75 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1946

Pioneer settler **Arne Olson Boe** passed away on March 15 at the ripe old age of 88. He was born in Vik in Sogn, Norway, and emigrated to America at the age of 25. He came to Kingsbury County to be with his brother, **Elling.** He married **Louise Stenson** of Oldham and fathered thirteen children. They moved to North Preston in 1886 where they lived until 1938, when they retired to Lake Preston.

Steve Karban was the owner of sixteen head of 1,418-pound steers that brought \$17.75/per cwt at the Chicago stock yards. This price is the highest known paid for any steers shipped from Lake Preston; the ceiling price being \$18.00.

Whipkey Chevrolet advertises the Humboldt Loader, a labor and money-saving mechanical lift loader that can be used for loading manure, dirt, sand and gravel.

With the buck attachment it can also be used for handling any type of hay.

100 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1921

The garage and hog house on the **Jens Setbacken** farm in North Preston burned to the ground early Wednesday morning. They had driven their auto the evening before, and the only possibility of the fire's origin must have been a short circuit. At 2 a.m., the family was awakened to find the buildings on fire. Besides the buildings, the loss includes the car and a few head of valuable Chester White hogs. Their prize-winning sow was badly burned but may possibly survive.

The fine winter seems to be bringing in a fine spring also.

Community Health Center to reopen, break ground for new clinic location

After a hiatus in providing care at Lake Preston Community Health Center due to staffing shortage and infrastructure challenges, Horizon Health Care has announced the official re-opening of the clinic and the intent to build a new clinic location.

As previously announced, Lake Preston CHC is set to reopen on Mon., April 12 under the care of new provider, Denise Lindsay, CNP. The new Lake Preston care team includes Lindsay, Kendra Wallace, LPN, and Kristen Longville, receptionist. The clinic will be open three days per week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1- 5 p.m.

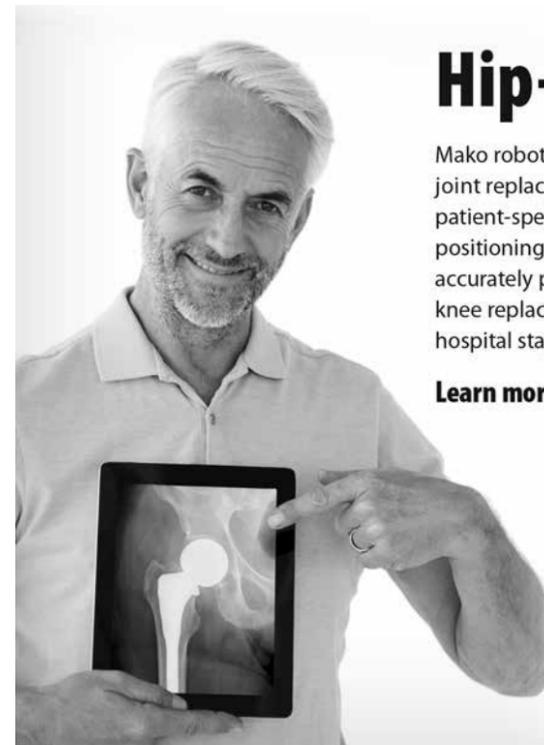
Following the reopening, Horizon Health Care will soon be breaking ground to build a new clinic on Main Street. As previously announced, Horizon has been working closely with the Lake Preston Development Corporation on the possibility of a new location for Lake Preston Community Health Center for the past two years. Horizon was able to secure the land for the new loca-

tion through a purchase agreement with the Lake Preston Development Corporation.

"We are grateful to our local development corporation for their partnership and making it possible for us to build a new clinic in a convenient location," said Dave Schmidt, local Horizon board member. "We are looking forward to having our clinic back open and a dedicated care team ready to serve Lake Preston."

Horizon Health Care leadership anticipates breaking ground this spring/early summer and will provide updates on timeline as soon as they are available.

"Horizon Health Care has been an essential part of the Lake Preston community for many years, and we are thankful for their continued investment," said Josh Warne, Lake Preston Development Corporation. "Access to local health care is instrumental to our quality of life, so we are thrilled Horizon Health Care is dedicated to providing quality care today and for years to come."



Hip-Hip Hooray!

Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery is a new joint replacement approach that offers patient-specific implant alignment and positioning. It lets orthopedic surgeons more accurately place total hip, total knee and partial knee replacements. It also means shorter hospital stays and recovery times for patients.

Learn more at brookingshealth.org/Mako.



Brookings
HEALTH SYSTEM

Badger Fire Dept. Pancake Feed

Sunday March 28th at Badger Legion Hall

10am - 1pm

Pancakes, sausage and eggs served

Drive up to go service will be available



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 25: Soft Shell Tacos w/protein, tomato, and lettuce, Tater Tots, Fruit, Dessert

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: Loaded Baked Potato w/Ham, Cheese, Broccoli, Fruit, Bun

MONDAY, MARCH 29: Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable, Meat Sandwich, Fruit Dessert

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert

School Lunch

THURSDAY, MARCH 25: Hotdogs on Bun, Green Beans, Peaches

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: Cheese Omelet, Mini Pancakes, Smile Potatoes

MONDAY, MARCH 29: Chicken Patty on Bun, Roasted Veggies, Grapes

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Mini Corndogs, Mac n Cheese, Fresh Veggies, Fruit

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31: Super Nachos, Lettuce, Cheese, Apple

BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

Maynard's announces new manager

Eric Olsem to become supervisor over stores

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

The next time you shop at Maynard's Food Center in De Smet, you may notice a new smiling face. Maynard's has hired a new manager, Mandi Pate. Once her training is complete, and she is settled in as manager, the previous manager Eric Olsem will move up to a supervisor position for the Maynard's chain.

Pate, her husband, Nick, and son, Kenneth "Kenny," Bongers recently moved to Lake Preston from Missoula, Mont. While in Missoula the family enjoyed hunting. Nick has three daughters who live in Sioux Falls and a son who lives in Bozeman, Mont. Pate's mother lives in the Sioux Falls area.



Mandi Pate

Uncertainty in the oil field lead the family to relocate to Lake Preston. "Moving to Lake Preston, we get to see the family; plus, jobs are a little bit more plentiful over here, and

the cost of living is a lot better," said Pate.

Her husband works for Reed Inter-mill in Volga.

Pate is no stranger to South Dakota, having grown up in Rapid City. Her mother graduated from Redfield, and her grandparents had a farm near Iroquois.

"It is kind of like coming home," said Pate. "I love it. The town I was in western Montana had eighty thou-

sand people, so it is nice to be in a small town."

"Honestly, getting to know the people that I work with has been a lot of fun," said Pate.

Pate has been with Maynard's for about a month. Before that she worked three and a half years as a general manager for Domino's Pizza in Missoula through the COVID pandemic.

"Coming here has definitely been a transition," said Pate. "There is no more 4 a.m. going to bed when I worked at Dominos. Now, I get up at five and have a normal life."

"I like coffee. Patti's is the place to go," Pate said of Ward's Store and Bakery.

Pate also wanted to share with the readers that Maynard's will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Fri., March 26 at 2 p.m. for children in kindergarten through second grade. They will also have a visit by the Easter Bunny.

THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

Activities ring in spring

BY IRENE PETERSEN
AND MARGARET ANDERSON

Spring is in the air. The Village residents have been busy! We acknowledge most holidays with decoration or food or both.

In February, The Village was pleased to receive a clock that plays a hymn on the hour as a memorial gift in honor of Clarence Penner. It is from the family of Clarence and Betty Penner. Thank You.

The residents have watched and enjoyed all the high school girls and boys playing basketball on TV. We have cheered at baskets made and moaned at the missed ones. Some of us have vision problems, but that does not stop us from watching. Common question — "What's the score?" Congratulations to DSHS for a great season!

We colored Valentine and St. Patrick's posters and put them up on our main wall. Our activities are always voluntary.

On March 15, we had a baby shower for month-old Miss Andie Jade Smith. She is the daughter of Jake and Codi Smith. Many snuggles were had, and two blankets were presented to her. The residents made a quilt with embroidered blocks. Irene Petersen (the quilt lady) sewed them together. A second soft, cuddly blanket was crocheted by Ruth Zeller.

Easter is our next holiday. A cute, cuddly, black and white rabbit named Shadow is visiting us thanks

to Heidi Carlson. Rabbits are a part of Easter as they signify new life.

The residents made Easter eggs from a mixture of flour, salt and water. The dough was rolled and cut out with an egg-shaped cutter. A hole for hanging was made with a straw. Last, the eggs were baked to harden. What fun we had painting the eggs with craft paint; stripes, dots, flowers and trees! Now, the eggs are hanging on a tree branch in our main living room for all to enjoy. Happy Easter!



SENIOR FEATURE: NOAH ROTH

'If you want to do something, do it!'



Noah Roth will graduate in May with the De Smet High School class of 2021. His parents are Shane and Monica Roth. He has seven siblings — brothers Jerimiah, Joshua, Brayden, Josiah, Isaiah and Alijah and sister, Olivia.

Roth's favorite subject is chemistry/science, and a memorable experience is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) time with Mr. Birkel.

Roth said his father has had a big influence on his life.

"He's always worked extremely hard to support our family and taught me the reason we work hard," he explained.

"If you want to do something, do it!" is the advice he gives underclassmen.

Roth has participated in cross country, track, keeping stats for boys basketball, FFA and the National Honor Society. He has worked as a lifeguard, and he enjoys watching the Miami Dolphins play and playing video.

Roth will attend SDSU to major in sports and rec management.

*Oldham Volunteer
Fire Dept
would like to Thank You,
our community, for your
amazing support!!*

Our spring fund raiser
was a huge success!!

Below are the winners
from the raffle:

- Chad Dylla - Henry Golden Boy .22
- Todd Jensen - \$50.
- Brad Albrecht - \$25.
- Bill Hoffman - \$10.
- Jerome Nelson - \$10.
- Deanne DeRungs - \$10.
- Wendy Stapleton - \$10.
- Lois Nelson - \$10.
- Frank Virchow - \$10.
- Dave Feldhaus - \$10.
- Ryan Bickett - \$10.
- Susan Brown - \$10.
- Duane Hojer - \$10.

*Thanks Again!!
Oldham Vol. Fire Dept.*

De Smet

DAYS GONE BY

2011: Blegen inducted in Newspaper Hall of Fame

10 YEARS AGO

March 23, 2011

Dale Blegen, publisher of The De Smet News, is one of three longtime journalists being inducted in the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame April 8 in Brookings. "I am deeply honored," Blegen said, "and it is a special honor to join my predecessors, **Aubrey Sherwood**, and his father, **Carter Sherwood**, in the Newspaper Hall of Fame." In announcing Blegen's induction, the newspaper association said, "His newspaper has been a clear, editorial voice in the community, and his news coverage has been a model." Blegen contributed whatever success he's enjoyed in newspapering to the people he's worked with over the years. "Journalism has given me a ringside seat on life. Most of the people I've interviewed over the years have had wonderful stories to tell. And those I've worked with on various committees have been positive, forward-thinking individuals," he said. "And I couldn't have accomplished anything without the support of my family and my staff at The News and the Times."

25 YEARS AGO

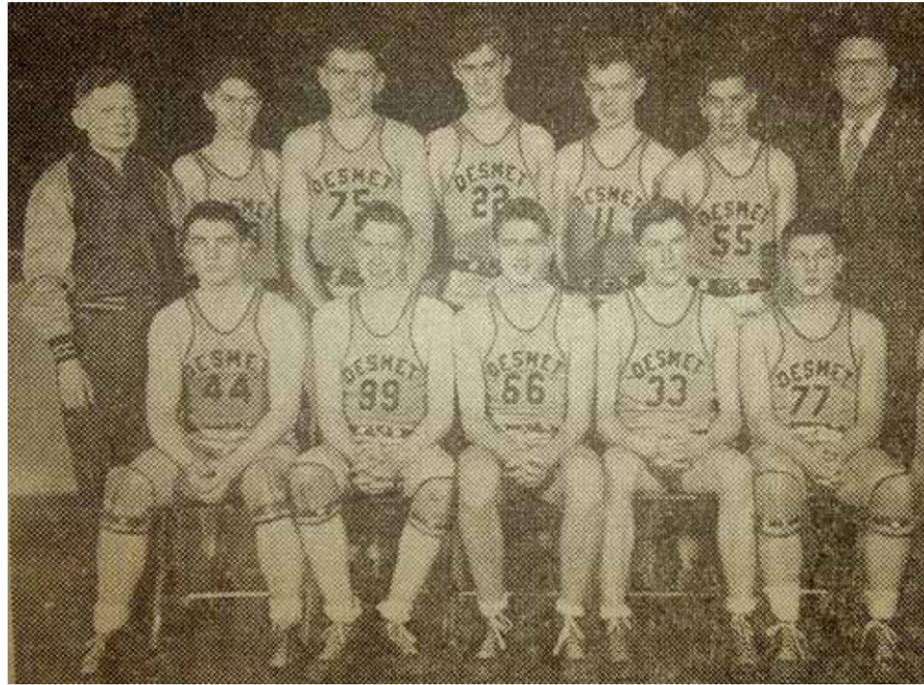
March 20, 1996

Architects told the De Smet Board of Education that the old high school building should be replaced rather than renovated. **Jim Pope** of Pope-Todd Architects in Watertown said his firm's cost analysis shows it would be best if the old high school was razed and a new building be put in its place. He said it would cost \$2-\$3 million to renovate the old structure. New construction is estimated to cost \$1.8 to \$2 million. Pope-Todd was hired last year under a \$7,500 contract to do a feasibility study. This report is the first step in deciding what to do. Pope told the board to think about it, to look at the study and work on refining it. His firm will then come back to further refine the proposal.

50 YEARS AGO

March 25, 1971

Cutting timber is not a usual operation in this area, but a crew of the Kingsbury County Highway Depart-



SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: In its season, De Smet High School's basketball team made a wonderful record of victories and scores as it won the county and East Central conference championships, district honors and the consolation honors in the region. Playing 27 games, the Bulldogs won 22 and lost 5. The team made a total of 1090 points and averaged 40 points per game. Back row, left to right: Student manager Ronald Johnson, Craig Munger, Richard McAdaragh, Glenn Madsen, Gerald Hoy, Alan Purintun and Coach John D. Natwick; front row, left to right: Lester Klinkel, John McAdaragh, Robert Melstad, Walter Swenson and Jim Coughlin.

ment has been engaged in it, removing the row of evergreens that has been a landmark for some 60 or more years on the former **A.W. Stone** farm between De Smet and Erwin. The operation comes in preparation for regrading a half-mile of country road, with an extension of its width to the 100 feet that is now required, from the 66 feet of earlier years. This required removing a strip of 17 feet along the half mile and a like strip extending to the south on an adjoining farm. The News is interested in learning more about the history of the planting, which also extends a half mile to

the east from the south corner of the land, a farm now owned by **Arthur Anderson** of Lake Poinsett. It is reported the trees came from France as seedlings in the early years of the century.

75 YEARS AGO

March 21, 1946

A report of the death of **Mrs. Elvira Bump** comes from Silverton, Ore., where this early day resident of Manchester vicinity had lived recently. The oldest of the five children of **Thomas and Caroline Dow**, she was born near Portage, Wis., Oct. 25, 1856. In 1879, she was united in marriage to

Ain Bump, and in 1881, they moved to Dakota Territory, locating on a homestead near Manchester, which was then known as Fairview. They resided there until 1902 when they went to Oregon, making their home near Gevais. After her husband's death in 1930, she lived in Portland, Ore., until three years ago when she went to live with her daughter, **Mrs. R.C. Jefferson**, near Silverton. She is survived by five children, **Mrs. Jefferson and Miss Celia E. Bump** of Silverton, **Bersha A. Cutsforth** of North Bend, **Thos. W.D. Bump** of Brooks and **Charleton A. Bump** of Portland, Ore. Her parents and her three sisters and a brother also pioneered in South Dakota. Her sister, **Bersha**, was the wife of **Thomas Dunn**, homesteader south of Manchester; **Chloe** was **Mrs. C.S.G. Fuller**, a De Smet merchant; **Edna** was the wife of **S.H. Howard**; and **Nathan** married **Grace Ingalls**, both of the latter two couples living near Manchester for many years. **Mrs. Bump** was an aunt of **Mrs. John (Caroline Aspinwall) Reiland** of Manchester vicinity and of **Harvey Dunn**, of Tenafly, N.J.

90 YEARS AGO

March 27, 1931

Members of the local Lutheran church gathered at the parsonage Friday evening to surprise their new minister, the **Rev. J.E. Borgen**, but as he had gone to the West Bethany Church to attend choir practice, some of the men drove there to bring him back to greet his guests.

Thirty-five made up the party of news writers visiting The De Smet News recently. They attended the show "Cimaron" at the New Ritz and visited the print shop to see how a newspaper is printed.

Staff of The High School Newsette: Editor, **Ruth Widman**; Assistant Editor, **Deva Stone**; Music Editor, **Verna Haufle**; Sports Editor, **Merwyn Smith**.

NOTICE

CITY OF DE SMET
will be
FLUSHING MAINS
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
10am ~ 5pm
Weather permitting
DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL

TAKE FLIGHT WITH:

ASHLEY ROMMEREIM
Personal Banker

We're proud to welcome Ashley Rommereim, Personal Banker in De Smet. American Bank & Trust has provided more than 128 years of friendly service and banking excellence. We offer traditional personal banking products such as checking, savings and Debit Cards, along with modern, time saving banking solutions such as mobile deposit, Popmoney® and online bill pay.

No matter what your financial destination, Ashley is here to help you take flight.

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Cody Cavanaugh



Rett Osthus



Tory Holland



Trace Van Regenmorter, Damon Wilkinson, Colt Wilkinson, Gannon Gruenhagen, Rett Osthus, Tory Holland, members not shown are Tom Aughenbaugh, Kasen Janssen, Kady Fast, Blake Van Regenmorter, George Je

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Top-rated De Smet Bulldogs overcome a



Head Coach Jeff Gruenhagen is the popular guy whom everybody wants to interview.



Parents show off their team pride. Despite restrictions that loud crowds to the tournament.



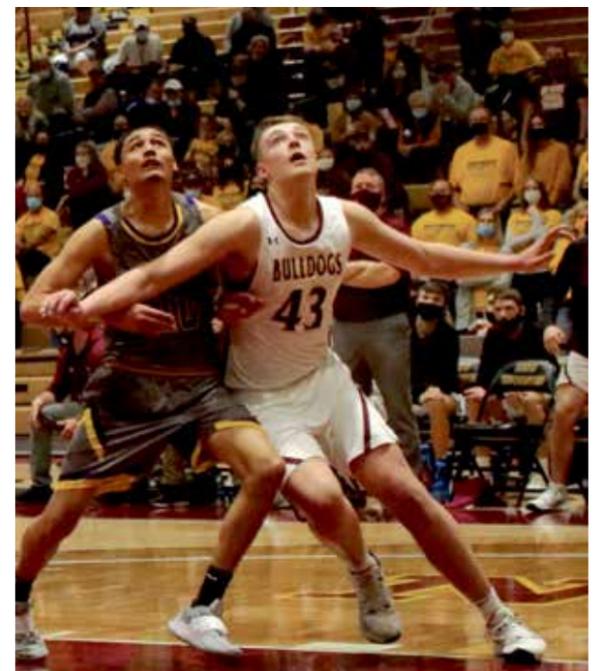
Kalen Garry, Ethan McCune, Quinton Poppinga and Cody Cavanaugh celebrate their victory. Team members, Edger Wilkinson, Tristan Olson and Wyatt Rigge. (Photos by Mike Siefker)

Champions at last!

Overcoming all obstacles in two-year state title quest.



Kalen Garry



Damon Wilkinson



Ethan McCune



Despite limited spectator participation, De Smet brought large



Three generations of champs: Dustin, Ethan and Marv McCune. (Photo by McCune Family)

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Spring: all types of weather

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m. in church, 88.1 FM Live Facebook.

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dick Poppen on K.W.A.T. radio Sunday 9:30 a.m.

March 28: Palm Sunday and Confirmation Students.

Spring in South Dakota can have many weather patterns. One day the sun can bring warm, beautiful rays, and the next might be a snowstorm causing icy, snow-packed roads forcing schools to close for a time. Although the moisture is needed, farmers in the area find calving difficult with the cold wet snow. In South Dakota, we've learned weather can change for the good as well. The sun comes out, and a warm beautiful day unfolds. The snow melts, and the geese fly again to find food and rest. The robins appear and will be joined by others. Soon the green grass will appear, and it doesn't take long for the dandelions to show their bright yellow heads.

OLDHAM-RAMONA NEWS

School Lunch

THURSDAY, MARCH 25: Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce, Garlic Breadstick

FRIDAY, MARCH 26: Potato Ole Supreme

MONDAY, MARCH 29: Pepperoni Pizza

TUESDAY, MARCH 30: Chicken Fajita Wrap, Churro, Relishes, Fruit

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31: Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Relishes, Fruit

BANCROFT NEWS

Elevators always a part of Bancroft

BY ROSE GROTHE

Billie Sergeant of Huron was the speaker at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 21. He was accompanied by his wife, Eva. Thank you, Billie. Mollie Fox was the pianist in the absence of Melody Perry, who had been a chaperone for the cheerleaders at the tournament in Aberdeen.

The Doug Fox's celebrated their anniversary, as well as a belated Christmas, this weekend with a family gathering at Jason's home. All attended church on Sunday.

Linda Perry and Rose Grothe visited with Arlene Harty in De Smet Friday afternoon.

While on a drive on the beautiful day, Friday, I saw something that put meaning to the phrase, "riding off into the sunset." The sun was just setting, a wonderful, light reddish-orange, and a pickup on the road ahead was silhouetted at the bottom and right in the middle of the sun. I immediately thought of the 'old westerns' that used that phrase so frequently. What a sight! And such a

fabulous "gloaming" came just a little later and lasted for approximately 20 minutes. I hope someone else enjoyed it all as much as I did.

HISTORY

As we view the town of Bancroft now, we see these huge metal bins as well as an old-fashioned wooden elevator, but it was not like that in old time Bancroft, as attested to in "Bancroft S. D. 1889-1971" by Gary Lee Jerke.

Of three elevators located in town at one time, the newest was the Agnew elevator which was originally a smaller elevator until a portion of the Melham elevator was added. It was first opened by Will Agnew sometime before 1906. Agnew bought livestock, hogs and grains. This he did six days a week, keeping the stock in pens where the Standard Bulk tanks are now located, until shipping day. He also bought some corn to feed the livestock. (Whatever corn remained after shipping day, added by me) had to be 'shelled' out. Carl Weerts could attest to this having shelled out the first load to leave town by rail. It was a long day when shelling

was with a two-holed sheller for 2 cents a bushel. Will also sold coal for a number of years and later fuel until selling out to two of his employees, Frank Hoover and Carl Clay, in 1929. It was then bought by Sexauer Elevator Company in 1944, and Fred Bremmer and Frank Hoover ran it for a short time.

It was in 1946 when Frank met his accidental death while working at the elevator. In December, 1949, Dale Kavanaugh took over the management until December, 1965, when on the 26th day of the month, the present manager, Floyd Hink came to town. It is now the only survivor of the three elevators.

The Northwestern Elevator Company was in the middle of two elevators which were located in town by 1902, on the west side of main street. The life of the Northwestern was short, closing when Will Agnew took over the operation of the two elevators. The first manager was Paul Fuerstnau who quit because the company expected the wages to come from their "taking" the farmers. This could be done by marking the grain brought in one grade lower or higher. (continued next week).

CARTHAGE NEWS

Graces graced with new baby boy

BY LORALEE NELSON

Trinity Lutheran Church will have services at the church on March 28, Palm Sunday. There will be a parish Maundy Thursday Service at Artesian at 6:30 and a parish Good Friday Service at Trinity at 6:30. On Easter Sunday Trinity will have a Worship at 11:00 and Sunday School will resume at 10:00.

Vitalant Blood Service of Mitchell was in Carthage Friday for a blood

drive. They received 20 units of blood. JoDene Darnell was the local volunteer.

Water is going over the spillway at Lake Carthage, and the robins are back.

The Loyal Ladies will be sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt again this year at the city park on Sat., April 3 at 10 a.m. The Magic Egg has been hidden for the children to hunt. The "finder" will receive a gift from the Loyal Ladies.

Harriet Hattervig spent Friday in De Smet with Mark and Lisa Hinkley in

honor of her birthday. Mark and Lisa had supper with Harriet Wednesday evening.

Travis and Becca Grace of Salem (and The Cabaret at Carthage) had a baby boy March 17 in Sioux Falls named Kaven Hank and weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed by a brother, Knox, and grandparents, Jerry and Carmen Grace of Hartford and Jim and Marlene Knox of Salem.



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MONTHLY SERVICES AND EVENTS CALENDAR

At Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital and Avera Medical Group De Smet, we're making a positive impact in the lives and health of our community.

• OUTREACH SERVICES

Cardiology / 605-854-6100
Dr. Nagelhout - April 6,
by appointment

Mammograms / 605-854-6120
April 12, by appointment

Nuclear Medicine / 605-854-6120
by appointment

Ultrasounds / 605-854-6120
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays,
by appointment

• CAMPUS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Cardiac Rehabilitation / 605-854-6100
by appointment

CT Scans / 605-854-6120 by appointment

Pulmonary Rehabilitation / 605-854-6100
by appointment

Telemedicine Services / 605-854-6100
by appointment



Classifieds

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.

HEIDI HALVERSON & Scott Nenaber Shower March 27th 2021, Wedding April 25th 2021, Registered at Prairie Town Gifts

BIDS

NOTICE OF BIDS: Notice is hereby given that the Lyman County Board of Commissioners will call for bids for crushing 50,000 ton of gravel; to be stockpiled at the site known as the Burtz Pit. For information please contact the Lyman County Highway Office at 605-869-2261.

REAL ESTATE

HOMES, ACREAGES, LAND and lake homes. Lake Area Realty Inc. 605-847-4801 <http://www.lakethompson.com/lakearea>.

Apartments for Rent

(2) one bedroom apartments ready to be rented at Prairie Park-De Smet Housing and Redevelopment. Contact Doug Osthus at the Prairie Park office (605) 854-3213 or contact Doug Osthus at (605) 203-0356.

NOTICE

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THE CITY OF FAITH is accepting applications for Full Time Police Officer. Contact us at 605-967-2261 or faith@faithsd.com for applications. Base Salary \$36,000 or DOE. Experience preferred but willing to train.

HELP WANTED

FARM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Accepting applications for farm employee. Employee will operate and maintain farm machinery. Duties may include planting, fertilizer application, and harvesting. Semi-truck driving experience is preferred. Kjerstad Farm Partnership Quinn, SD Call: 605-685-5852.

FULLTIME DEPUTY SHERIFF position is open in Harding County, SD. Certified or Noncertified. Must be 21 or older. Health insurance & SDRS member. Equal Opportunity Employer. Contact us at 605-375-3414

City of De Smet

Lifeguards:
Must be able to pass
Lifeguard training,
CPR and First Aid Classes
(training provided)

Applicants must be 15 years
of age and older

Applications accepted
until April 13, 2021
9:00 AM @ City Hall

De Smet City Council
854-3731

KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER

We are currently accepting applications for a full-time deputy treasurer. Position is responsible for performing a variety of clerical, fiscal, and supervisory work in receiving, recording, and balancing of county funds and other related duties as assigned. Knowledge in Microsoft Word, Excel, and QuickBooks is required. A general knowledge of bookkeeping / accounting is recommended. This position requires a very high degree of accuracy and ability to maintain confidentiality. Candidate must be able to adapt to new computer programs as presented.

Benefits include paid vacation, holidays and sick leave, health insurance, life insurance, and South Dakota Retirement. Optional benefits are dental and vision insurance.

To apply, submit a resume along with an application for employment which can be found on the SD Department of Labor and Regulation @Brookings, SD, website, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (sd.gov), or it can be obtained by calling the Kingsbury County Treasurer's Office at 605-854-3411.

Applications will be accepted through SDDL or mail to Kingsbury County Treasurer, attention Elaine Blachford, PO Box 166, De Smet, SD 57231.

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SDSU accepts applications through an online employment site — to apply visit: <http://yourfuture.sdbor.edu>.

Please contact SDSU Human Resources at (605) 688-4128 or HR@sdstate.edu if you have questions or require assistance. Background check may be required.



AA/EEO

City Of Lake Preston

is accepting applications for the following summer positions:

Lifeguards & Pool Manager

Must have water safety instructor (WSI) training and/or Lifeguard certification
Applicants must be 16 years of age & older

Summer Help

Valid driver's license and be able to operate power equipment
Applicants must be 16 years of age or older

Restricted Use Site

Involves a 9-hour seasonal work week—Weather permitting. Wednesdays 4PM-7PM and Saturdays 10AM-4PM. Outdoors exposure, some light lifting, filling out receipts and log sheets would be involved.

Open until Filled

Applications can be picked up and submitted at the city finance office located at 111 3rd St N.E., P.O. Box 397, Lake Preston, SD 57249; or email us at cityoflakepreston@gmail.com

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

BUILDING MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST – PLUMBING SPECIALIST

FACILITIES & SERVICES

\$19.07 - \$24.30/hour, depending upon qualifications, plus benefits. Perform maintenance, repair or replacement of the plumbing, heating, cooling and sewer systems on campus and at unit locations; complete remodel projects according to plans while working closely with the engineering staff; work with the city of Brookings utility departments to maintain the utility service to campus; work with plumbing and other contractors on campus projects; maintain kitchen equipment for food service; maintain all the campus distribution and collection systems and equipment; and respond to any of the campus utility systems problems when called after hours or weekends on a rotating schedule; work independently and with other plumbing specialists as well as with other trades. Valid driver's license is required. SD Journeyman Plumber's License or SD Apprentice Plumber's License and ability to obtain Journeyman's license within six months of hire is required. Experience with installation, maintenance and operation of steam systems is desired. This position is subject to South Dakota State University's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy 4:14. SDSU is a tobacco free environment. Employment is contingent upon a successful background check. **Posting# CSA00833P.** Deadline: Open Until Filled. [SE8046]

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Public Notices

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

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be no longer be held on April 1, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the Kingsbury County Courthouse Courtroom to consider application of David Meyer 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.

Jennifer R. Barnard
Kingsbury County Auditor

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**CITY OF LAKE PRESTON
NOTICE FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, bids will be accepted until April 5th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened during regular open meeting on April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Finance Office - for price per linear foot of approximately 9,200 linear feet of asphalt/cement crack sealing. Contractor is responsible for all work, materials and cleanup once completed. All work to be completed by September 1st, 2021.

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

Published four times at the approximate cost of \$44.20

**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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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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**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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**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 day-

light 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.

Susan L. Purintun, Business Manager
De Smet School District #38-2
PO Box 157
405 3rd St. SW
De Smet, SD 57231-0157

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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**ERWIN TOWN
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order March 15, 2021 at Erwin Legion Hall by Sherry Bell. Toll call was taken. Members present were Sherry Bell, Jerry Popkes, Crystal Penn and Myrna Knadle.

Bell called the meeting to order and declared the council convene as Borad of Equalization. There were no appeals presented.

In reviewing the Tax List, it was found that the Church Building was omitted. The Equalization Office will correct this.

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

Myrna Knadle, Finance Officer

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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 8, 2021 at 9:15 A.M. in the Kingsbury County Courthouse Courtroom to consider in full or in part the following proposed conditions:

Halme, Inc. requests a Conditional Use, which if granted, would permit the applicant to mine approximately 400,000 tons of sand and gravel and to reclaim to pasture land when finished on the West Half (W ½) of Section 16, Township 111 North, Range 53 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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**NOTICE OF SECOND READING
ON PROPOSED CHANGE OF
ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF DESMET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of De Smet, South Dakota, at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of March,

2021, held the required public hearing and placed upon its first reading Ordinance No. VII-27, and have scheduled April 14, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. as the date and time of the second reading of said Ordinance.

Ordinance No. VII - 27
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, an ordinance to amend Article 1, Chapter 2.08 as adopted by Ordinance No. VII-8 on February 15, 2000 as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of De Smet.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of De Smet, South Dakota: that Article 1, Chapter 2.08 as adopted by Ordinance No. VII-8 on February 15, 2000 as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of De Smet, be amended to classify the following property: Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat to the City of De Smet, from General Residential (R-2) to Central Commercial (C-1).

Passed 1st reading this 10th day of March, 2021.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor
ATTEST:
Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

Any persons wishing to present testimony may appear at said hearing or may file written comments with the City Finance Officer at City Hall, 106 Calumet Avenue SW, De Smet, prior to said hearing

Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.

Tracey Larson
Finance Officer
City of De Smet

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**EQUALIZATION MEETING
DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2021**

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on March 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Gary Wolkow, Jay Slater, Lowell Hanson, Shon Asleson, Bret Jensen, Pam Spader, George Cavanaugh, Clerk Tracey Larson.

The purpose of this special meeting was to convene as a Board of Equalization to hear appeals on property assessments.

CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order and declared the Council to be convened as a Board of Equalization.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION REQUEST: A written request was made by Tammy Anderson, Kingsbury County Director of Equalization requested to change parcel #5729 from \$495,766.00 to \$454,972.00 because the new construction has not been completed. Motion was made by Asleson, seconded by Slater, to change the value of parcel #5729 from \$495,766.00 to \$454,766.00 as recommended due to the construction not being finished, all voting aye, motion carried.

ASSESSMENT BOOKS: There being no objections filed, the assessment books were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the assessment books, all voting aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the board, motion was made by

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Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater to adjourn as the Board of Equalization.

ATTEST:
Gary Wolkow, Mayor
Tracey Larson, Clerk

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**REGULAR MEETING
DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2021**

The De Smet Common Council met in regular session on March 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Council members Jay Slater, Bret Jensen, Pam Spader, Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Shon Asleson, Mayor Gary Wolkow, Finance Officer Tracey Larson, and City Attorney Todd Wilkinson. Absent: none. Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Wolkow expressed congratulations to the De Smet High School Girls Basketball Team on their successful season and to the De Smet High School Boys Basketball Team for their advancement to the State B Basketball Tournament and wished them Good Luck. Mayor Wolkow asked anyone attending the meeting by phone or video conference to please mute their devices.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Spader, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Regular Meeting, all voting aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Cavanaugh, seconded by Asleson, to approve payment of the claims as presented, all voting aye, motion carried. The claims are as follows: PAYROLL \$28,966.61; OASI Benefit 2,215.93; Aflac, ins. premium 280.95; Dearborn National, life insurance 123.20; Delta Dental of South Dakota 299.88; VSP 156.34; The Health Pool of SD, health insurance premium 5,678.34; SDRS, retirement benefit 3,744.94; Mediacom, utilities 111.99; AA Motorsports, LLC, park equipment 24,291.95; American Legion, publishing 420.00; Avid Hawk LLC, supplies 35.00; Becky Albrecht, event center deposit refund 30.00; Brittani Wilkinson, event center deposit refund 30.00; Center Point Large Print, library supplies 29.21; Century Link, utilities 548.23; City of De Smet, utilities 355.84; City of De Smet, supplies 53.30; Connecting Point, library equipment 1,145.00; Connection Point, supplies, repairs & maintenance 1,478.50; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, garbage service 264.25; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, repairs & maintenance 6,546.94; De Smet Development Corp., economic development and b, b & b contributions 18,000.00; De Smet Trustworthy Hardware, supplies 21.97; De Smet Welding & Machine, repairs & maintenance 34.80; DENR, supplies 10.00; Department of Health, repairs & maintenance 28.00; Dorothy Bau, event center deposit refund 10.00; Ferguson Waterworks, water repairs & maintenance 368.86; Hach Company, water supplies 152.64; Hawkins, Inc., water chemicals 2098.00; Innovative Office Solutions, supplies 747.86; Kasy Surat, event center deposit refund 50.00; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, repairs & maintenance 220.00; Kingsbury County Auditor,

law enforcement contract 6,283.33; Kingsbury Electric Cooperative utilities 261.30; Kingsbury Journal, publishing 252.42; Lance Nichols, event center deposit refund 50.00; Mark's, repairs & maintenance 131.39; Maynard's, supplies 12.56; Michael Todd & Company, Inc. repairs & maintenance 1,206.82; Micro Marketing LLC, library supplies 670.97; Nancy Wienk, event center deposit refund 30.00; NAPA, supplies, repairs & maintenance 49.34; Northwestern Energy, utilities 1,371.19; O'Keefe Implement, Inc., supplies, repairs & maintenance 177.14; Office Peeps, Inc., supplies 11.54; Ottetail, utilities 5,850.01; Postmaster, supplies 180.00; Randi Albrecht, event center deposit refund 30.00; Reader Service, library supplies 18.33; Reed, Inc., debt service payment 690.58; Reed, debt service payment 2,500.00; Reminiscence, library supplies 29.98; Rich's Gas & Service, fuel, 480.62; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax 270.48; SD Dept. of Revenue, sanitation sales tax 446.47; SD Dept. of Transportation, airport supplies 62.50; SDCA Cow Calf Council, event center deposit refund 275.00; Share Corp, supplies & chemicals 3,441.82; Smith's Lumber, supplies 9.99; South Dakota Magazine, subscription renewal 45.00; Taste of Home, supplies 18.00; The Main Stop, fuel 290.13; Valley Fibercom, utilities 226.74; Wilkinson Ranch, event center deposit refund 275.00; Helms & Associates, airport turn around project 1,373.39; Division of Criminal Investigation, back ground check 26.75; Kingsbury County Sheriff, finger printing 10.00.

SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE: The De Smet Volunteer Fire Department has requested a special liquor licenses for two events to be held at the De Smet Event Center on April 10, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM and on April 24, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Motion was made by Asleson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the two special liquor licenses for the De Smet Volunteer Fire Department, for events to be held at the De Smet Event Center on April 10, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM and on April 24, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM, all voting aye, motion carried.

AERIAL SPRAYING PERMIT: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Spader, to approve the 2021 Aerial Spraying Permit submitted by Brady Fast, with Fast Ag Air, LLC, all voting aye, motion carried.

ZONING: Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, that the Council to be convened as the Board of Adjustment, all voting aye, motion carried. The Board of Adjustment was called to order by Mayor Wolkow.

This being the date and time public noticed for the hearing on Variance Application #91 submitted by Edith Jesser dba as Jesser's, Jesser met with the board to discuss the variance application. Jesser has requested a variance to allow her to construct two temporary greenhouses, one of which will be three (3) feet from the South property line, and to place the two structures closer than ten(10) feet from the primary structure that is already located on the property in an area zoned "C-2" Commercial Industrial District on the following legally described property: Lots 9 & 10, Block 12, Western Town Lot Co. Addition, and addressed as 320 Joliet Ave. SE, De Smet, South Dakota.

Notice of the hearing was properly given by certified mail and by publication of the

Notice of Hearing in conformity with Section 3.04.05 of the City Zoning Ordinance. Nobody from the public appeared for discussion of the variance application.

The location of the proposed construction was reviewed by Alderman Slater. Upon conclusion of the hearing and the Board having considered the application and evidence presented, enters its findings as follows:

1. That property legally described as Lots 9 & 10, Block 12, Western Town Lot Co. Addition, De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, is located within the city limits of the City of De Smet and the Board of Adjustment has jurisdiction over the application.
2. That the property is currently zoned "C-2 Commercial Industrial".
3. That adjacent properties to the South, East, and West are zoned "C-2 Commercial Industrial", and the adjacent property to the North is zoned "R-2 General Residential".
4. That the lot is located at the intersection of two street right-of-ways (Joliet & Fourth Avenue) and is therefore considered to be a corner lot.
5. That the Area Regulations of the "C-2" zoning require a front yard setback of twenty-five (25) feet and the "Additional Yard Requirements" in chapter 4.07 Yards, states that a corner lot must have a front yard along both streets.
6. That the Supplemental regulations for an accessory building require the structure to have a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from a principal structure.
7. That the two (2) greenhouse structures will be seasonal during the spring/summer months and will be disassembled and stored indoors during the off-seasons.
8. That the applicant has filed the required application for the variance application and the notice of hearing was properly given.
9. That none of the adjacent property owners presented any objections to the proposed variance.
10. That the shape of the commercial lot deems it necessary to grant a variance.
11. That granting of the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood, or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
12. That the applicant has not applied for any permanent structures or improvements on the property nor have any been authorized by the variance issued.
13. That the applicant has been informed that prior to future assembly of the temporary greenhouses, new zoning applications will need to be completed and approved prior to assembly.
14. That the reasons set forth in the application justify granting a variance.

Based upon these finding, a motion was made by Asleson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to recommend approval of the variance application #91 as submitted to Edith Jesser dba Jesser's, for two (2) temporary greenhouse accessory buildings, all voting aye, motion carried.

This being the date and time

public noticed for the hearing on the Re-Zoning Application #92 submitted by the De Smet Development Corporation. The De Smet Development Corporation is requesting the zoning of property legally described as: Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat, all in the City of De Smet, Kingsbury Co., South Dakota be amended from General Residential District(R-2) to Central Commercial District (C-1). Notice of the hearing was properly given by certified mail and by publication of the Notice of Hearing in conformity with Section 3.04.05 of the City Zoning Ordinance. There was nobody from the public who appeared in opposition to the proposed zoning amendment.

The Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council made the following findings:

1. That approximately 50% of the surrounding adjacent properties are currently zoned General Residential (R-2), and approximately 50% of the surrounding adjacent properties are currently zoned Central Commercial District (C-1). Re-zoning of the property in question would make this area more uniform.
2. That the re-zoning of the current use of said property would better fit the Central Commercial District (C-1) zoning classification.
3. That the re-zoning of the said property would promote the growth of commercial daycare facility.

Based upon these findings, motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater to recommend approval of the proposed rezoning to the City Council, all voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wolkow declared the city council back in session.

VARIANCE: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve Variance application #91 submitted by Jesser's Greenhouse (Edith Jesser) for two temporary greenhouses, all voting aye, motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Asleson, to approve the building permit application submitted by Jesser's Greenhouse (Edith Jesser) for two temporary greenhouses, all voting aye, motion carried. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Jensen, to approve the building permit application submitted by Mary Lee for a 36" x 18" lending library, all voting aye, motion carried.

FIRST READING FOR RE-ZONING: Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Slater, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. VII-27, an ordinance to amend Article I, Chapter 1.03 as adopted by Ordinance No. VII-8 on February 15, 2000, as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of De Smet, to change the zoning classification of property legally described as: Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Plat, De Smet, Kingsbury Co., South Dakota, be amended from General Residential (R-2) to Central Commercial (C-1), all voting aye, motion carried.

CHIP SEAL COATING/CRACK SEALING BIDS: This being the date and time public noticed for the opening of bids for chip sealing, crack sealing. City Attorney Wilkinson opened three bids for chip sealing, three bids for crack sealing. Bids received for

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chip sealing 22,800 square yards,
with alternate #1 for chip seal coat-
ing an addition 6,400 square yards,
and alternate #2 for fog sealing 1,900

square yards. Bids for chip seal coat-
ing and the alternates for the addi-
tional chip seal coating and fog coat
are as follows:

Company	Base Bid	Alternate #1	Alternate #2
Topkote, Inc.	\$1.75/sq. yd.	\$1.75/sq. yd.	None
Road Guy Construction Co., Inc.	\$1.50/sq. yd.	\$1.50/sq. yd.	\$2,100.00
Bituminous Paving, Inc.	\$1.96/sq. yd.	\$1.96/sq. yd.	\$1,950.00

Bids received for crack sealing are as follows:

Company	Bid Amount
Lot Pros, Inc.	\$0.60 per lineal foot
Highway Improvement, Inc.	\$0.58 per lineal foot
Topkote, Inc.	\$0.72 per lineal foot

Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Asleson, to approve and accept the bid for the chip seal coating from Road Guy Construction Co., Inc. for chip seal coating 22,800 square yards at \$1.50/sq. yd. totaling \$34,200.00, Alternate #1 for chip seal coating an additional 6,400 sq. yds. at \$1.50/sq. yd. totaling \$9,600.00, and Alternate #2 for fog coating on 1,900 sq. yds. totaling \$2,100.00 for a total bid of \$36,300.00, all voting aye, motion carried. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh to approve and accept the bid from Highway Improvement, Inc. to crack seal 25,000 lineal feet at \$0.58/lin. ft. for a total of \$14,500.00, all voting aye, motion carried.

made by Asleson, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve going into executive session at 6:33 pm to discuss personnel and personnel policy, all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Wolkow declared the council out of executive session at 7:00 pm.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the addition of the sick leave donation policy to the personnel policy, all voting aye, motion carried.

Personnel Policy
Section VII
Benefits

D-1. Sick Leave Donation Policy

The Sick Leave Donation Policy is established to permit City employees to donate a portion of accrued sick leave to another City employee who has exhausted all accrued sick leave and vacation leave while absent from work due to a personal illness or injury. This policy is not intended to replace the sick leave policy.

Definitions

Donor - A full-time City employee, who earns sick leave and donates from their own accrued sick leave to another City employee.

Recipient -A full-time City employee with at least one year of continuous City service who earns sick leave and who has received a donation of sick leave from one or more City employee donors.

Sick Leave Donation - The transfer of accrued sick leave from the sick leave balance of one or more donors to a recipient. The minimum sick leave donation from a donor is four hours.

Personal Illness or Injury - A critical or catastrophic illness or injury of the employee or an immediate family member as requiring temporary absence from work.

Immediate Family Member - Immediate family shall mean one's spouse, domestic partner, children/step-children, parent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, step-parent, step-sister, step-brother, or other relationship in which the employee is the legal guardian or sole caretaker.

Program Requirements

The recipient must be a full-time employee with at least one-year of continuous City service.

The Recipient must have exhausted all accumulated leave, including sick and vacation time.

The recipient's attending physician must certify that the employee will

be able to return to work.

Donations of sick leave may not exceed the number of days the employee will need off for the illness or injury.

The transfer of sick leave days in accordance with this program is strictly a donation and may not be donated in exchange for cash or remuneration.

All sick hours transferred pursuant to this program are irrevocable transfers.

Employees who wish to donate sick time to a co-worker in need must complete a Donation of Sick Leave Form.

A donor who is donating sick time to a co-worker will not be allowed to reduce their own sick leave to less than 40 hours.

Approval for donations of sick time must be approved by the Mayor.

ZONING ORDINANCE: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Asleson, to approve signing the contract with 1st District Association of Local Governments to update the current zoning ordinance for a fee of \$5,000.00, all voting aye, motion carried.

AIRPORT GRANT: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Hansen, to approve accepting the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the airport, and to approve the Mayor as the authorized official to sign grant documents, all voting aye, motion carried.

FLOWER BARRELS: Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to advertise for quotes to provide and plant flowers in 25 barrels on main street and 2 containers at the library, with the quotes to be reviewed at the April 14, 2021 council meeting, all voting aye, motion carried.

STREETS/AIRPORT: Street/Airport Supt. Ryan Petersen met with the council to discuss needing larger equipment to remove snow at the airport; the street sweeper will be fixed and returned soon; and B&B Salvage will be picking up the accumulated scrap metal at the Restricted Use Site and will pay \$110.00 per ton.

PERSONNEL: Applications for the RUS Supt./Assistant Street position were previously reviewed and applicants were interviewed by the streets committee. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to approve hiring Josh Halverson as the RUS Supt./Assistant Street person at the rate of \$16.62 per hour pending he pass the pre-employment requirements, all voting aye, motion carried.

SEASONAL HELP: Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to approve hiring Noah Roth at the rate of \$11.25/hour and Kasen Janssen at the rate of \$10.50/hour as lifeguards; Aaron Grubb, Kyle Salter, and Jim Millman as baseball coaches at a rate of \$1,200.00 each for the 2021 baseball season; and Mark Birkel as summer help at a rate of \$13.50/per hour; approve Michael Tordoff as a volunteer to help with baseball; and continue advertising for the softball coaches and lifeguard positions, all voting aye, motion carried.

EVENT CENTER TREADMILL: One

of the original treadmills at the Wellness Center has broken and cannot be repaired. Four quotes to purchase a new treadmill ranging in price from \$2,999.00 to \$4,599.00 were presented to the council. Motion was made by Spader, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve purchasing the Matrix T50 treadmill in the amount of \$3,099.00, all voting aye, motion carried.

OLD SHOP DOOR OPENERS: Motion was made by Spader, seconded by Jensen, to approve hiring Ace's Door Co., LLC to install two door openers in the amount of \$2,400.00 on the two north bay doors at the old city shop building, all voting aye, motion carried.

BASKETBALL HOOP DONATION: Castlerock Construction is celebrating their ten-year anniversary and has offered to donate and install a new basketball hoop at Rose Vincent Park. Motion was made by Spader, seconded by Slater, to accept the donation of a new basketball hoop and installation of the hoop at Rose Vincent Park and thanked Castlerock Construction for the generous donation, all voting aye, motion carried.

PROJECT PAYMENTS: Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Slater, to approve pay request #6 in the amount of \$1,373.39 to Helms & Associates for the turnaround's project, all voted aye, motion carried. The airport project expenses will be reimbursed by 100% from grant funding.

AIRPORT CONFERENCE: Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Asleson, to approve Airport Supt. Ryan Petersen attending the virtual 36th Annual Airport Conference on March 31, 2021 and April 1, 2021, all voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Motion was made by Hansen, seconded Slater, to approve the February 2021 Cash Balances Report as presented by the Finance Officer, all voted aye, motion carried.

OVERTIME: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Cavanaugh, to approve the overtime hours for the month of February as presented, all voted aye, motion carried.

OTHER: Other non-action items of discussion were as follows: 1) the February law enforcement report; 2) a nuisance property 3) the district meeting date; 4) an extended warranty for the Polaris Ranger; 5) replacing the meter reading equipment; 6) an insurance claim for one of the fire trucks; 7) opening the Depot Museum for the 2021 season; and 8) repairs to the baby pool. ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Hansen, seconded by Asleson.

To comply with SDCL 6-1-10. Publication of Payroll information, the payroll changes were effective as follows: Mary Purinton, Head Librarian \$21.77/hour effective February 1, 2021; Barb Hansen, Office Help \$11.00/hour effective March 1, 2021; Kristy Hubbard, Event Center Director \$3,726.67/month effective March 1, 2021; and Patty Garry, Event Center Custodian \$15.39/hour effective March 1, 2021.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor
ATTEST:
Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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CLAUS SMITH: Claus Smith met with the council to discuss a leak in his commercial rental building and the level of manganese in the water. Smith also presented a print-out to the council regarding a filtration system for removing manganese. Smith is trying to obtain more information on the cost of this method.

RESOLUTION 2020-1: At the June 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting, the council approved amending Resolution 2020-1 to allow establishments to open to 50% of building capacity at a time for on-premise consumption of food/beverage excluding employees, with six (6) feet social distancing between people, businesses being responsible to monitor their establishment, to be effective June 11, 2020, with no additional special meetings to be held unless drastic changes happen with the number of COVID-19 cases. Resolution 2020-1 had been extended until March 10, 2021. At this time, the resolution will expire on March 10, 2021, but the council encourages residents to continue taking precautions to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

HYDRANT PRESENTATION: Representatives from Clow Valve Co. met with the council to discuss new fire hydrant technology to monitor water pressure and temperature remotely. This technology would be another monitoring source to determine water leaks or drop in water line pressure. The equipment fitted to the hydrant would stay on the hydrant year-round and does not interfere with access by the fire department. A retro-fit kit would cost approximately \$2,400.00 per hydrant and full hydrant cost is approximately \$5,400.00 - \$5,900.00 per hydrant with annual program fees per hydrant. The City of De Smet currently has 112 fire hydrants. Water Supt. Richard Stoddard will discuss this more with the engineer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was

Public Notices

LAKE PRESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2021

A special meeting of the Lake Preston Board of Education was held on March 15 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: Steve Carlson, Josh Warne, Amanda Wienk, Stacia Sneesby, and Brett Anderson. Jerod Olson was available via telephone. Travis Denison was absent.

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

ACTION 118 - 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.

Review/Discussion

Superintendent Feldearman reported that he has been working with a drafter to draw up specifications for the building design to simplify the bidding process and allow for all bids to be similar. Discussion followed regarding splitting out parts of the project. The board decided to allow bidders to bid all or part of the project. Felderman then requested the board to update the mask protocol to highly recommend, but not require students to wear masks for field trips.

Old Business

ACTION 119- Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to approve the bidding specifications as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

New Business

ACTION 120- Motion by Warne, second by Anderson to approve the update to the mask protocol to highly recommend, but not require students to wear mask on field trips. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 121- Motion by Wienk, second by Warne to approve the air detector quote as presented. Discussion followed with Felderman stating this would be funded with the grant received by Esser II. Carlson, Olson, Anderson, Wienk and Warne voted aye. Sneesby voted nay. Motion carried.

ACTION 122- Motion by Warne, second by Wienk to accept the resignations of Melissa Bothun as Middle School/High School Principal and Tricia McCloud for middle school volleyball coach only. All present voted

aye, motion carried.

ACTION 123 - Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1 & 4 Motion by Warne second by Wienk to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 124 - President Carlson declared out of executive session at 6:48 PM.

ACTION 125- Motion by Anderson, second by Warne to open the positions of PreK-12 Principal, Special Education Director, Title One Director, Head & Middle School Volleyball Coaches, Asst & MS Boys Basketball Coaches, MS Girls Basketball Coach, Asst Track Coach and Asst Football Coach. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 126- Motion by Warne, second by Wienk to approve the contracts of Kristi Curd, Kristi Odegaard, and Brock Dufek for Head Boys Basketball Coach. All present voted aye, motion carried.

ACTION 127 - Motion by Anderson, second by Sneesby to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 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.

Kristi Curd, Business Manager
Steve Carlson, President of Board

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CITY OF OLDHAM COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 15TH, 2021

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

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

Eide Motioned, Schellpeper seconded to lower the valuation to \$10,000 for the Oldham Services building on main, due to it no longer being a business.

Motion by Eide, Second by Eykamp to adjourn the meeting.

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Kayla Sneesby, Finance Officer
City of Oldham, Equal Opportunity Employer

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD SDCL 10-11-25

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization of Kingsbury County, South Dakota will meet in the Courtroom in said County Courthouse on TUESDAY, the 13th day of April 2021, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting, and equalizing the assessment of said County for the year 2021. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 6th, 2021.

Jennifer R. Barnard
Kingsbury County Auditor
Dated: March 18, 2021

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TOWN BOARD OF BANCROFT MARCH 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Town Board of Bancroft was held on March 16, 2021. Members present were Paul Jennings, Mary Jennings, Peggy Jennings, Craig Purintun, and Mary Purintun.

The mowing ordinance was discussed and a notice will be published in the newspaper.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Purintun, Clerk

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TOWN BOARD OF BANCROFT BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MARCH 16, 2021

The Board of Equalization for the Town of Bancroft was held on March 16, 2021. Members present were Paul Jennings, Mary Jennings, Peggy Jennings, Craig Purintun, and Mary Purintun.

The assessor's books were reviewed with no changes made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Purintun, Clerk

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TOWN OF BANCROFT ORDINANCE NO. 2009-01

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE MOWING OF LAWNS AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LAWNS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BANCROFT"

Maintenance of Lawns
1. Duty to Maintain Lawns.
2. Requirement of Notice.
3. Opt-out provision.
4. Penalty.

1. Duty to Maintain Lawns.
The property owner, tenant or person in possession of any property

located within the Town of Bancroft shall maintain the lawn in such a manner so as to not allow grass and/or weeds to grow to a height of more than six (6) inches.

2. Requirement of Notice.
No criminal penalty or billing shall be imposed under this article unless the Town causes notice to be given to all owners, tenants or persons in possession of said property within said Town that grass and/or weeds that has/have exceed the height of six (6) inches shall be mowed within forty-eight (48) hours of reaching that height. Notice shall be placed in the official newspaper and published twice a year, the first being on or about the first day of April and the second being published on or about the fifteenth day of June. Either published notice shall constitute notice as required by this section. For the first year that this ordinance is in effect, one publication of complete ordinance, at any time, shall constitute sufficient notice.

3. Opt-out Provision.
Any effected person or entity shall have the right to petition to the Town Council to opt out of said mowing requirement as specified in Section 2 above. The petition must be on a form prescribed by the Town Finance Officer and available at the Town Finance Office and clearly state the reason or reasons that the affected person or entity desires to opt out and that special conditions or circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land in question and which conditions or circumstances render a six (6) inch height requirement inappropriate. This petition shall be filed with the Town Finance Officer on or before May 20 of the year of the desired opt out. The Town Council shall hold a hearing on any petition under this section during their regularly scheduled June meeting. A majority vote of the Town Council shall be required to allow any person or entity to opt out of the mowing requirement. All decisions by the Town Council shall be final and conclusive for the year in question. For the first year that this Ordinance is in effect, the petition may be filed after May 20.

4. Penalty
Any person violating any of the provision of this article shall be guilty of a municipal ordinance violation punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment in the county jail for thirty days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each and every day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. Further, the city may, at its election, cause the property to be mowed and to bill the cost and expense of such mowing to the property owner, tenant or person in possession thereof. Should said billing not be paid, the city may levy the costs as a special assessment against the property.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed and from and after the effective date of this ordinance, this ordinance shall take precedence over any other ordinance or resolution previously adopted.

Town of Bancroft
Paul Jennings Mayor

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MUNICIPALITY OF ERWIN, SOUTH DAKOTA STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General	Building	Enterprise Funds Sewer	Total
Cash Assets:				
Cash in checking accounts	41,996.18			41,996.18
Change and Petty Cash				0.00
Passbook Savings		903.76	19,939.25	20,843.01
Savings Certificates	35,676.26	5,683.07	24,785.67	65,241.24
101 FUND CASH BALANCES	77,672.44	5,683.07	44,7234.92	128,080.43

Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:
American Bank and Trust
212 Calumet Ave
De Smet, Sd 57231

MUNICIPALITY OF ERWIN, SOUTH DAKOTA STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General	Sewer	Building	Enterprise Funds Total
Receipts (Source):				
311 Property Taxes	3,805.70			3,805.70
313 Sales Tax	1,915.57			1,915.57
311-319 Other taxes (319)	43.39			43.39
320 Licenses and Permits	750.00			750.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	31.74			31.74
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	311.47			311.47
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	3,198.62			3,198.62
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%)	4,177.22			4,177.22
338.3 County Wheel Tax	833.34			833.34
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue (339)	352.04			352.04
361 Investment Earnings	409.20	211.39	27.32	647.91
363-369 Other Revenues (369)	3,250.70	10,186.00	60.00	10,246.00
Total Receipts	19,078.89	10,397.39	87.32	29,563.70
Disbursements (Function):				
411-419 General Government (414)	7,217.25			7,217.25
431 Highways & Streets (includes snow removal & Street lights)	2,493.00			2,493.00
432 Sanitation(includes Garbage & rubble sites)	1,361.00			1,361.00
451-459 Culture-Recreation(451)	4,133.93			4,133.93
490-493Miscellaneous (492)	731.67			731.67
Total Disbursements	15,936.85			15,936.85
391.01 Transfers in	2,022.26			2,022.26
511.00 Transfers Out		2022.26	2,022.26	
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements & Transfers	5,164.30	12,419.65	87.32	17,671.37
Restated Fund Cash Balance	72,520.39	36,345.77	5,587.42	114,453.58
FUND CASH BALANCE, December 31,2020	77,672.44	44,724.92	5,683.07	128,080.43

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Middle Row L to R, Jeff Gruenhagen, Noah Roth, Thomas Aughenbaugh, Gannon Gruenhagen, Rett Osthus, Ethan McCune, Kalen Garry, Cody Cavanaugh, Quinton Poppinga & Edger Wilkinson.

Front L to R, Shelby Sattler, Bella Kretzschmar, Riley Myers, Julie Anderson, Kendra Palmlund & Leah Millman (Photo by Tom Plooster)

Congratulations, De Smet Bulldogs! 2021 State B Champions



CHAMPIONS: Bulldogs win sixth boys state basketball title

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Castlewood and then Timber Lake in the SoDak 16 game.

With those wins, the Bulldogs qualified for the state tournament for the third time in the last three years. The stage was set once again.

ONE LAST CHALLENGE

Just after their sendoff from the community, while on the way to the tournament, the team received sad news that Bill Wilkinson had passed away earlier that morning. Wilkinson was a past De Smet football coach, a vocal supporter of the team, as well as grandfather to team members Colt and Damon Wilkinson and great uncle to Edger Wilkinson.

The parents and boys talked and decided to continue with the tournament. No one had any doubt what Bill Wilkinson would want. He would want them to compete.

TOURNAMENT TIME

As the State B in Aberdeen started, COVID was still affecting the tournament. Attendance was limited to 3,000 spectators per game, and everyone was required to wear masks. Meanwhile, S.D. Department of Health officials were releasing numbers showing the rate of infection slowly climbing again. Despite the rising numbers, the tournament rolled on, and so did the Bulldogs.

As the tournament's top seed, the Bulldogs tipped off the first game on Thursday afternoon, cruising over #8 seed Lower Brule 80-53.

Friday's semifinal game saw the Bulldogs take on the Cougars from Viborg-Hurley. Fighting through a rough, physical game, the boys



The theme for the De Smet students Friday was Pajama Day. Even though the students wore their sleepwear, there were no sleeping students found. The Bulldogs had everyone on the edge of their seats. (Photo by Mike Siefker)

won the battle decisively 56-44, sending De Smet into the championship game on Saturday night.

CHAMPIONS AT LAST

After a year of cancelled dreams, COVID restrictions, a tough schedule and personal hardships along the way, the table was finally set for the last challenge of the season. The championship game matched the Bulldogs against the Aberdeen Christian Knights, playing in front of their hometown crowd.

The cancellation of the 2020 state tournament left some wondering who would have won

the championship last year. On this Saturday night, the Bulldogs left no doubt, defeating the Knights 59-43 in a dominant performance sealed with a thundering slam dunk by junior Kalen Garry in the closing minute.

That booming dunk and the joyous screams that followed it down the court, were the emotional release of two years spent working against adversity and dealing with the pressure of expectation. The De Smet Bulldogs were once again South Dakota State B Basketball Champions.

"Our goal when we set out was not only to play in the tournament, but to win the whole thing. I am really

happy for the boys that we could accomplish that goal," Gruenhagen said. "It's a great feeling to see the team at the end of the championship game, with a couple minutes to go, to be at that level of confidence. The smiles, the hugs and the tears are a great feeling, and it is something these guys will never forget."

"The best reward for me is to see those guys accomplish exactly what they set out to do," said Gruenhagen. "Thanks to everybody in De Smet for all their support of these guys. Everybody loves to watch them, follow them and support them. It's been fun."

BULLDOGS: '1 and 0, three in a row'

FROM PAGE 24:

than a basketball game. After the final bell of the fight rang, De Smet came out on top 56-44 over Viborg-Hurley.

Both teams struggled to get any momentum going because the game was so physical. It appeared that was the game plan for the Cougars, and the Bulldogs found themselves trailing by as much as nine points at one time early in the second quarter.

Coach Jeff Gruenhagen again put in his 6'8" post player, Damon Wilkinson, to plug up the middle, and the sophomore did exactly that, turning the game around with his height and strength inside. The Dogs battled back to take a 27-25 lead into halftime.

In the second half, the Bulldogs started hitting their shots, including four huge three-pointers by their scoring ace, Kalen Garry. None was bigger than his buzzer-beating shot off a set play at the end of the third quarter, putting the Dogs up 40-31. Garry led the scoring with 24 points. Wilkinson had a huge night off the bench scoring 14 points and grabbing 11

De Smet	8	27	40	56
Viborg-Hurley	10	25	31	44

DE SMET VS ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN

The De Smet Bulldogs finished what they set out to accomplish at the beginning of this basketball season Saturday night, March 20 by winning the 2021 State B Boys Basketball title

59-43 over Aberdeen Christian at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen.

The Bulldogs played a flawless first half by holding the Knights to just nine points in both of the first quarters, taking a 15-point lead at halftime 33-18. They did not commit a turnover that first half.

"It feels great!" said Coach Jeff Gruenhagen. "It's just what we've been working for, and there was a huge crowd tonight. It was just fun."

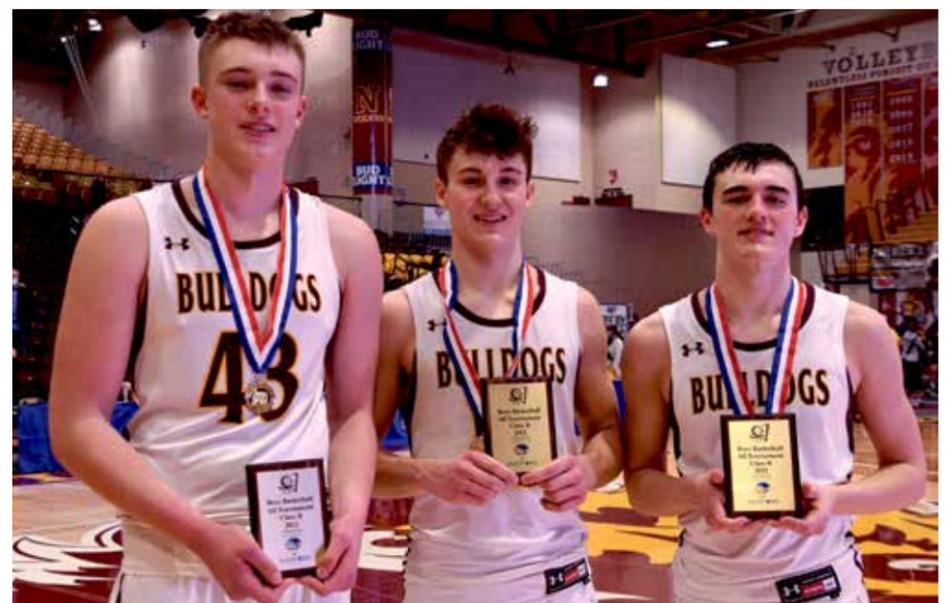
The Bulldogs shot a warm 54% the opening half while holding the Knights to just 25%.

De Smet maintained their lead the entire second half and outscored Aberdeen Christian 26-25 to claim their first championship since 1999.

Kalen Garry finished his outstanding season by again leading De Smet with 23 points including a monster slam dunk late in the game. Tory Holland had 10 points. Damon Wilkinson had eight; Ethan McCune and Rett Osthus added seven points each. Garry grabbed nine rebounds followed by McCune with seven.

Cody Cavanaugh and McCune both had outstanding tournaments, playing their final games as seniors. Garry, Osthus and Wilkinson were selected to the all-tournament team.

De Smet	12	33	41	59
Aberdeen Christian	9	18	29	43



Damon Wilkinson, left, Kalen Garry and Rett Osthus were named to the All Tournament Team for their outstanding performance at the state tournament. (Photo by April Rusche)

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Bulldogs crowned state champions

Journey from cancelled dream to championship team

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet Bulldogs boys' basketball team was crowned 2021 State B Basketball Tournament champions in Aberdeen on Saturday night, March 20, overcoming the last obstacle in their two-year quest for a state title.

What a journey it was.

CANCELLED DREAMS

Following a close runner-up finish in the 2019 state championship game, hopes were high for a championship run in 2020 as the Bulldogs posted a 21-2 record the following year and were headed to the Boys State B Basketball Tournament as the #1 seed.

For the second year in a row, De Smet's girls' and boys' teams had both earned a spot in their State B Basketball Tournaments. The boys' basketball team had traveled to the Black Hills with the girls' team, who were defending their 2019 state title in Spearfish at the girls state tournament. The boys traveled as a team, so they could continue to practice and prepare for their tournament the following week.

Those championship dreams would never be realized as the COVID pandemic struck South Dakota, causing the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) to deal with an unprecedented situation.

With the Girls State B Basketball Tournament already shut down, SDHSAA officials made another difficult decision to cease any organized school activities until COVID was controlled. This included ending all organized practices and postponing the boys' state tournament, possibly until June. The tournament was never played.

"They (SDHSAA) told us we could no longer practice or do anything



Kalen Garry puts an exclamation point on the game, the championship and two challenging seasons with this slam dunk in the closing moments of the title game Saturday night. (Photo by Mike Siefker)

until they made another announcement," said boys basketball coach, Jeff Gruenhagen. "At that time, they were

just postponing the state tournament, but later it turned into a cancellation. I had to break the news to the guys, and

that was one of the hardest messages I'd ever given them."

The loss of that chance at a championship put even more pressure on the team this season. And it gave them an increased drive to win.

"Not going to state last season did put a little fire under the players," said Gruenhagen.

PLAYING TEAM BASKETBALL

"All these guys, their biggest asset that I tell everyone, is just the way they stick together. They do not care if Kalen (Garry) gets thirty points, or if Kalen scores two points, or if Ethan scores thirty points, or somebody doesn't get a shout-out in a game. They do not care who is getting the glory. They just want to get a win every night," said Gruenhagen.

Gruenhagen is quick to give credit for the team's defensive focus and unselfish style of basketball to long-time De Smet coach and mentor, Marv McCune.

"We do model that after Marv. He was a successful coach, a great all-around guy and teacher. That is where our philosophy has directly come - from him," said Gruenhagen, talking about his influences as a coach.

When asked about the team, Gruenhagen pointed to their talent and team play.

"It is a good team, and good bunch of guys. Nobody is looking to be the star anything. They just go. I coach them to be prepared and practice. I do not say too much. I let them make their own decisions. They know right from wrong, and what should go. I point them in the right direction and let them do all the work on the floor."

LONG ROAD BACK TO STATE

De Smet finished their regular season with one loss to Class A Sioux Valley for a record of 19-1. In the process, the team played a challenging schedule defeating each of the top teams in Class B, along with several Class A opponents. The early run through the playoffs saw them defeat Hitchcock-Tulare,

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Dogs take it one game at a time at state tourney

BY BERNIE STOEL
Kingsbury Journal

DE SMET VS LOWER BRULE

The De Smet Bulldogs played every bit like the top-rated Class B Boys basketball team in South Dakota

Thursday afternoon in their opening game of the Class B State Tournament. The #1 seeded Bulldogs

crushed the #8 seeded Lower Brule Sioux 80-53 at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen to move into the semi-finals.

Outstanding passing and ball sharing was again the key to De Smet's great start, as they jumped out to a 25-14 lead after one quarter and extended that lead to 46-24 by halftime. De Smet shot an amazing 58% from the field that first half and 44% from the three-point line.

Balanced scoring was also a big

part of the Bulldog success. Kalen Garry led the scoring with 24 points followed by Damon Wilkinson with 15 points. Ethan McCune and Tory Holland added 13 points each.

De Smet outrebounded Lower Brule 36-19 led by Garry with 10 while McCune grabbed six. Assist leaders were Garry with seven, and Rett Osthus dished out six.

As a result of unselfish passing and ball sharing, the Bulldogs made 33 field goals that came off two assists.

De Smet	25	46	63	80
Lower Brule	14	24	42	53

DE SMET VS VIBORG-HURLEY

The De Smet Bulldogs (literally) fought their way into the championship game of the 2021 State Class B Boys Basketball Tournament Friday night

in Aberdeen. At times, the first half looked more like a wrestling match

See **BULLDOGS**, page 23