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## County Commission tackles full agenda

COVID-19 numbers will determine next step

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

The Kingsbury County courthouse has remained open for business all year, but, because of COVID-19 concerns, there has been limited access to the public since March. At Tuesday's meeting, commissioners met with county employees — Director of Equalization Tammy Anderson, 4-H youth adviser Mary Claire Bauer, Clerk of Courts Jennifer Malone, Treasurer Elaine Blachford, Maintenance Supervisor Lonny Palm-lund, Register of Deeds Caryn Hojer, and Emergency Manager Cindy Bau regarding the status of the courthouse and the possibility of reopening it to the public.

Bau stated the current numbers of COVID-19 cases reported in the county is 25. She suggested that since the South Dakota State Fair in Huron just ended, they should wait a couple of weeks and see what the numbers are then.

Palm-lund said there is some work to be done before the building would be ready to open to public traffic. Anderson noted that a disclaimer in the courthouse in Mitchell, states that the county is not responsible if anyone gets sick from being in their building and suggested that might be a good idea here. She agreed that it makes more sense to wait a couple of weeks to fully open. Blachford said her office is doing okay, with three points of access. But there was discussion that with winter coming, the walk-up window outside the treasurer's office might not be a viable option for long.

"If we do wait a while (to open), would

it give Lonny time (to make some safety adjustments in the building)?" Bau inquired.

"The biggest request I have is that when you do decide to open, that you do it on a Monday, so I have time for me to implement changes," Palm-lund stated.

Commissioners and courthouse staff discussed various restrictions that could be implemented, such as mandatory face masks, limiting the number of people in one area at a time, clearly marked areas for social distancing and not allowing public access to the restrooms.

Commission Chair Roger Walls expressed that maybe they should follow the same model that nursing homes have been doing. "As long as things get better, we're going to open, but if things explode, we shut down," he suggested.

"We can deal with it as it evolves,"

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## State Fair show goes on

Hadlee Holt of Lake Preston showed her heifer at the FFA beef show at the South Dakota State Fair. (Photo by Corrie Walters)

## SD Public Broadcasting features Kingsbury Journal

Paper shows there is no limit to what communities can do

BY RITA ANDERSON  
Kingsbury Journal

The story of the Kingsbury Journal and how it became a reality was featured during the September 7th episode of Dakota Life on the South Dakota Public Broadcasting television channel. Broadcasters Larry Rohrer and Brian Gevik brought the story to life featuring scenes

from De Smet and how the communities worked together to save their newspapers.

When South Dakota Public Broadcasting staff were in De Smet in July producing 'The Hard Winter' as a part of the 49th annual Laura Ingalls Pageant, they heard about the Kingsbury Journal and wanted to report the story of how the pa-

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Writer Donna Palm-lund works to beat a Tuesday news deadline in an episode of Dakota Life.







**Colorful visitor**  
A *Vanessa cardui*, commonly known as the painted lady, rests Sept. 2 on a zinnia in Washington Park in De Smet. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

Last week's weather	
<b>Monday, August 31, 2020</b> High 71, Low 47, Rain 0.83	<b>Friday, September 4, 2020</b> High 82, Low 46
<b>Tuesday, September 1, 2020</b> High 76, Low 55	<b>Saturday, September 5, 2020</b> High 82, Low 46
<b>Wednesday, September 2, 2020</b> High 83, Low 52	<b>Sunday, September 6, 2020</b> High 84, Low 64
<b>Thursday, September 3, 2020</b> High 75, Low 52	

PAPER: Volunteers working together

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per came together through the work of volunteers in De Smet and Lake Preston..

“Regardless of where you live in South Dakota, when people work together, there is no limit to what a community can accomplish,” Larry Rohrer, SDPB Director of Media Content, states as he introduces the show. “Working together was a matter of survival when Charles Ingalls and his family came to De Smet with the railroad in 1879, and that spirit of helping each other is what keeps De Smet vibrant today. If you need evidence that the residents here are innovative, look no farther than the local newspaper.”

The Dakota Life is a monthly pro-

duction that discovers the unique people, places and things in South Dakota. This production was the first episode of the shows 23rd season on the air.

Kingsbury County resident, Lisa Casper of Arlington, was also featured in this episode with her ‘Gift of Life’ story as a heart transplant recipient. Additional segments included Shane Anderson of Viborg, the ‘Cabins in the Hills’ and Dutch oven cooking in Clear Lake.

This Dakota Life episode is available for viewing on the South Dakota Public Broadcasting website, <https://www.sdpb.org/tv/dakotalife>.



Dale Blegen, long-timer owner and publisher of The De Smet News and Lake Preston Times, is interviewed by SDPB.

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The Lake Whitewood Road south of Lake Preston has been under water and closed for two years, but restricted travel is now allowed. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

## COUNTY: Whitewood road is open

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Nelson agreed.

County Auditor Jennifer Barnard presented information about drop boxes that could be used for absentee voting and other courthouse business, such as paying taxes. This would eliminate some of the traffic coming into the courthouse. She stated that absentee voting starts Sept.18, and noted that people could also utilize the box for other county business, such as paying taxes. She said the boxes would be checked a couple of times a day, would be secured in cement and would be under surveillance. Barnard said she would not be in favor of the drop box if it was only going to be used during elections, but she would be in favor of a drop box that can be utilized every day. Commissioners approved Barnard’s request to order the drop box.

A fall convention for county employees is scheduled to take place next week in Sioux Falls, but Barnard said it is recommended that anyone who attends should not go to work for a week after returning. She stated she would prefer that the meetings were zoom-capable, but that didn’t appear to be an option. Barnard said she will need to know who is and isn’t planning to attend so she can make arrangements. Walls said he plans to go, but stated that if he is uncomfortable with the way things are being done, he will leave. Nelson said she was concerned about the risks and said they should encourage any employees who go to feel free to leave if they are uncomfortable.

### LAKE THOMPSON OUTLET CLEARED

Commissioners discussed the progress recently made on cleaning out the debris and sediment from the Lake Thompson outlet. Walls said that Jim Knight, a property-owner at Lake Thompson who has been spearheading the effort, had texted him and said he was pleased with the outcome. This project was done to help alleviate future flooding, a problem that property owners in the area have been dealing with for decades. Commissioners discussed their hope that the area can continue to be maintained every year. Walls said that since they have shown it can be done responsibly, he hoped they wouldn’t run into any problems continuing to do so.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Highway Superintendent Dave Sorenson reported that people have been using the newly reopened Lake Whitewood Road, but stated he wants to add some gravel. He said he received the bill for the engineering study on the bridge, which had been under water for two years, and it came to around \$3,000. The engineering study was necessary before the road could be opened.

Sorenson also reported on current projects and requested approval to attend a highway superintendents’ meeting scheduled for October 20-22 in Rapid City. Sorenson said people from surrounding states also attend this meeting, so he is pretty sure it isn’t going to happen, but said he wanted to register and have a room just in case.

“My feeling is, unless it’s absolutely necessary, don’t go,” Nelson suggested. “How critical is it to your job?” Sorenson replied that he just wanted to have his ducks in a row and said they could revisit his request in another week or two. A motion was made to approve Sorenson’s request, with the understanding that he may decide not to attend. He also affirmed that attendees would be wearing masks. Sorenson also reported on COVID precautions they are taking, such as social distancing in the county shop and spraying down equipment that everyone uses, and he was granted an executive session to discuss personnel.

### COURTHOUSE MATTERS

Palmlund presented a quote for \$10,875 from Audio Connections of Brookings for a new digital audio system in the courtroom. Nelson stated that she would have preferred to have more than one quote, but Palmlund said he reached out to several companies and this was the only quote he got. He stated that this is the same company that wired the De Smet School and the De Smet Event & Wellness Center, and noted they have done a lot of work in courtrooms and understand the acoustics. The system can be used not only during court cases, but by the County Commissioners during their meetings. Commissioners approved the new system.

Palmlund also spoke to the commissioners about entering into a contract with G&R Controls for tech support and preventative maintenance for the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. The commission was not prepared to make a decision and will consult with States Attorney Gregg Gass before entering into an agreement.

### PLANNING AND ZONING

Commissioners convened as the planning and zoning commission to hold the second hearing for rezoning a two-acre lot on the Spring Lake Hutterite Colony from agricultural to commercial. This rezoning was needed to facilitate a trailer manufacturing business. There was no opposition.

They approved plats for Vantage Point Development second addition, Waldow Farmstead and Hauck’s Bay Addition to Hauck’s Landing. Nelson abstained from decisions on plats for both Vantage Point and Hauck’s Landing. The rezoning and plats were then approved in regular session.

## COURT NEWS

The money collected on a \$107.50 speeding ticket is distributed to the following sources: \$39 to the school district in the county where the violation occurred, \$30 to the Law Enforcement Officer Training Fund, \$23.50 to the Unified Judicial System for court automation, \$6 to the Court-Appointed Attorney & Public Defender Fund, \$5 to the Victim’s Compensation Fund, \$2 to the Court-Appointed Special Advocates Fund, \$1 to the 911 Telecommunicator Training Fund and \$1 to the Abused and Neglected Child Defense Fund.

**ARIA GRUENHAGEN**, De Smet, 90 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$177.50.

**LIGHTNING HTOO**, Huron, insufficient number of personal flotation devices, fined \$122.50.

**DAVID MATTHEISEN**, Lake Norden, 65 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

**HSO EH WAH**, Saint Paul, Minn., 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.

**CAROLYN KRULL**, Bryant, 80 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$137.50.

**BRETT FOX**, Iroquois, plead guilty to reckless driving. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail. The 30 days in jail was suspended on the conditions he pays fines and costs of \$532.00 as ordered and be a law-abiding citizen for one year.

**MIA GRASSI**, Marion, plead guilty to

driving under the influence, first offense. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail. The 30 days in jail is suspended on the conditions that she pay fines and costs of \$782.00 as ordered, be a law-abiding citizen for a period of one year, successfully completes a 1st offender’s drinking and driving class at her own expense and reimburse the county for the cost of her court appointed attorney. Her driver’s license was revoked for 30 days. She was granted a work permit upon proof of insurance and that she surrender her valid driver’s license.

**STAN MYERS**, De Smet, plead guilty to sale or distribution of tobacco to a minor. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail. The 10 days in jail was suspended on the conditions that he pay fines and costs of \$300.00 and be a law-abiding citizen for six months.

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# Opinion

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

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



### Lake Thompson outlet has been cleaned out

AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF of effort to overcome bureaucratic red tape, the outlet at Lake Thompson has been cleaned of vegetation and sediment.

While staying within the strict

requirements of DENR to prevent downstream flooding and to protect the legally defined outlet hard bottom, we have still significantly increased the discharge below the outlet.

There are some immediate benefits due to the increase, but the more important benefit is that the cleanout will allow future floodwaters to disperse downstream faster.

Thanks and gratitude to the Kings-

bury County Commissioners for their support and to the great number of citizens who donated the funds to finance the project.

— JIM KNIGHT

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# On my watch, South Dakota open for opportunity

**YOU’VE HEARD ME SAY** many times that South Dakota never closed. We allowed South Dakotans to make the best decisions for themselves, their families, their businesses, and their communities. But we were unique in this path; other states made different choices. In fact, in some places businesses have been closed for the past six months. How are small business owners supposed to make ends meet in states that have locked down their economies for six months straight?

This isn’t a hypothetical question to me. As a former small business owner, I’ve personally dealt with the struggles of keeping a business afloat. When my dad passed away, I had to take charge of our family’s farming operation. We struggled to balance paying our IRS bill with payroll and all the other expenses that are a regu-



## GOVERNOR’S DESK

KRISTI NOEM

lar part of running a small business. If we’d been forced to shut down for six months in the middle of it all, our business would not have made it.

That’s exactly what we’re seeing play out across the country. As a result of extended lockdowns, countless businesses

are closing. In July, Yelp announced that more than 72,000 businesses on the site had closed for good since the start of the pandemic, and that was more a month ago. Retailers and restaurants have been hit especially hard.

These businesses are more than just storefronts – they’re people’s livelihoods. They put food on the table, not only for small business owners, but also for their employees. Without businesses to employ these workers, states that have been shut down will struggle to recover even after they reopen.

Here in South Dakota, because we didn’t shut down our state, the recovery story is far stronger. According to the Minneapolis Federal Reserve, South Dakota had the fewest low-income job losses of any state in our region, and as of the end of June, we’d already recovered nearly all of those losses. Our

weekly initial unemployment claims continue to drop.

Our tourism industry is rebounding strongly as well. South Dakota is the third best state in the country for domestic tourism bookings compared to the start of the pandemic. Interest in visiting South Dakota has surged, meaning we’ll continue to see friendly faces visiting our state in the weeks, months, and years to come.

We’re hearing from lots of folks interested in not only visiting South Dakota, but moving here full-time. If business owners are sick and tired of the lockdowns in other states, I want them to know that they have another option. They can come to South Dakota. We respect our people’s rights, and we won’t shut businesses down. We’re open for opportunity, and on my watch, we always will be.

# Make sure to celebrate a task— all the way through

## Get out of the grind

**I’M A MEAN, LEAN,** goal-conquering machine. Put a task in front of me, no matter how big, and I’ll hack away at it until it’s done. Can you relate? That’s good, right? Well, yes and no.

Here’s my truth today. While I’m a goal-conquering machine, I haven’t always been that great at celebrating the good taking place along the way. Instead, I knocked it off my list and looked at what was next. Enjoying the journey hasn’t always been my strong suit. It was exhausting.

It had the power to eliminate the sweetness and joy of doing what God had asked me to do, whether in ministry, my home or with people I care about. It kept me focused on where I was going, instead of how far I had been able to go.

One day I was starting a new task, and I felt the Lord cause me to pause. I think the dialogue went something like this....

## MEDITATIONS

**PASTOR TIA FELDBERG**  
De Smet UMC & Iroquois Trinity UMC

*Stop, Tia. Not one more step until you stop and celebrate. All the little stuff. All the big stuff. All the victories. All the times I showed up when it was hard. So, I did.*

And it was awesome. I wrote down celebration after celebration, big and small, like the moment I made a quick phone call to say I cared (because of the prompting of the Holy Spirit), and that person made a turnaround in the choice she was about to make. Writing down all the celebrations allowed me to see and rest in God’s goodness. It turned a task from a grind into a party. It was completely joyful! In the scripture below, John the Baptist sends an urgent message to Jesus. John is Jesus’ biggest encourager, but

he thought ministry was going to turn out one way, and it looked nothing like he imagined. Jesus sent a message back to John.

*“Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor”* LUKE 7:22

Jesus asked him to look at it differently by pointing out all the good that was taking place along the way. Sure, the task in front of Jesus was huge. There was a lot left to be done. It may not look like John thought it should, but God was in it.

I don’t know what your current assignment looks like, or what goals and dreams and hopes you have in front of you. Those goals might be really big or not so big. Maybe you’re working hard on a relationship. Perhaps your goals are wrapped around ministry, in a church, in your home or in the community.

There’s a good chance, like me, you’re so focused on the to-do’s that it feels a bit like a grind at times. Here are a few tips God has shown me lately:

- Slow down. Yes. We all can do that.
- Write down all the good things God has done, big or small.
- Thank Him.
- Embrace the moment and celebrate.

As you do, it lifts you out of the grind into gratitude for all the good taking place. I made myself a promise a few years ago. I won’t just celebrate at the end of a task; I’ll celebrate it all the way through.

I’m still a mean, not very lean, goal-setting machine, but I’m always looking for that one moment, that one story, that one good thing that happens along the way. This has changed the way I see my goals or a big job. It has changed the way I feel as I work through my God-sized assignments.

Best of all, it has changed me.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”* MATTHEW 19:14

### Arlington

**CALVARY FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH,** 605-983-5254, Worship at 9:30 a.m.

**UNITED METHODIST,** 605-983-5471, Church at 9:30 a.m. (masks required)

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,** 605-854-9961, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH,** 605-983-3220, See Facebook page for updates.

### Badger

**BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH,** Church at 8:30 a.m. Also streaming on YouTube.

### Bryant

**BRYANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,** 605-625-5085, No church the first Sunday of the month. All other Sundays at 10 a.m.

**ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH,** Mass at 11:30 a.m.

### Carthage

**TRINITY LUTHERAN,** 605-772-4137, Outdoor service on Aug 23 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your lawn chairs or sit in your car.

### De Smet

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH,** 605-854-3684, Worship services will be held at the church at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The service will be recorded and available at <http://americanlutherandesmet.org>.

**DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH,** 605-854-3065, Sunday School at 9 a.m. for all ages, Church at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study at 7:15 p.m.— all invited!

**DE SMET COMMUNITY CHURCH,** 605-854-3927, Church at 9:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH,** 605-854-9362, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Afternoon worship at 1:15 p.m., Bible study — Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

**SPIRIT LAKE PRESBYTERIAN,** 605-237-9565, Drive-up service Sunday at 10:30 a.m., on Facebook Live and FM88.1 SPRT radio.

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH,** 605-854-9961, Mass at 10 a.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** 605-854-3149, Outside service- in your car or bring chairs. Listen on 87.9FM. Church at 9:30 a.m.

### Erwin

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,** 605-625-5085, First Sunday of the month only at 9 a.m.

### Esmond

**ESMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** Church services at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10 a.m.

### Iroquois

**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 first, second and third Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

**PRAIRIE HAVEN MENNONITE CHURCH,** Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 10:45 a.m., Evening services first, second, and fourth Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

### Lake Preston

**LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH,** 605-847-4587, Church at 9 a.m. Can also find service on Facebook Live.

**NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH,** 605-847-4587, Church at 10:30 a.m. Can also find service on Facebook Live.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST/UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,** 605-860-8781, Sundays at 10:30 a.m. - outside services. Bring your lawn chairs or sit in your car.

### Oldham

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

### Ramona

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN,** Drive-in worship at 9 a.m.



Obituaries



Robert Heitland

Robert “Bob” Heitland, 91, died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, at Prairie Lakes Hospital, in Watertown, S.D. A graveside memorial service and burial were held Sept. 4, at Collins Cemetery in Willow Lake, S.D., with the Rev. Marjie Brewton officiating. Robert Bernard Heitland was born Dec. 30, 1928, near Willow Lake to Herman and Dorathea Heitland. Bob grew up near Willow Lake, moving with his parents in 1943 to the farm where he currently resided. He attended country school through the eighth grade, after which he worked on the family farm. In January 1951, Bob joined the United States Navy. After six weeks of basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, he boarded the USS Twining DD 540 in California. He served in the Korean War with three tours of duty to Korea from 1951-54. He also traveled to the Philippines, Hermosa and Hong Kong. He was discharged in October of 1954. Bob was united in marriage to Darlene Marx on Sept. 4, 1954, at Long Beach, Calif. The couple returned to South Dakota and farmed in the Willow Lake area until moving to Fargo in January of 1957, where Bob attended mechanical school. Upon completion of his education,

Doris Cummins, 92, died Sunday, September 6, 2020, at Avantara, Pierre, SD. A public visitation is scheduled for 12 - 1 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2020, with a 1 p.m. memorial service to follow at De Smet Community Church, De Smet, S.D., with Pastor Jim Millman officiating. Burial will follow at De Smet Cemetery, De Smet, S.D. Memorial donations may be directed to Countryside Hospice, Pierre, S.D. or charity of choice. Doris Burrows Pollitt Cummins was born May 20, 1928, in Knutsford, England, to Arthur and Anne (Burrows) Pollitt. She grew up during World War II when there were bombings in the area. Her grandfather made beautiful brass creations and her father held jobs at the post office and at the city of Knutsford. She met Bob Cummins when he was stationed in England during World War II at the dances held at the Co-op in downtown Knutsford. She was very young and was supervised closely at the dances by her sisters. Bob returned stateside, and after a time, began writing letters to Doris. She worked at the Ford Garage as an accountant in Knutsford until she flew to the U.S. on July 4, 1947 to see Bob and to decide if the cultural differences were too different or if she would like to stay and marry him. Bob stopped on the Mendota Bridge near the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport and



DORIS POLLITT CUMMINS

asked Doris to marry him and presented her with an engagement ring. As soon as Doris arrived in De Smet, Grandma Cummins was already planning the wedding. Doris stayed with Bob’s parents, Charley and Ann, until the wedding one month later. They were married August 4, 1947. Doris attended classes to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America and after completing the required classwork and examinations, she was very proud of becoming a US citizen Doris had the most beautiful dark brown eyes that sparked with emotion, and she had a very quick wit. She loved to dance, played the piano by ear, and was the best wife and Mom that anyone could ask for. She played sports with us, went on family bicycle rides, and we always remember Dad wanting to ski one more time. One of our favorite memories was

Mom taking him all the way around Lake Poinsett on skis trying to tire him out. We are very blessed to have had her in our lives! Family was very important to Doris. She had five brothers: Charles, James, Thomas (Mary), Harold, Jack (Edith); and five sisters: Win (Bill), Marjorie (Don), Freda (Clem), Jo (Freddy), Glenda (Mick). She is survived by two of her sisters, Freda Jones (Clem) of Newcastle, NSW, Australia, and Jo Da Prato of Newton Stewart, Scotland, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. She was very proud of her five children and loved them dearly. Maureen (Doug) Droz, Jim (fiancée Pam), Tom, Shelley (Kenny) Pfannenstiel, and Jan (Gill) Hedman. Her grandchildren brought her great joy including Brittany (Kade), Alli, Kristen (Charlie), Sean (Hannah), Shelby (Mike), Carly (Dale), Teri (Jamie), Jennifer, Gretchen. She loved it when she was able to spend time with her great-grandchildren, which include Zoey, Xzavier, Grayson, Chy, Bodhi, Angel, Maggie and Quentin, Tatum, Kinzey and London. She treasured all her friends that were such a special part of her wonderful life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. (Bob); and her son, James Shelburne Cummins (Jim); her parents; and numerous brothers, sisters and other family members.

PAID OBITUARY

they moved to De Smet, where he was employed at O’Keefe Implement as shop foreman. In 1964, the couple moved to Bob’s family farm north of De Smet to take over the farming operation. They farmed and raised livestock until health issues forced him to retire in 1984. Darlene passed away in July of 2008. Bob was an extremely bright man

who could fix anything. He was a very talented mechanic who loved to visit with others about cars and tractors. He also loved music. He enjoyed playing the accordion and dancing during his younger years. Most of all, he was a fighter. Though he faced numerous health issues over the years, he just kept fighting and adjusting to the limitations that were presented to him.

Survivors include his son, Gene (Lori) Heitland, Bryant; three daughters, Sharon (Scott) Wicks, Carpenter, Susan (Mike) Sprang, Sioux Falls and Shirley (Mike) Flanagan, Garretson; one sister-in-law, Bernita Geiman, Scotland; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents; one sister-in-law and one brother-in-law.

All recipes can be improved, even meatloaf

I’VE NEVER BEEN a fan of meatloaf. To begin with, there’s just something wrong with putting meat into a loaf pan. Loaf pans are for bread, not hamburger. Then when it’s sliced up it’s always a weird color and don’t get me started on the mushy texture. And the fact that most people have to smother it with catsup in order to choke it down must mean I’m not alone in my dislike of the dish. Meatloaf is just all wrong... at least that’s what I used to think. So last week when I was at my parents’ house canning more tomatoes, my mom asked if it was okay if we stayed home and she made dinner. I



HOME GROWN  
AMY HALVERSON

said, “Absolutely.” I always love everything my mom makes, so I didn’t give it a second thought... until she said she had meatloaf made up and

ready to go. Augh! I continued working on coring and cutting up tomatoes and never mentioned my disgust with meatloaf. I prayed my mom’s meatloaf would be better than I remembered meatloaf being the last time I had it. When the meatloaf was close to being done, I was surprised at how good the kitchen smelled. Maybe it wouldn’t be as hard to choke down as I had thought it would be. When we sat down to eat, I quickly surveyed the table to make sure I had plenty of options to fill my plate, so it wouldn’t look bad when I only took a little piece of meatloaf. There was plenty to choose from with chips, watermelon and sweet corn. From the second mom pulled the meatloaf out of the oven, I knew this was going to be different. First of all, her meatloaf wasn’t in a loaf pan, but it was in a rectangle pan covered in topping that I remembered being the only part with any flavor. It wasn’t in thick slabs, but in short slices. I ended up eating so much of it, I was miserable afterward. I’m now a converted meatloaf

**Meatloaf**  
2 pounds ground beef  
¼ cup chopped onion  
2/3 cup dry bread crumbs  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
2 eggs  
½ teaspoon sage  
SAUCE:  
6 tablespoons brown sugar  
½ cup catsup  
½ teaspoon dry mustard  
Mix all meatloaf ingredients together in a large bowl. Press into an 8 x 10 cake pan. Combine ingredients for sauce and spread over top. Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.  
fan! I had never thought of making meatloaf like that and had to try it for myself. I used an old recipe I had, and I just adjusted the amount of sauce to make sure there was plenty to cover. I hope you like it, too!

Meatloaf Tips:

- EVERYTHING’S BETTER WITH BACON! Wrap bacon around the outside of your meatloaf for extra flavor.
- REPLACE DRY MUSTARD with prepared mustard for extra moisture. Use ½ tablespoon of prepared mustard in this recipe to replace the ½ teaspoon of dry. (1 tablespoon of prepared mustard = 1 teaspoon dry

mustard)  
TRY DIFFERENT SEASONINGS like garlic, oregano and Italian seasonings to add more flavor to your meatloaf.  
Need some tips and tricks? Submit your questions to amy@kingsburyjournal.com



# Passing the torch



## THE PRAIRIE DOC

JILL KRUSE, D.O.

**WHEN I WAS YOUNGER** my parents would let me stay up late to watch “The Tonight Show” with Johnny Carson. I will never forget when it was announced that he would be leaving the show, and Jay Leno would be the new host. I was shocked and upset. How could anyone possibly sit behind that desk and host the show as well as Johnny? My family begrudgingly started watching Jay Leno as he took the stage. The show was not the same, but over time we came to accept the new host and what he brought to the show that was different and new.

Change is difficult for everyone, but change is one of the few constants in this world. The Prairie Doc® organization is experiencing our own version of change after the death of our founder Dr. Richard Holm in March 2020. None of us will ever replace our Dr. Holm with his wisdom and charisma; however, we bring our own unique strengths and experiences to the programs to make them our own while supporting his mission. Dr. Holm embraced change as was evidenced in many of his writings:

“Change is something we all must face in life, and I have observed that those who embrace change seem to flourish,” wrote Holm.

“As the seasons turn, we are reminded that to survive in this life we must face change,” he wrote in his book *Life’s Final Season*. “Not too long

ago, I attended two funerals in one month and wondered how both surviving eighty-year-old men were going to handle the loss of their spouses and all the changes that were about to occur. Usually people need about six months to mourn before they are expected to recover and move on. The standard teaching in medical school is to begin being concerned when mourning lasts longer than that, but every situation is different.”

Referring to the surviving spouses, Holm wrote, “When love is true, (the deceased) would want the one left alone to see change as an opportunity to continue in another way, to find fresh interests, to discover new joy.”

We invite you to join us in respecting Dr. Holm’s wishes as we continue his legacy and accept his challenge to embrace change. His message is clear, “I believe the ability to handle change is like working and stretching a muscle. If you don’t use it, you will lose it. Stagnation can cause rigidity, weakness, despondency and death; but movement can cause flexibility, strength, happiness and life.”

We hope that our loyal audience will continue to watch the show, listen to the radio program and podcast, and read the newspaper articles or blog posts. The torch has been passed and I, along with the other Prairie Docs and our guests, accept it humbly. We hope you enjoy this new season as we honor Dr. Holm and continue to bring you useful information based on honest science, provided in a respectful and compassionate manner.

*Jill Kruse, D.O. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.*



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# Wash flowing in the wind — a picture of mothers’ lives

SUNSHINE, GENTLE BREEZES and cool temperatures made the perfect day to hang out laundry, but even if the weather was not ideal, the clothes were hung outside. When I grew up in rural South Dakota, our clothes dryer consisted of three wire lines stretched between three T-posts stationed in the back yard. The sun bleached and brightened the towels and shirts. The wind flapped, billowed and dried the sheets. Cool temperatures made the clothes, sheets and later the whole house, smell heavenly.

Laundry needed to be dried in winter, too. Sometimes the coveralls froze before we could clamp on the clothespins. Freeze-dried stiff as a board, they made a comical sight when carried in like a dance partner.

The drying display of washing was organized in an orderly fashion, so on summer Mondays dazzling whites all swayed together in the wind. Colors flashed next with unmentionables on the middle line between sheets and towels; some things were best kept hidden! Warm sun rays soaked into heavy dark chore clothes, but the thick seams remained damp for a long time.

My sisters and I all helped hang out laundry. I was not very old when Mom pulled down the heavy metal wire with the sliding clothespin bag so that I could reach in and grab two clothespins and hang up a washcloth. She smiled then and said, “I love to hang out clothes.”

Sixty years later, like the flash of light when the sun peeks from behind a cloud, I realize why my mother and



## NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

generations of other women held dear the vision of their wash flowing gently in the wind; the picture portrays the story of their lives.

Just married and on their own, Mom draped her farmer husband’s overalls, work shirts and socks next to her homemade work dresses and aprons. Every day of her life she worked beside the man she loved.

More than a year later the sun blessed tiny pink booties, along with diapers, soakers and kimonos. Mom fondly hung small white sheets on the line between her clothes and Dad’s. Months passed and soon blue receiving blankets and little boy rompers joined the other baby clothes as the woman cherished the scene and the new chapter in her life.

Many full clothes baskets later, the overflowing lines danced with dresses, shirts, and pants of every size and color, mingling with nearby diapers and bibs. Mother’s gaze swept the scene and proudly accepted the new episode, her growing family.

Later on, patches plastered knees on jeans and overalls, no matter what the age of the man, for farm work was hard; sometimes patches covered patches. Gradually, dresses and shirts faded and wore thin as they were passed on from child to child. Hand-me-downs guarded the meager budget. Did her eyes cloud with worry or weariness as the mended garments whipped before her in the wind?

It did not seem like many wash days later when bright reds and whites flashed between the poles. Jerseys, shirts, sweaters and socks flapped like flags as school sports took the lead. Juggling schedules and farm work challenged the best of parents. The mother’s role stretched to include the behind-the-scenes booster club, and life was so full that time flew by.

The pages turned in the mother’s story. Soon the mountain of laundry dwindled to a small hill, and some of the lines were bare when she scanned them, empty basket at her feet. Everyday dresses and aprons snuggled next to overalls and striped shirts, and again, she worked side-by-side with her farmer. Though some clotheslines were empty, her life was full, and she looked forward to the next chapter.

One Monday morning Mother carried her basket to the line early. Guests slept inside and breakfast cinnamon rolls were rising on the counter. She reached for the tiny pink dress on top and her eyes glistened as she tenderly clipped it to the wire. Little pajamas printed with cars and trucks waited for her loving hands.

At the bottom of the hamper lay a small blanket, on which bears and elephants invited snuggling into the blue softness. The corners were worn thin. On the line the coverlet swayed in the breeze.

She heard the front door squeak open, and soon a child rounded the corner. A grin of anticipation lit his face, and he toddled toward Mom. Suddenly he spied the blanket and reached for it. He plopped to the grass clutching the soft, wet corner and his thumb found his mouth. Content that now all was well in his world, the little boy gazed up at the woman next to him with trusting, blue eyes and breathed “Gram-ma.” Her heart melted, and she beamed happily.

Yes, her story was written there week after week, proclaimed by the wash on the line. If we had thought to look, we may have seen it, too, for it was there all along, blowing in the wind.

*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, IA, Akron, IA and Missouri Valley, IA. The author now resides on an acreage near Logan, IA and is employed as Children's Librarian at Missouri Valley Public Library. DeAnn has written a series of books, (four published so far, fifth to come out soon) "Promises to Keep," which are available at Amazon.com.*

### South Dakota Agriculture

As a member of the Agricultural and Natural Resources committee, I constantly look out for what is best for South Dakota Agriculture. Here is hoping you all have a safe and productive harvest season.

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## What did you do for Labor Day?

We asked people this question on Facebook.

### KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

With a different looking Labor Day this year, we asked people how they spent the holiday.

Patti and Jay Slater attended Ward family jeeping in the Black Hills (above).

Lynette Van Dyke had family time,

gardened and roasted/froze tomatoes. She also took her granddaughter to Lake Michigan!

Karla Cleveland and Scott Steffensen (below) did lots of hiking and golfing in the Hills with their dog, Checkers!

Paul Johnsen worked on his Harley-Davidson and took his wife to a casino.



## Farewell & Best Wishes to:

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**Thank you, Dr. Brady, for the last 4 years of dedication and service to Horizon Health Care and our patients!**



# Concerns arise over merger of S.D. agencies

NICK LOWREY  
South Dakota News Watch

Some South Dakota farmers, ranchers and environmental advocates are concerned about Gov. Kristi Noem’s plan to combine the state Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources into a single agency and are wondering what the new agency could mean for the state’s largest industry and the regulation of agricultural practices and pollution.

So far, almost no details have been released about the merger and the new agency that will result, causing concern among many whose lives and livelihoods depend on agriculture and the successful regulation of the industry.

Based on a News Watch analysis of surrounding states, South Dakota would become the only state in the Great Plains region that does not separate its environmental protection agency from its department of agriculture.

The planned merger has the potential to profoundly reshape the complex relationship between agriculture, the environment, and the people charged with promoting and regulating the industry.

But the governor’s office has not yet released a plan on how the new agency will work, what the merger will cost or save in terms of tax dollars, if state employees will lose their jobs, what its budget will be or how regulation may be affected.

Some South Dakota agricultural leaders are concerned that the current Department of Agriculture’s mission to “promote, protect and preserve” the industry could be diminished under the new department.

Environmental advocates, meanwhile, say they are worried that the DENR’s mission to protect public health and the environment will be undermined, given the Noem administration’s support for the agricultural industry, including her push to expand the number of concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs.

“Without knowing all the details, it’s hard to say exactly what might happen,” said Jay Gilbertson, the manager of the East Dakota Water Management District who is a staunch advocate for water quality and strict regulation.

“It’s hard for me to imagine what the advantage of this merger is.”

The concerns of farmers and ranchers is that even though the Noem administration has been supportive of the agricultural industry, future governors may take a different approach, said Scott VanderWal, president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation. If a future governor appoints a department secretary who favors tougher environmental regulation of agriculture, there won’t be someone of equal rank to push back, he said.



## Fresh from the farm

**Chris Carper of Rutland sets up a fresh produce stand from 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot of The Cowboy Country Store in De Smet. Carper offers a variety of vegetables, including tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, potatoes, sweet corn and more. Fall produce such as pumpkins and squash will soon be available.** (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

# Oats as an alternative crop

Diversity may be the key when considering small grain

BY MARY LEE  
Kingsbury Journal

There is an early fall feeling in the air, and the corn and soybeans fields are maturing. We see these fields everywhere. As a matter of fact, the country landscape is mostly fields of corn and soybeans. Alternately, a golden hue was amongst the green just weeks ago. These acres were possibly the small grain alternative crops. One in particular is oats which has been seen more this year. How does the oats alternative crop work for area farmers, and how do they use this crop?

Talking with Gary Osvog, an area farmer, oats have been a part of his farming plan for many years. Part of his rotation of crops, Gary has tried to farm with oats approximately thirds with corn and soybeans. He likes the diversity of the crop, whether the crop is hayed or combined. Oats break up the harvest; combining in the later summer verses fall.

“I would rather be combining in 80-degree weather verses late fall and risks of snow,” said Osvog.

Wet springs affect the ability to get acres in for this small grain crop which in turn affects his rotation. Input costs are also less compared to other crops, and there is the ability to



**Oats offer advantages by rotating a small grain into a crop rotation.**

sell the straw off the field as well.

“There is also the advantage of the rotation of small grains,” remarked Ron Kaufman, an area farmer. “Oats in particular are able to solubilize or free up the phosphorus in the ground to benefit the soil.”

The breakdown of the more fibrous root system of the plant can also make the ground more mellow. Different plant species can enhance different sets of organisms which is beneficial for the soil. Cover crops after the harvest of the crop also keeps the soil biology active. Rotation can break up the weed cycle and the insect cycle common with crops without a rotation factor.

Chemical control is also affected as use of different chemicals for this small grain crop. Break up of chemical modes of action allows for less weed tolerance. Using a herbicide such as 2-4D with small grain crops can lower the weed resistance of chemicals such as roundup on the corn and soybean crops.

With a little more of an uptick in acres, Prairie Ag manager Chad Dylla has seen more oats this year than in the last 3-4 years. This year’s decent spring weather and prices being comparable to corn at the time of planting opened up the option for area farmers to consider a small grain.

Diversity may be the key. Either way, area farmers seemed to be keeping that option open depending on what the farming year hands them.

# Active COVID-19 cases down in county

State has record number of new cases reported

BY RITA ANDERSON  
Kingsbury Journal

While the state of South Dakota showed record numbers of Coronavirus cases reported the last week in August and into September, the number of active cases in Kingsbury County has been reduced to four. The total number of cases in the county presently stands at 25 compared to 23 last week when six of those were active. The community spread status for the county has been reduced to minimal.

August 25 through September 1 showed the highest number of total cases reported in the state by the South Dakota Department of Health since testing began. There were 398 cases reported on August 28 which topped the record previously set on May 8 with 300 new cases on that date. There are presently 2,892 active cases in South Dakota with 15,300 total cases reported.

There were six new deaths in South Dakota this past week, putting the total number of deaths at 173. The number of people hospitalized with the virus remains the same at 78. There have not been any Kingsbury County residents hospitalized with the virus.

With the South Dakota State Fair taking place in Huron and a large influx of visitors from across the nation, there has been concern with the potential of increasing Covid-19 case numbers in neighboring Beadle County. Beadle County has shown a drop in the number of active cases from 29 last week to 18 this week and just seven new reported cases. The Beadle County community spread has been changed from substantial to moderate. They have had nine deaths.

Brookings County continues to show substantial spread and the third highest total number of in the state with the number of active cases rising from 152 last week to 189 active this week. Minnehaha County continues to have the most active cases in South Dakota with 612 this week and Pennington County second with 415.

Hamlin County stays with substantial community spread but had a decrease in active cases going from 20 last week to 19 this week and total numbers increasing from 58 to 69 this week. Clark County’s active case numbers increased from two to five bringing the total numbers up to 23 and minimal spread. Miner County has gone back to zero active cases and 17 total cases reported.



# De Smet

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Blood drive collects 21 units

Twenty donors registered, and 21 life-saving units of blood were donated Sept. 1 at the LifeServe Blood Center blood drive in De Smet. These donations, which can help save up to 63 lives, are used to boost the local blood supply.

Arlys Skyberg and the De Smet Event & Wellness Center sponsored and hosted the blood drive.

Milestone donors include De Smet residents Susan Thomas, one gallon; Taylor (Tad) Flood, three gallons; and Gary Wolkow, six gallons.

The next LifeServe blood drive in De Smet is scheduled from 2-6 p.m. Nov. 2 at the De Smet Event & Wellness Center. To schedule an appointment, call LifeServe Blood Center at (800) 287-4903 or go online to [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

### FCCLA plans fundraiser

The De Smet Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter is hosting a luncheon beginning at 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Kingsbury County Country Club. The meal will include a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, chips, choice of cookie/bar and water. Freewill donations accepted. FCCLA is a national student organization that teaches middle school and high school students leadership skills in the Family and Consumer Sciences.

### XC meet to be held in town

The De Smet Invitational cross country meet takes place Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Kingsbury County Country Club golf course in De Smet.



### Visitors near and far learn about the pioneer days

On Sept. 4, Lily and Katie Tellinghuisen, Rhett Seivert and Evie Tellinghuisen of Willow Lake try their hand at rope making at the Ingalls Homestead. Many cars in the parking lot that afternoon had SD license plates, some other states represented included California, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Indiana and Michigan. (Photo by Donna Palmund)

## Salute to our manufacturing companies



### LOOKING FORWARD

RITA ANDERSON

**A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT** for a rural community the size of De Smet and unknown to many people passing through the area is the fact that there is a large Industrial Park located on the east side of town. Seven very successful manufacturing companies make up a great deal of De Smet's economy with manufacturing ranking in the top three of De Smet's leading industries.

The Industrial Park was established in the late 1960s by forward thinking De Smet business people who realized that the City needed an Industrial Park to have a diversified economy. They were able to successfully recruit companies from the Minneapolis area to De Smet. Economic growth depends on the manufacturing industry and the importance of manufacturing is true for De Smet's economy.

Technology in our manufacturing businesses has grown immensely in recent years and has created outstanding jobs, including in De Smet. With this technology, De Smet businesses are producing amazing products that are sold internationally. Robotics taking place are astound-

ing and comparable to systems in large companies worldwide. Finding employees for the manufacturers has become the top priority for the De Smet Development Corporation. Data in the De Smet 2020 Housing Assessment shows that 274 people commute from at least 20 miles away to work in De Smet every day and many of these work in the manufacturing companies. These employees are the future of our businesses and this growing workforce is driving our economy.

Present manufacturing companies listed in order by the length of time they have been in business in De Smet are:

**DESCO ARCHITECTURAL, INC.**, established 1970, manufactures a diverse line of architectural windows in a wide variety of applications; They have windows in buildings internationally, such as the US embassies in Somalia & Vietnam; [descoarc.com](http://descoarc.com)

**LYLE SIGNS**, in De Smet since 1974, is the leading manufacturer of traffic, regulatory and safety signs in the United States. They have been shipping regulatory signs nationwide for nearly 100 years and their experience with reflective sheeting dates back to the 1930's; Stop signs and interstate signs you see nationwide are probably manufactured in De Smet; [lylesigns.com](http://lylesigns.com)

**CMI ARCHITECTURAL PRODUCTS INC.**, established 1993, manufactures custom doors & windows; recognized leader in the commercial aluminum industry; Have expanded operations with a new facility on the north side of De Smet. They have windows in the Trump Tower in Chicago and the JL Towers in Anchorage, Alaska; [cmiarch.com](http://cmiarch.com)

**ULTIMED, INC.**, a pioneer in pen-needle disposal solutions began operations in De Smet in 2001; medical de-

vice manufacturer that is one of only three syringe manufacturers in the US; recently expanded their facilities in De Smet where they manufacture premium injection devices and related medical products with a focus on serving people and pets with diabetes. Their UltiGuard Safe Pack is the only all-in-one system to store, dispense and dispose of pet insulin syringes; [ulticare.com](http://ulticare.com)

**AMERICAN ENGINEERED PRODUCTS** Moved from Minnesota to De Smet 2012 and are presently expanding their operations; manufacturer of casino machine bases, kiosks and accessories for casinos as well as powder coating services; products are installed in many casinos internationally, including Aruba and Caribbean; [aepslotbases.com](http://aepslotbases.com)

**SHEYENNE DAKOTA, Inc** expanded operations to De Smet 2013; wire and cable harness manufacturer of electrical harnesses for virtually every industry: construction, agricultural, trucking, electric, research, and recreational; have an exceptional testing procedure; [sheyennedakota.com](http://sheyennedakota.com)

**FREEDOM DMC, LLC** moved operations from Carrollton, Texas to De Smet 2019; specialize in custom design and manufacturing of equipment and control systems serving the energy sector; [freedom-mfg.us](http://freedom-mfg.us).

We celebrate our manufacturing companies for their success and progressive spirit and for being such an integral part of our community. They are constantly providing support for many community projects. Check out all of the outstanding job opportunities. They all provide training and opportunities to move up in the industry. A complete job listing is available at [desmetd.com](http://desmetd.com).



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# De Smet

## DAYS GONE BY



**FIFTY YEARS AGO:** Gary Schwartz 181-pound full back for the De Smet Bulldogs gets the first touchdown of the home season from the 12-yard line in the game with Arlington Friday night. The Bulldogs winning 30-6.

## 1945: Carnival Days are coming!

**10 YEARS AGO**  
*September 8, 2010*  
**Patti Ward Slater** of De Smet has been nominated for the 2010 Spirit of Dakota Award that will be presented in Huron.  
The 211th Engineer Company of De Smet and Madison is coming home after spending a year in Afghanistan. There will be a homecoming ceremony in Madison with a community gathering scheduled that same day in De Smet at the armory high school.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
*September 13, 1995*  
Two Badger men, **George Christensen** and **Art Andersen**, were injured when their light plane crashed near Badger. The men were looking at crops when the 1946 Piper stalled.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
*September 10, 1970*  
This year at DSHS, there are eight new students coming from the closed Erwin High School, closed

Bancroft grade school and closed Common School No. 28, southwest of De Smet. **Gaye Anderson**, a junior and **Rita Anderson**, **Gwen Gilbertson** and **Dixie Doyle**, sophomores, are from the Erwin school. **Mark Tyrrell** is a new sophomore, his family moving from Bancroft. **Gene Martins** and **Roger Purintun**, freshmen, are from the closed Bancroft grade school. **Grace Moeller** of De Smet vicinity is a freshman, having attended the District No. 28 school, now closed.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
*September 13, 1945*  
Carnival Days come to De Smet this coming week with the Howard Amusement company to be in town Thursday and Friday.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
*September 11, 1925*  
De Smet school opened Monday morning under the direction of **A. E. French**, the new superintendent; attendance in high school is 126.

## MENUS

### 60's-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, SEPTEMBER 10:** Hamburger/ Bun, Baked Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:** Taco Salad w/ protein and vegetables, Fruit, Dessert, Bun  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:** Tater Tot Hotdish w/ vegetables, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:** Asian Chicken Lettuce Salad w/ protein and vegetables, Oranges, Dessert, Bun  
**School Lunch**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:** Super Nachos, Lettuce, Cheese, Pears, Cookie  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:** Chicken Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Melon Mix  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Grapes, Bun  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:** Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Lettuce, Apple, Bread Stick  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:** Deli Sandwich, Tator Tots, Fruit

**The De Smet Elementary School** will be holding early childhood developmental screenings for children living in the De Smet School District.

This screening will take place on **Wednesday, September 23rd** at the De Smet Event Center.

*Children aged Birth - 4 are eligible to be screened for hearing, cognitive ability, physical growth, fine and gross motor skills. All children NOT currently enrolled in the De Smet Preschool Program are asked to attend.*

Please contact Traci Schoenfelder at LIW Elementary School 854-3963 prior to Friday, September 18th, if you would like your child screened.

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# Lake Preston

## MENUS

### 60's-plus meals

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:** Brats/ Bun, Diced Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:** Turkey Club Sandwich w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Pea Salad, Fruit

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:** Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Broccoli, Peaches, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:** Taco Salad w/ meat, cheese, chips, vegetables, Fruit Crisp, Ice Cream

### School Lunch

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:** Grilled Chicken on Bun, Carrots, Peas

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:** Turkey Subs, Baked Beans, Oranges, Cookie

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:** Goulash, Corn, Oranges

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:** Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Oranges

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:** Mr. Rib on Bun, Peas, Pineapple

## HOMECOMING



### Candidates chosen

This year's candidates for homecoming king at Lake Preston High School are Carter Malone, rear left, Jasper Denison and Tate Larsen. Homecoming queen candidates are Lynzie llenich, front left, Holly Andrews and Madison Perkins. Coronation takes place at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Lake Preston gym. Lake Preston and Arlington are in a football co-op together as the Arlington-Lake Preston Badgers, but each school has its own homecoming celebration. Lake Preston's homecoming parade takes place at 1 p.m. on Sept. 18 and the Badgers play the Deubrook Area Dolphins that evening at Lake Preston. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

## SILVER PLAINS SCENE

Joan Rich has been busy as a beaver crocheting. She made a swaddling blanket for her new great-grandbaby who is to arrive after the new year.

She also made some blankets along with wash cloths. Joan enjoys doing it and keeping busy.



**The Lake Preston Chamber is hosting a FREE hotdog meal** for Diver/Badger fans **BEFORE** the parade on Friday, September 18 from 11:30-12:30 outside the Community Room to allow for social distancing.  
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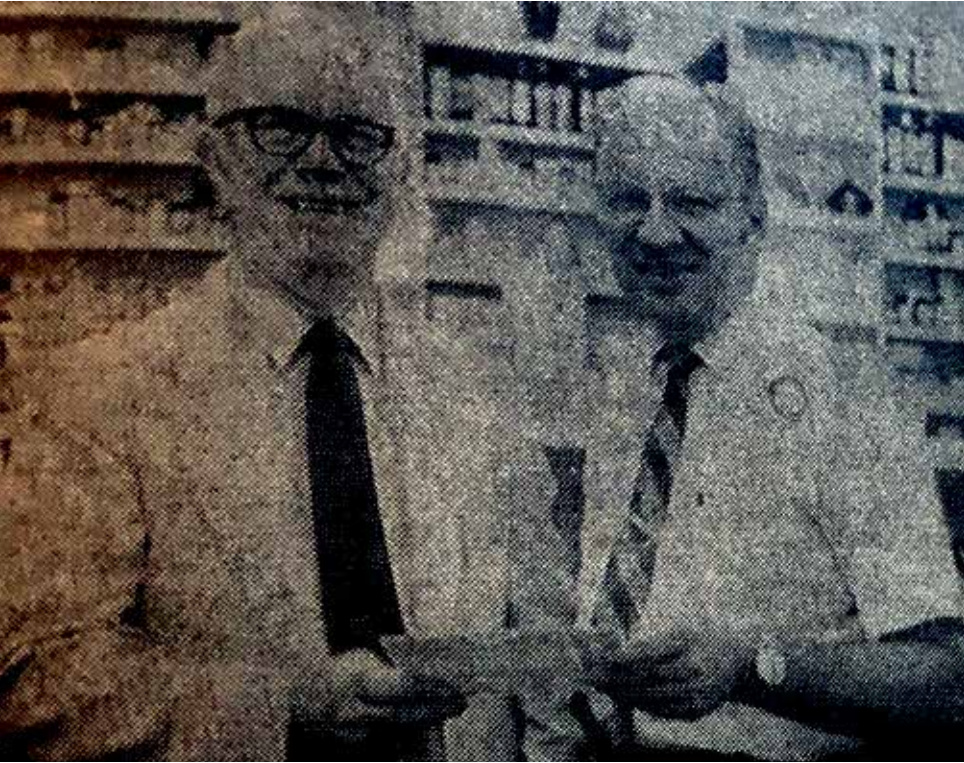
**New sign at the park**  
A new sign replaces the old archway which was damaged a few years ago during snow removal. (Photo by Brenda Klug)



# Lake Preston

## LOOKING BACK

# 1995: Swenson Drug is sold!



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO:** Ralph Ginn, SDSU football coach and now chairman of the Steer for State committee, presents Milton Swenson with his Century Club plaque in recognition of his contribution of a C-note toward athletic scholarships for Jackrabbit athletes this year. Swenson has been an ardent Jack supporter ever since his graduation from the school’s School of Pharmacy several years ago.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
*September 8, 2010*  
**Brad Sanderson** receives a South Dakota Farmer’s Union award. He was one of four individuals to receive a 2010 Rural Dakota Pride Award from the SDFU Foundation. The Face of Kingsbury County: **Joe Doyle** -- He became an expert, not

from school, but from a long life of experience. A life dedicated to producing crops and raising cattle.  
**25 YEARS AGO**  
*September 7, 1995*  
After 43 years, **Milton and Vernie Swenson** sold Swenson Drug. **Anne Nopens** and her husband, **Tim**, will

assume ownership. They will be open for business next week. Team effort led the Diver football team to victory over the Estelline Redmen—40-0.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
*September 3, 1970*  
Classifieds- We’re not kidding! A very nice home for only \$5,000! See Northwestern National Bank in Lake Preston.  
Headstart program for pre-kindergarten youngsters is scheduled to begin Tuesday of next week. The program will be conducted at the Assembly of God Church.  
The first edition of the Blue and Gold for the year 1970-1971 school year is in the paper! **Mildred Bueber** is featured as a new faculty member, and a review of the royalty of the last 10 years was printed. Lake Preston has added three new courses for the students, German 1-2 and Boys Glee.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
*September 2, 1920*  
The city schools open next Monday. Where it is possible, send the pupil to school the next day. It not only helps the child to get started right at the opening, but helps the teacher get hold of each individual and arrange the work to bring the best results.  
It was quite cold on Sunday night, but a breeze prevented a frost appearing. Hopefully we don’t get one for another month.

## NEWS BRIEF

**Auxiliary to meet**  
The Lake Preston Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Lake Preston community room.

**Update on Jean Rounds**  
Last week, U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and his wife, Jean, provided the following update on Jean’s cancer treatment:

This week, Mike and Jean traveled to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for a scheduled 90-day checkup. After several days of testing, a malignancy was found in the same spot that Jean’s sarcoma was located. As a result, on Sept. 4 she was scheduled to undergo a procedure, known as an ablation, to remove the malignancy.  
“As any family who has gone through a cancer diagnosis knows, post-treatment checkups are critical,” said Mike and Jean. “While this is not the news we had hoped for, we are thankful the doctors discovered the malignancy at an early stage. Jean’s doctors are confident tomorrow’s procedure will be a success.”

“We continue to be grateful for the support and prayers of so many throughout this difficult time. Please keep the prayers coming!”  
In May of 2019, Jean was diagnosed with a malignant, high-grade, aggressive tumor near her sciatic nerve—a sarcoma. She underwent six rounds of chemotherapy, surgery to remove the remaining portion of her tumor and radiation treatment, which was completed in February. Jean (Vedvei) Rounds is a former resident of Lake Preston and a graduate of Lake Preston High School.

**Booster Happenings**  
In keeping with social distancing precautions, The Lake Preston Athletic Booster Club met in the back room of the Lake Preston Cafe. Those present were President Michelle Malone, John McMasters, Nikki Larsen and treasurer Dar DeKnikker.

The club made a hard decision this year not to have a football meal due to the coronavirus.  
The Booster Club will be introducing new fundraising ideas in support of the LPHS Diver athletes and fans. They are checking into yard signs and cling-ons. Donated, blue/gold bracelets will be sold at some upcoming sport events. Also, tickets will be sold for a Diver t-shirt quilt which has been donated to the cause. More information will be given at a later time.

This year the Booster Club will be giving banners to all seniors, not just the senior athletes.  
The group also discussed talking to the cheerleading advisor and cheerleaders about helping promote Diver Retro Night. They picked when they would be hosting Blue/Gold nights along with hoop shoot nights to offer fun and support for athletes and fans.



## Materials have arrived!

Last week, material for the new ambulance shed arrived. So far, cement with in-floor heat has been completed. The shed will be located just north of the pool. (Photos by Jake Smith)

Time on your hands? This is your paper — become a volunteer!  
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# BLUE & GOLD

Bringing you the latest from Lake Preston High School

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## A Different Back-to-School Start

Editorial By: Rachel Jensen

It is time to be back in school, but this year is going to start out differently than past school years. Although students do not have to wear masks in school, teachers staff members have been getting used to wearing a mask. In band and choir, students are given a mask to wear during class. Because of COVID, students have the option to distance learn if they or their parents do not feel comfortable with classroom

learning. The students that are still in school will carry on as normal as possible, with very few exceptions, such as having to sign out when they leave the classrooms and wiping down their desks after every class. Because of the odd restart of our school year, I asked some people their thoughts on being back in the building. Mrs. Erstad stated, "I'm excited to be back in the building and seeing everybody, but I'm nervous about the possibility of getting sick." Junior, Kate Ries, shared that "It's

better than being stuck at home. I'd rather be at school." Of course, we had to get the opinion of our favorite Science teacher, Mr. Schmidt. When asked how he feels about being back in school, he responded by saying "I enjoy being here, although the weather hasn't been favorable, I would rather be here instead of on a computer." While this school year may be different, all staff and students are doing what they can to have a safe and somewhat normal year.



Cross Country season is in full swing! Pictured is Senior runner, Rhett McMasters.



Tate Larsen takes down Viborg-Hurley opponent.

## Diver Volleyball Kicks Off Their Season

By: Ava Malone

The girls' volleyball team traveled to White to play the Deubrook Dolphins, Tuesday Sept 1. They ended the game in three sets with the scores being 15:25, 13:25, and 14:25. The Lady Divers had a total of 9 kills with Annika Nelson leading with 5. The team had a total of 41 digs. Ava Malone led with the team with 12 digs, Marissa Rober following with 11 digs. Nelson led the team with 3 blocks and teammate, Faith Steffensen, followed with 1.

Next, they traveled to Elkton last

Thursday, Sept 3, to play the Lady Elks. They played a total of three sets. The first set ended with a score of 9:25. They also lost the second set with a score of 9:25. The last set ended the game with the score being 14:25. Alice Warne led the team with 3 kills and Malone, Rober, and Nelson each having 2. Nelson had a high of 8 digs with Robe,r and Warne following with 7. The Lady Divers will be traveling to Castlewood on Thursday, Sept 10, for their next matchup. The middle school game starts at 4:30 with JV and Varsity to follow.

## Always Something Wonderful in the World

By: Gretta Larson

There are so many wonderful things happening all at once in the world around us. Many people miss these things in everyday life that make our day better, memorable, and beautiful. Right now, I would say one of those things, for me, would be sunflowers. They are beautiful, yet they are also useful. Sunflowers are used for several food items such as sunflower seeds and oil. They are also used for margin, soap, paint, varnish, feed for livestock, and even medicine.

Sunflowers usually last between 6 to 12 days depending on where they are and will continually follow the sun throughout the day. Then during the night, they will face back toward the east, waiting for the sun to rise so they can start the process again. After a while, the sunflower will stop moving, wait for bugs to come to spread its pollen, and eventually wilts. Yet, you can always count on seeing the sunflowers again the next year. What is something wonderful happening in your world right now?



Ava Malone plays defense for the Lady Divers as teammates stand by ready to help.

<b>Blue &amp; Gold</b> 2020-2021 Advisor: Krista O'Dea	<b>Seniors:</b> Myra Rhoades, Alex Post <b>Juniors:</b> Rachel Jensen <b>Sophomores:</b> Ava Malone, Janelle Rhoades, Stella DeKnikker, Gretta Larson <b>Freshmen:</b> Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins <b>8th Grade:</b> Amelia Holland, Lane Jensen, Trinity Pirlet <b>7th Grade:</b> M.P., Lorick Pirlet
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CARTHAGE NEWS

More than a century of epidemics recalled

LORELEE NELSON

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elvik have moved to Carthage from California. Carl was originally from Carthage. There will be an outdoor service at Trinity Lutheran Church, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. The Daniel Strouds of Huron visited Donna Stroud Saturday afternoon. Gary Stroud, Sioux Falls, was a visitor Friday afternoon. With medical reports in the news each day, some of the medical tidbits

from the Carthage History Book, *Carthage, Gem of the Redstone* by Sally Madison are interesting. **DID YOU KNOW?** An 1896 newspaper reported a sore eye epidemic that was abating and being replaced with an epidemic of whooping cough, and the black measles were raging in the country with one family of twelve all down with it. In 1898, the school was closed temporarily because of “Scarlatina.” A 1915 newspaper reported Dr. May

of Rochester stated that operations for appendicitis have increased three hundred percent over the past five years due in measure to men wearing belts rather than suspenders. In 1917, the chiropractor, O.D High, left Carthage stating, “Carthage people are too blame healthy.” In 1919, an ophthalmologist would be in town to treat tired eyes, inflamed eyes and eyelids, poor sight, headaches and nervousness. A 1920 paper reported Dr. Baraitred, a specialist from Minneapolis, was in

town removing diseased tonsils. The same year reported the Artesian doctor had been worked to death treating 150 cases of flue in one week. Also, in 1920, N.W. Meyer had a case of hic-coughes he succeeded in stopping by fasting for twenty-four hours. Doctor’s advice for influenza in a 1937 paper was to go to bed at once, cover up, perspire freely, drink fluids - two quarts a day, take a laxative, remain in bed until after the fever is gone. Consult a doctor if not doing well and avoid crowds and public places.

IROQUOIS NEWS

Homecoming week festivities planned in Iroquois



Homecoming candidates chosen

Homecoming King candidates at Iroquois High School include Dominic Froke, rear left, Colton Nelson, Justin Bice and Ian Mount. Homecoming queen candidates include Hayley Geyer, front left, Jorja Huls, Kaitlin Mass and Heather Geyer. Coronation took place Tuesday followed by a bonfire. (Submitted photo)

Homecoming King & Queen

Royalty at Iroquois High School is King Justin Bice and Queen Jorja Huls. A parade is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. Friday with a meal served from 5-7 p.m. at the football field. The junior high team meets the Arlington-Lake Preston Badger JH team at 5 p.m., and the JV team plays at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

1950: Burglary at hardware store

**70 YEARS AGO**  
*September 7, 1950:*  
George Blue, a graduate from IHS and a recent graduate from the USD’s Law School in Vermillion, has set up his law office and is located above Wheeler’s Drug Store in Huron. Burglars entered the Westerberg Hardware Store some time during the night of September 4, and looted the cash register. They entered through the south window of the work shop which they removed. The pins were removed from the hinges on one of the doors into the store proper, and with the pins managed to get the door pried open to a degree when they could get through. They took between \$15 and \$20 from the cash register, but did not take all the money, so it is presumed that they might have been frightened while in the store. The telephone at the store must have been touched and the drop on the board at the telephone office notified the operator that a call was trying to be made. However, the operator rang back and no one answered. That incident might have frightened the burglars and not all the cash taken. Probably the same parties entered the Ralph Joseph

shop, through the rear window, and took the bag containing money and checks. George Behl, who has his workshop in the building, stated that the window was open when he came into the shop the next morning. **90 YEARS AGO**  
*September 11, 1930:*  
Emma Dirkson of Bancroft was severely burned on her right hand and arm Friday when she attempted to renew a wood fire in the range with kerosene. A few sparks remaining in the stove caused the explosion. Between 6:30 and 9:30 yesterday morning automobiles passed through Iroquois on their way to the state fair at the average rate of 540 cars an hour by actual count. From then on until afternoon, a steady stream of cars passed through but at a diminishing rate. It would not be surprising to learn that a record-breaking crowd passed through the gates yesterday. In the “Strange as It May Seem” cartoon, a feature by John Hix published in many of the daily newspapers, there recently appeared a cartoon picture of Esther Swartz of Hitchcock accompanying the infor-

mation that Esther made 1331 points in 54 games of basketball, and that her team won 42 consecutive games, a record so remarkable that it has attracted national attention. Miss Swartz is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Swartz, and a niece of Mrs. Jesse Fisher of this city. **110 YEARS AGO**  
*September 8, 1910:*  
From all accounts the great comedy-drama “The Way of the Wicked,” which comes to the opera house Monday, September 12, will draw a large crowd, for the play is said to be first-class with incidents that stir emotion that moves and comedy that compels laughter. A carload of potatoes, shipped from Iowa, were on the track last week for sale. Potatoes are very scarce throughout the entire country and are bound to be a stiff price until next crop. During the state fair at Huron next week the foot-passenger is to have a show for his life. Between the city and fair grounds, automobiles will be confined to First Street, carryalls and horse rigs to Second Street, leaving Third Street free of dust and danger for pedestrians.

Poster contest winners announced

Zoei Schmidt Ellman received first place at both the local and state competition and second place in the Northwest Division for Class 7 in the American Legion Poppy Poster Contest. Ellman is a seventh grader at Iroquois Middle School. Logan Sprong received a part of first in the local and state competition and third place in the Northwest Division for Class 6 in the American Legion Poppy Poster Contest. Sprong graduated from Iroquois in 2020.



Here are the winning posters. Logan Sprong’s poster, left, and Zoei Schmidt Ellman’s poster, right. (Submitted photo)



OLDHAM NEWS

American Legion Auxiliary meets

The Oldham American Legion Auxiliary met Wednesday, Aug 26 with seven members and one guest present. They opened their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by “A Prayer for Our Veterans.”

The secretary's report was given by Sandy Smith, and Melba Bickett gave the treasurer's report, both approved as read. Sue Brown then shared the information she had received from the department secretary. Kari Rottluff made a motion to elect Connie Bickett and Linda Stewart as co-presidents with a second from Kathy Reed.

Discussion was held on new members and the upcoming annual fall blood drive to be held October 13. The next meeting will be held in October to organize the annual “Community Nativity Lighting.”

The meeting was then adjourned.

MENU

Oldham–Ramona school lunch

- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:** Italian Dunkers, Cali Blend Vegetables
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:** Chicken Pot Pie
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:** Tater Tot Hot Dish w/ Dinner Roll
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:** Walking Tacos, Corn
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:** Chicken Patty on Bun, Broccoli, Seasoned Wedge Potato Fries

AROUND THE REGION

ERWIN NEWS

• Holly and Jerry Penn helped move Cody and Michelle (Penn) Bertram to Parker this last weekend. Besides helping move, they were able to go with their grandson to his first day at his new school. Also, Drake celebrated his 7th birthday!

ERWIN NEWS

Church has final service in historic building

A sanctuary for generations has been sold

BY DAWN JONES

After 132 years, Sunday, September 6, 2020, was the final worship service held in the church building of the Erwin Congregational United Church of Christ.

The congregation, first organized in 1885, is named for one of the founding fathers of the church, James Erwin Hollister, and is older than the town of Erwin. The 28 charter members first worshiped in the railroad depot, then in local homes, schools and stores before the church building was constructed and dedicated in 1888.

At that time there were a number of rural ethnic churches, but it was the only church in the area holding services in the English language. The only church ever built in the town of Erwin, the door has never known the feel of a lock or key. It has always been open to everyone every day and has stood as a witness to God's love and faithfulness throughout the years.

As the congregation grew and thrived, it required the building be enlarged, remodeled and rededicated in November 1913. During the fifties the church building took on many changes, and a local carpenter of renowned skill, Clarence Trenary, was responsible for building a new altar, pulpit, choir loft and flower stands. Later he built a display case in observance of the centennial of the church in 1985. Men and women of the congregation painted the sanctuary and the exterior of the church four years ago.

Stained-glass windows that were installed in the sanctuary in the sixties have been removed and will be given to descendants of the ancestors to whom they were dedicated. This includes two windows given in memory of Carl Stevens that will go to his great-great grandson, Father Shane Stevens of Dell Rapids. Other stained-glass windows are being re-configured for sale as suncatchers at a later date.

Members and local residents will remember many past events welcoming in the wider community to the fellowship hall downstairs: women's fellowship programs, chicken suppers, mother-daughter teas, high school graduation parties, bridal and



Members of the parish gathered for a final farewell worship under stained glass windows dedicated to Curtis Wolkow, a veteran of WWII and one of the first American soldiers to set foot in Hiroshima after the use of an atomic bomb there on August 6, 1945.



The congregation gathered at the end of the farewell service to each ring the bell, which was donated to the church in 1889 by the young people of a congregation in Webster Grove, Missouri.

baby showers and shared meals after funerals and weddings.

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration in July of 1985, the church hosted a community worship service and a fashion show of past attire by women. That year a centennial Wall Hanging was also commissioned for construction by local artist Terri (Lundquist) Fink.

The present members give thanks to God for their faith ancestors who constructed a sanctuary where the Word has been proclaimed to the generations—words which have challenged and inspired us as well



Rev. Marjie Brewton, in her twentieth year serving as the congregation's pastor, stands behind the original church pulpit. The congregation is also in possession of a star quilt constructed by the mother of James Erwin Hollister.

as words of comfort and encouragement. The congregation plans to continue to meet for worship monthly at the Erwin Legion Hall or in local homes.

The building has been sold, and the new owners plan to make it their home.

BANCROFT NEWS

Bancroft was bustling town, complete with hotel — and jail

BY ROSE GROTHE

Charles Borchard of Huron was the speaker Sunday at the Bancroft Presbyterian Church.

The countryside has changed a lot in the last week, so it must be fall. Some cornfields are already cut for silage, and others have turned to brown, with a lot of ears hanging down just waiting to be picked. Harvest season is upon us, with all the work to be done before Old Man Winter makes his appearance. Sure wish

he wouldn't come for a lo-o-o-o-long time yet.

I know that anyone who drives up around Bancroft can see that there is very little left of the town, but in 1925, and following years, it was a roaring town with the following businesses—believe it or not.

There was a railroad depot, a bank (that went broke in 1929-30), a hotel named Argyle House, plus one other, unnamed as far as I could see, a school system, with the mascot named the Bancroft Eagles, two gro-

cery stores and a Masonic Hall.

There was a pool hall, barber shop, two blacksmith shops and a butcher shop. There were two cream buying stations, telephone exchange and a drugstore. There was a lumberyard, two gas stations, two farm implement stores, two grain elevators and two churches.

There were several baseball teams and a puffed wheat factory. (In 1935-36, K and K of De Smet took over the factory). One of three dormitories for men in Kingsbury County in the

30's was located in Bancroft, the other two were in Iroquois and Hetland. Other Bancroft businesses included a livery, dray service and the post office.

And I mustn't forget to list the jail. Stories differ as to whether the jail ever had any occupants, but if there were any, they were there only overnight. In later years there was an outdoor theater, which showed movies on Wednesday nights. There may have been others that I have not mentioned.



## ESMOND NEWS

## Reporter forgoes state fair this year

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

Annette and Charmon Dunham are presenting the flags again this year at Iroquois School sporting events.

Charmon Dunham submitted 14 sewing, crocheted and tatted items to the South Dakota State Fair this year.

Adaline Reilly was visited recently by her grandson Mike DeJong and family from Victoria, Minn.

Joanne Schlueter, Marilyn Skyberg and Rita Anderson drove to Indianola, Iowa over the weekend to visit friends. They toured through Iowa to view the areas recently devastated by the wind storm.

The Wehlanders have been attending their daughter Rosalie's volleyball games, and on Aug. 28. evening hosted Rosalie's 15th birthday party with her Grandpa and Grandma Clendening attending.

Rosalie Wehlander was selected as

Iroquois High School freshman class president for the 2020-21 school year.

Marlin and Jeanette Clendening were in Hartford Aug. 28 for their granddaughter Baylee Clendening's soccer match. Baylee is from Belle Fourche. They then drove to Bridge-water for their grandson Ryder Clendening's football game.

The Clendening's granddaughter, Katee Olinger from Woonsocket, won the South Dakota State Fair open-class reserve champion ram in the Baby Doll breed.

The Esmond area has received more than two inches of rain in the last 10 days.

## HISTORY NOTE

This year is the first time this reporter did not attend the South Dakota State Fair— except for some years when it was cancelled. Since when? The late 30's early 40's? When the folks and neighbors would go by themselves or together, some of you will remember our mother's fried chicken picnic dinners we would eat under a tree somewhere on the fairgrounds. What a treat it was to get a popsicle at the fair!

## SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

## Nature puts on quite a show

BY ILLDENA POPPEN

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church drive-up Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 88.1 FM, Live Facebook. Pastor Dick Poppen will speak Sunday 9:30 a.m. KWAT radio.

Correction: Sunday School and Church Services will be in the church September 13/picnic to follow.

Janice Stoeber of Sioux Falls arrived Sunday morning, September 30 to be with her dad, Cork Poppen, as her mother, Ildena, was entered in the hospital at Avera De Smet. She spent several days. Ildena was released from the hospital on Tuesday afternoon. Stoeber returned home

Tuesday evening.

Duane Poppen, Aberdeen, is staying at this parents' home, the Cork Poppens, while he is helping the Larson's Hi Spirit Ranch with silage cutting.

Silage cutting is well underway in the area.

Word was received of the death of Robert (Bob) Heitland, Bryant, Tuesday, September 1. Memorial graveside services were held, Friday, September 4 at Collins Cemetery, Willow Lake at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Margie Brewton presiding.

A view from my living room window shows we have a lot of humming birds visiting my feeder. They put on quite a show as they fly here and there so quickly. I've seen an abundance of Downy Woodpeckers lately, too. My husband drove his four-wheeler down the road past the grove of trees and reported lots and lots of Monarch Butterflies. Nature has so many pleasing pleasures for the eye to see.

## Attending college during COVID-19

Most students agree it's great to be back on campus!

BY SASHA ANDREWS

Kingsbury Journal

This year, college at Northern State University in Aberdeen has so far been a little different. Students still find themselves rushing to class, but often, they rush back to grab their forgotten mask. Despite the importance of wearing a mask in the dormitory and in class, not to mention off-campus employment, it is still hard to remember. It feels abnormal even though it has been enforced since the first day.

One noticeable difference on campus is class attendance. Classmates are missing more often due to exposure to COVID. Some even just feel uncomfortable enough to not attend class. To accommodate everyone, all classes are hybrid classes, so they can be attended online or in person. Students who do get sick or do not feel comfortable with class can stay where they are and still be successful in attaining their degrees. Most classes have Zoom available as well.

In the classroom all the desks are spread out, and the class sizes are small. There are no group projects. During lectures everyone is scattered six feet apart. When the teachers say "you may talk among yourselves," it is almost impossible as students would have to nearly shout to talk to anyone in the classroom.

Germex dispensers are located by every door in all of the buildings.

Instead of actually eating in the dining halls and around campus, students choose to eat meals in their dorm rooms. "To go" boxes are handed out in the cafeteria in hopes

of people not gathering to eat there.

Homecoming week is approaching, but most of the activities, like the parade, have already been cancelled. To prevent large gatherings, sports will not happen until spring semester.

Most are happy with all the precautions that Northern has taken and how seriously they work to ensure that all students stay safe while continuing their education on campus.

"College this year has been different than I expected it to be due to COVID, but I am making the most of it and having such a fun time," said Kearra Elkins, a 2020 De Smet graduate who is attending NSU for the first time.

Students at other South Dakota universities are also happy to be on campus.

"This year things are a lot different," stated Lexie Larsen, a former Lake Preston High School student who is in her second year at South Dakota State University. "Masks are required in every building, and there are fewer places to eat. It's hard to make new friends in classes because you have to sit so far apart, but we just need to make the best of it. I'm just happy we're back at college!"

"College sure is different this year," added Tara Scheidt, a former Laker Preston Diver now attending Black Hills State University. "Masks are required everywhere. Class sizes are smaller, and everyone in the class has to social distance. There are not as many hands-on or group activities in class. Some classes have even fully moved to online. There are just so many things that are different this year, but at least changes were made so that we can still go to school and work on getting our degrees."



Protocols to keep students and faculty safe include smaller class sizes and mandatory masks around the campus. (Photo by Sasha Andrews)

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## South Dakota Farmers Union supports state fair

**BY LURA ROTI**  
 South Dakota Farmer's Union

Jim Woster didn't discover the South Dakota State Fair until his freshman year of college. It was fall 1958, and some of the new friends he'd met at South Dakota State University were heading to Huron to show cattle. They invited him to tag along.

"It didn't take me long to realize I'd been missing out," explains the Reliance farm kid, agriculture columnist, 2012 Governor's Ag Ambassador and 62-year attendee of the South Dakota State Fair. "To this day, when I walk around through the barns and see the kids competing or walk through the campground and see old friends catching up, I'm reminded what makes the fair so special. And why so many of us make time each year to get away - for at least a day - to enjoy the fair."

South Dakota Farmers Union agrees with Woster. The state fair is a special event, and it's worth supporting. "As South Dakota's oldest general agriculture organization, we're proud to be the premiere sponsor of South Dakota's oldest agriculture fair," explains Karla Hofhenke, S.D. Farmers Union Executive Director. "Our organization focuses on supporting South Dakota family farmers and ranchers. They are who this fair is for and about."

Headquartered in Huron, SDFU



**Jim Woster is an agriculture columnist, 2012 Governor's Ag Ambassador and 62-year attendee of the South Dakota State Fair.** (Photo courtesy Tri-State Neighbor)

does more than financially invest in the State Fair, over the decades, the organization has hosted forums, candidate debates and Farmer Share Lunches.

"We value the partnership of Farmers Union," says Fair Commissioner Erin Yost. "Their support is vital to the state fair and its existence today, five years ago and 20 years to come. We understand these are trying times in agriculture, and to have sponsors who we can depend on year-after-year to step up, like Farmers Union, is a huge part of the success of State Fair."

An ag banker from Kimball, Yost has been attending the State Fair since she was a toddler. "Everywhere you look around the State Fair, agriculture is present. It's a family tradition for many farm and ranch fami-

lies - including mine. We have been going to the fair and camping with my cousins since I was young. It is an event we look forward to each year."

Because the state fair is a place where many youth gather, South Dakota Farmers Union also utilizes the venue as an opportunity to educate the next generation about farm safety. Partnering with FFA, they have hosted a farm safety quiz bowl, and their interactive farm safety trailer can be found on 3rd Street.

"This is a rural state. Whether kids live on a farm or not, they will more than likely spend time on one," Hofhenke explains. "The State Fair is where farm families come to learn and showcase the best of their crops and livestock. It is also where they catch up with old friends."

And catching up with friends is among the valuable aspects of the fair, adds Woster. He says in this digital age, nothing compares to face-to-face interaction. "You can't feel each other's emotions online. You cannot feel if a friend is hurting. I know organizations like Farmers Union are doing a lot to provide information on mental health, but in most cases, the first step may be talking to a friend. It could happen over that morning cup of coffee, two old friends sitting by their campers at the State Fair."

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# Public Notices

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS August 18, 2020**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioner Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls, Joe Jensen, and Shelley Nelson present. Chairman Walls presided.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA**  
Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, stated Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, would need to be added to the agenda for computer needs. Barnard also informed the Board Travis Steffensen requested a continuance for his Conditional Use hearing.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
Chairman Walls asked the Board if there was any conflict of interest. There was none.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION**  
Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, met with the Board via Zoom.

Anderson informed the Board the computer used by Deputy DOE, Maggie Purintun, is having issues and is 4.5 years old. Anderson requested a new computer at the estimated cost of 800.00 plus installation fees.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded for the computer to be replaced. All present voting aye – 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

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

Sorenson stated the Whitewood Bridge was being inspected this afternoon. The hope is to open the bridge to some traffic with restrictions.

Sorenson informed the Board the crew will be seal coating for Iroquois City soon. The crew will also be replacing a culvert on the Lake Norden Badger Road now that the water has gone down

Sorenson informed there was a new hire. Jeremy Jensen, of Lake Preston, started on August 10, and is working out well.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY**  
State's Attorney Gregg Gass met with the Board and requested to move into Executive Session for possible litigation.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for possible litigation at 8:59 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:22 A.M.

**MINUTES**  
Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to approve the minutes of August 4, 2020. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment for the Gary Schumacher Variance Hearing and Travis Steffensen Conditional Use Hearing at 9:28 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:51 A.M.

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

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Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to participate in the LEMPG program. All present voting aye – 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Bau reviewed the various program requirements for the year.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**  
Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning to hold the first rezoning hearing for Spring Lake Hutterian Brethren at 10:31 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 10:38 A.M.

**COVID RELEIF FUND - TECHNOLOGY**  
Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, Cayrn Hojer, Register of Deeds, and Elaine Blachford, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss technology needs in order to be able to work from home if the need would arise.

Barnard informed the Board there are stipulations for what is reimbursible for technology purchases that are directly related to the Covid Pandemic. Most offices have laptops available to work from home, should the need arise for offices to be closed for diagnosis or exposure to Covid-19. The cost of equipment would be covered, however warranties, software/programming, carrying cases/keyboards would not be considered a covered need.

Those present requested to purchase laptops in order to have the ability to have remote access should the offices or courthouse need to close. Also discussed was the purchase of tablets for each Board member for the ability to Zoom into meetings and have access to documents without the need to pass papers and prevent possible cross contamination.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to approve the purchase of three laptops, one each for the Auditor, Treasurer and Register of Deeds offices, and five tablets, one each for the five Commissioner Districts, specifically for Covid-19 accessibility needs. All present voting aye – 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Hojer informed the Board of a Cyber Security Conference in Sioux Falls on September 30, 2020 for their consideration. There is an \$85.00 registration fee should the Board want to have someone attend.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Roger Walls, Chairman  
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Chambers of the Kingsbury County Courthouse, De Smet, SD is the time, date, and place for a Public meeting by the Board of County Commissioners to discuss and receive public input on the development of Kingsbury County Five Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan (Transportation Plan). The public is invited to comment on the Transportation Plan during the meeting or to provide written comment to the Kingsbury County Auditor prior to the meeting. A preliminary draft of the Transportation Plan is available for review at the office of the Kingsbury County Auditor, located at 202 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, De Smet, SD during regular business hours.

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The bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday September 14th, 2020 at 7:00PM.

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

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

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

Dated 08/14/2020  
Brenda Klug  
Finance Officer  
City of Lake Preston

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AUGUST 18, 2020**

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

The Kingsbury County Planning and Zoning Commission met Tuesday, August 18, 2020 in the Courtroom in the Kingsbury County Courthouse with Roger Walls, Delmer Wolkow, Shelley Nelson, and Joe Jensen present. Steve Spilde and Rod Tobin, Attorney for Spring Lake Hutterian Brethren, attended via Zoom. Chairman Jensen presided.

**MINUTES**  
Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the Planning and Zoning minutes from August 4, 2020. All present voting via aye – 5, nay – 0, motion carried.

Jensen informed the Board the purpose of this meeting what to hold the first Rezoning Hearing for Spring Lake Hutterian Brethren. The request is to rezone two acres along 452nd Ave from Ag to Commercial, and to use these two acres as a display area for cargo trailers.

There was no one present in opposition to the rezoning request.

The second Rezoning Hearing for Spring Lake Hutterian Brethren was scheduled for September 8, 2020 at  
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# Public Notices

Continued from preceding page 10:30.

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

Joe Jensen, Chairman

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## KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioners Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls, Joe Jensen, and Shelley Nelson present. Commissioner Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Chairman Walls presided.

### APPROVE AGENDA

Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, informed the Board Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, would be joining the meeting.

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

### HIGHWAY

Sorenson met with the Board to schedule the Highway 5-Year Plan meeting for publication. The meeting was scheduled for September 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Walls asked the Board if there was any conflict of interest. There was none.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed various topics with Barnard including the 2020 Budget and how the Covid-19 Relief Fund dollars received relating to the Coronavirus will impact the 2019 and 2020 Budgets. Barnard explained the claim process for the Relief Fund and the need to have Budget Supplement Hearings for those budgets needing funds supplemented for unbudgeted items expensed.

The Board also discussed the upcoming 2020 County Convention in Sioux Falls with five county officials currently scheduled to attend.

### STATE'S ATTORNEY

Gregg Gass, State's Attorney, met with the Board to discuss several items.

Gass informed the Board the request for Agropur to spread wastewater in Kingsbury County had been rescinded. Gass also stated the Lake Thompson outlet clean-out project was moving forward.

Gass requested to move into Executive Session for litigation.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for litigation at 9:36 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:40 A.M.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 9:41 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 10:54 A.M.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

Walls informed the Board the need to purchase a computer by the Director of Equalization was no longer needed at this time. Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, had called requesting to re-appropriate the funds for new tires on the county vehicle.

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to re-appropriate the previously approved funds for new tires on the county vehicle. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

### AUDITOR

Barnard presented Case 2020-1, for funeral expenses. Barnard informed the Board the application had been received with all documentation signed.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded for the maximum allowance of \$2,000.00 be paid for Case 2020-1 funeral costs. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Barnard requested approval of the second-year discretionary value for NorthWestern Energy Corp. be approved for the 2020 taxes payable in 2021. This would reduce the taxable value by \$71,383.00.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to approve the second-year discretionary value for NorthWestern Energy Corp. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

### OPEN DISCUSSION – cont.

Elaine Blachford, Treasurer, and Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to discuss the upcoming 2020 Fall Convention in Sioux Falls. It was the consensus of Blachford, Hojer and Barnard the need to attend for annual certification needs, and the ability to meet with peers to discuss current events. It is also the best time to get updated information and training from State Officials.

It was the consensus of the Board that if the Convention is not ultimately cancelled, for those attending to work from home for the remaining of the week and self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms.

Blachford requested to move into Executive Session for personnel.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 11:29 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 12:00 P.M.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded for the interest on property taxes for Record Numbers 1625, 325, and 355 totaling 177.81 be abated due to a clerical error. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0. Motion carried.

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

Roger Walls, Chairman  
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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## KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Kingsbury County Commission convened acting as the Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:28 A.M. in the Courtroom in

the County Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering the application of Gary Schumacher of 20788 Prairie Ave SE, De Smet, SD, for a variance to Section 4.01.03, Area Regulations of the Kingsbury County Zoning Ordinance. If granted, this would permit Schumacher to build a detached shed within 100 feet of the road. Board members present were Joe Jensen as Zoning Officer, Roger Walls, Delmer Wolkow and Shelley Nelson. Steve Spilde joined via Zoom. Chairman Walls presided. This meeting was recorded as a portion of the Commission meeting and available in the Auditor's office for listening.

### MINUTES

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to approve the minutes and Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law from August 4, 2020. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0, motion carried.

The Board entered its findings as follows:

Jensen stated the Prairie View Heights development has not been annexed into the City of De Smet and the current structure on the lot does not meet the ordinance area regulations. Schumacher is requesting to place a 12 x 24 foot shed 35 feet away from the road. The house sits 55 feet away from the road and has letters from the neighbors indicating their acceptance of the placement. Jensen recommended to the Board to approve the variance.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to approve the variance. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0, motion carried.

Jensen stated Travis Steffensen has requested a continuance of the Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for today to September 8, 2020 at 9:50 A.M.

Spilde moved and Nelson seconded to continue the Steffensen Conditional Use Hearing to September 8, 2020 at 9:50 A.M. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0, motion carried.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to return to regular session. All present voting aye – 5, nay – 0, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Roger Walls, Chairman

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## EAST DAKOTA WATER DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FY 2021 BUDGET

The Board of Directors of the East Dakota Water Development District will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CDT to consider the proposed Water Development District budget for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning January 1, 2021. In recognition of current circumstances, the hearing will be held via a video conference (Zoom). Persons interested in participating should contact the District Office at (605) 688-6741 for log-in information.

The purpose of holding this hearing is to provide the public an opportunity to contribute to, and comment on, the Water Development District's proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

The East Dakota Water Development District promotes the conservation, development, and proper management of district water resources according to district priorities; supports water quality and supply projects through technical, organizational and financial assistance to prospective and existing project sponsors; and through other appropriate actions supports the purposes of South Dakota Codified Law chapters 34A-2, 34A-3A, 34A-6, 34A-9, chapters 46A-3A to 46A-3E, inclusive, and chapters 46A-1 and 46A-2.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions and arguments for and against the proposed budget may appear, either in person or by representative, at the hearing and be heard and given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all items in the budget.

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## WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP WEED CUTTING NOTICE

**Whitewood Township landowners** and occupants are hereby notified to remove weeds and grass from township rights-of-way by Sept. 15, 2020. After Sept. 15, the township will hire mowing and access cost up to \$100 per half-mile to the landowner.

From the Whitewood Township Board  
Dale Leonhardt, Clerk

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# Lady Divers fall to Dolphins and Lady Elks

BY KRISTI CURD  
Kingsbury Journal

The Lake Preston Diver volleyball team faced two dominating opponents as they lost to both the Deubrook Dolphins and the Elkton-Lake Benton Lady Elks this past week.

On Tuesday, the Dolphins of Deubrook beat the Divers of Lake Preston in three straight sets: 15-25, 13-25, and 14-25. Junior Annika Nelson led the team in kills with five. Jocelyn Steffensen found herself with a pair of serving aces on the evening with Nelson and Kate Ries each adding one a piece. Leaders defensively for the Divers were Ava Malone and Marissa Rober with digs of 12 and 11 respectively. Annika Nelson added three blocks to the team totals.

On Thursday, Lake Preston was on the road again as they traveled to Elkton to take on the Elkton-Lake Benton Lady Elks. The Divers struggled to gain momentum

against the Lady Elks when nearly every volley was returned across the net for an Elks score. The Divers fell to the Lady Elks in three sets: 9-25, 9-25, and 14-25. The Divers collectively had ten kills on the night split between Alice Warne with three, Nelson, Malone and Rober with two each and Stef-fensen adding one to the mix. The lone serving ace of the evening was delivered by Morgan Curd. On the defensive side, Nelson was on the board with eight digs followed closely with digs from Malone, Rober and Warne.

The Divers have another road game in Castlewood on September 10 before heading home for homecoming week action in Lake Preston on September 17, facing another tough opponent in the Colman Egan C-E Hawks.

Jocelyn Steffensen bumps the ball back in the game against Deubrook. (Photo by Kristi Curd)



## BADGERS: A-LP scores win over Elkton- Lake Benton

FROM BACK PAGE

Elks' offense, however, and Larsen returned the ensuing punt all the way to the E-LB 21.

It took six plays from there, set back by two flags. But on fourth-and-goal from the 10, Jasper Denison hit Mason Bunker on the left side for a 10-yard touchdown pass.

That made it 6-0 with 3:22 left in the first, where it stayed after the two-point pass fell incomplete.

The Elks were pinned back at their own 10 on the next possession, after a reverse on the return didn't fool the Badgers. Three plays netted six yards, forcing a punt from near the goal line.

Larsen fielded it inside the 50 and raced down the left sideline for a touchdown. That made it 12-0 with 1:45 left in the first, as again the two-point pass fell incomplete.

E-LB again went three-and-out, and Larsen had another good return on the punt, but this time it was brought back to A-LP's 33 on a block-in-the-back call. The Badgers were driving as the first quarter became

the second, with Larsen then Matthew Steffensen moving the ball to the Elks' 23.

Denison hit Bunker again for 15 over the middle, Steffensen gained six to the two, then it was Steffensen again from there for the touchdown. The score went to 18-0 with 8:14 in the half, and 20-0 after Denison kept the ball for the two. It seemed the rout was on.

But it wasn't.

The Elks went to the air on first down and gained 17 to their own 34. Two running plays pushed the ball to the 47, then a deep throw by sophomore Ryan Krog to junior Logan Kuehl took the Elks to the A-P four.

Two plays later, junior Aiden Erickson took it in for the touchdown. The two-point pass fell incomplete, but the Elks were on the board with 5:32 left in the half, down 20-6.

But the Badgers weren't content to sit on the ball. After a holding call sent the ball back to the 16, Larsen ran for 30 to the 46, then Denison hit Christo-

pher Wallace for 50 for the touchdown. Denison added the two-point run, and with 4:15 left, A-LP was up 28-6.

Then the E-LB offense took its turn. Five straight running plays, plus a late-hit penalty by the Badgers, moved the ball to A-LP's 17, and two more runs got it to the eight.

The Elks called a timeout with 37 seconds left, then converted a critical fourth-and-one on the sneak. With the ball at the five, Krog hit junior Riley Hunter for the score, but the two-point pass failed. With 20 seconds left in the half, the score was 28-12.

Again, the Badgers weren't content to just run out the clock. Two runs moved the ball to midfield, then Denison hit Bunker on the screen, who took it 41 yards to the E/LB 11. An illegal block flag was declined, and that finally ended the first half.

The second half opened with the Elks in possession at their own 25 and converting on a fake punt to midfield. Two passes moved it to the 33, then Krog hit junior Aiden Erickson from there for the touchdown.

Erickson scored on a run for the two, and with 8:26 left in the third, E-LB had closed the gap to 28-20.

The Badgers needed to blunt the Elks' momentum and got off to a good start as A-LP's Dylan Geary covered the short kick at the 40. Runs by Larsen and Denison took the ball to E-LB's 42, and Denison scored from there, faking the handoff then taking off up the middle.

Denison added the two-point run, and with 6:28 left in the third, A-LP was back up by 16, 36-20.

But the Elks weren't quite done. Getting the ball back at their own 31, E-LB gambled on a fourth-and-10 and converted on a pass to Kuehl, with a personal foul on the Badgers pushing the ball all the way to A-LP's 25.

But on first down, Krog's pass into the end zone was picked off by Bunker, swinging the momentum back to the Badgers.

Up by 16 with the ball at their own

20, the Badgers went to work. Denison ran for 19 on first down, then hit Bunker for 26 more to E-LB's 25. Two runs moved it to the 18, and a pass interference call in the end zone brought it to the nine.

After a one-yard loss on first-and-goal, Larsen scored from the 10 to put the Badgers up 42-20. The two-point pass failed, but with just 14 seconds left in the third, A-LP was back in control.

Down by three scores, the Elks needed to mount a quick comeback. Instead, E-LB launched a ball-control, clock-eating drive, taking 13 plays and almost six-and-a-half minutes to go 70 yards.

It ended with a 13-yard touchdown by Erickson, but with just 5:53 left in the game. The two-point pass made it 42-28.

With the clock now decidedly in their favor, the Badgers had only to make a few first downs. They did exactly that, moving the sticks three times and eating up four minutes of game time before turning the ball over on downs at E/LB's 39, with 1:51 left.

Needing two scores with under two minutes left, the Elks tried the deep ball but failed, and A-LP ran the clock out on kneel-downs.

A-LP rushed for 305 yards on 36 carries, led by Larsen with 146 on 17 carries, Denison with 118 yards on 11 carries and Steffensen with 36 yards on five carries. Denison completed five of eight passes for 141 yards, with Bunker catching four for 91, and Wallace catching one for 50.

E-LB rushed for 161 yards on 40 carries, led by Krog with 106 yards on 20 carries and Erickson with 48 yards on 17 carries. Krog completed nine of 17 passes for 145 yards.

On a night that favored the offenses, the Badgers had the run/pass offensive edge, 446-306.

A-LP	12	16	14	0	-	42
E-LB	0	12	8	8	-	28

The Elks, now 0-3, look for their first win at Ramona Friday night, taking on 2-1 Oldham-Ramona-Rutland.



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# BULLDOGS: Dogs dominate Cardinals throughout game

FROM BACK PAGE

a 10-yard pass from Colt Wilkinson to Kalen Garry. Al Dobson took the next play to within inches of the goal line, and Wilkinson would run the quarterback sneak in for a touch-down. The two-point conversion was no good, and the Bulldogs to an early 6-0 lead.

After receiving the kickoff, the Bulldog defense came up strong again, forcing DRSM to no gain and another DRSM punt. Osthus took the punt to the DRSM 25-yard line where De Smet began their second drive. Four plays later, Wilkinson connected with Garry for a 25-yard touchdown pass. Garry ran in the two-point conversion and the Bulldogs led 14-0.

DRSM got the ball back, and two plays later rushed for what would be their only first down of the game. The drive would stall out, though, and De Smet would take over again on downs. Three plays later, Garry took the ball for another Bulldog touch-down and 2-point conversion, and De Smet ended the first quarter with a 22-0 lead.

Two plays after receiving the kickoff, DRSM threw an interception to Cody Cavanaugh. The Bulldogs scored quickly again on a 5-yard pass from Wilkinson to Garry. Garry again scored on the 2-point try, and the Bulldogs led 30-0.

The Bulldogs would score two more times in the first half with touchdown runs by Osthus and Kadyn Fast, and take a 48-0 lead into halftime, with JV teams from both sides seeing action in the second quarter. Fast would score again to begin the second half, and the game ended with a 54-0 score.

Leading the way for De Smet was Kadyn Fast with 102 yards rushing



Kadyn Fast cuts hard around a good block, helping put an early end to Friday night's game in Dell Rapids. (Photo by April Rusche)

and 2 touchdowns. Garry had 3 carries for 34 yards and a touchdown, and Osthus 5 rushes for 27 yards and one touchdown. Wilkinson was 5-7 passing for 72 yards and 2 touchdowns. Garry had 4 catches for 49 yards and 2 touchdowns. Griffin Clubb caught 2 passes for 28 yards.

The Bulldog defense allowed only 63 yards of total offense to the Cardinals., Al Dobson led the way with 8 tackles. Osthus chipped in with six, and Garry and Wilkinson

5 apiece. Cavanaugh had one interception.

Leaders for DRSM were Noah Olund with 26 yards on 6 carries. Nic Gaspar threw for 9 yards and rushed for 6.

De Smet	22	26	6	x	-	54
DRSM	0	0	0	x	-	0

The Bulldogs had been previously scheduled to play Colman-Egan this Friday. That game was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns at Colman-

# Girls on the Run builds confidence, character

Local program needs coaches

BY DONNA PALMLUND  
Kingsbury Journal

Girls on the Run, a nationwide program for girls in grades 3-5, is scheduled to begin Sept. 17 in De Smet—but only if volunteer coaches step up.

Girls on the Run helps young girls with physical fitness and builds their confidence, character and emotional well-being. Coaches don't necessarily have to be runners. They simply need to have the desire to support and encourage girls to find their inner strength and confidence. Coaches lead the girls through activities, discussions and running games.

The program typically runs for 10 weeks, but this year it has been shortened to eight. And organizers can go virtual at any time if the schools should close because of COVID-19. All teams will follow the COVID-19 guidelines set by their local school districts.

Although it is a national program, the Sioux Falls based organization, EmBe, powers Girls on the Run in South Dakota. EmBe, which stands for Empowering You to Be, has a mission statement to empower women and families to enrich lives.

Information has been sent home with girls in grades 3-5, or call the elementary school at 854-3963. If you are interested in being a coach, apply at <https://www.raceplanner.com/volunteer/signup/gotr-h-s-fall-coach-application-2020>

# CROSS COUNTRY: Runners take on new course layout in Salem

FROM BACK PAGE

While it might have been a challenge for fans, the athletes didn't let the new layout stop them from putting forth great efforts.

Mirra Beck of De Smet finished in 20th of the 61 girls varsity runners with a time of 23:22.08. Beck was followed by teammates Megan Dylla, 36th; Carly Wiese, 38th; Kennadi



De Smet's Mirra Beck runs hard Sept. 1 at Salem. (Photo by Michelle Neises)

Buchholz, 54th; and Alyssa Asleson, 60th. Stella DeKnikker was the only Diver varsity runner. She finished 44th with a time of 26:12.93.

Eighty-two young men competed in the boys' varsity race. Rhett McMasters of Lake Preston finished 19th with a time of 19:43.04. He was followed by teammates AJ Wienk,



Lake Preston's Stella De Knikker goes to pass her opponent from Deubrook. (Photo by Donna Bumann)

32nd; Ashton Wienk, 56th; and Tyler Jurrens, 72nd. Gannon Gilligan was the top Bulldog finisher in 59th place with a time of 23:32.85. He was closely followed by Haden Palmlund, 60th; Edger Wilkinson, 62nd; Kasen Jansen, 76th; and Noah Roth 77th.

There were 62 girls in the junior varsity 4K run. Aubrey Blue finished second for the Bulldogs with a time of 19:21.51. She was followed by Emma Albrecht, 29th; and Kendra Palmlund, 54th. Lake Preston's Mallory Carlson finished 14th with a time of 21:22.01.

She was followed by teammate Amelia Holland in 51st place.

Bulldog Ethan Johnson finished 35th of the 82 boys in the junior varsity race. His time was 19:59.27. He was followed by Brayden Roth, 56th; Kolby Sinclair, 61st; Kaleb Johnson, 66th; and Isaiah Roth 67th. Lane Jensen was the top Diver runner with a time of 23:27.34 in 57th place. He was followed by Peyton Hope in 65th.

The Bulldogs and Divers will next run in De Smet at 4 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Kingsbury Country Club.

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Whitney Lundberg was fishing on Lake Thompson with her grandparents, Craig and Mary Purintun, and caught this crappie along with some walleyes and pike. In addition to crappies, the perch bite on Lake Thompson has been on fire. Boats have been congregating in 12 to 13 feet of water, and fishermen are having luck using small minnows or pieces of crawlers. (Photo by Mary Purintun)

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## SPORTS UPDATE

Because of health concerns regarding COVID-19 within the Colman-Egan School District, The Sept. 3 volleyball game between De Smet and Colman-Egan was postponed and rescheduled to Sept. 14.

The Bulldogs' opponent for this Friday's Sept. 11 football game in De Smet has been changed from Colman-Egan to Deubrook. The junior high team will play at 4:30 followed by the varsity team at 7 p.m.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### New layout for Salem meet

**BY DONNA BUMANN**  
Kingsbury Journal

Cross country runners from Lake Preston and De Smet were once again fortunate enough to have great running conditions for their second meet of the season on Sept. 1. Twenty-two teams from Class A and Class B schools turned out for the MCM Invitational at the McCook Country Club in Salem. Things looked a bit different this year, as they changed the course layout. Numerous fans were overheard wondering how to best follow their favorite runners.

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## BADGER FOOTBALL



At left, Jasper Denison pancakes an E-LB lineman; at center, Tate Larsen cuts left past E-LB senior Matthew Nibbe. (Photo by Frank Crisler)

### Arlington-Lake Preston Badgers defeat Elks

**BY FRANK CRISLER**  
Arlington Sun

It wasn't the prettiest win, but the Arlington-Lake Preston Badgers went to 2-1 Sept. 4 in Elkton, with a 42-28 win over the Elkton-Lake Benton Elks.

The Badgers now have a week off, which may not be a benefit in COVID-19 season. A-LP returns to action Sept. 18, hosting Deubrook in Lake Preston—assuming the epidemic doesn't take its toll on either team before then.

**Arlington-Lake Preston, 42**  
**Elkton-Lake Benton, 28**

**NEXT GAME**  
Off this week.  
Next week at Estelline/Hendricks

The Badgers built a 28-6 lead in the second quarter but then had to hold off a comeback attempt by the E-LB Elks, who closed to within eight at 28-20 before being turned back, 42-28.

The game opened with the Badgers driving behind running back Tate Larsen, but that drive was stopped at the E-LB 15 on a lost fumble. The Badgers' defense made quick work of the

See **BADGERS**, page 22

## BULLDOG FOOTBALL

### De Smet rolls over Dell Rapids St. Mary

**BY AMY WILKINSON**  
Kingsbury Journal

De Smet Bulldogs football team traveled to Dell Rapids on Friday to take on the Dell Rapids St. Mary Cardinals. This looked to be another tough battle for the #5 ranked in 9A Bulldogs, as the Cardinals were the #5 ranked team in 9B.

The game opened with the De Smet defense holding DRSM to virtually no gain forcing a quick punt by the Cardinals early in the first quarter. Rett Osthus had a great punt return for the Bulldogs, setting them up deep in DRSM territory.

The drive began with a two nice running plays by Osthus, followed by

**De Smet, 54**  
**Dell Rapids, 0**

**NEXT GAME**  
This Friday at home vs Deubrook

**Coach Dan Wilkinson congratulates players coming off the field to a big win over the Cardinals in Dell Rapids.** (Photo by April Rusche)

See **BULLDOGS**, page 23

