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Learning life lessons on the prairie

Marx's final book shares memories of growing up in Manchester

BY RITA ANDERSON
Kingsbury Journal

De Smet High School graduate Gary Marx left his home in the small rural town

of Manchester in 1956 to begin a broadcasting education at the University of South Dakota. He went on to become a renowned author and speaker worldwide. Before he passed away in May 2019, he completed his remembrances of growing up in Manchester, South Dakota. His book, "The Spirit of Manchester," is now in publication.

Gary's wife Judy, and sons Daniel and John, along with editor Ginger O'Neil, and graphic designer Pat Malley, brought the book to life. The book is currently available to check out at the Hazel Meyer Memorial Library in De Smet, or to purchase on Amazon, and you will soon be able to buy the book at Ward's Store.

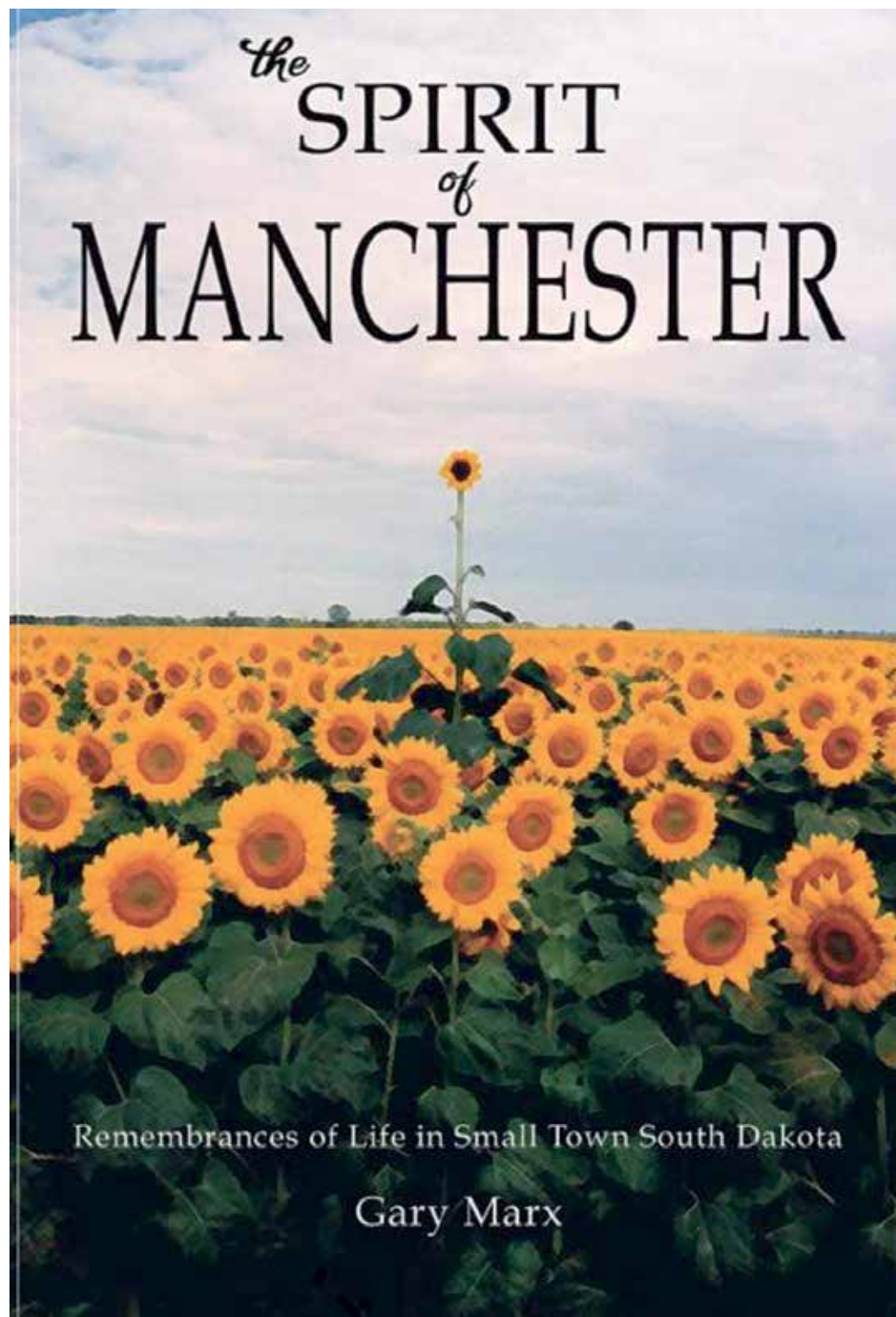
In the Prologue of the book, Gary writes, "Manchester is where our story begins, and the wisdom of this prairie community has driven the curiosity and contributions of people who have taken what they learned about life in this tiny town across the world. I am one of them."

"The Spirit of Manchester" presents a detailed and personal account of a South Dakota family, and their quest to build upon the challenges of life on the prairie. It follows the path through the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, the World Wars, and the 1940s and 50s. Included are entertaining lessons learned from Gary Marx's formative years on the prairie.

Gary was born in the back of his parents' grocery store in Manchester in 1938. He was known for his "booming voice," stemming from his early years as a radio broadcaster in Sioux Falls and Omaha. During his lifetime, Gary had a multi-faceted professional career — he was an author, speaker, futurist, educator, associate executive, and researcher. He worked with educators and community leaders in all 50 states and 81 countries on six continents, delivering energizing and thought-provoking presentations. He wrote nearly a dozen books, focusing on leadership and societal trends. He founded the Center for Public Outreach, a future-oriented consulting firm, in Vienna, Virginia in 1998.

Throughout his life, he maintained close ties with his South Dakota roots. Gary served on the Board of Directors of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society and the Harvey Dunn Society. He also worked with community members to create the Manchester Monument, in commemoration of his hometown, which was destroyed by a 2003 tornado.

In a recent interview with Judy, she gives us her thoughts in her Foreword, which reads...*For years, Gary said, "I need to write a book about growing up on the South Dakota prairie." Frequently urged by his family to "get started on that book," he began writing his own personal stories in January 2018, knowing that his time with us was growing short. This is his "last book" and his gift of memories to the rest of us.*



The Spirit of Manchester can be bought at Ward's Store and Bakery and Amazon. (Front cover of the book)

Come have 'Coffee with the Legislators'

Attend in person or
virtually on Facebook Live

BY RITA ANDERSON
Kingsbury Journal

District 22 Legislators will update Kingsbury County residents with bills introduced

into the SD Legislature at a 'Coffee with the Legislators' at 11 a.m. on Sat., Feb. 13 at the Oxbow Restaurant in De Smet.

Expected to be in attendance are District 22 State Senator David Wheeler and House of Representatives members Roger Chase and Lynn Schneider. This meeting will include an open public forum with the legislators along with

reports on bills introduced and actions of the Committees that they serve on.

The meeting is open to the public, and it will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live on the De Smet, South Dakota Facebook page. Questions for the legislators may be made in person at the meeting and on the Facebook page during the session.





Wedding date
Feb 11, 1955

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COUNTY COMMISSION

Rezoning of Hauck's Landing sections approved

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

In a special meeting Tuesday, the Kingsbury County Commissioners, acting on recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, approved Ordinance 54 to rezone sections 1, 2 and 3 of Hauck's Bay Addition in Hauck's Landing from agriculture to Lake Park. This will take effect 30 days after passage, or 20 days after the second publication, the first publication to be in this week's issue of The Kingsbury Journal.

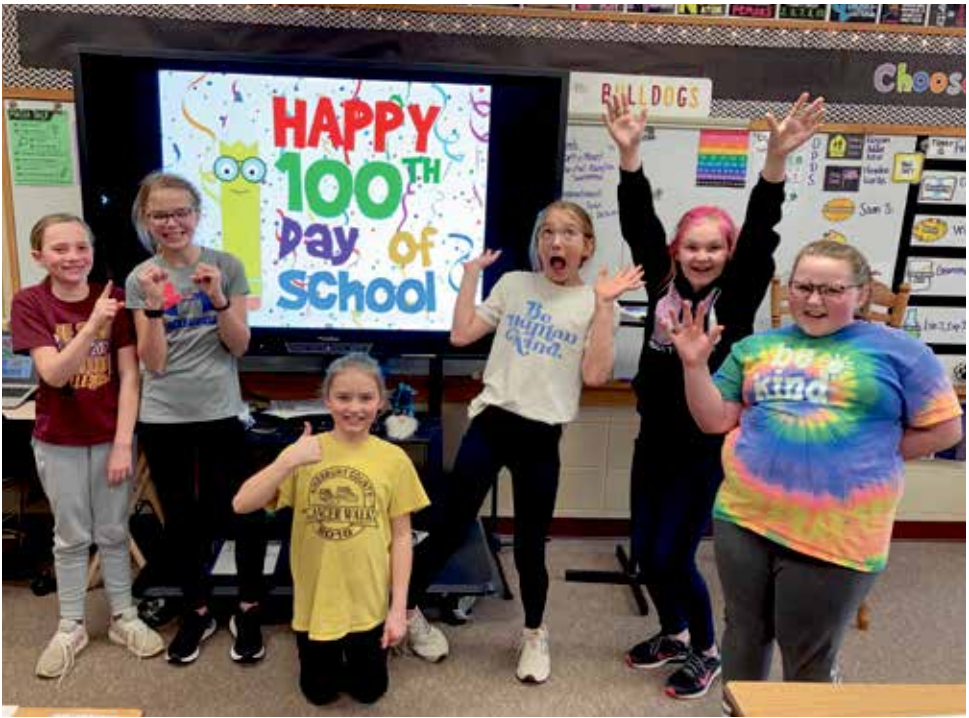
During the commissioner's open discussion, Auditor Jennifer Barnard asked if a county employee who has to quarantine because of possible COVID exposure could still use administrative leave, or if they would have to use sick leave. Employees currently receive eight hours a month, or two weeks a year of paid sick leave. Barnard said that for the time being, that after Dec. 30, there are no state funds available for this.

There was much discussion regarding whether it would make a difference if the employee was exposed at work or in a social setting, such as a basketball game or a bar. They discussed the fact that people are choosing to put themselves at risk by going to places or attending events where very few people are wearing masks, and that maybe administrative leave would be more applicable to people who are exposed at work. They also discussed that some people have felt sick enough following their second vaccination, they need to take a sick day afterwards.

The issue was tabled and will be on the agenda for the next meeting on Feb. 16.

Also, in open discussion, commissioners talked about there not being as much snowfall as usual this year, and that there may not be the problem with runoff in the spring that the county experiences some years. They also discussed the phenomenon of open spots on several area lakes, even in areas where there are no geese or aeration systems keeping it open.

"How in the world can there be open water? It's just weird," Commissioner Joe Jensen commented.



Celebrating the 100th day of school!
Last week, the De Smet and Lake Preston elementary schools celebrated their 100th day of school, along with Groundhog Day. The different classrooms celebrated in various ways. Above, some De Smet fifth graders strike a fun pose in front of their "Happy 100th Day of School" sign. Below, the Lake Preston kindergarteners pose with their hats decorated to say "100 Days Smarter." (Submitted photos)



Kawthoolei is your friend!

IMPACTED CLASSES LEADERSHIP TEAM

Eh Moo Shee is only 30 years old, but he has lived a remarkable life that started in the jungles of Burma where he lived in bamboo huts.

“We had to move many times, but we always had to have something solid for all of us to crawl under when the soldiers would start shooting,” he explained. “You need to realize that when Karen people come to the United States, we have never seen a stove, a refrigerator, an automobile or airplane.”

“For example, when they took my family to the airport, they took us into a large building and we walked a long way,” Eh Moo Shee continued. “Then we were told ‘This is your seat’. At first, we had no idea we were on an airplane because it was so large, and it just seemed like part of the building. It was so new to us, and I didn’t sleep the whole flight because I was so excited.”

It had been a much longer journey to get to that point. Eh Moo Shee and his family had traveled on foot for over a month avoiding soldiers and land mines to escape the jungles of Burma where civil war is waged against the Karen people and their religion. Just over the border, the family found refuge in Thailand at a refugee camp. There are nine refugee camps in Thailand, with each camp holding approximately 10,000 refugees.

The family remained under those conditions for 10 years. They had an aunt in Minneapolis, and through her contacts and Lutheran Social Services, they were able to come to the United States with the Refugee Placement agreement that they would find a way to pay for their airplane tickets within six months of their arrival.

A cousin then encouraged Eh Moo Shee to come to see Huron, and he very much liked the smaller-sized community and felt welcome especially when he met Mark Heuston, Head of Human Resources at Dakota Provision where



Marilyn Skyberg, Sharry Knock and Roxy Jensen ask Eh Moo Shee about his life in war-torn Kawthoolei. (Submitted photo)

he now works.

Eh Moo Shee is very talented. He speaks four languages, has earned two associate degrees, is pastor of a Karen church in Huron and is assistant to Heuston at Dakota Provisions. In 2019, Eh Moo Shee was one of 20,000 Karen people who traveled to Washington D.C. to say thank you to their new country. Eh Moo Shee wrote a song and sang it with his brother at the huge event.

The Karen calls the area they are from Kawthoolei. The song Eh Moo Shee wrote is named America & Kawthoolei, and it has the repeating refrain “Kawthoolei is Your Friend”. Eh Moo Shee said that singing this song was a memorable experience but not as thrilling as last fall when he had passed all his tests and traveled to Sioux Falls to be presented his United States Citizenship.

“I am so grateful to all of you — my country — I am American,” said Eh Moo Shee.

BINGO AND PIZZA WINNER

The IMPACTED crowd had a good time last Wednesday harassing Bernie Stoel as he called bingo numbers that pleased some and were not so popular with the rest. The main winners for the night were Bob Montross, Greg Skyberg and Glenda Haines. The crowd decided to gather

again in two weeks to see if they could change their luck.

COMING UP

Tickets are all sold as IMPACTED members invited non-members to join them on Sun., Feb. 14, for the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Read next week’s Kingsbury Journal to see who the murder culprit was.

Back next week by popular demand is last year’s presenter Rob Honomichl, instructor at Dakota State University in cyber security. This program works closely with the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security and has been rated by Military Times as the #3 program in the nation.

COURT NEWS

The money collected on a \$117.50 speeding ticket is distributed to the following sources: \$39 to the school district in the county where the violation occurred, \$30 to the Law Enforcement Officer Training Fund, \$23.50 to the Unified Judicial System for court automation, \$11 to the 911 Telecommunicator Training Fund, \$6 to the Court Appointed Attorney & Public Defender Fund, \$5 to the Victim’s Compensation Fund, \$2 to the Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund and \$1 to the Abused and Neglected Child Defense Fund.

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

DAVID WOLLMAN, Sioux Falls, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

JACK HUGHES, Sioux Falls, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

NEWS BRIEF

De Smet All School Reunion canceled

After some consideration, the Alumni Chairman has decided to cancel the already re-scheduled All School Reunion for this year. It was a difficult decision, but want to keep everyone safe. So mark your calendar for June 13-14-15, 2025 for “Still Alive in 2025!”




Let’s get fit

Some members of the IMPACTED class use resistance bands for strength training in To Be Fit Class. Participants include Carmen Dannenbring, front left, Rochelle Stout. Janice Doll, second row left, Amy Gruntmeir, Judy Wolkow, Joanne Schlueter and Nancy Montross, back row left, Arlys Skyberg, Bernie Stoel, Ron Skyberg and Deborah Skyberg. (Submitted photo)

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Last week’s weather

- Monday, February 1, 2021
High 24, Low 18
- Tuesday, February 2, 2021
High 23, Low 15
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021
High 32, Low 22
- Thursday, February 4, 2021
High 24, Low 5, Snow 1“
- Friday, February 5, 2021
High 16, Low 0
- Saturday, February 6, 2021
High 9, Low -8
- Sunday, February 7, 2021
High -8, Low -13

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We’re always looking for:

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

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Curious Nanny

One of Larry Janish’s tame goats checks out Larry’s new work gloves on a cold Feb. 6 afternoon at the farm. (Photo by Joan Wollschlager)

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The sad story of cancelling the Keystone pipeline permit

IT MAY SEEM CLICHÉ, but energy independence is a matter of national security. The United States is a net exporter of energy, which means that we can guarantee our ability to provide for our own energy needs, no matter what situation that the world may throw at us.

With that in mind, I was terribly disheartened to hear that President Biden cancelled the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have helped secure America’s energy independence for years to come.

This issue strikes close to home for us here in South Dakota. Last year, TC Energy – the company building the pipeline – estimated that the project would bring 3,500 jobs to our state. Many of those jobs were already in place, as crews were laying the groundwork for the eventual pipeline itself.

But the impact to the South Dakota economy extends far beyond the direct pipeline jobs. Local businesses



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– hotels, gas stations, restaurants, and more – benefited from the business brought by these workers.

One such business was the Stropel Hotel and Mineral Springs in Midland. Laurie Cox, the owner of that business, has said that the Keystone workers who stayed at her hotel for months have become like

family. She says that she and other local business owners “responded to a need that was in the community” when they invested and grew these small businesses. And now, it doesn’t appear that those investments will pay off for her or her neighbors.

But the impact of this decision goes beyond even the communities directly next to the proposed pipeline route. The pipeline would have helped every family in South Dakota because it would have saved them money on gas for their car, or their gas bill at home. Instead, citizens across South Dakota – and Americans nationwide – should expect to see their gas prices increase in the months and years to come as a result of the Biden administrations actions on oil and gas policy.

We all remember the days when gas was three dollars-per-gallon or higher. Thankfully, that hasn’t happened since 2014. But it appears that

we can expect far higher gas prices in the very near future.

Cancelling the pipeline is the wrong policy on national security. It’s the wrong policy on jobs. But it’s also the wrong policy on the environment.

Opponents of Keystone claim that they’re supporting the environment. But the pipeline would have made it safer to transport oil from an environmental standpoint. The alternative is to transport it by truck or train – far riskier methods of transit. And the pipeline itself would have been Net-Zero emissions from the day it began operations, according to TC Energy.

Congressman Dusty Johnson is taking the lead on legislation that would get the Keystone XL pipeline reauthorized, and he has my support in this endeavor. We’ll continue to fight to defend South Dakota communities from federal overreach. And I promise to work every day to help South Dakota small business owners like Laurie Cox.

WORSHIP SERVICES

This is one of the great commandments, Love your neighbor as yourself. MARK 12:31

Arlington

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

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Services streamed on Facebook at 9:30 a.m.

LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH, See Facebook page for updates.

Badger

BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Church at 9 a.m. Also streaming on YouTube.

Bryant

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

Bancroft

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

Carthage

TRINITY LUTHERAN, Can find on-line services on Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page.

De Smet

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

DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Church at 10:30 a.m.

DE SMET COMMUNITY CHURCH, Church at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

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

SPIRIT LAKE PRESBYTERIAN, Worship at 10:30 a.m. Can listen on 88.1 FM. or Facebook Live. Rev. Dick Poppen speaks at 9:30 a.m. on KWAT radio.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Mass at 9 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Church at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Listen in your car on 87.9 FM or Facebook.

Erwin

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

Esmond

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

Iroquois

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 10:45 a.m., Evening services 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

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

Lake Preston

LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Church at 9 a.m. Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Service on Facebook Live. First Sunday of the month, an additional service at 12 p.m. Masks are required.

NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Church at 10:30 a.m. Service on Facebook.

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

Oldham

OLDHAM LUTHERAN, Church at 9 a.m.

Ramona

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

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COVID-19

This week’s COVID numbers around the region

COUNTY	ACTIVE CASES			EVER HOSPITALIZED			DEATHS		
	As of Feb. 10	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Feb. 10	Prior week	Prior two weeks	As of Feb. 10	Prior week	Prior two weeks
Kingsbury Population 5,148	13	18	26	33	33	33	13	13	13
Clark Population 3,691	18	10	7	28	27	27	4	4	4
Hamlin Population 5,903	17	16	24	34	33	33	38	38	38
Miner Population 2,389	16	22	20	17	17	15	7	7	7
Brookings Population 31,965	111	126	161	121	120	117	35	34	33
Beadle Population 17,398	56	55	67	83	84	84	39	39	39

SOURCE: S.D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. UPDATED FEB. 10, 2021; POPULATION AS OF 2010 CENSUS



Deep freeze!

After several months of milder than normal winter weather, this area was hit with below zero temperatures last weekend. On Monday morning, the thermometer at American Bank & Trust registered -9. Temperatures are expected to remain in the negative digits through Feb. 14, with the coldest temperatures predicted on Saturday — a high of -6 and a low of -22. The windchill could make it feel even colder. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

Obituaries

JAMES FOLSLAND

James (Jim) Wendell Folsland, 88, of Sioux Falls and a former Oldham resident, loved his Savior and Lord and was welcomed into heaven on Sun., Jan. 31, 2021.

Jim was born to Alfred and Lenore (Severson) Folsland on May 25, 1932, in Madison, S.D. He attended grade school at the Hill School west of Oldham and graduated from Oldham High School in 1950. He worked alongside his brother Kermit on the family farm, raising cattle, crops and potatoes. Jim and Kermit continued on with the family beekeeping business which was started by their father and uncle in 1915. Many barrels of clover and alfalfa honey were trucked out of the honey extracting house over the years. Jim spent many springs down in Texas making up new bee hives and raising bees. He retired from farming and beekeeping in 2007.

He married Marcella Rae Intermill, who was the love of his life, on Aug. 15, 1953. They were constant companions and shared 67 1/2 years together. Three sons were born to this union, Bradley James, Steven James and David James.

Jim was awarded the Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 1967, was a 4-H leader, a Boy Scout leader and was on the board for building the Oldham School gymnasium. He loved sports and played basketball in high school and on an Independent Basketball team. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. His favorite sports events to watch were those of his sons and grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting and made many hunting trips to Wyoming and the Black Hills to hunt with family and friends. He was a member of the Oldham Snowmobile Club. When the Oldham Potato Day Festival was revived, he spent many years on the Festival Committee in charge of the parade.

In 1988, they bought a home in Rapid City, and they spent the next 15 winters out there, entertaining family at Christmas, attending the Rapid City Thrillers basketball games and going to auctions.

Jim and Marcee moved from the family farm into Oldham in 1991. They also lived in Madison and moved to Sioux Falls in 2009 living in a twin home, at Dow Rummel and most recently at Grand Living on Lake Lorraine.

Jim was a tall man with a big heart and was a very generous and caring person to all. He loved to visit with people and would talk to anyone, anywhere, anytime. He was well liked by everyone he met. He loved family times and gatherings, and his big hands were



always ready to play card games of Oh Heck, Some'R'Set and Hand and Foot or to hold a new great grandchild. His hearty laugh was often heard above everyone else's after sharing a good joke or story.

He was baptized and confirmed at the Oldham Lutheran Church and was a current member of Calvary Free Lutheran Church in Arlington. The most rewarding decision he ever made was to ask Jesus Christ into his life in 2007.

Blessed to have had Jim in their lives are loving wife, Marcella; sons, Brad and Cathy Folsland, Steve and Carol Folsland, and David and Cindy Folsland; 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Patricia Folsland; Gary and Deanna Intermill, John Pester, Jim Intermill and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Ardelle Black; his brother, Kermit Folsland; a grandson, Jacob James Folsland; a great-grandson, Ezekiel Bradley Folsland and a niece, Kathleen Folsland.

A private family service will be held on Sat., Feb. 13, 2021, at Living Word Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D. Visitation will be from 12-7 p.m., Fri., Feb. 12, 2021, at Calvary Free Lutheran Church, 213 N US HWY 81, Arlington, S.D. (Mask are required) Private committal services will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, rural Oldham, S.D. A Live-Stream of the service can be viewed at <http://lwflc.org/folsland> memorial starting at 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Feeding South Dakota, 4701 N Westport Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57107-0123 or to the Oldham Food Pantry, %Mrs. Sheila Huntimer, 21754 446th Ave, Oldham, SD 57051

PAID OBITUARY

LARRY GENE MARTENS

Larry Gene Martens of Earlsboro, Okla., passed away Feb. 1, 2021, at St. John's Trauma Hospital in Tulsa, Okla., as the result of a motorcycle accident two months earlier.

Larry Gene Martens was born March 22, 1955, at Huron to Marvin and Rose (Currier) Martens of Bancroft, joining sibling, Janice. He attended grade school in Bancroft until the school closed, then went to De Smet where he graduated in 1973. He attended a school in the Black Hills for welding, then he worked on the family farm for several years.

He worked with the combine crew of T.A. Base for a couple of years, driving the trucks to haul the combines from Kansas to North Dakota, as a mechanic and all-around handyman.

He married Karen Ann Miller of Willow Lake, and they lived in Bancroft, then moved to the family farm. Their son Kristopher Dale was born during this time.

Larry moved to Oklahoma where he attended a vocational school, majoring in CAD-CAM, (computer assisted drafting and computer assisted machining). Before he was through with the one-year course, he was asked to come to interview at Woodward, Okla., where he redesigned a huge, thick sheet of metal so they were able to get 13 more pieces from the one sheet. Meanwhile, the vocational school asked him to come back and teach that class, but he returned to Woodward to work in the aforementioned business.

He worked for a plant that made parts for the helicopters that soldiers used. He discovered the parts were inferior, went to the boss, said he couldn't in good conscience do that kind of work...

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and was fired. He worked for a 'large scale company,' repairing the scales for the roadside weigh stations. He repaired and remodeled nursing homes, did mechanics at home in his "off hours," worked with an organization as an advocate for the safety of abused children and drove a van to take handicapped people to their Dr.'s appointments.

He is survived by his son, Kris (Amy) of Austin, Texas; grandchild, Alexandra Martens; his mother, Rose Grothe of De Smet S.D.; three sisters, Janice White of Brookings, Sharon Pieper of Valley Springs and Dorothy Wentzel of Sioux Falls; one brother, Dale (Peggy) Martens, Aberdeen; very special friends, Charley and DeeAnn Orso of Paden, Okla.; nieces, nephews and a vast number of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

DELORIS OLSON

Deloris L. Olson, age 86, passed away on Feb. 4, 2021, at The Neighborhoods at Brookview facility in Brookings, S.D.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 8, 2021, at the Lutheran Church in Lake Preston, S.D. The service is available on Facebook. Vicar Brad Sanderson officiated with music provided by Lynne Brown.

Visitation was at the Lutheran Church in Lake Preston, S.D., on Sun., Feb. 7, 2021, from 2-4 p.m.

Active pallbearers are Del Smith, Ross Olson, Rodney Olson, Randy Olson, Rick Olson and Renae Olson. Honorary pallbearers are Carla Brock, Garnet Volquardsen, Susan Lampe, LaShelle Bruinsma, Brad Nielsen and the Quilter Anonymous Quilt Guild.

There was a private family burial at the Lake Preston City Cemetery following the funeral service.

Deloris was born Dec. 4, 1934, at Arlington, S.D., to Jens and Clara (Moe) Nielsen. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1953.

Deloris married Robert Olson May 12, 1954, in Pipestone, Minn. They lived in Lake Preston where Deloris stayed home and raised her children. In 1979, she started doing daycare and did that until 1986. In August of 1987, she went to work as a waitress for Terry's Café and later J & M, where she worked until retiring in February of 2008. She loved all the people that she was able to wait on and make friends with.

Deloris was a member of the Lake Preston Lutheran Church, a 60 yr. member of the American Legion Auxiliary and



the Quilters Anonymous Quilt Guild. She loved quilting, crocheting, refinishing antique furniture, arts, crafts and loved ALL the rummage sales she could attend.

Deloris was very proud that she was a 2-time cancer survivor.

The family wants to say a huge thank you for the exceptional care Deloris received at The Neighborhoods.

Deloris is survived by three sons, Rodney (Shellie) Olson, Randy (Sandy) Olson and Rick Olson, all of Lake Preston; one daughter, Renae Olson, Lake Preston; 1 grandson, Ross Olson, Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her parents; one sister, Jean Nielsen Lovro and two brothers, Dwaine and Robert.

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DEATH NOTICES

Odessa Josephsen

Odessa Josephsen, 86, of Arlington, S.D., died Thurs., Feb. 4, 2021, at Avantara Arlington. Funeral services for Mrs. Josephsen were at 10:30 a.m. on Tues., Feb. 9, 2021, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Arlington with Pastor Elisa Berndt McMullen officiating. Burial was in the Arlington City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church or American Legion Post 42. Johnson-Henry Funeral Home in Arlington is helping the family with arrangements.

Dale Falconer

Dale Falconer, age 71, of Sun City, Ariz., passed away Feb. 3, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on May 24, 1949, to Stanley and Arleen Falconer of Lake Preston. He served honorably in the Navy for four years. Private burial will be in the new State Veterans Cemetery by Sioux Falls, S.D., at a later date. He is survived by his two sons, Carl and William Falconer; daughter, Tammera Reha; brother, Leo and two sisters, Donna Poppen and Effie McDonald.

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ELLA WEERTS

Ella Clara Marie (Behm) Weerts, 92, of Bancroft, S.D., passed away on Feb. 4, 2021. She was born Sept. 30, 1928, in Madison, S.D., to Frieda (Wulff) and Arthur Behm.

Ella grew up on the family farm by Canova, S.D. She attended Pearl #1 Country School through 8th grade and graduated from Canova High School in 1946. During the school year, Ella lived in town and worked at Ray's Grocery Store. After graduation, Ella worked full time at Ray's Grocery Store. Later, she moved to Mitchell, S.D., and worked as a bookkeeper for Armours.

She married Elmer Donald Weerts on June 4, 1950, at Immanuel Lutheran, Canova, S.D., where she had been baptized and confirmed. They made their home on the Weerts family farm north of Bancroft where they raised their five children. She was the bookkeeper for E. Weerts, Inc. for over 50 years.

Ella was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bancroft, where she was organist for over 30 years, taught Sunday School and was active in WELCA, serving as treasurer, secretary and president. She also served as secretary and treasurer for the church.

Ella was active in the community as a member of the Friendly Farmerettes Extension Club and a 4-H Leader. She enjoyed baking cookies, gardening, decorating cakes, playing Scrabble, doing crossword puzzles (in pen), raising chickens, sewing, drawing and playing piano. Ella was a kind soul who loved her family and her church. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Ella is survived by four children, Eugene (Mary) Weerts of Bancroft, Eunice (Kent) Kapplinger of Fargo, N.D., Erland (Marlys) Weerts of Bancroft and Evelyn (Richard) Cottam of High Point, N.C.; son-in-law, Delmer Wolkow of De Smet; sister-in-law, Bernice Mundhenke of De Smet; 13 grandchildren, Mathew (Betty) Wolkow of Lewisville, Texas, Michael (Lori) Wolkow of Courtland, Minn., Nolan (Leah) Wolkow of Alexandria, Minn., Lisa (Dane) Slater of Olympia, Wash., Laura (Justin) Ruesch of Watertown, Steven (Caitlin) Weerts of Bancroft, Eric Weerts of Elko New



Market, Minn., Erin (Joseph) Stewart of Huron, Evan (Meghan) Weerts of Big Lake, Minn., Sam (Kalley) Hogstad of Brookings, Corey (Nancy) Luckow of San Clemente, Calif., Katherine Cottam and Caroline Cottam of High Point, N.C.; 28 great-grandchildren, Whitney (Kevin) Lambert, Logan Wolkow, Matalyn Wolkow, Elizabeth Wolkow, Nathan Wolkow, Jonathon Wolkow, Brady Wolkow, Jaymeson Wolkow, Colby Wolkow, Isabella Wolkow, Heidi Petersen, Aiden Petersen, Johnathan Slater, Crosby Ruesch, Chloe Ruesch, Addison Weerts, Nora Weerts, Parker Weerts, Elliot Weerts, Jade Stewart, Faith Stewart, Emeri Stewart, Joseph Stewart Jr., Kinsley Weerts, Braden Hogstad, Luke Luckow, Paul Luckow and John Luckow.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer; daughter, Eileen Wolkow; brother, Gilbert (Elfrieda) Behm; sister, Sylvia (Leslie) McCune and great-granddaughter Emma Jean Weerts.

A private family service will be held on Feb. 13, 2021, with burial to follow at LeSueur Cemetery at Bancroft, S.D.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ella's name can be made to Avera Hospice of Mitchell or Good Samaritan Center in De Smet.

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

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Palmer Eidet

Palmer Melvin Eidet, 83, formerly of Lake Preston, passed away on Wed., Feb. 3, 2021, at Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, S.D. A visitation was held on Mon., Feb. 8 in Brookings, S.D. A private family funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Tues., Feb. 9, 2021. Rude's Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements and will live-stream the funeral service on their Facebook page.

Palmer is survived by a daughter, Shirley Benson (Mike) of Watertown; a son, Richard Eidet (Linda) of Clear Lake; a sister, Lois Ostby of New Effington; four grandchildren, Jessica Keimig (John) of Clear Lake, Sierra Knudsen (Kurtis) of Watertown, Tosha Shelden (Trevor) of Brookings and Kyle Duke of Sioux Falls; three great-grandchildren, Connor, Nolan and Lincoln and two step-grandchildren, Terra Benson of Brookings and Austin



Benson of Watertown.

Palmer was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Karin; parents, Palmer and Ruth Eidet; sister, Mariann Navratil and son, Palmer Eidet III.

Condolences may be sent to the family through www.rudesfuneralhome.com.

What is required of a Christian?

WHAT IS REQUIRED of a Christian? The question would receive a different response from every person of Christian faith to whom the question was asked. Dietrich Bonhoeffer would respond like this: "Being a Christian is not about cautiously avoiding sin. Being a Christian is about actively seeking God's will." To me, that is a beautiful and simple response. CS Lewis said that "God does not love us because we are good. We are good because God loves us." Equally beautiful and simple. Both of those statements have no significance or meaning without the concept of grace.

But what is "grace?" Grace is the practice of receiving a gift for which the receiver of the gift has done nothing to earn the benefit of the gift. That sounds so wonderful and fantastic! Many will stop reading and go on with their lives and use grace as their personal "sin license." But is that the correct approach? Is God's unconditional love to be cheapened and abused? In the theological masterpiece, "The Cost of Discipleship" based on living out the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Dietrich Bonhoeffer puts it this way:

"Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite. What would grace be if it were not cheap?"

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which

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Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church

the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

One of the Rev. Dr. Bonhoeffer's contemporaries, Karl Barth, stated the idea this way: "Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Gratitude evokes grace like the voice and echo. Gratitude follows grace as thunder follows lightning."

The appropriate response to Grace is gratitude and faith. Can we really abuse the power of grace if the faith within us is authentic? If our faith is authentic, it is the gift of the Holy Spirit working within us and bringing us to a new life. Faith is a gift of grace put into motion by the power of the Holy Spirit. Faith brings us to the full understanding of the power of forgiveness. Forgiveness liberates us from the power of sin and death. Not only our own forgiveness, but also the forgiveness of those who have sinned against us. If we have freely received forgiveness, we are compelled to forgive others with reckless abandon. Forgiveness has no value when it is retained, but once it is given away freely, its value is beyond measure.

Grace and forgiveness are beautiful and essential to the Christian life. Karl Barth says it better than I ever could: "Grace creates liberated laughter. The grace of God...is beautiful, and it radiates joy and awakens humor."

May God bless you and keep you safe. May you feel the presence of God and feel the gift of Grace through the power of the working of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown at the time of our loss. We have lost a very special part of our family. Jim will be missed forever. Thank you Vicar Jess for your special words. Thank you for the food brought into the home, the flowers sent, the Oldham Lutheran Church Women for serving lunch, the memorials, and the cards. We are so blessed. Thank you for everything.

Mary Asmussen and families

Thank You

for all the calls, thoughts & prayers, balloons/flowers/gift baskets that helped brightened my room, cards, etc over the past 7 weeks.

We really appreciate it!

Thanks again,
Frank Virchow

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PATRICK MARTIN

Patrick Eugene Martin, age 60, of Bryant, S.D., died Feb. 4, 2021, in his residence.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tues., Feb. 9, 2021, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, S.D. Pastor LeRoy Boender officiated with music provided by Steph Sauder.

Visitation was at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, S.D., on Mon., Feb. 8, 2021.

Burial was at Erwin Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Don Bouza, Charlie Winkler, Verne Jensen, Silas Winkler, Brody Larson and Jordan Hargens. Honorary pallbearers were all of Pat's friends and family.

Pat, the third of seven children of Donald and Mary (Goldsmith) Martin, was born Nov. 22, 1960, and grew up on a rural Erwin farm that he would later own.

Coca-Cola, Copenhagen, cows, carpentry, kids and connections summarized Pat. Pat moved through his life as a charming character with a twinkle in his eye. Quick with a friendly jab or offer to assist, friendships came easily. From Erwin Elementary to Hamlin High School right through to earning his associates degree at USD-Springfield (where he got an A in dance class, and the school later became a prison), Pat loved to share an adventure and its story.

Pat and Kay (Nelson), friends since high school, found love and were married on Oct. 28, 1995. They shared the dance floor, a lot of laughter and a lot of arguments. Partners to the end.

Pat loved his children and was so proud of their accomplishments. He adored being a grandfather and found joy in family time whether belly-



bumping, stringing a perch line or visiting the sales barn. From weekend wrestling tournaments to rodeos and fireworks, Pat's adventures got him into a few scrapes along the way. He said he learned patience as life came full circle from farming with his dad to building a house with his son.

Pat is survived by his wife, Kay; three children, James (Grace) Martin of Sioux Falls, Nicole (Michael) Harmon of Sioux Falls and Eugene Martin of Erwin; grandchildren, Cooper Harmon, Belamy Harmon and Baby Martin (on the way). He is also survived by his mother, Mary Martin; siblings, Joe, Amy, Jackie, Lora and Lisa and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Martin; brother, John; his uncles, Jack and Lyle and beloved grandparents.

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ANITRA SCHARDIN

Anitra Martha Schardin, age 93 years, of De Smet, S.D., passed away on Feb. 5, 2021, at her daughter's home in Baltic, S.D., surrounded by family. A private funeral service will be held on Fri., Feb. 12, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at American Lutheran Church in De Smet, S.D. A public visitation with family present will be held Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the church, with masks and social distancing required.

Anitra's funeral will be live streamed through Crawford-Osthus Funeral Home and American Lutheran Church Facebook pages beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Anitra Martha Jensen was born on the family farm three miles north of Tyler, Minn., Sept. 10, 1927, one-half hour before her twin sister, Agneta, to Jens Christian Jensen and Marie Christine (Oerter) Jensen. Anitra attended Marshfield Township Country School until 9th grade when the family moved from the farm into Tyler, Minn., where she attended and graduated from Tyler High School in 1945.

Anitra worked as a secretary at Lyon-Lincoln Rural Electric in Tyler, Minn., where she met the love of her life, Hilbert 'Blackie' Schardin. They were united in marriage on June 12, 1949, in Tyler, Minn., and moved to De Smet, S.D., to begin their married life and raise a family. Anitra lived in De Smet for 68 years before moving to Baltic where she lived with and was cared for by her daughter, Janice.

During her 68 years in De Smet, Anitra worked at Kingsbury Electric Cooperative eventually working a variety of part-time jobs as a bookkeeper for Iverson Chrysler Dealership, Peschel's Meat Locker, and Schmidt's Shoes while being custodians at American Lutheran Church and raising their five children. Anitra and Hilbert also owned and operated Schardin Lane's in De Smet where they enjoyed bowling in single and couple leagues. They were both excellent bowlers traveling to participate in many State bowling tournaments throughout their married life. After Hilbert's death in 1974, Anitra found full-time employment at Kingsbury County Soil Conservation Office, Kingbrook Rural Water and eventually De Smet Farm Mutual, where she worked until her retirement at age 65 and was another 'great memory'.

Anitra belonged to American Lutheran Church in De Smet, was a life-long member of WELCA and Rebecca Circle. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and absolutely loved having all of her family home for the holidays and attending Sunday services together where the family filled up several pews. Anitra always put her family first and spoiled them with her famous homemade cinnamon rolls, chocolate chip cookies, crazy korn, her delicious roast beef and pheasant dinners and many other favorites! She made 12 quilts, hand embroidering them all for each of her grandchildren that they treasure.

Anitra was an avid sports fan and played fast pitch softball up until her third child was born. She tried cross country skiing, golf and tennis, but bowling was her favorite. Anitra was a huge fan of the Boston Celtics, Minnesota Twins, Vikings, Timberwolves and Gophers and locally, her De Smet Bulldogs. She was the #1 fan of any team her grandchildren played on! She was very knowledgeable about sports



and could talk the talk with anyone, especially her grandchildren who were impressed with her knowledge of many sports. Grandma was their biggest "cheerleader". She was famous for her post-game discussions with each of them, always encouraging them to do their best, to never give up and to take pride in excelling and being a leader. She traveled thousands of miles in her 1990 Buick Century to attend the events of her children, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren throughout their elementary, junior high, high school and college years. Anitra enjoyed playing solitaire while watching or listening to sporting events on the television and radio simultaneously. When the family was all together for her 75th birthday, they went bowling, and she "beat us all"! Anitra loved the Lord and her family and always put them first.

Anitra is survived by her five children, Sharon Papendick, Burnsville, Minn., Richard Schardin, Madison, Janice Schardin, Baltic, Diane (Mark) Neu, Alcester, and Bradley (Vicki) Schardin, Marion; 12 grandchildren, Sara Albrecht, Sharlene (Johnny) Peterson, Brandon (Rachel) Schardin, Jennifer Grover, Ryan (Megan) Kortemeyer, Matthew (Renee) Neu, Scott (Alexa) Neu, Todd (Kara) Neu, Trenten (Courtney) Neu, Andrea (Alan) Flyger, Brock Schardin, Cara Schardin and fiancé Tyler Gerdes; 23 great-grandchildren, Kaleb and Siena Albrecht, Savannah, Maya and John Peterson, McKayla and Adam Schardin; Holland, Harper, (twins) Laken and Finley and Crew Kortemeyer; Presley, Bennett, Teagan, Tucker, Jensen, Vernon and Emma Neu and step-grandson, Keaton Stelzer, Shea, Taya and Jade 'Anitra' Flyger; sister-in-law, Viola (Schardin) Hansen; brother-in-law, Harlan Barck; numerous nieces, nephews and life-long friends who will miss her dearly.

Anitra was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hilbert Vernon; grandson, Joshua Kortemeyer; her twin and seven other sisters, two brothers, and eight in-laws; and nineteen Schardin brothers and sisters-in-law. Anitra is the final member of her immediate Jensen family to enter the Gates of Heaven, and what a joyous reunion with her husband and families that will be. Now the "Kitten Ball" Team is full once more!

Memorials can be given in Anitra's memory to Dougherty House, Sioux Falls, S.D. and American Lutheran Church.

Cards and condolence messages can be sent to 630 S. 6th St., Baltic SD 57003

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Legislative Updates

Bill will encourage grass buffer strips along waterways

THE FINAL BILL COUNT is in, and we now know what we have to work through over the next few weeks as the legislative session continues to move on. The deadline to introduce bills was on Wednesday, and the count is 283 in the House and 194 in the Senate. I introduced one bill this session, and it will be a very simple clean-up bill dealing with Real Estate Disclosures. I must admit that it is a boring bill.

The longer that I am here, it seems the same bizarre bills continue to reappear! The bills are recycled, and have a new bill sponsor that makes it appear to be different. We will be busy having committee hearings over the next two weeks, and many of these bills will disappear. If you want



REP. ROGER CHASE

to see the bills, you can go online and check out the bills at the South Dakota Legislative Research web site.

These are some bills that have been debated that are

actually good bills.

HB 1042 deals with revising provisions of riparian buffer strips. This bill passed the House on Thursday and now will go to the Senate. This bill will encourage producers to place grass buffer strips along the river and creeks in South Dakota to

improve water quality.

HB 1053 is passing the House this week and will assess a \$50.00 per year fee due at the time of vehicle registration. It is reported that there are approximately 170 of these vehicles in South Dakota at this time. This number will grow quickly, and hopefully we can get ahead of the curve, so these vehicles will contribute to the maintenance and repair of our roads in the future.

HB1047 is a bill to allow nonresident land owners to get a deer tag to hunt deer on their own land. This bill was discussed in House Agriculture this week. I received a large number of emails on this from sportsmen across South Dakota. This bill did pass out of committee on Thursday

and will now come to the full House for a vote. The bill was amended substantially, and while it is better now, I still voted against the bill. Stay tuned as this bill progresses.

Other bills that were introduced deal with just about every subject that you can think. These range from video auctions, youth sports, health care, transportation issues and more.

I appreciate all the calls and emails from all of you back home as we work our way through the issues of this legislative session. We will also have community coffee with the legislators at the fine arts center on the 13th.

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

Simplifying youth hunting, fishing and trapping

TODAY, I WANT TO focus on HB1034 "An Act to Revise Certain Youth Hunting Requirements." This bill passed the full House by a vote of 56 Yea and 13 Nay and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

What this bill does is simplify youth hunting, fishing and trapping regulations and also raises the age requirement from 16 years old to 18 years before a small game, fishing license or trapping license is required. It also allows for mentored big game youth hunting if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The adult must have the license show the name, address and phone contact information of the adult.

Because over the years the regulations have become more and more complicated to the point where it has become quite confusing to people as to what license is needed for what activity and thereby, more people and families have decided not to navigate this maze of requirements.



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The GFP has seen a decline in youth participation in these activities, and this action is an effort to encourage more participation by the youth and their families at these young ages, so that as they become adults, they will likely have achieved a passion and interest in hunting, fishing and trapping throughout their adult lives.

So, this proposal is seen as family-friendly and should increase participation in the future. However, the revenue loss of license sales to 16- and 17-year youth would amount to a projected \$290,000 in the short run. GFP maintains since they have a \$54 million annual budget, they are able to carry this shortfall, and in the future as more people participate, the increase future revenues

will greatly offset this temporary situation.

This bill came to the House Ag and Natural Resources Committee at the request of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. The bill received much proponent testimony and almost no opponent testimony. As a result, the Ag Committee unanimously voted for a Do Pass recommendation to the full House. So, a unanimous vote normally means the bill can be placed on the House Consent Calendar where it receives a vote without debate.

However, after the committee action, a representative requested a "fiscal note" because of the GFP estimate of revenue shortfall. That took a couple days to gather, and it did verify the GFP estimate of the \$290,000 impact. Now it was ready for action in the full House, but an amendment was introduced that would strip out any opportunity for nonresident youth to participate in fishing, trapping or hunting.

That amendment was debated on the House floor and defeated by a voice vote. Then debate was held on the original motion and passed by a large margin, as I noted above.

Why was this bill of particular importance to me? Well, because I was asked to initiate the discussion on the full House floor, and this was my first experience in that role. Even though the amendment "curve ball" was thrown, I was able to navigate through the full process and succeeded in getting the bill through the House. We will follow it through the Senate to see what happens there. Hopefully, it will go well and ultimately to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

Again, I want to thank the residents of District 22 for the honor to represent you in Pierre.

Contact Rep. Lynn Schneider via email lynn.schneider@sdlegislature.gov or call him at (605) 354-2640.

Excess funds proposed to expand access to broadband

THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION is now through week four of nine. Each day we address several bills, whether in committee or on the Senate floor. Some bills are dealt with quickly and do not make it out of committee. Others remain alive and work their way through the process. One topic of conversation that continues throughout the Session is the budget. This year, due to an economy and tax receipts that were better than expected and the large amount of federal spending on COVID, our state has an abnormally high amount of excess funds that can be spent on one-time funding. This is in excess of \$180 million. This unique opportunity for investment in our state means that numerous projects are under consid-



SEN. DAVID WHEELER

eration.

The governor's signature initiative is to invest \$100 million into expanding access to broadband internet service in underserved parts of the state. Currently,

roughly 135,000 South Dakotans do not have access to high-speed broadband. Broadband access is crucial for students to be able to learn at home, complete homework and collaborate with other students on their projects. It is increasingly needed in agriculture for precision ag, online

auctions and marketing. Broadband is essential to making telehealth a reality, so that our rural citizens don't have to always drive for hours to see a doctor. And, it enables economic development by allowing people to work where they live instead of living where they work.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$200 million. The governor's proposal is to use the investment by the state of \$100 million to leverage the remaining funds from federal and private funding. Altogether, this will be an immense investment in a part of our infrastructure that is vital to our future.

In District 22, we have a known broadband desert. There are significant portions along the Highway 14

corridor that don't have access to high-speed internet at all. This \$100 million investment from the state would ensure that everyone in Kingsbury and Beadle counties, along with the entire corridor, is connected to broadband that is necessary for today's internet in which streaming and video calls are the norm.

Nothing in the Legislature is guaranteed, and the size and scope of the project is still being discussed. If you want to learn more about this project or see what other projects the governor has proposed this year, you can find that at <https://bfm.sd.gov/>.

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

It's time to try something new — on to the next adventure

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

After 10 years of reporting and photographing news in and around Kingsbury County, I have decided it's time for a change. I am leaving The Kingsbury Journal at the end of this week. I won't be going far — two doors down — to work at American Bank & Trust.

I began working at The De Smet News a little more than 10 years ago. My first day was Jan. 17, 2011— Martin Luther King Day — which in the newspaper world is not a holiday. There was a lot of snow on the ground; it was relatively nice out, and it was a school holiday. So, my first assignment was to go find some kids playing in the snow to photograph. I was excited that I was going to be getting paid for doing something that before then, I might have done for fun on my day off!

I found two young sisters, Lyric and Aria Gruenhagen (grown up young women now), sledding on the hill behind the hospital, and one of the photos I took of them was my first published in the paper (and reprinted here.) I came into the job with the distinct advantage of having lived in De Smet for three decades, while being employed at the grocery store for half that time. I knew almost everyone, including the kids, and they all knew me. I wasn't some stranger walking up to children asking to take their photo. I also realize this part of the job had to be harder for the men who do it, especially if they don't know as many people. I can just imagine the panic a parent might feel if their child



told them there was some strange man driving a van (our company vehicle at the time) asking their names and taking pictures of them in the park or at the swimming pool! But hearing, "The lady from the grocery store took our picture for the newspaper," wasn't going to alarm anyone. It wasn't long before local kids would say, "Hey, it's the newspaper lady!" whenever they saw me.

After six years in De Smet, I transferred to the sister paper, the Lake Preston Times, and stayed there as editor for four years. I wasn't as acquainted with people there when I started, but having two co-workers who knew the people, history and dynamics of the town was invaluable.

I got acquainted quickly and really enjoyed my time there. But, when I was offered a promotion and the opportunity to come back to De Smet and avoid the commute, I accepted.

I was just getting back into the swing of things in De Smet, when life as we knew it started getting weird. COVID had reached South Dakota, and it was hitting closer to home every day.

And soon, several factors—including the virus, led to both newspapers closing.

At any other time in history, my co-workers and I would have gone somewhere for a meal and beverages after we locked the doors for the last time. But, because we were entering

a global pandemic, that was not a viable option. Our "girls' night out" has not been cancelled, but it has been put on hold.

It was a couple of strange months. For the first time in my life, I had more time off than I knew what to do with. And, it was maddening to have an extended, unexpected "vacation" and to not be able to go anywhere! I didn't feel comfortable planning even a day trip with my camera, going to a movie, or going out in search of another job. I spent a lot of time over the next two months in my backyard with my dogs, and any photography trips I took were within a few miles of home.



If I had simply retired in an ordinary way, and times were "normal," I'd have had all kinds of places to go and things to do. But, "normal," as we all know, did not describe 2020. The break was nice for a while, but it didn't take long before the walls started closing in.

So, when I was offered a job at the newly-formed Kingsbury Journal, I was eager to get back to work. I have enjoyed the opportunity to report on happenings from both communities these past eight months.

But, like I said, after 10 years, it's time for a change.

I know I won't be able to hang up my writing and photography completely. After all, I did it for fun before it was my job.

Once I get settled into my new gig, I plan to still do some occasional volunteer work for the paper. So, if you see me out taking photos of children in the snow next Martin Luther King Day — a bank holiday — I actually will be doing it for fun on my day off.

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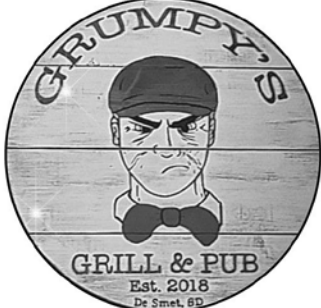
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My dad is the best there is, but he's no chef



HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER LONG week for me dealing with COVID. I'm finally starting to feel better, but I've been worried about my dad who was in the

hospital for a week dealing with his own COVID complications. Thankfully, he's finally back home.

I mention my mom a lot in this column, because she's an amazing cook from whom I've learned a lot. My dad has asked if I mention him, and I don't think I have much. Mainly because this is a column about cooking, not a handy-man column.

My dad has recently "retired" from having his own heating and cooling business, but he still is called on often for help from family and friends who need something fixed. If a furnace breaks down, my dad can fix it. If a pipe is leaking, he is still licensed in plumb-

ing and can get it to stop. If anything breaks down in the house, I know he can help me figure out how to get it going again, but when it comes to cooking ... my dad is not the person to ask for advice.

With my mom always doing the cooking, my dad doesn't need to be a chef, too. As far as I know, his expertise in the kitchen ends with pouring a bowl of cereal or making toast.

He did try making Manwich one time. My mom was gone, and he was tired of eating cereal. He found a can of Manwich in the cupboard and decided to make it himself. He opened the can, poured it in a bowl and heated it in the microwave. Then he put some

on a bun and took a big bite. He quickly realized he had done something wrong. Yes, he forgot the meat! Yuck!

So, the reason I don't mention my dad much here is because he can't offer much for help in the kitchen ... at least not when it comes to cooking. Now if my stove broke down or the kitchen faucet was dripping, he would be the first person I would call. Love ya, Dad, but you're no chef.

This week I'm sharing a great recipe to make during these bitterly cold days. If you love a good cheesy beer soup, you'll want to give this one a try. It doesn't take long to whip up, and it's a great recipe to warm you up. Enjoy!

Cheesy Beer Soup

1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1/2 cup chopped onions
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon flour
1 3/4 cup milk

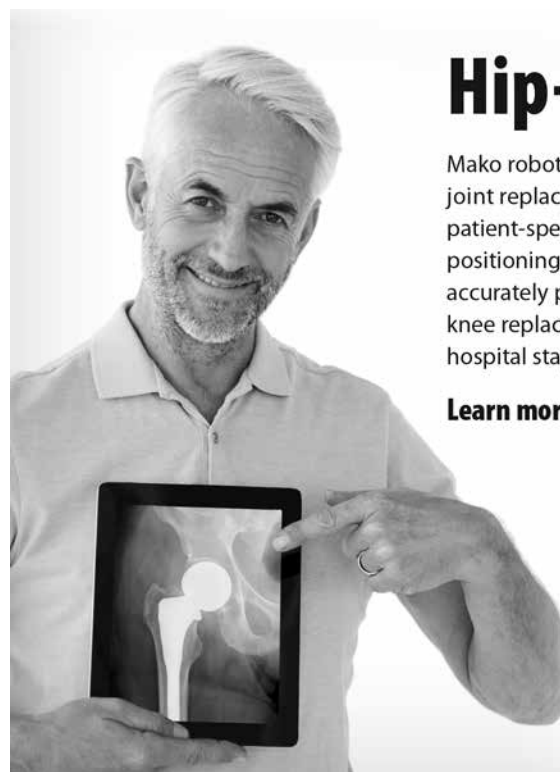
1/2 pound Velveeta, cut into 1/2" cubes
1/2 cup beer
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
Few drops hot pepper sauce (optional)

Melt butter in pan on medium. Add onions and garlic; cook three minutes or until crisp-tender, stir frequently. Add flour; mix well. Cook two minutes or until hot and bubbly, stir frequently. Stir in milk until blended; bring to boil, stirring. Cook and stir 3-5 minutes or until thick. Simmer on low five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients, mix well. Cook five minutes or until cheese is melted, stirring constantly.

Soup tips:

- Make bread bowls to serve this in or breadsticks for dipping into the soup
- Add more flavor and texture by adding diced carrots, diced celery, diced red bell pepper or for a little kick, a diced jalapeno pepper
- Freeze any leftovers by letting soup cool completely and transferring to freezer-safe containers or freezer bags

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Of 8 competing schools, the top 2 scoring plays advanced to the State One-Act Festival. De Smet placed in the top 2 with superior individual acting medals awarded to all cast members.

If buttons could talk: The stories in the Folger's can

“SEE IF YOU CAN find five more of these.” Mom pressed a light brown button into my small palm, then resumed her stitching. The plastic circle was indented in the center and had four holes. A smooth ridge framed the edge.

Sitting on the floor at the foot of my mother’s easy chair, knees bent and ankles crossed, I leaned over the old Folger’s Coffee can in front of me, the button can. I was very familiar with the can. An image of a huge sailing ship gleamed on the front. Usually I added buttons to the collection, cutting them off old pajamas, dresses and shirts. My sisters and I often helped remove buttons, zippers and metal clasps from worn-out clothing. The threadbare parts went into the rag drawer, but Mom saved any usable fabric to sew into strips and weave into rag rugs. Nothing was wasted on our farm when I was growing up.

The two-pound can was nearly full, so I pushed my small fingers into the colorful mix and stirred them around. It wasn’t long until I found one perfect match. All at once something shiny caught my eye, and I grasped a pink flower shape with a sparkling center. “Is this a diamond?” my five-year-old imagination questioned.

Mom chuckled as she glanced over. “No, that came from one of Deloris’s dresses when she was little. Darlene and Dorothy wore the dress, too.

I spotted a shiny brass button. There was no hole in it, but a metal wire circle protruded from the back. Before I could ask, Mom spoke. “I sewed those on Don and Delmer’s overall straps. The straps held up, but



NOOKS AND CRANNIES

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

I patched the knees a lot.”

I wasn’t having any luck finding more shirt buttons, so I grabbed Dad’s newspaper, spread it out and tipped the can, allowing the buttons to flow in a smooth cascade. The rainbow of colors blended into a soft blur, and the mass fell into a mound as each small shape glided down, then nestled in next to its neighbor. The button waterfall made a soft, pleasant sound. It was almost like a whisper.

On the very top of the mound, I spotted a heart-shape that was covered in lace. I ran my fingers over the yellowed mesh and looked up at my mother. She frowned slightly. “Hmm, that is an old one.”

“Was it from your wedding dress?” I asked.

She smiled wistfully. “Wedding dresses were not always white and lacy back then. There was no money for that.” She must have sensed my disappointment, so she added, “No sense spending money on something we would only wear once.” Mom stitched away in silence while I kept sifting. I

looked up to see her blue eyes shining as she spoke again. “Ida’s wedding dress was beautiful. It was light blue. Taffeta.” I liked thinking of my Aunt Ida in her shiny blue wedding dress.

Suddenly, the lamplight reflected off something golden that also appeared magically at the top of the mound. It was green glass with gold specks painted on one side. I held it up for Mother to see. She thought for a moment. “I think that was on a bonnet that Julia wore when she was a little girl.”

“Why would we have buttons from Aunt Julia’s things in our button can?” I asked.

Mom explained that when she got married and started a family of her own, her mother gathered a bunch of buttons for Mom to take home. When she needed to replace a button that had been lost from a shirt or dress, she could usually find one. I wondered if Grandma had also gotten buttons from her mother long, long ago.

Memories flowed from the nooks and crannies of my mother’s mind, and while I searched for brown shirt buttons, I learned about my grandmother. She was born in a sod shanty to Swedish immigrants, some of the first settlers in the area. Other babies came, but as was common in those days, some died shortly after birth. There were no hospitals and few doctors close by. Life was hard, a matter of basic survival for settlers on the South Dakota prairie.

My imagination whirled as I scanned the buttons. There were tiny battered circles, faded with age. Had my great-grandmother lovingly sewn these on a soft garment for a child

that she held for only hours before the precious little life faded away? Did a small boy sport the rough metal fasteners on his overall straps before he grew up and went to war? Did my grandmother undo the tiny mother-of-pearl circles on the back of her doll’s dress as she dreamed of growing up and being a mommy?

A familiar brown shape appeared and imaginings switched to reality. Soon six brown buttons lined the arm on Mom’s chair. I scooped the remaining buttons back into the can and returned it to the cupboard.

Today, some sixty years later, I gaze down into the can in front of me, my button can that began back when I got married, and Mom sent a batch of buttons home with me. The colors and shapes of plastic, glass and metal beckon, and I swirl my fingers through them as I remember. I scoop a bunch into my hand, lift them and then let them cascade slowly back into the can. They shimmer and sidle back into place. As they dance gently and nestle in, I hear a soft, pleasant sound---almost like a whisper.

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Little known facts about... Valentine's Day

BY MARY LEE
Kingsbury Journal

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Whether you love the holiday or not, it does present as a day in the middle of winter somewhere between New Years and hopefully spring. Known as a holiday of "love" and hey, what's wrong with sprinkling a little romance into our lives? (and maybe some flowers or chocolates). Let's take a look at the history and some little-known facts about the holiday about love.

- St. Valentine – patron saint has legend that suggests he was killed for attempting to help Christians escape prison in Rome, that he actually sent the first valentine himself while imprisoned, writing a letter signed "from your Valentine"
- In the Middle Ages, though the holiday became associated with love and romance, a tradition that first started from the common belief in

France and England that birds started their mating season on February 14.

- Cupid has roots in Greek mythology. A charming cherub that appears on Valentine's Day cards is often depicted with a bow and arrow. In the 4th century, the Romans adopted the image as a cute little boy with a bow and an arrow with love-matching powers.
- Mass-produced valentines dated back to the 1840s. Esther Howland is remembered for her elaborate crafty cards made with lace and ribbons.
- The act of giving flowers dates back to the 17th century, the Victorian Era. Giving red roses is now the obvious romantic gesture.
- Americans spent over 20 billion on Valentine's Day gifts in 2019, with men spending around \$291, compared to women spending \$106.
- Americans send 145 million Valentine's Day cards each year, not including all the kids' valentine exchanges in classrooms. Valentine's Day is the second biggest holiday for

exchanging greeting cards. Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards annually, followed by children, mothers and wives.

- Hallmark produced their first Valentine's Day card in 1913.
- In 2019, American households spent an estimated \$751.3 million on gifts for their pets on Valentine's Day.
- The Valentine's Day gift Americans spend the most on is jewelry. A whopping 5.8 billion in 2020! The second most paid-for gift for Valentine's Day in 2020 was an evening out with \$4.3 billion.
- The first heart-shaped box of chocolates dated back to 1861. Today, 36 million heart-shaped boxes are sold each year with an astounding 58 million pounds of chocolate.
- Nearly 6 million couples get engaged on Valentine's Day.

- Conversation hearts got their start as medical lozenges. Oliver Chase, a pharmacist from Boston, switched his focus from lozenges to candy. It is now Necco candy company, known for making the Necco wafers.
- The first conversation hearts were created by Oliver's brother – Daniel. The candies were bigger than the versions of today – and featured much longer printed sayings and phrases. Some of the first phrases were "Married in white you have chosen right" or "How long shall I have to wait?" Today, the Necco company makes 100,000 pounds of conversation hearts per day. Now made much smaller, a box has approximately 45 shorter sayings.

SOURCES: GOODHOUSEKEEPING.COM

Hey Doc, who's on first?

MANY PEOPLE ARE FAMILIAR with the classic Abbott and Costello comedy skit "Who's on First?" For those who are not familiar, the routine is a hilarious interaction between the two comedians as they discuss players on a baseball team while using confusing references such as "who's on first" and "what's on second." The audience can see that Abbott believes he is clearly communicating the player names to Costello, but it digresses into a laughable experience of misunderstanding and frustration for both parties. The men become increasingly angry as the conversation goes on, and each feels that the other is not listening.

This situation may be funny in the world of entertainment, but it can be disastrous when it happens between doctor and patient. At times, conversation in the exam room can inadvertently go down a similar path of confusion. I recall one such experience when I was showing an x-ray to a patient. I pointed out, "Here is the fracture." The patient looked at me, gave a sigh of relief and said, "Thank goodness doc, I was afraid you were going to tell me that it was broken." At that moment I realized my choice of words had not provided the clarity I intended. Thankfully, this patient spoke out which alerted me to the misunderstanding allowing me to rectify it immediately.

Those of us in the medical field must be always mindful to ensure that we explain things in clear, everyday language. I apologize for our failures, which do happen. I also ask for your help. Doctors are human, and we may incorrectly assume that our patients understand what we are saying, especially if our patients do not tell us otherwise.

Healthcare is a partnership which requires communication from both patient and doctor. It is important to recognize that not all cultures and generations feel empowered to



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question a doctor. Other patients hesitate to ask what they feel might be perceived as a "silly" question. In addition, patients have varying levels of education and experience when it comes to participating in medical conversations. Sometimes, it helps the patient to have a family member or friend in the room to help the patient feel at ease and convey information.

Doctors strive to be sensitive to these situations, to welcome and encourage questions, then listen closely when the patient speaks. No doctor I know will intentionally or maliciously confuse a patient. We welcome your participation so both patient and doctor can best understand what care is needed. Let's work together and keep the conversation going to make sure we both know "who's on first" and "what's on second" when it comes to your health."

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NEWS BRIEF

Wiese earns Dean's List honor

Michelle Wiese, a 2020 graduate of De Smet High School, made the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Florida International University in Miami. This distinction demonstrates hard work and dedication to excellence and is reserved for students who earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and has nine or more semester hours.

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SCHOOL BOARD

Purintun recognized for 40 years of service to school district

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

At Monday's De Smet Board of Education meeting, school business manager Susan Purintun was honored for 40 years of service to the school district.

"We are grateful for and appreciative for her service and amazing track record," school board president Shane Roth said.

Members of the school board were also recognized and given gift bags to commemorate school board appreciation week.

The business portion of the meeting was short. Barb Asleson gave the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) report. The NESC is a special education cooperative serving public schools in northeastern South Dakota.

President Shane Roth gave the Legislative report. He said South Dakota Senate Bill 68 would have allowed a separate school to be created within a district. (The bill would have provided for the creation and funding of Oceti Sakowin community-based charter schools). Roth said it was killed in the Senate.

"Thank goodness for that," Roth stated, adding that there was no mechanism for control.

Roth also mentioned that De Smet senior Aria Gruenhagen was currently serving in Pierre as a page.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- The board approved motions to:
- Purchase a 2012 Bluebird school bus for \$24,000.
 - Discontinue Reading Recovery services through NESC. Superintendent



De Smet School Board president Shane Roth, right, presents Business Manager Susan Purintun with a crystal statue for her 40 years of service to the school. (Photo by Abi Van Regenmorter)

dent Abi Van Regenmorter explained that the program's rules only allow the teacher to service four students per semester, and by discontinuing the official program, teacher Marlys Larsen can help more students.

"She has the knowledge to help more," Van Regenmorter noted. "She exceeds expectations."

- Allow Angela Ostrander to teach community cooking classes in the Family and Consumer Sciences room this summer.

It was also noted that kindergarten screening for the 2021-22 school year will be held on March 5.



School board members Jared Tolzin, left, president Shane Roth, Donita Holland, Barb Asleson and Evan Buckmiller display the bronze award they earned earlier in the school year from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. (Photo by April Rusche)



Laura Ingalls Wilder elementary student, Jackson Giedd, has a question Feb. 4 during a presentation given in honor of Laura's Feb. 7 birthday. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



Happy Birthday, Laura!

Famous children's author, Laura Ingalls Wilder, was born on Feb. 7, 1867. Each year, around the time of her birthday, staff from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society visit the school named for Wilder, Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary in De Smet, and present some fun and educational lessons. On Feb. 4, Dianne Mollner from the LIW society talks to students about the Ingalls family's journey from Wisconsin to Minnesota, and eventually, South Dakota. Anne Aamot, not shown, assisted with the lesson. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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DAYS GONE BY

1946: Dinner and a movie never go out of style

10 YEARS AGO
February 9, 2011

The trails were obscured by poor visibility, but Saturday’s unexpected heavy snow did not prevent the Third Annual Ride for the Ribbon from being a success. “We raised over \$40,000,” said **Anna Smith** of Hayti. The gross income for the event even exceeded the previous two years. The Poinsett Pounders raised \$43,000, even though the weather prevented some from attending. Proceeds, after bills are paid, will go to the **Susan G. Komen** for the Cure of South Dakota for breast cancer research and educational programs. Smith said approximately 125 people participated in the event over the course of the day with 71 of them being riders.

25 YEARS AGO
February 7, 1996

Students of the Month for January have been named at De Smet Middle School. **Jessie Larson** is a sixth-grader who is in wrestling, 4-H and 4-H shooting sports. He is a son of **Alan and Vicky Larson**. **Jada Munger** is a seventh-grader who is into basketball and cheerleading. She is a daughter of **Steve and Janie Munger**. And **Ben Palmlund**, an eighth-grader, is involved in football, basketball

and track. He is a son of **Neil and Donna Palmlund**.

50 YEARS AGO
February 11, 1971

A baby girl was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grabowska** of De Smet, Sun., Jan. 31, weighing only three pounds, seven and a half ounces. She has been named **Lynette Kay** and joins a sister, **Sheryl**. **Mrs. Grabowska** came home from the Huron hospital Sunday. Her mother, **Mrs. Elmer Wipf** of Frankfort, is assisting in the home.

75 YEARS AGO
February 7, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Munger entertained twelve basketball players of the Bulldog squad and the coach, **John D. Natwick**, at a seven o’clock dinner Sunday evening, honoring their son **Craig** on his fifteenth birthday. After dinner they attended the movies in a group.

100 YEARS AGO
February 5, 1921

The old sleigh bells are missing from most of the outfits that come through town, if not from all. The pride of many a farmer and his wife, and of the old gray mares, themselves, probably lies in some rubbish in the corner of the granary.



TEN YEARS AGO: LaVonne Garry of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society shows De Smet second-grader MacKenzie Zell a piece of wool, like the Ingalls family would have used to make clothing. Society members are visiting all the LIW classrooms this week in honor of Laura’s birthday.



Wrapping up the season

Sixth grade boys wrapped up their season on Feb. 6 at a Watertown tournament. Coach Mike Luethmers, back left, Coy Van Regenmorter, Gatlin Wienk, Noah Luethmers, Carter Wilkinson and Trace Rowcliffe. Jacob Luethmers, front left, Jordan Botkin and Eli Hubbard. Not pictured is Gradyen Henrich. (Submitted photo)



We've got school spirit, yes we do!

Megan Dylla gives the cheerleaders a break as she fires up the student body Monday during the boys home basketball game against Castlewood. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

De Smet Kindergarten Screening

The De Smet School District will hold Kindergarten Screenings on **Friday, March 5, 2021**, at the De Smet Events Center.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2021, it is important you contact the school to arrange a screening time.

Please contact the LIW Office at 854-3963 prior to February 25th.

Time on your hands? This is your paper — become a volunteer!

Lake Preston

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

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Fruit, Roll
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Lettuce Salad with Tomatoes, Fruit, Garlic Bread
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15:** Hot Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Bread
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:** Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:** Pork Chop, Sweet Potato, Broccoli, Fruit, Bread

School Lunch

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11:** Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Puffs, Pears
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12:** No School
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15:** No School
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:** Brunch for Lunch
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:** Cheese Pizza, Mixed Vegetables, Oranges

NEWS BRIEF

4-H club meets

The Busy Blue Bells 4-H club met Jan. 29 at the Lake Preston Community Room with 13 members present. Business discussed was the upcoming pie auction and bake sale to be held at the boys basketball game on Feb. 11 and the YQCA training set for March 4. Also, fruit sales have begun, and 4-Hers are actively selling fruit.

Awards from the 2020 4-H year were handed out, and the election of officers was held. Members also completed an indoor project that will be exhibited at Achievement Days.

— COOPER MCDANIEL

Glory Days Tournament

The third annual Glory Days Tournament, a fundraiser for the boy's basketball team, is set to take place on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

There are former D1, D2, NAIA, and Divers playing in this tournament, so it will be full of great games to watch. There is open attendance for fans; the entrance fee is a donation to the team, and face masks are recommended but not required.

CORRECTION

In last week's article about the new ambulance shed in Lake Preston, we incorrectly reported how long that Linda DeMarteleare has had on the ambulance service. She has served for 14 years.

SCHOOL BOARD

Hillestad retires after 37 years in education

BY KINGSBURY JOURNAL STAFF

In a heartfelt retirement letter, Mrs. Jan Hillestad thanked the Lake Preston School District and said the school “literally changed the course of my life in so many amazing ways.” In the letter, Hillestad stated that she intends to complete her current teaching obligations but would not sign a new contract for the upcoming school year. Hillestad has been an icon in the Special Education Department at the Lake Preston School and will be missed by staff and her students, whom she claims “have been the heart and soul of my career.” The board accepted her retirement and also opened her vacated position in the next motion.

During the regularly scheduled meeting, the board heard the second reading of the 2021-22 school calendar. Superintendent Dana Felderman reported that after the last meeting, he discovered that the regional professional development date would be Feb. 18, so the calendar was adjusted to have Fri., Feb. 18 as a no-school day for students, teacher professional development day and the following Monday off for Presidents Day holiday. Felderman said that he was approached by a parent about taking a full week off for spring break instead of having Fridays off in March. He stated it could be built in the calendar with a week off, but that the timing would most likely be in March after the third quarter when the winter sports have concluded and before the spring sports start. He felt if he polled staff and students, it would be split down the middle as to which would be preferable. The board approved the calendar as presented with the February Presidents Day weekend adjustments but not adjusting to allow for a week-long spring break.

The board also reviewed the cell



Jan Hillestad, an icon in the Lake Preston Special Education department, plans to retire after this year. (Photo by Kristi Curd)

phone policy created at their request by Principal Bothun and members of the student council. The policy as read would not allow cell phone use for middle school and high school students during class-time but would allow for use in between classes and at lunch. The policy would require students to place their cell phones at the front of the classroom during class-time. After a lengthy discussion, the policy was approved with adjustments made by the board to allow for teacher discretion and to not allow middle school students to use their cell phones during lunch until the last five minutes. The board requested for this to be implemented as soon as possible.

In other agenda items, the board approved four new board policies, made adjustments to the starting well plans, heard the annual transportation report, approved playground

blacktop, approved new stage curtains, approved more LED lighting, and bidding out the demolition and construction of a storage facility north of the school building. The old white shed building that housed the preschool for many years would be available for removal if someone would like to move it off its current foundation.

After the second executive session at the regularly scheduled school board meeting on Monday night, the Lake Preston Board of Education and Superintendent Felderman came to terms on a contract that would keep him as superintendent for the district until 2023. Earlier in the meeting, the board accepted his resignation from his athletic director duties. As part of this contract, Superintendent Felderman would also serve as the school's elementary principal and transportation director.

AT THE MUSEUM

Back to the old farm grindstone

BY MARY ROCKINO
Kingsbury Journal

With the passage of time and the new generations, old adages or sayings become irrelevant as their references disappear. We all remember the sayings our grandparents told us, but today a conversation between a grandparent and grandchild could lead to confusion on both sides as they try to understand what the other one is telling them.

“Put your nose to the grindstone and your ear to the ground” isn't referring to an act of cruelty; it is an old adage meaning “work hard but pay attention to your surroundings.” This phrase was commonly heard in rural areas in the early 20th century. The

other explanation of the nose to the grindstone was that the operator had to watch closely, as a moment too long on the wheel could cause the steel to overheat and be ruined. Today, even though grindstones are not in common use, the saying is appropriate in this changing world.

A grindstone is a round sharpening stone used for grinding or shaping edge tools. They were usually made from sandstone. The machines had a seat and pedals for speeding up or slowing down the stone to control the sharpening process.

A manual grindstone was found dating back to 830 A.D.

The grindstone was an important fixture on a farm for keeping tools sharp. This example in our museum was donated by Leonard Thompson.



LOOKING BACK

1946: Old-fashioned blizzard brought 8 inches of snow



FIFTY YEARS AGO: Mrs. Erling Tenneboe, who has had daughters in Home Ec and FHA in Lake Preston for 13 years, has been honored by the state organization as SD State FHA Mother. She will receive formal recognition at the annual banquet in October.

10 YEARS AGO
February 9, 2011
Public works director **Kevin Curd** reported to the city council that snow removal has been keeping him and his crew busy. It's also putting a dent in this year's allocation for fuel, so far, the fuel bill is \$5,160.12, which is nearly half of the \$12,000 allotted for all of 2011.
Homeowners on Lake Thompson are concerned about the water levels – the water table in Lake Thompson has raised 7.75 feet this year alone.
Physician's Assistant **Karen Bumann** will take a new position as Director of Clinical Practice Information for Horizon Health Care. Bumann has been serving as a health care provider for 17 years. In her new position, she will be responsible for training new health care providers to use electronic healthcare records which will improve patient care.

25 YEARS AGO
February 8, 1996
Governor William Janklow is scheduled to speak at the Kingsbury Pork

Producers Banquet on Feb. 23 in Lake Preston. The county organization purchased the appearance by Janklow, one of the items up for auction, at the annual pork convention. Janklow was re-elected in 1982 with the highest margin of victory in the history of governors' campaigns.
LP Times Editor **Shelley Slaight** commented on the annual Heritage Day activity at the school. Due to the research into their family, she and her son gained new insight into their heritage and gained new appreciation of their family history.

50 YEARS AGO
February 11, 1971
Marla Nelson, a sophomore at LPHS in the general science class, submitted a crossword puzzle in a contest conducted by Scholastic Magazine. She received word that her puzzle was selected to appear in the 1971 Science World magazine on Feb. 8. She received \$10.00 for her prize.
Rhonda Anderson was selected as 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She will receive an award

from General Mills and is now eligible for state and national honors, including one of 102 college scholarships totaling \$110,000.

75 YEARS AGO
February 7, 1946
A real old-fashioned blizzard struck Tuesday, raging all day and finally abating on Wednesday. A good 8" piled up in huge drifts, blocking practically all traffic.
When a man bites his dog, that is news, so naturally when a law officer is in his own jail, that is also classified as news! Our Chief of Police and the manager of the municipal liquor store spent Tuesday night in our city lockup due to the inclement weather, not because they committed any crimes!

100 YEARS AGO
February 10, 1921
Readers will notice that a contract has been entered into with the Norbeck & Nicholson Co. to drill the old city well to the depth of the new well; work to commence very soon.

1994 MEMORY



Singing Valentine
Tony DeKnikker, middle, listens as Singing Valentines Julie Sampson, left, and Janna Odden deliver a sweet song ordered by Tony's wife, Darlene. Sampson and Odden delivered 23 musical messages for Valentine's Day this year. Proceeds are given to the Kingsbury Memorial Manor. (Lake Preston Times photo)

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1st place winners
The Diver girls elementary basketball team beat Estelline 21-16 and Arlington 23-14 to win the 2021 PCW tournament on Saturday. Pictured from left to right are Alise Hope, Allie Curd, Kinley Root, Mary Unruh, Leigh Hansen, Rhyann McGuire, Khloe Olson, Bentlee Holt and Coach Corrie Walter. (Photo by Kristi Curd)

BLUE & GOLD

Bringing you the latest from Lake Preston High School

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Punishments Related to Social Media

Editorial By: Stella DeKnikker
I personally believe that schools don't have the right to punish students over something that they say on their own social media. Obviously, social media posts can be very controversial and offensive. You should be careful as to what you post, because it's out there for everyone to see. If your school Facebook page or a different school social media account posted something, and a student commented something inappropriate and offensive, then yes, depending on the situations and circumstances, they could be punished. If it is a student's own personal account, then the school should have nothing to do with it. People and students' social media is their own business, personal life, and freedom. People get to choose what they want to post, even if it's offensive to some. You should get the choice in what you want others to see.

Social Media: What do the kids think?

By: Milli Waikel
In our society, many people rely on their phones. With that being said, social media is a thing we use everyday. It's the easiest way to connect to our friends and family from far away. Just like everything in life, with the good comes the bad. With the existence of social media comes the debate of whether or not it is bad for your mental health. Many apps like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter follow a certain algorithm that shows you what it thinks you want to see. Many times, young people see celebrities who are skinnier and prettier than what we want to be. While we envy their looks, we slowly fall apart. I think this problem is not social media's fault, but our own. We have the control of the image of ourselves. No matter where you go, online or in person, there will always be someone who won't like you. We just have to be comfortable with ourselves. If you know you are easily triggered, then stay off of social media.

Some thoughts on the Death Penalty

Editorial By: Marissa Rober
"In July, the United States carried out its first execution in 17 years. Since then, there have been 13 inmates executed." I do not think that the death penalty should be a thing. I don't think the government should be able to execute people who have been convicted of a crime. It shouldn't matter how bad the crime is, no one should be put to death. If someone was guilty of murder and the government eventually sentenced them to the death penalty, the government is just as bad as the person who murdered someone. I think the person who committed the crime should have to sit in prison and serve the sentence they deserve.

Self-Expression: An Art to Master

By: Gretta Larson
I personally have always wanted to be someone other than myself and have never really learned how to express myself and be happy with who I am. I love painting, drawing, and writing, but then I feel the need to compare what I did to what other people did. Then I end up erasing and starting over, again and again. I know we all have our own personalities and techniques when doing things, but I always feel the need to be like the majority and not the one percent.
I do think that one way I try to express myself is through working. I can constantly work and no one would give me a second glance. I have found that I have met dozens of people because of working all the time. I have also been able to talk to certain people that I probably would have never had the courage to talk to if I had not started working. Even though I've met many new people, self-expression is an art that I have yet to master.



Pictured above right, Riley Casper bounds for the rebound against GPL last week. Picture above right, Stella DeKnikker takes her shot against the De Smet Lady Bulldogs JV Team. Both the girls and boys basketball teams will take on Arlington this Thursday and Friday. The boys will host on Thursday, followed by the girls on Friday.

Scoreboard Review: Varsity Boys Basketball

LP (V)	13	21	38	56	LP (V)	11	25	38	54
DRSM	15	39	56	79	GPL	15	34	44	61

Blue & Gold
2020-2021

Advisor: Krista O'Dea

Seniors: Myra Rhoades, Alex Post
Juniors: Rachel Jensen, Marissa Rober, Milliana Waikel
Sophomores: Ava Malone, Janelle Rhoades, Stella DeKnikker, Gretta Larson
Freshmen: Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins
8th Grade: Amelia Holland, Lane Jensen, Trinity Pirlet, Bradley Rhoades
7th Grade: M.P., Lorick Pirlet, Brooklyn Bothun

"Everybody walks past a thousand story ideas every day. The good writers are the ones who see five or six of them. Most people don't see any."
— Orson Scott Card

OLDHAM-RAMONA NEWS

Raiders honor three student athletes

The Oldham-Ramona/Rutland Raiders celebrated the National Girls & Women in Sports Day this year by honoring three senior student athletes: Rylie Aschmeller from Rutland, Madeline Eich from Oldham-Ramona, and Brianna Primm from Rutland.

These young ladies have been nominated by the ORR staff as outstanding female athletes in South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned sports. This honor is given to young women who have exemplified qualities of excellence in sport skills, leadership, character, self-discipline and perseverance. The recipients have been role models for their student bodies and have exhibited the merits of success on the playing floor and in life.

These young women were presented certificates on Tues., Feb. 2 during the boys basketball games in Ramona.



School Lunch

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11: Italian Dunkers w/ Sauce, Relishes, Fruit

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15: Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Relishes, Fruit

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Pizza Crunchers, Relishes, Fruit

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17: Hamburger, Tater Tots, Relishes, Fruit

NEWS BRIEF

All School Reunion Update

There will not be the Ramona/Oldham-Ramona All School Reunion this year due to COVID-19. The plan is to have it in 2022.

Honor roll announced

Congratulations to all of the students who made the Second Quarter Honor Roll at Oldham-Ramona School. Students will receive an Honor Roll certificate and special treat!

"A" HONOR ROLL ~ 3.67-4.0 GPA

ELEMENTARY

3rd Grade: Harper Fischer*, Lucy Hildebrandt*, Cordelia Lee

5th Grade: Nolan Fischer*, Brooklyn Hyland

6th Grade: Ashten Dorhout, Taya Wettlaufer

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

7th Grade: Bailey Hyland

8th Grade: Briella Wettlaufer*

HIGH SCHOOL

10th Grade: Brooklyn Hageman, Paige Hanson*, Kylee Misar, Brycelyn Wolff

11th Grade: Alivia Spilde

12th Grade: Madeline Eich*, Clint Misar

"B" HONOR ROLL ~ 3.00-3.66 GPA

ELEMENTARY

3rd Grade: Harrison Fink, Ray

Hyland, Brynnlee Lingbeck, Jackson Molstad

4th Grade: Beynon Lingbeck, Adam Misar-Dean, Hudson Pooler

5th Grade: Sophia Coomes, Breeley Jatton, Grant Pitts

6th Grade: Bailey Bickett, Rylan Pearson, Cheyanne Pitts, Boyd Pooler, Alejandra Vazquez

JUNIOR HIGH

7th Grade: Brennon Bickett, Hanna Coomes, Caleb Fischer, Emma Powell, Brookelyn Riedel, Kai Thomsen, Lucas Wall, Brody Westall

8th Grade: Tristen Dorhout, Emily Matson, Camlin Schneider

HIGH SCHOOL

9th Grade: Caden Hojer

10th Grade: Jamie Gartner, Riley Schneider, Addison Stewart

11th: Eli Dachtler, Ramey Gearhart, Will Matson, Carter Wermers

12th: Triston Corbin

*Notes: (1) Students marked with an * received a 4.0 GPA. (2) A student receiving anything lower than a C- will not be eligible for either honor roll.



Oldham-Ramona School PRESCHOOL SIGN UP for the 2021-2022 school year

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
at the Oldham-Ramona School**

Children who will be 3 before September 1, 2021, are eligible to attend.

Parents will complete paperwork while preschoolers take part in brief activities with the preschool teacher.

Parents will need to bring their child's original birth certificate (we will make a copy) and immunization record.

Please call the school 605-482-8244 to schedule an appointment.



Oldham-Ramona School KINDERGARTEN SCREEN & CHILD FIND for the 2021-2022 school year

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021, 1:00 pm
at the Oldham-Ramona School in Ramona**

A Kindergarten Screen is being offered for all children entering Kindergarten. Children who will be 5 before September 1, 2021, are eligible to attend.

A CHILD FIND will be held for all district children with free screenings in the areas of motor, concepts, and speech for all children birth to six.

Parents will need to bring their child's original birth certificate (we will make a copy) and immunization record.

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IROQUOIS NEWS

Iroquois Middle School
Student of the Month:
Kere Dubro

Aspiring to be in the medical field



What is your favorite subject and why? AG because I like learning about things I am interested in.

Why is school important to you?

It will help me prepare for my future.

Who do you look up to and why?

My mom because she has taught me many things and has me become a better person.

Iroquois High School Student
of the Month: Rebecca Bich

Aspiring to be a pharmacist

What's your favorite subject and why?

Spanish because it challenges me, and I enjoy learning about different cultures.



Why is school important to you?

It prepares me for college and teaches me lessons needed in my future.

Who do you look up to and why?

My two siblings and parents because they push me to be a better person and push me to work hard in everything I do.

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

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Ironworkers help with metal fabrication

BY JAMES JESSER
Kingsbury Journal

Iroquois Ironworker, Inc., a small manufacturing company in Iroquois, S.D., was established in Iroquois in 2003 by Richard Tilton. Eleven employees build hydraulic machines for metal fabrication. These ironworkers press and bend metal into angles, drill holes, and slice through metal with ease.

Beginning with the SPP40/75, Ironworker has since grown to offer a full lineup of metalworking machines.

"We have over 600 machines operating throughout the continent," stated Tilton. "Our goal has always been to offer high-quality and dependable products at an affordable price. Our machines are proudly made in the USA and Canada. We want to make sure that the customer gets the right machine to fit their specific needs."

Initially, the machines were marketed through trade shows, however the business has grown to an online presence, and they have a storefront



Richard Tilton demonstrates one of the machines his company manufactures. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

available in Iroquois, Mon. - Fri. from 9 to 5. The machines may also be viewed at www.ironworkers.com.

The majority of the machines are sold to small manufacturing shops and shipped all over the United States

and Canada. They have sold ironworkers to larger businesses, such as Toyota and the U.S. government and also recently shipped one to Alaska to the U.S. Air Force. The ironworkers have a place in all kinds of shops.

1911: The banana weather was interrupted

February 9, 1911

The members and friends of the Cong'l church are earnestly requested to be present at the morning service next Sunday, as a meeting is called to decide whether to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which will occur on the second Sunday in March, and if so to make the necessary arrangements. It being Lincoln's birthday, **Rev. Mueller** will preach an appropriate sermon to the occasion at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

The eastern commission men who bought eggs last spring and put them

in cold storage for higher prices have been disappointed, and the eggs are being dumped on the city markets at a great loss to the commission men. The farmers however, got a high price for the hen fruit and are ahead on that deal, while the commission men hold the sack.

The banana weather was interrupted Sunday by an ugly storm in which snow and wind played a conspicuous part. The storm came from the southeast, and as the snow fell, it was piled up in drifts. Sunday night it was all over, and Monday morning was quiet again, with the sun shining.

February 12, 1931

R. S. Bunn informs the Chief that Iroquois consumers can rest assured they will be supplied with ice for next summer's use. If the weather does not change and provide natural ice, the manufactured article will be shipped in for the local trade.

Ray Walline, proprietor of Osceola garage, recently had a narrow escape for while heating the oil in the crankcase of an automobile, an explosion occurred, burning him about the face. The results were not serious, and he is about as usual.

While this fine open winter, snowless thus far and with mild temperature, is duly appreciated and a money-saver, it is to be hoped that the coming spring and summer will break the dry spell and give us plenty of moisture.

The price of bread on the local market has dropped to 10 cents a loaf. This is the second decrease in price within the last 90 days, the former drop being from 13 to 11 cents.

February 13, 1941

D. F. Wilmarth went to Aberdeen Saturday to attend a meeting of the Spanish War Veterans, returning home Sunday morning. Mr. Wilmarth is Department Adjutant of that organization.

Reece Whites, who was one of the eight men from Kingsbury County to be classified in class A-1 and eligible for induction into military service on February 21, received notice yesterday that his case was reconsidered, and he was placed in class three. Others who are to receive their induction papers this week include **Waldron Twaddle**, Lake Preston; **Stephen A. Harris**, Arlington; **Maynard Muilenberg**, Manchester; **George Nelson**, Oldham; **Lloyd D. Krahn**, Arlington. The alternates classified were **Richard Tallman**, Arlington; **Louie Wendel**, De Smet; **Melvin Swenson**, Arlington and **Charles Peterson**, Arlington.

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Public Notices

**CITY OF LAKE PRESTON
NOTICE FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will accept bids for providing the City with the following services and materials during the coming year of 2021. Sealed bids will be accepted until March 8th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened during regular open meeting on March 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Finance Office.

Items upon which bids will be accepted:

Item I – Screened Gravel – 1 ¼ inch, delivered price per ton
Item II – Excavator
Item III – Backhoe
Item IV – Oversize Rock
Item V – Pea Rock Hauling Class A
Item VI – 1” State Spec Base Course

Must include Certificate of Liability insurance with bid. For further details regarding any or all of the above-named items, contact the City Finance Office at 111 3rd St. N.E.; 605-847-4140. City of Lake Preston reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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**NOTICE OF AUDIT
OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE
LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 38-3**

Notice is hereby given that Lake Preston School District No. 38-3, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, has been audited by Schoenfish & Co., Inc., Parkston, South Dakota for the year ended June 30,2020. A detailed report thereon is available for public inspection, during normal business hours, at the business office of the School District, and also available at the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota or on the Department of Legislative Audit website at http://www.state.sd.us/legislativeaudit/Reports/reports_all.htm.

The following finding and recommendation provide a brief description of material weaknesses in internal control, legal noncompliance and other matters that are described in more detail in the audit report.

Finding:
A material weakness in internal controls was noted due to a lack

of proper segregation of duties for revenues. This is a continuing audit comment since fiscal year 2001.

Recommendation:
We recommend that the Lake Preston School District officials be cognizant of this lack of segregation of duties for revenues and attempt to provide compensating internal controls whenever, and wherever, possible and practical.

The report also contains the auditor’s findings and recommendations concerning less significant deficiencies in internal control at the School District.

s/s: SCHOENFISH & CO., INC., CPA’S

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**CITY OF OLDHAM
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020**

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

Motion to approve agenda Schellpeper second Eide. (U)

Motion to approve minutes, Schellpeper, Second Eykamp. (U)

Motion to approve financials Eykamp, Second Schellpeper. (U)

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

Alliance	120.00	Internet
Okeefe’s	60.00	Tractor
Hours		
Rural		
Development	426.00	Loan
Payment		
Cooks	768.00	Garbage
Kayla Sneesby	622.85	Salary/
office supplies		
Glenn Albers	937.85	Salary
Maintenance		
Ottertail	2,218.03	Utilities
Dawson		
Construction	385.00	Road
Maintenance		
Kingsbury County		
Journal	58.85	Publications
Kingbrook		
Rural Water	136.45	
Water		
SD Association		

of Towns & Townships 208.25 Dues

Glenn Albers gave a maintenance report.

Eykamp Motioned and Eide Seconded to accept the bid from Hydrotech to replace the pump.

Elections will be held on June 8th, 2021 for 3 open positions on the board. There are 2 positions open for a three-year term and 1 position open for a two-year term. Please contact Kayla at 605-203-1567 to request a petition. The Petitions must be in by March 30th, 2021.

Executive session was not needed.

Next Regular meeting to Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 7:00 pm, at the City office.

The Equalizaton Meeting will be held on Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 7:00 pm, at the City office.

Schellpeper Motioned, Seconded by Eide to adjourn the meeting.

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE #54**

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Notice is hereby given that ordinance #54, an ordinance amending Kingsbury county ordinance #45, an ordinance establishing zoning regulations for Kingsbury county, South Dakota, and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, in accordance

with the provisions of chapter 11-2, 1967 SDCL, and amendments thereof, and for the repeal of all resolutions and ordinances in conflict therewith was duly adopted by the Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners on the 9th day of February 2021. The effective date of this ordinance is March 9, 2021, twenty days after its publication, unless a referendum is invoked.

An Amendments was made to the following Article:

Article I – General Provisions

Section 1.03.01. The Official Zoning Map

Dated February 9, 2021

Jennifer R. Barnard
Kingsbury County Auditor

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MINUTES FOR TOWN OF ERWIN

Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Sherry Bell on February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Roll Call was taken, members present were Sherry Bell, Myrna Knadle, Crystal Penn and Perry Popkes.

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

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

Knadle read the expenses. OTP \$238.42, KRWS \$40.45, Kingsbury Journal \$13.47 and Jerry Popkes, (equipment use) \$50.00. Penn made a motion to pay and Popkes 2nd.

The Board again discussed delinquent sewer payments.

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

The next regular meeting will be held Monday March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

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KNIGHTS: Lake Central Conference wrestling tournament results

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season record to 16-5.

Nate Kersting, an Arlington junior, went 2-1 to place second at 182 lbs., earning 18 team points.

The 11th-ranked Kersting opened with a forfeit then pinned Elk Point/Jefferson sophomore Noah McDermott in 3:18 to advance to the 182 lb. finals.

There he faced second-ranked Clark/Willow Lake junior Gage Burke. Kersting made it to the third period but was pinned in 4:55.

Kersting is now 22-6 on the season.

Gannon Gilligan, a De Smet eighth-grader, placed second at 106 and earned 16 team points.

Gilligan opened by pinning MV/P freshman Mason Bosworth in 1:10 and advanced to the finals by winning a 4-2 minor “sudden victory” over eighth-ranked C/WL eighth-grader Joshua Kannegieter.

That put the Knight into the finals, but matched against fifth-ranked Howard eighth-grader Tate Miller. Gilligan put up a good fight, but Miller got the win on a 6-3 minor.

Gilligan is now 13-5 on the season.

Kain Gilligan, a De Smet senior, wrestled only twice to place second at 220, earning four team points.

Gilligan won the first match, pinning Howard sophomore Kaden Hofer in 3:31. But in the title match, the 11th-ranked Gilligan faced seventh-ranked MV/P junior Cole Pranger and lost a 7-0 minor decision.

Gilligan is now 22-9 on the season.

De Smet senior Alec Dobson went 3-1 at 138 to place third and earn 16 team points.

The fourth-ranked Dobson pinned

Deuel sophomore Tucker Adkins in 34 seconds to open but was upset by 11th-ranked MV/P senior Brandon Bosworth in the semis, on a 13-9 minor decision.

That put Dobson into the consolations, where he faced teammate Luke Steffensen, wrestling unattached, who forfeited by injury default. In the third-place match, Dobson pinned eighth-grader Calvin Halvorson, also wrestling unattached, in 59 seconds.

Dobson is now 19-6 on the season.

Caleb Clark, an Arlington junior, went 3-1 at 138 to place third and earn 12 team points.

Clark opened with a bye then was pinned in 55 seconds in the semis by 12th-ranked MV/P junior Griffin Tobin. That put him into the consolations, where he faced teammate Lane Holland, wrestling unattached, and pinned him in 1:19.

In the third-place match, Clark faced EP/J freshman Jacob Gale and pinned him in 1:44. Clark is now 12-8 on the season.

Connor Johnson, a De Smet freshman, placed third at 160.

Johnson was pinned in 42 seconds in his opener by sixth-ranked Howard junior Ty Beyer, who went on to take the title. In his second match, Johnson was pinned in 59 seconds by third-ranked EP/J sophomore Ben Sawtek.

Johnson is now 8-13 on the season.

Matthew Steffensen, an Arlington senior, went 2-2 at 145 to place fourth, earning 11 team points.

Steffensen opened by pinning C/WL senior Kyren Castle in 27 seconds but lost a 12-3 major decision to EP/J senior Skyler Swatek in the semis.

In the consolations, Steffensen rebounded by pinning freshman Connor Wendel, wrestling unattached, in 1:27 to advance to the third-place match. But there he faced sixth-ranked MV/P sophomore Drew Gerlach, who won a narrow 7-4 minor.

Steffensen is now 22-9 on the season.

Griffin Clubb, a De Smet sophomore, placed fourth at 170 to earn four team points.

Clubb opened with a bye then was pinned in 1:18 in the semis by fifth-ranked EP/J sophomore Gavin Jacobs, who went on to take the 170 lb. title.

In the consolations, Clubb again advanced on a bye then was pinned in the third-place match by Deuel sophomore Dominic Constant in 2:57.

Clubb is now 15-11 on the season.

Luke Steffensen, an Arlington junior, went 1-2, wrestling unattached, at 138.

Steffensen opened against third-ranked Howard senior Kieffer Klinkhammer, who pinned him in 3:40, but was then injured in the semifinals.

In the consolations, Steffensen stayed alive by taking a 4-0 minor over C/WL junior Ethan McElhone but then forfeited the next match on an injury default to teammate Alec Dobson.

Steffensen is now 9-11 on the season.

Lane Holland, a De Smet junior wrestling unattached at 132, also went 1-2.

Holland opened with a tough one, facing fifth-ranked Howard senior Riley Genzlinger, who pinned the

Knight in 31 seconds on his way to the 132 lb. title.

In the consolations, Holland advanced by pinning Hamlin sophomore Brock Gisselbeck in 58 seconds but was then eliminated by teammate Caleb Clark, pinned in 1:19.

Holland is now 6-7 on the season.

Ethan Johnson, a De Smet freshman wrestling unattached at 126, went 1-2 as well.

Johnson faced MV/P junior Austin Hauge in his opener and was pinned in 20 seconds. But the Knight bounced back by winning a 4-0 minor over seventh-grader Tyce Feistner in the consolations.

Johnson was eliminated by C/WL eighth-grader Elliot Bratland on a 4-0 minor.

Johnson is now 7-12 on the season.

Kaleb Johnson, a De Smet eighth-grader, twice went the distance, but couldn't get a win at 113.

Johnson opened against EP/J eighth-grader Hays Johnson but lost a very close 1-0 minor. He advanced on a bye in the consolations but then lost 2-0 in overtime to 11th-ranked Howard eighth-grader Trent Feldhaus, who went on to place third.

Johnson is now 10-16 on the season.

Finally, seventh-grader Blake Jennings wrestled varsity for the first time at 120, but went 0-2.

The Knight was pinned by 12th-ranked Howard freshman Karsyn Feldhaus, who went on to place second, in 1:55 in his opener; then advanced on a bye, before being pinned in 2:58 by seventh-grader Nolan Mentele, wrestling unattached.

Jennings is now 0-2 on the season.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Kingsbury Knights Wrestling

FEB. 12: Knights vs. Garretson at Tri-Valley

Lake Preston Divers Basketball

FEB. 11: Divers vs. Arlington at Lake Preston Parents' Night

FEB. 13: Lady Divers JV tournament at Ramona, begins at 10 a.m.

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DIVERS: Loss to St. Mary on the road

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respectively. Sam Hansen led the Panthers with nine rebounds. Fouls were close the first half with Divers having eight fouls to the Panthers' seven fouls. In the second half, the Divers had seven fouls to the Panthers' five fouls, all five Panther fouls coming in the fourth quarter. Again, Panther rebounds are unofficial as they were kept by this writer.

Lake Preston	15	34	44	61
Great Plains	11	25	38	54

LAKE PRESTON VS ST. MARY

The Lake Preston Divers travelled to Dell Rapids to take on the St. Mary Cardinals Thursday night. The Divers kept the score close the first quarter and were down by two, holding the Cardinals to only 15 points. At half-time the Divers were down 18 with a score of 39-21. The score at the end of three quarters was 38-56 and ended 56-79.

Riley Casper led the Divers with 16 points. Tate Larsen scored 15 points while Jasper Denison and Carter Malone scored 12 and 10 points. The Divers did well from the free throw line. Malone was 4/4, Casper 4/6, Denison 2/3, and Larsen shot 6/9 from the line. Connor Libis scored 25 points with 15 of them coming from behind the 3-point line. Ashaun Roach-Vallandra scored 15 points.

The Divers had 31 rebounds to the



Josh McMasters looks to pass during the Dell Rapids St. Mary game. (Photo by Laurie Casper)

Cardinals' 41 rebounds. Denison had eight rebounds, and Malone had seven. Ashaun Roach-Vallandra led the Cardinals with 10 rebounds. Larsen led the team in steals and assists, having four of each. The team had 10 steals and seven assists. All statistics for the Cardinals are unofficial as they were kept by this writer.

Lake Preston	13	21	38	56
Dell Rapids	15	39	56	79

BULLDOG BASKETBALL



De Smet's Tory Holland goes up for a basket Monday against the Castlewood Warriors. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

Bulldogs on winning streak

BY BERNIE STOEL
Kingsbury Journal

DE SMET VS ELKTON-LAKE BENTON

The De Smet High School boys basketball team traveled to Elkton on Thursday night, Feb. 4, to take on the always competitive Elkton-Lake Benton Elks. The Bulldogs handed the Elks just their 4th loss of the season 74-52.

De Smet got off to a fast start with some good passing and ball movement as well as some solid defense that helped them jump out to a 15-8 lead after one quarter. The second quarter, the Dogs played as well as they could play, outscoring Elkton 24-14 and taking a 39-22 lead at halftime. That scoring spurt was fueled by Bulldog ace Kalen Garry's two-handed slam dunk midway into that productive second quarter.

Garry had a huge night leading De Smet with 33 points and eight rebounds. Damon Wilkinson again came off the bench and played well contributing 10 points and grabbing five rebounds. Cody Cavanaugh also had 10 points, and Rett Osthus added nine points and had a team-leading six assists.

Rebounding has been a strong part of De Smet's success this season, and that was apparent again in this game as the Bulldogs outrebounded the Elks 30-21.

"Got started early with some great 'D' and rebounding that led to great open shots," said Coach Jeff Gruenhagen. "Kalen worked his tail off all night on both ends and had a great game."

Coach Gruenhagen also gave his seniors Ethan McCune and Cody Cavanaugh credit for playing great down the stretch to help the (13-1) Bulldogs keep their lead.

De Smet	15	39	57	74
Elkton-Lake Benton	8	22	39	52

DE SMET VS CASTLEWOOD

The De Smet Bulldogs boys basket-

ball team picked up their 14th win of the season Monday night, Feb. 8 at the Dog Pound defeating the Castlewood Warriors 77-52.

The game started with both teams showing their quickness and good defense, causing some turnovers and missed opportunities to score. That all ended for the Dogs when, with 2:08 remaining in the first quarter, Kalen Garry, for the second game in a row, ignited his teammates and the crowd with a slam-dunk. De Smet ran off eight unanswered points after the dunk to take a 22-10 lead after the first quarter.

De Smet stayed hot from the long range in the second quarter to extend their lead to 39-22 at the half. They were 9 for 15 from the three-point range for 60% during their first half of the play. For the game, the Bulldogs outshot the Warriors 45% to 38% from the field and once again dominated the boards as they outrebounded Castlewood 43-24.

Garry led the scoring column with 29 points. He also led the Dogs in rebounding with 12 and assists with six. Rett Osthus had his best scoring output of the season with 20 points and five assists. Ethan McCune tossed in eight points and grabbed five rebounds. Damon Wilkinson had six points, six rebounds and four blocked shots.

"We started with great defensive intensity tonight, and that led to some good open shots," said Coach Jeff Gruenhagen. "The guys were finding Kalen, and he answered by knocking down his shots and cleaning up on the boards. Fun group to watch when they're rolling."

The Bulldogs' next outings are a road game at Wolsey on Thurs., Feb. 11, and Saturday night when they return to the Corn Palace to take on White River in the DWU/Culver's Classic. That game is at 7:30 p.m.

De Smet	22	43	61	77
Castlewood	10	25	36	52

LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL

Teamwork defeats Lady Elks

BY VICKI DYLLA
Kingsbury Journal

DE SMET VS ELKTON-LAKE BENTON

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Elkton for a Friday night, Feb. 5 game against the Lady Elks. The Lady Bulldogs started the game off quickly with Kennadi Buchholz getting the tip to Emma Albrecht, who took it in for a layup. De Smet was able to connect with fast breaks and driving the lane,

while the Lady Elks struggled with getting shots to fall for them.

The Lady Bulldogs continued throughout the game with quick ball movement and cutting to the basket resulting in good shots. Buchholz led the way with 16 points and 14 rebounds while Mackenzie Zell and Camryn Schmidt each added 11 points. Elkton was led by Rachael Krog with 10 points.

The Lady Bulldogs JH 7th graders won 23-7, and the JV lost 24-35.

De Smet	14	25	40	50
Elkton-Lake Benton	9	14	25	34



Lady Bulldog Camryn Schmidt works the ball around Castlewood's Mackenzie Everson on Monday. Read about that game in next week's Kingsbury Journal. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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Lake Poinsett Walleye
After trying a few area lakes with limited success, Dan Houg caught this 20" walleye on Lake Poinsett. It was a slow day, and this fish hit a minnow on an Arctic Warrior tip down. High pressure and cold temps have made the bite a little more challenging. (Photo by Andy Woolly)

DE SMET SPORTS

Garry breaks school record

BY BERNIE STOEL
Kingsbury Journal

De Smet Bulldog star, Kalen Garry, broke the career high school scoring record on Monday night during their win over the Castlewood Warriors. The 29 points he tossed in Monday put his total to date at 1,389, breaking Matt Sutton's record of 1,364. Sutton had set his record while playing for the Bulldogs from the years 1990-1994. Cody Siver was just four points behind Sutton's record with a career total 1,360 points from 1999-2003. Garry, who is just a junior, has one and a half seasons yet to play.



Kalen Garry puts one down in Elkton this week. (Photo by Amber Jensen)

DIVER BASKETBALL

Divers win tight game with Panthers

BY DONNA BUMANN
Kingsbury Journal

LAKE PRESTON VS GREAT PLAINS LUTHERAN

The Great Plains Lutheran Panthers visited the Divers at home on Tues., Feb. 2. The Divers led the Panthers at the end of each of the four quarters in a tight game. The Divers led by four at the end of the first quarter with a score of 15-11. They expanded their lead at half-time to 34-25.

The Panthers rallied in the 3rd quarter and brought the score within six points at 44-38. The Divers found their groove in the 4th quarter and won the game 61-54.

Tate Larsen led the Divers with 20 points while teammate Jasper Denison contributed 16 points. Sam Hansen scored 17 points for the Panthers while Ethan Kjenstad scored 12 points. The Divers shot 50% from the field and were 5-9 from the free throw line. Tate Larsen led the team with three assists while brother Jake Larsen led the team with four steals.

The Divers outrebounded the Panthers with a season high 37 rebounds to the Panthers' 20 rebounds. Leading the Divers was Denison with 10 rebounds. Carter Malone and Jake Larsen had eight and seven rebounds

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Rhett McMasters shoots a 3-pointer over a Cardinal defender. (Photo by Laurie Casper)

KINGSBURY KNIGHTS

Zell leads Knights at LCC tourney

BY FRANK CRISLER
Arlington Sun

Nine Kingsbury County Knights placed at the Lake Central Conference tournament in Clark on Friday, led by Dylan Zell, who won the 126 lb. weight class.

Gannon Gilligan at 106, Nate Kersting at 182 and Kain Gilligan at 220 each placed second; Alec Dobson at 138, Caleb Clark at 132 and Connor Johnson at 160 each placed third; and Matthew Steffensen at 145 and Griffin Clubb at 170 each placed fourth.

The Knights wrestled in a quad at Clear Lake in Deuel Tuesday, and will end the regular season with a five-team event at Tri-Valley in Colton on Friday, starting at 5 p.m.

The Region 1B wrestling tournament will be held in Groton on Sat., Feb. 20, with the top four in each weight class advancing to State, to be held Feb. 25-27 in Rapid City.

At Friday's LCC tourney, the Knights finished fourth of seven teams, with 105 points. Howard won the event with 161, Elk Point/Jefferson placed second with 142 and Mt.



Kingsbury Knight wrestler Dylan Zell gets the better of Mt. Vernon-Corsica-Plankinton-Stickney (MVPCS) wrestler Austin Hauge at the meet in Clark. (Photo by Angie Gilligan)

Vernon/Plankinton was third with 108.

Dylan Zell, a sophomore from De Smet, led the Knights in Clark, pinning his way to a 126 lb. title and earning 24 team points.

Zell, fourth-ranked in the state, opened by pinning seventh-grader Tyce Feistner, wrestling unattached,

in 23 seconds. That put the Knight into the semifinals, where he pinned Mt. Vernon/Plankinton junior Austin Hauge in 1:17.

In the finals, Zell faced Howard sophomore Karsten Hamilton, and pinned him as well, in 53 seconds, for the 126 lb. title. The win lifted Zell's
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