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Attempted ATM break-in at Dakotaland

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

On Nov. 30, between 3:30 and 4 a.m., a video recording shows an occupant of a white Ford Super-Duty with a flatbed attempting a break-in of the Dakotaland Federal Credit Union ATM at the De Smet Branch location. The ATM was damaged, but no persons or other property was harmed. The sus-

pect did not gain access to the cash in the ATM.

Later that morning the vehicle used in the attempted break-in was recovered near a gravel pit across from Rose Vincent Park on De Smet's northwest side. The pickup was stolen from Huron. The owner had last used the truck at 5 p.m. the night before.

Law enforcement asks anyone who has information regarding this inci-

dent or who saw a hitchhiker in the northwest side of De Smet, or along Highway 25 that morning, please contact the Kingsbury County Sheriff's Office at 854-3339.

Dakotaland reports the De Smet ATM is still inoperable, but services will resume as soon as a replacement machine can be installed. In the meantime, transactions can be conducted through the lobby, drive up or online.



Thumbs up for the holiday season

Landen Warner, 3-year-old son of Mike and Ashley Warner of De Smet, shares a "thumbs up" Dec. 5 with Santa Claus during the annual Christmas Tree Festival. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

FUNDRAISER

Lake Preston Legion raises over \$16,000

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

Many of the American Legion posts in the state have been hosting fundraisers to send area veterans on a Midwest Honor Flight to Washington D.C. The mission of the Honor Flight is to transport veterans on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials dedicated to those who have served their country. Midwest Honor Flight serves northeast Iowa, southwest Minnesota and South Dakota. The cost for each veteran and a guardian to make the trip is just under \$1,800 each.

In Lake Preston, Porter L. Rich Post #63 began their fundraising efforts on Veterans Day with a goal of raising \$10,000.

A Dec. 5 fundraising day for them included a noon meal, supper and an auction. They served 107 Philly cheese-steak sandwiches and 50 pounds of wings at the noon meal; and at the supper meal, 104 plates with ribs and another 40 pulled-pork sandwiches.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

A 'Poor House' Christmas story

Recounting a special holiday as caretaker for the needy

BY MARIAN CRAMER

When the Charles Mix County Home for the Poor opened in 1933, local officials hired Herschel and Hilda McKnight as the first administrators. In a four-story building that had formerly housed Ward Academy at Academy, S. D., the McKnights opened the doors to poor

people who had nowhere else to go. Hilda McKnight Bjordahl, who now lives at De Smet, says she does not remember the

When Kingsbury County had a Poor Farm PAGE 9

sadness and the pain of poverty as much as she remembers "the sweet." Following is one of her fondest memories, as told to writer Marian Cramer.

A cloud of thick brown dust hung around the car that pulled up in front of the home. The wind, for once, was still, and when the dust had settled, the county commissioner opened his door and came round to help his passengers out. I

would have missed the arrival, being lost in my bookwork, but Herschel called, "Hilda, come here."

We watched through the window as the first passenger stepped out. She was a mother with a small child in her arms. Then came the rest of the family. One by one, a bit hesitant as they looked up at our tall, four-story building, they gathered around their mother. The last child out, a tall girl, about 14-years-old, carried their baggage — one, very small cardboard suitcase.

It was never easy to welcome people to a poor house. Herschel moved quickly to See **POOR HOUSE**, page 9

Voices

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Last week’s weather

Monday, November 29, 2021
High 59, Low 35
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
High 51, Low 28, Rain 0.01
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
High 56, Low 32, Rain 0.04
Thursday, December 2, 2021
High 48, Low 36
Friday, December 3, 2021
High 42, Low 28
Saturday, December 4, 2021
High 31, Low 29
Sunday, December 5, 2021
High 38, Low 25

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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

In all cases, you can add a photo and in the case of events, you can create a map, add a URL, PDF, pricing and contact info.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Enjoying the last few days of fall

Calm waters reflect the beautiful South Dakota sunset as Gerald and Gordie Skyberg enjoy one last day of wader fishing, while listening to the geese and ducks in the background. (Photo by Marilyn Skyberg)

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Possible poaching under investigation

Buck shot and left near Erwin

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

Hamlin County Conservation Officers are seeking information regarding the killing of a 5x7 Whitetail buck in Kingsbury County. On Sun.,

Nov. 21, the deer was reported dead and left to lay in a field just West of Erwin, S.D. The deer was found dead ½ mile West of 438th Avenue on 200th Street in the landowner’s field. During the investigation, officers believe the deer had been shot and left. It is believed this deer was shot after sundown on Sat., Nov. 20 or during the early morning hours of Sun., Nov. 21, well before sunrise.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Hamlin County Conservation Officer, Logan Hammer, at 605-881-0018 or use the TIPs hotline at 1-800-683-7224, or submit an online report at: bit.ly/poachertip A caller who provides information leading to an arrest is eligible for a reward. Callers can remain anonymous as well.



Beef Bucks spread joy during holidays
Col. Rick Miller, Superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol (far right), and Maj. Jason Husby (left) accept Beef Bucks from members of Beef Bucks, Inc. Thanks to this organization, the Highway Patrol has been able to donate Beef Bucks to law enforcement families who are in need due to illness or other hardships during the holiday season. Beef Bucks, Inc. is a non-profit organization established for the purpose of beef promotion and consumer education. (Submitted Photo)

FUNDRAISER: Busy Blue Bells 4-H pie auction still to come

FROM FRONT PAGE

“All in all, it was an amazing Sunday for our Midwest Honor Fight fundraiser,” legionnaire Brett Anderson said. As of Monday, the post was still receiving donations and had raised about \$16,000. However, the fundraising effort is not finished. The Busy Blue Bells 4-H Club is also stepping up to help raise money for this cause with a pie auction at the Dec. 20 home basketball game. There will be other baked goods available as well. All proceeds will go to the American Legion Honor Flight. Post #63 will present a check to Midwest Honor Flight after the 4-H fundraiser. Legionnaire Dave Gutzmer said that Post #63’s next focus will be to help promote and support local 4-H groups.



Porter L. Rich American Legion Post 63 Commander Blaine Miller, left, South Dakota American Legion Department Commander Gary Wolkow, and Greg Miner, a member of the Midwest Honor Flight Board of Directors, who was present to answer veterans’ questions and distribute forms. (Submitted photo)

COURT NEWS

- JEREMY SKOOG**, Tea, 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.
- ASHLEY SANDATE**, Huron, 76 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$232.50.
- KAYDEN HANSEN**, De Smet, operate a vehicle without securing title certificate, seat belt violation, fined \$157.50.
- JOSEPH WATSON**, De Smet, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$282.50.
- RILEY VITENSE**, Carthage, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.
- KASEY PETERSEN**, Huron, driving with suspended license, renewal registration during assigned month, seat belt violation, fined \$440.00.
- VINCENT COOK**, De Smet, careless driving, fined \$132.50.
- TRACY ALBRECHT**, Huron, 20 in a 15 mile per hour school zone, fined \$112.50.
- MICHAYLA HUBBARD**, Woodbury, Minn., 75 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$117.50.
- JOSHUA LOEST**, Utica, 20 in a 15 mile per hour school zone, fined \$112.50.
- AMANDA DECKER**, Sioux Falls, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.
- JULES LAMB**, Whitehorse, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

SHERIFF REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff’s Department reports two accidents.

NOV. 29 – JANICE CROMWELL of Arlington was backing out of a parking spot on Main Street in Arlington when she turned too soon and struck the car owned by Kathleen Cain of Arlington that was parked next to her. The 2015 Nissan Altima owned by Cain suffered \$1400.00 in damages, and the 2008 Chevy K-1500 Silverado owned by Cromwell sustained \$1200.00 in damages.

DEC. 1 – LEROY DOWNEY of Cavour was traveling west on US Highway 14 near mile marker 360 when a deer ran into the roadway, striking his vehicle. The 2017 Ford F350 Super Duty that Downey was driving sustained \$4500.00 in damages.

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1947: Steam locomotive explodes, kills night watchman

Blast launches 20-ton boiler an estimated 100 feet high

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

It is just past midnight, Oct. 8, 1947. The majority of the residents in Lake Preston are asleep, when out of the silence and darkness...

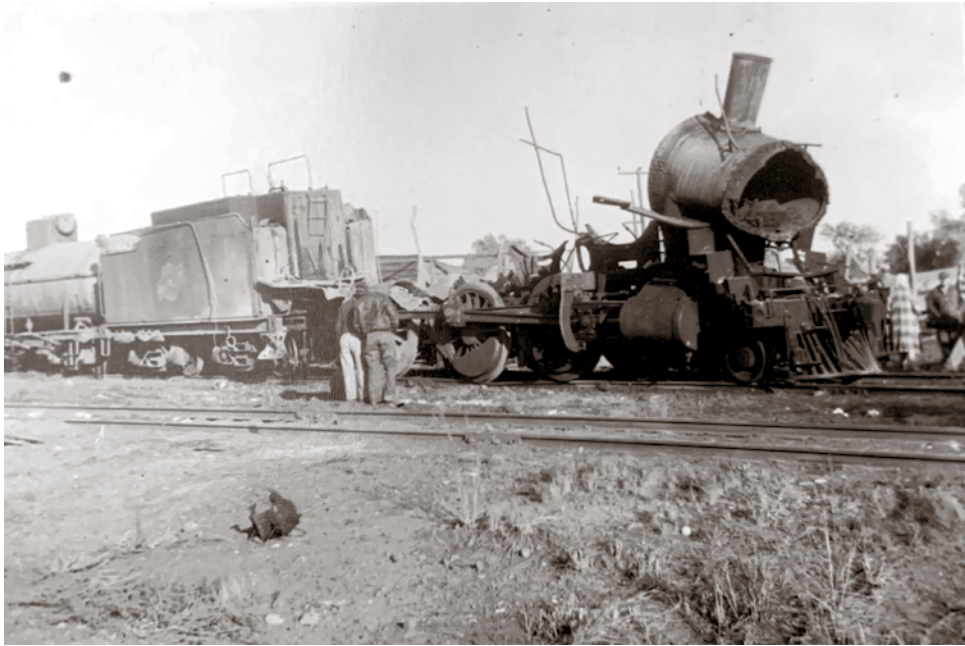
BOOM!!! An explosion is heard at 12:15 a.m. throughout all of Lake Preston. The explosion and blast wave are heard and felt throughout the town and up to a half mile away in all directions. The electricity goes out, and the town and area are now shrouded in darkness.

Most residents thought the Otter Tail Power Company's plant exploded. The power was out for only a couple of minutes before being restored. As the lights return, the scene unfolds.

On the sidetrack opposite the stockyards, a work train had stopped after leaving Huron the evening before. The locomotive belongs to Northwestern Railroad and is of medium size. The work train maintains the main railroad line running through Lake Preston.

The explosion hurled the locomotive's 20-ton boiler 175 feet in front of the train, landing on the railroad tracks and shearing the rails in two. It tore a hole in the earth four feet deep and bounced another twenty-five feet, before it came to rest. Estimates say the boiler probably reached one hundred feet of elevation while it hurtled through the air. The fact that the front smokestack was still attached to the locomotive's frame is evidence that the boiler went up into the air before falling in front of the train.

As residents approach the scene,



The remnants of a work train on the sidetracks in Lake Preston, Oct. 8, 1947. A boiler explosion aboard the locomotive sent the 20-ton boiler air-borne and 175 feet in front of the train, bouncing once and coming to rest two hundred feet from its original position. The fact that the smokestack is still intact is evidence the boiler traveled up into the air when it exploded. (Archive Photo)

they find the work train's night watchman, Boyd Cavanaugh of De Smet, lying unconscious. The blast has thrown him fifty feet to the northwest of the locomotive. Cavanaugh was rushed to the Huron hospital, but his injuries, a fractured skull, internal injuries from a crushed chest, and burns to head and face were too much to overcome. He perished shortly after his arrival to the hospital.

Four other men assigned to the work train had decided to spend the night in Huron, and that decision most certainly saved their lives.

At the scene, debris was scattered in every direction. The fact that the explosion occurred in the early morning hours probably saved more lives, too. All that remained of the locomotive was the frame, wheels and the

front smokestack. The explosion had destroyed portions of the stockyard fence.

Behind the locomotive was a wood tinder, an oil car used to supply the engine with oil since it was the oil burning type, and two cabooses. Officials with the railroad said the cause may never be determined. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.

Within the twenty-four hours after the explosion, crews had cleared the area of debris and work would soon commence on replacing and repairing the damaged railroad tracks.

As word of the explosion spread throughout, the area spectators were soon arriving in Lake Preston to "view an explosion of such great proportion that it is unbelievable, and one has to nearly see it to realize



A boiler explosion separates it from the locomotive at 12:15 a.m. Oct. 8, 1947; the boiler was hurled toward the front of the train and destroyed two rails on the Northwestern's mainline. Crews removed the debris in less than 24 hours. Railroad officials esteemed the damage at \$100,000. The Lake Preston Times reported that thousands of individuals traveled to Lake Preston that day to see the wide-spread destruction. (Archive Photo)

it." It was reported that thousands of visitors arrived that Wednesday to get a glimpse of the destruction and carnage.

Boyd Cavanaugh, 24, was a young World War II veteran. Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. in De Smet.

Information for this article was obtained from the October 9 and 17, 1947, Lake Preston Times. While this story is shared with much lore, only items mentioned in a newspaper were used. The "stories" will remain a part of the railroad lore.



MONEY SMART ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

The Money Smart for Older Adults module aims to raise awareness among older adults and their caregivers on how to prevent elder financial exploitation and to encourage advance planning and informed financial decision-making.

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Jan. 14-16: **Encanto** (PG, 102 min.)

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Caught in a self-inflicted energy crisis

THE UNITED STATES FACES a federal-government-created energy crisis, and South Dakota is caught in the middle of it. Gas prices continue to rise, driving up the cost of shipping and making it more expensive to visit loved ones over the holidays. As we enter the winter season, Americans are outraged by the rising cost to heat their homes.

It is no secret that the regressive policies coming out of Washington, D.C. have led to this energy crisis. The President’s agenda has hurt the energy industry and damaged other vital industries as well.

President Teddy Roosevelt once said, “Conservation is as much about development as it is protection. I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us.”

Instead of a balanced approach to development and protection consistent with Teddy’s comments, the current president sides against energy production every time.

First, President Biden canceled the Keystone XL Pipeline. He then doubled down by failing to support other pipelines, like Willow and Line 5.

To be clear, President Biden does not oppose all pipelines — just American pipelines that create American jobs and support our position as the number one global energy producer.

For instance, he gave his full backing to Russia’s Nord Stream gas pipeline. He also begged OPEC to produce more oil. Yet, he limited American producers as they sought to increase activity. Making things worse, the President then sold off 50 million barrels of oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which had no effect on prices and only weakened our strategic reserves for a self-inflicted crisis.

Other energy-slashing policies include new regulations on methane emissions at oil and gas wells;



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attempting to ban new oil and gas development on federal lands and in federal waters; proposing to increase royalty rates and bonding requirements on federal oil and gas leases; and reducing access to credit for fossil fuel projects.

Add record surges in inflation fueled by out-of-control spending from Washington, D.C. and the country finds itself stuck in a mega-crisis that continues to drive up the price Americans pay at the gas pump.

Of course, just as these federal policies hurt South Dakotans, they help foreign companies and countries.

In South Dakota, at the state level, we do things differently. Unlike the White House, here in South Dakota we do not demonize the energy industry.

We recognize our diverse energy resources and make full use of them. For example, most of the state’s electricity supply is generated by renewables. South Dakota did not issue any government dictates to accomplish that.

We also recognize that our citizens rely on fossil fuels to heat their homes, to travel to work, and to grow crops from-seed-to-sale at the market.

That is why I have fought the Biden Administration’s attack on our energy sector and will continue to fight for South Dakota. I will fight for your jobs, fight to grow our industries, and fight for responsible management of our natural resources.



Worship Services

“Oh give THANKS to the LORD, for HE is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”

1 Chronicles 16:34

Arlington

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Church at 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, Mass Saturday at 5 p.m. & Sunday 5 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Streaming on Facebook.

LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH, First Sunday of month at 11 a.m., all other Sunday’s at 9:30 a.m.

Badger

BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Worship 9:00am, Sunday School 10:00am

Bryant

GOSPEL OF FIRE HISPANIC MINISTRY, Michael Sanchez, Pastor 605-530-4559 - Brian Seim, Associate Pastor Saturdays -6:30 p.m.: Fellowship and English Bible study. Sundays - 11:30 a.m. Hispanic service.

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

Bancroft

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

Carthage

TRINITY LUTHERAN, Services on Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page.

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

De Smet

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Worship on website, too.

DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH, Sunday School at 9 a.m., Church at 10:15 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. and 1:15 p.m., Bible study — Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Church at 9:30 a.m.. Illuminate Kids Community Youth Group, Wednesdays at 3:30. @ 9:30 on Facebook.

Erwin

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Worship at 9 a.m. at Legion first Sunday of month. Dec. 19: 10:30 Christmas Worship

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 MENNONITECHURCH, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 10:45 a.m., Evening services 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Lake Preston

LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Church time at 9 a.m, Sunday school at 10 a.m.

NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, Church time at 10:30 a.m, Sunday school at 9:15.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Worship at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 10:15 a.m., Thursday Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Oldham

OLDHAM LUTHERAN, Worship at 10:30am

Ramona

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, Worship at 9:00 a.m, coffee hour 10:15 a.m., Sunday school 10:30 a.m.

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In loving memory of Hugh E. Evans, Jr.

May 22, 1937 - December 2, 2020



We bury a farmer today,
Give him back to this land straight away.
Today his family and friends come near to say that -
Hugh's life and memories are held dear to us this day.
The stories we share tell of a farmer's life - simple and true.
Not far from here is where dear Hugh grew.
Not far from here are the lands that he toiled.
Where seed was planted in the South Dakota soil.
And with sun, wind and rain till harvest grew ripe.
For the gift of Harvest is God's gift all right.
For weather and markets, were out of his hands -
Hugh enjoyed his last years with his friends and family, close at hand
Hugh freely gave thanks for blessing from thee.
Today we gather, to remember and pray to thee,
As for Hugh he was a simple man we loved,
Who was there every day -

Through joy and through sorrow, laughter and pain,
Now out here to the cemetery we have come,
To place his worn-out body under the Sun.
Like a seed in the Spring his time has come.
We know Hugh's at peace, he's not far from his land.
So, we gather to say our goodbyes.
And give a thankful praise to thee O Lord of the harvest.

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Obituaries

MICHAEL D. POLLOCK

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 1:00 p.m., Tues., Dec. 7, 2021, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, De Smet, S.D. Father Richard Baumberger was the celebrant.

Visitation was Mon., Dec. 6, 2021, at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in De Smet. Burial was at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Cemetery, De Smet, S.D.

Michael D “Mike” Pollock passed away Dec. 2, 2021, in Gettysburg, S.D., three days shy of his 90th birthday. Mike had friends and family near and far, and the gift of making everyone in his presence feel like the most important person in the room. If there is one thing his grandkids found out quickly, it was “You don’t mess with Grandpa’s cowboy hat!”

Mike was born Dec. 5, 1931, to Charles and Neva (McKittrich) Pollock. He joined two older brothers, Charles and Jim. He was raised on a farm south of De Smet, S.D. He graduated from De Smet High School in 1949 and married his high school sweetheart that same year.

Mike and Mary (Combs) completed their family with three sons and one daughter. They continued to farm until the mid-1960’s. They moved into town, and Mike began a career in seed sales for companies such as Sexauer and Peavy in De Smet. In 1973, he took a territory manager position with Hubbard Milling in Rapid City, and the family moved to Sturgis. Mike enjoyed his years in sales, and all the friends he made along the way.

The family returned to the farm in 1977, only to be faced with the water rising. Pollocks made the most of it, creating “M&M Marina” on the banks of Lake Thompson. Though it brought long hours of work, they were his most gratifying years because of the people who came through their doors. Many life-long friends were made over the years.

In 1998, Mike and Mary made their



way back to Sturgis, S.D. to retire. They spent their time following their grandchildren in all their activities. In 2015, as their health was declining, they moved into the Oahe Manor in Gettysburg, where he resided until his death.

Mike will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Laurie (Steve) Robbenolt; grandchildren, Amber (Andy) Mikkelsen, Tyler (Kelsey) Fischer, Michael Fischer and Blake (Blair) Robbenolt all of Gettysburg, Megan Fischer, Sioux Falls, Katelyn (Christopher) Ampe, Dodge Center, Minn., Kelcey Robbenolt of Redfield and Jeffrey (Briana) Pollock and Nastasha Pollock of Dallas, Texas. Mike lit up every time he saw his eleven great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mike in death were his loving wife of 68 ½ years; three sons: Duane, Jerry and Donny Pollock; son-in-law, Donny Fischer; grandson, DJ Fischer; his parents; brothers and sisters-in-law.

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PAID OBITUARY

The joy of the Lord

THIS COMING SUNDAY at church, we will light the third candle of the Advent season, the candle of joy. For some, especially during the Christmas season, saying someone can and should be joyful seems like a cruel joke. Why is that? What is it that steals our joy? How is it that we can be joyfully singing one minute then feeling like pulling our hair out the next? There are a number of things that can contribute to that. The stress of the holidays, family tension, the lack of finances, illness or any number of things can rob us of the joy God intended us to have.

So how do we remain joyful despite or circumstances? The Bible gives us the answer in John 15:5. Jesus says *“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”* Later, in verse 11, He says *“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”*

True and lasting joy is not found in circumstances but in Christ. It

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De Smet CMA Church

is a joy that is not decided by what kind of day you are having. It is a joy that rests in the promises and abiding presence of God who never leaves us. God walks with us through life’s trials and difficulties. The joy God offers is not a roller coaster ride. It is a steady, dependable ride.

The question is, then, how do we get that joy in the Lord? What if I am a Christian, but my joy has been quenched? Examine your life. Is there sin to be confessed; someone to forgive? Are you praying and in God’s word? Are you obeying God and surrendered to His will? Are you giving God control?

Jesus is the joy giver. If you have never trusted Him as Savior, you can do so today. He took your sin on the cross. If you will turn from sin to Jesus, He will cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

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But, where does popping corn come from?

IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT. The north windows trembled as they wrestled with the frigid November gales that buffeted our South Dakota farmhouse. The brown Siegler oil burner warmed the living room (at least one end of it), and some of the family settled in for a night in front of the black and white, ready to share adventures with Little Joe, Adam and Hoss Cartwright.

Mom pulled the battered aluminum dishpan (the same one she used to mix bread) from the bottom cupboard and set it on the table. She plopped a stick of butter into the white and red porcelain pan on the back of the stove. I went to the cold porch for the two-quart blue jar we had filled last week. By the time I returned, she had the black pan heating on the burner. I watched as she poured in cooking oil, measuring with her eyes.

She unscrewed the gray zinc lid on the jar, grabbed three kernels and dropped them into the oil. In a few seconds, they sizzled and popped, almost in unison. Mother sprinkled more golden grains into the pan from the jar and secured the black cover. She smiled at me as she waited for plinking to begin. Pop.....pop! Soon steam puffed from the hooded holes on the cover, and wild clunking began. Mom reached for the red wooden knob on the top and began turning the crank with her fingertips. When the growing contents pushed the cover off, and the noise subsided, Mom lifted the kettle from the stove, carried it to the dishpan and emptied



PUTTING ON THE BIG BOOTS

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

the fluffy white-with-brown-flecked-delicacies. The whole house smelled of the heavenly comforting aroma. Popcorn!

When three poppers filled the pan, she poured the melted butter in a thin, even stream over the popped goodness. She gave it all a light sprinkling of salt and a stir as I headed to the cupboard for the bowls. It was my job to carry each heaping bowl to the crew in the living room as Mom filled them. Dad first. He made a great production of sitting up straight, sniffing in appreciation and thanking me. When the Bonanza theme song trumpeted, we were ready to reach for the crunchy white kernels, one at a time. We savored the warm goodness and licked the salt off our butter-coated fingers.

We had all shared in popcorn production. We knew where it came from.

Two weeks before, we had shelled the last kernels from their white cobs as we sat around the

kitchen table. The pile of corn-coated ears dwindled as each of us used our own method to remove the yellow seeds. When thumbs grew raw from rubbing against the rough, dry rows, we tried twisting our hands against them, beginning at the bottom. Once there was an open place on the cob, the going got easier, and the cob was soon empty. It took several evenings to finish, but Mom made sure we had a week between for fingers to heal.

Crank back a few months to spring...Dad led Delmer and me to the east side of the garden. Delmer was very good at planting the popcorn at our father's directions. I was very good at asking questions. "Why are we planting a whole bunch of short rows?" I figured it would go a lot quicker to make one or two furrows, drop in those seeds and be done.

"Corn needs to be pollinated," Dad answered. "When it doesn't get pollinated, the cob will be empty." Delmer plowed through the planting. I frowned in confusion. Dad continued. "Wind is a good pollinator. When the corn tassels, the wind brushes off pollen and carries it from one plant to another. Do you see why short rows are better?"

My brother pulled soil over the seeds with the hoe. He was on the third row. Again, I looked up at Dad. "Why don't we (I wonder if Dad noticed the "we" as I stood and watched) plant popcorn out in the field like we do the sweetcorn?" Dad explained that if popcorn got pollinated with field corn, it could be tough and may

not even pop. The three of us strolled back to the house, and I felt a great sense of accomplishment at having planted all those short rows of popcorn that the wind would pollinate.

Nowadays, busy lives command convenience. It is far easier to flatten a package, pop it in the microwave and press a button. The aroma is enticing. It doesn't taste too bad, either; but as we hurriedly scarf down the entire contents of the buttery bag, do we even consider where that corn came from?

I just added popcorn to my next year's garden seed order list. I will have to put on the big boots to compete with the deer and rabbits who will want to raid the short rows, but it will be worth it. The grandkids will watch the plants grow, see the tassels brushed by the wind and pick the husk-covered ears from the short stalks. We will shell the kernels off with our fingers and then pop them in my black, hand-crank popper. We will savor each buttery kernel because we will know where it came from.

Kruempel's newest book release, Once Upon a Midwest Sunset, as well as her series, Promises to Keep, are available on Amazon.com. Once Upon a Midwest Sunset (an excellent gift) is a compilation of the stories from her NOOKS AND CRANNIES column, which was published in five newspapers in 2020-21. Contact her at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com and receive free stories, recipes, photos and updates.



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NEWS BRIEFS

De Smet to hold popular early-morning meeting

The popular De Smet Bi-annual Community Meeting is coming up on Tues., Dec. 14 at 7:00 a.m. at the Oxbow led by the De Smet Development Corp. All of the entities and organizations in De Smet will be reporting on what is happening in their organization. This is a great event to hear what is new in the community and to find ways to work together on different events, projects or ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Large craft and vendor fair to be held this weekend

The Lake Preston Craft & Vendor Show is on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lake Preston Legion Hall with an extension into the Lake Preston Community Room. The legion will be serving adult beverages, and the Lake Preston Cafe will be serving lunch.

Christmas gift ideas

Tickets for the 2022 De Smet Area Arts Council Concert Series and the popular IMPACTED classes are now on sale! Concerts are the Kenaston Family Classic Country Show, The Browns Patriotic Show, Monroe SUN, Cliff Wright "Johnny Cash/Elvis Presley" and The Lightning Bugs. There are lots of fun classes and trips planned for IMPACTED. Call the Event Center at 605-854-6060 to get your tickets for either!

A relaxing, fun and productive birthday and simple lasagna

I NORMALLY DON'T DO much for my birthday, but this year I was able to enjoy the entire day. I started by getting my first massage ever, got some Christmas shopping done, and picked out my birthday gifts. I'd never even gone to a spa before, so it was a special treat from my parents, who insisted on paying for it.

Since I have fibromyalgia, my muscles tend to tense up often. They get even worse with cold weather and stress, so I've been pretty sore lately. Thankfully, my mom talked me into getting a massage for my birthday and my massage therapist knew exactly how to help. I don't know the last time I've felt so relaxed, and I'm so glad my mom convinced me into going. It was an amazing gift.

After my massage, my husband, Josh, and I ate a quick bite and headed out to knock out as much of our Christmas shopping as we could. I normally do the majority of the Christmas shopping myself, so it was nice having Josh there to help me pick out some things for everyone.

After doing a ton of shopping, we met my parents at Texas Roadhouse for supper. It was great catching up with them and enjoying a good meal to finish off the day. I was extra happy to get out of the embarrassment of having to sit on the birthday saddle and have them do their birth-



HOME GROWN
AMY HALVERSON

day cheer. I was able to convince our waitress to just give me the ice cream and forget the rest.

On our way home, Josh talked me into stopping to pick out some plants for part of my birthday gift. We ended up finding a bunch of them, and had to find room in the car for several new plants and the Christmas cactus I had initially intended to get.

It was a great day thanks to my parents and Josh. I got my first massage, a bunch of Christmas shopping done, and I have a ton of new plants to try to keep alive.

This week I'm sharing a recipe for lasagna that I found on the Kraft website. It's similar to the one I normally make, but I love that you don't have to cook the noodles separately. By adding the water, the noodles will cook while baking. Enjoy!

Simple Lasagna

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 egg, beaten
- 15 oz. skim ricotta cheese
- 24 oz. tomato and basil pasta sauce
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 cup water
- 2 ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 12 lasagna noodles, uncooked

Heat oven to 350. Brown meat in large skillet on medium-high heat. Meanwhile, combine egg, ricotta, parsley, 1 ¼ cups mozzarella and ¼ cup parmesan. Drain meat; return to skillet. Stir in pasta sauce. Add 1 cup water to empty sauce jar; cover with lid and shake well. Add to meat mixture; stir until blended. Spread 1 cup meat sauce onto bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; top with layers of 3 lasagna noodles, 1/3 of the ricotta mixture and 1 cup of the remaining meat sauce. Repeat layers twice. Top with remaining noodles, meat sauce and cheeses. Cover with foil sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 1 hour or until heated through, removing foil after 45 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting to serve.

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Revisiting Kingsbury County’s ‘Poor Farm’

BY MARY LEE
Kingsbury Journal

Many of us are not aware of the existence of the Kingsbury County Poor Farm. In 1895, the Kingsbury County commission moved and seconded that the NE 1/4 of Section 17-111-56 be the building site, and this land remains county owned yet today.

According to commission minutes from April 9, 1895, "\$2000.00 to be drawn on the Poor Farm Fund and sold for cash to be used in the construction of the poor farm buildings." Commission records also show that bids were accepted from G. W. Anderson for carpenter work for \$1764.00 on the poor house and barn. Bids from Arne Fosse for stonework on cellar and foundation wall for the poor house were accepted at \$98.00. WM Taylor for painting Poor House and Barn for \$100.00. Records found that Charles Ingalls was paid \$6.00 for work on the Poor Farm buildings.

In 1896, it was reported that “the cows purchased are in good condition and everything pertaining to the Poor Farm was found in good order.”

Poor Houses, or Poor Farms in this case, originated in England during the 17th century. Municipalities were expected to care for their poor. At that time, people were expected to work or be imprisoned if they refused.

Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, poor houses were a reality for society’s most vulnerable people. Poor Farms were found in more rural areas. They were carefully regulated for indigent people to live and work. Instead of performing industrial or domestic labor, residents did farm work instead. These locally-run institutions filled a need in a time before Social Security, Medicaid and Section 9 housing became a reality. In general, the poor on these farms were well cared for, with plenty of clothing to keep them warm in the winter and plenty to eat and drink.

Kingsbury Commission records find that the property owned by the county had sealed bids for care and board and care of the aged, as well as sealed bids to lease the land from March 1 of each year for the following year. This was in with exemptions of the residential building and board and care of the aged of the poor farm.

In Kingsbury County, the county commission again moved to build a fire-proof building at the County Farm in 1918. Bids were opened, and six bids were offered on the main building. Ursa Louis Freed of Wattertown, S.D., was the architect and supervised the building of the brick building. His fees were 2.5 percent of the costs of the building. The building was built for \$13,343 and the plumbing for \$3083. Bids for 1918 were that WR Adams contracted as overseer at the County Farm at \$50.00 per month from April 1 to Dec. 1, and \$30.00 per month from Dec. 1 to Apr. 1 of 1919.

Several different local couples

have a history with management of the Poor Farm. Bids were received yearly for superintendents of the facility. Found in the minutes of January 27, 1950, bids were received from five different sources. One noted was of Herbert and Helen Harris, Iroquois for \$45.00 per month for residential building, and \$450.00 for lease of land of NE ¼ of 17-111-56. Care of the county to pay \$50.00 per month for person able to eat at table, \$55.00 per month for person not able to eat at table and \$2.25 per day for person confined to bed.

The County Poor Farm ceased operation in the mid-1960’s, and it’s furnishings were sold at auction on May 6, 1967.

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CHRISTMAS POOR FARM: Finding treasure at the bottom of the barrel

FROM FRONT PAGE

the door and opened it. He had a special way of putting people at ease.

“Come in, we have some other children for you to play with.” Some months before, we had acquired our first family, a mother and five children. Our newest family joined the ranks of the 83 other people who called this home.

As wards of the county, their clothing would be provided. It was only a few weeks before school, so the mothers and two lady seamstresses who worked for the WPA were sewing every day. Since Herschel and I had been teachers, we knew the importance of having the children look right. We watched the sewing projects with great interest.

On the first day of school, our boys and girls lined up for inspection. Herschel and I could not have been more proud of them if they had been our own. They went to school, and all seemed well.

One Saturday two weeks later, Carol, the oldest girl, and I were working in the laundry and sewing room. Carol was ironing a skirt she especially liked. She looked up at me and said, “Mrs. Mac, I know how hard you and Mr. Mac worked to get us nice clothes. It really does not matter, I guess. I have this lovely skirt, and they still call us Poor House Kids at school.” I hugged Carol and hid my own tears in fussing with a missionary barrel that had just been delivered from a church in the east.

“Let’s see what treasures we can find in this barrel,” I replied. After much tugging and prying, the lid was removed. Carol unpacked and handed things to me. She held up a pair of wool pants with the seat of the trousers worn shiny and thin. She giggled as she pulled out a pair of long underwear with holes in the knees and elbows. Most of the barrels were that way, filled with worn or unsuitable items. Then Carol carefully unpacked a small tea set carefully wrapped. Trinkets like the tea set we put away to fatten up our Christmas presents.

Carol had reached the bottom of the barrel. She was bent double reaching for something she had

missed. When she stood up, she held in her hands a nearly worn-out chiffon scarf. It had once been lovely, but now threadbare and tattered, it had been discarded and sent to the poor. I was about to tell Carol to throw it away when I saw a special light in her eyes. “Would you like to keep it?” I asked. Carol’s answer was to hold it closely and nod. The scarf was Carol’s doorway to dreams. She would sit on her bed and finger the soft chiffon. She was not in the Charles Mix Home for the Poor. She was far away. Carol always neatly folded her scarf and put it away.

Christmas came that year despite the dust. We had a flurry of special cookie baking. The women waited for Little Ted to carry in buckets of milk from our cows. They were anxious to turn it into cream and butter for baking.

The living room was festooned with paper chains cut from newspaper and stuck together with flour paste.

The county provided one clothing gift for each resident, and Herschel and I shopped carefully.

A few days before Christmas, Herschel and I were resting in our apartment which was directly off the living room. It had been a busy day, and the quiet of the evening was welcome. There came a soft tap on our door, and Herschel answered it.

“Carol, come in,” Herschel smiled down at her. Carol stepped into the room, slowly, then gathering her courage, spoke quickly. “Mr. and Mrs. Mac you have been so busy for all of us, but you won’t have any Christmas presents, any Christmas.”

I remember saying, “Of course we will have Christmas, Carol, with all of you. We will have a good dinner and sing Christmas songs. There will be presents. Mr. Mac and I have friends from Platte who will come out for Christmas night supper. We will be just fine.”

Carol turned to go. She obviously was not convinced. Herschel put his hands on her shoulder. “You are all our family, Carol. We are happy.”

Christmas day began in the early hours of the morning as Big Ted stoked up the furnace, and the pipes

rumbled. Not until after breakfast did we all gather in the living room and open presents. There was much laughter and excitement. We feasted on goose and turkey with all the trimmings at noon. Those who had relatives had visitors call in the afternoon. In the quiet of the afternoon, Herschel and I went to our apartment to prepare for our guests. Once again, there came a soft tap on the door. When I opened the door, there was Carol. She walked into the room hesitantly, the way a 14-year-old does if she is embarrassed. Carol went to Herschel first. “I don’t have a present for you, just a hug.” Herschel was a large man, and he enfolded that slim little child in

his arms. Carol turned to me. “Mrs. Mac, I have something for you.” She handed me a box wrapped in paper. Carol watched like a hawk as I untied the string. Beneath the crackling paper was her much loved scarf. I fought back tears as I fingered its softness. “It’s all I have, Mrs. Mac. I want you to have it.” Carol spoke softly.

I have treasured it forever. The frayed chiffon scarf is forever a symbol of Christmas and a true gift of love.

About the author — At the time of the writing Marian Cramer was a Bryant farmwife and teacher. She still enjoys freelance writing. She is currently retired and living in De Smet.



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CITY COUNCIL

Nelson appointed to city council seat

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

At Monday’s Lake Preston City Council meeting, council members interviewed two people who were interested in filling the vacant council seat in Ward I, one in person and the other by phone. There was a third person who had expressed interest, but the council was not able to reach that individual by phone. They appointed Trent Nelson to fill the position.

One thing that was clarified with both applicants was that the council hoped whoever was appointed plans to take out an application to run for a full term in April, as there are going to be a lot of meetings with the many projects that are going on in the community at this time. Both applicants agreed.

“I do believe it is up to the public,” council member Joe Schnell stated, regarding an April election.

Mayor Andy Wienk said that he did not want anyone to have the wrong opinion about former council member Gary Buer who was recently asked to give up his seat on the council after being unable to attend meetings.

“Gary has put in a lot of time, and we appreciate his many years of service,” Wienk stated. “Just because he is not able to make meetings anymore does not diminish the many contributions he has made to the community.”

Lake Preston volunteer fireman Brandon Gates gave an update on the local volunteer fire department.



Mayor Andy Wienk, left, welcomes new Lake Preston City Council member Trent Nelson during Monday’s meeting. (Submitted photo)

He said they have been working on their budget and recently made some purchases that couldn’t wait. He reported that the pheasant banquet in October was a success. The firefighters serve beverages at this event to make money for the department. He asked if the fire department should drive around on Christmas morning to deliver candy to local children, as they did last year. Council member Donna Bumann said that the chamber of commerce got the addresses of homes with children last year, and her impression from the council was that if the fire department wants to take over and do it, that would be great. There was some discussion on

how this will be organized and if the fire department will be in charge or if they will just be delivering.

Gates said they have two men who want to join the fire department and are taking classes now, and another applicant who is already fully certified.

City employee Brian Zeeck reported that they have shut down and winterized the bathrooms in the city park and gave an update on the cannon in the park. The cannon has been brought inside and will be sandblasted over the winter.

“It will look nicer,” he explained. There will be a new cement pad, and possibly landscaping brick added. “Every time I drive past, I think of something new,” Zeeck said.

He also reported that the dump ground has been cleaned up with dirt hauled out and clay brought in. He said he got a call from a good samaritan one day last week about a water leak, and they were able to repair it in about an hour and 15 minutes.

Finance officer Brenda Klug and council members discussed schedules for several special meetings before the end of the year, including a Dec. 15 meeting to open bids for the water tower. The council will not be awarding anything at that meeting but will do that on Dec. 20. The council discussed that there is a huge interest in water towers from companies all over the United States, and they expect to receive a lot of bids.

The council had the second read-

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LEGION

Odden honored as 75-year member

Lucille Odden, 92, was honored Dec. 4 as a 75-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She joined the organization in 1946 at the age of 17 because her brother was in the service. Her mother was already an active auxiliary member. Lucille joined the auxiliary in Minnesota, and after her marriage to Mayland Odden in 1950, she transferred her membership to the Porter L. Rich Unit #63 in Lake Preston, where she is still a member. She now lives in an apartment in Miller. Four members of the Lake Preston Auxiliary traveled to Miller to present her with her 75-year certificate at an open house hosted by her family at the Miller Plaza.

Joan Wollschlager, rear left, Barb Hasche and Roxane Casper; Lucille Odden, front left, and Vivian Jones celebrate Lucille’s 75 years as an American Legion Auxiliary member. (Submitted photo)



Lake Preston

LOOKING BACK

1971: Full capacity bleachers for De Smet and Hazel games

10 YEARS AGO

December 7, 2011

Three students advanced to the State Festival for Oral Interpretation - **Evan Jensen, Andrew Nelson and Kimberly Cleveland**. Each one received a superior for their presentations, which earned them the team excellence award. Jensen had come down with laryngitis days before the performance but still earned a superior for his piece.

Ben Hauck took home the Golden Crock Pot Award for the best pasta dish served at Christmas Around Town last Friday. His dish, apple lasagna, won by a narrow margin.

25 YEARS AGO

December 12 1996

The Town & Country Snowdrifters snowmobile club received a grants-in-aid award of \$14,000 to groom and maintain an 86-mile trail that passes through Iroquois, De Smet, Lake Preston and Arlington. The money comes from a portion of taxes on snowmobile license fees, gas tax and sales taxes on snowmobiles. The 4 Lakes Trail runs through Kingsbury County, up along Lake Poinsett, over through Bryant and Lake Norden and ties into the Coteau Des Prairies Trail, creating about 300 continuous miles of riding.

The Chamber's annual Christmas drawings have been changed to this coming Saturday at 2 p.m. following the free pancake feed and Santa visits instead of Dec. 20, to allow more people to be present.

Matt Warne received superiors from all three judges at the annual State Oral Interpretation Festival. His successful performance capped off an impressive 4-year oral interpretation career for him and was his second appearance at state.

Both **April Zeeck** and **Trudy Wastweet** were named Terrific Kids by the local Kiwanis Club.



TEN YEARS AGO: Eleven FFA members headed to Pierre on Saturday to attend the state leadership CDEs. LPHS students participated in six different events including Junior Parli Pro, job interview, Ag broadcasting, Ag marketing, Ag sales and Creed speaking. The students placed highly in their events, and FFA advisor Clint Smith said, "I'm happy with all the members who participated. It was a good learning experience, and I feel that they all gained valuable knowledge and skills that they can use no matter what they do in the future."

The Divers BB season started with a 72-45 win over Dell Rapids St. Mary last Tuesday. **Mike Malone** was high scorer, while **Justin Vincent** led the rebounds.

50 YEARS AGO

December 9, 1971

Wrestling made its bow on the winter sport scene Wednesday evening when the LPHS grapplers met Arlington's strong mat squad in the local season opener. The Cardinals won handily, but the Divers won three of the varsity matches and made close contests out of several others, as a relatively green, inexperienced squad showed considerable promise. Varsity victories by the Divers were registered by **Steve Steffensen** at 126#, **Ed Smith** at 145# and **Mike Koch** at 105#. In the B team matches, **Keith Nelson** and **Alden Boyd** gained wins.

The bleachers have been filled with fans young and old for the Divers basketball matches. Both the games against De Smet and Hazel were observed by near capacity crowds. The

top scorers were **Brian Shanks, Klark Thomsen and John Anderson**, with **Steve Jensen** turning in a fine floor game.

"Night of the Grizzlies" is the movie being presented by the Preston Theatre for the children's matinee. This is the third free show being offered, and the previous shows have been well attended.

75 YEARS AGO

December 5, 1946

Shanks Hardware Supply announces they have a large stock of gift items including mirrors, hampers, shag rugs, children's chairs, novelty items, games galore and toys and trucks for the kiddies.

The Red Owl Agency is selling extra standard oysters for 79 cents/pint and oyster crackers for 21 cents a pound.

Bonde's ad states "Just in time for Christmas - you men - full fashioned silk hose! A gift she has been longing for @2.75/pair- all silk hose, no cotton

tops!!!"

Rapidly diminishing coal supplies in the nation due to strikes has prompted **Governor M.Q. Sharpe** to ask every community in the state to ration and conserve the local fuel supply for only necessary requirements. Each community should determine what activities should be given preference and what should be curtailed so that the health and welfare of the community can be maintained.

100 YEARS AGO

December 8, 1921

The girls' basketball team, accompanied by **Miss Hazel Smithback**, ventured to Oldham to meet up for their first contest of the season. They emerged victors by a score of 6-1.

At the conclusion of the band practice last Friday evening, the members including two from Hetland and two from De Smet, enjoyed a fine luncheon at **Herman Bends'** dining parlor, which we understand was most heartily enjoyed.

AT THE MUSEUM

Oscar is here to greet you

BY MARY ROCKINO

Kingsbury Journal

Let's go back a few years this week - it's Sunday, and church is over. Why don't we treat Mom to a nice dinner at Susie's Cafe! We can have either a chicken or a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings for \$2.85. Susie managed to turn out delicious meals every day without fail. Come to the museum and sit in one of her booths and gaze out of the window at a familiar sight - Lawson Oil's famous gabled cottage across the highway.

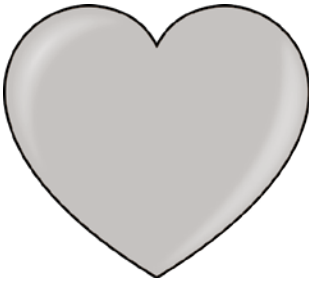
Travelers who came through our town were greeted by Oscar, the friendly chef, and his famous movable arm holding a hamburger.

Susie hired many high school girls over the years; it was the first job for many of them, and she taught them well. Her oatmeal raisin cookie recipe probably is in many of their recipe boxes to this day.

Another not so well-kept secret is "the door" which was in the bathroom in Susie's house. The girls wrote messages to each other on it, and it is on display here, too. Their secret lives are revealed many years later!



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Beyond the Grotto {Pt. 6}

Short Story Continued By: Anonymous

What an eventful day! An annoying little voice in my head exclaimed as I was leaving school. I felt less than optimistic about returning home. I'm sure my mother won't be happy about the "minor" accident I had earlier, which caused me to miss most of my first day. As I was trudging home, I heard someone call my name.

"Patience! Hey, how's it going? Sorry about your head." It was Oliver, with Felix following close behind. I was not in the mood to have a conversation right now, but I answered them anyway. "It's fine; it doesn't really hurt that much." Another lie. It hurt so much worse than it had when I woke up. I then realized that I never went to the bathroom to look in the mirror to see the damage.

"You're lying, that had to have hurt," Felix prodded.

"Listen, I don't even know what happened. All I know is that I fainted in art and fell off my chair," I snapped. It had been a long day, and I just wanted to get home and relax.

"You don't know? The whole school has been talking about it since it happened, everyone thought you were dead for sure!" Oliver replied.

"Of course she doesn't know; she's been unconscious most of the day," Felix then turned to me, "You didn't just hit the floor when you fell; your head landed on Nadine's scrap metal sculpture, which was on the floor because she wanted to 'get a better viewing angle'. She seemed upset about what happened."

"Yeah, it cut pretty deep. There was blood everywhere. We only saw because we needed some supplies for a project and popped in the art room just as it was happening," Oliver added sheepishly.

I wasn't surprised, as I have had unfortunate luck, especially during the move. I slipped on a frog (rest in peace) while carrying a box full of my mother's glass figurines, tripped out of the car and face planted into the ground when we stopped at the border for a random check, ate a cookie that I thought was normal but turned out to be a decoration (don't ask), and now this. I could go on and on, but we don't have time for this.

They ended up walking me home, which was weird because I live out on the edge of town in the middle of nowhere, and saying their goodbyes as I went through the gate. Great, now it's time to face my mother. Maybe the nurse forgot to call? I doubt it, but I can dream.

I walked through the door and was met with a barrage of questions. "Where were you? What happened? Are you okay? Who were those guys? I think you need to go to the hospital it's worse than I imagined!" My parents have always worried about me. I assured her that I was fine, that I just wanted some Tylenol and rest. She hesitantly agreed, but only after watching me take the pills, and allowed me to go up to my room. I stopped in the bathroom to take off the bandages and look at the damage.

There was a long gash starting on my lower left forehead, stretching across my nose and ending right under my eye. Now I know why the nurse didn't want to look at me; it was ugly, although I wasn't pretty, to begin with. I looked at my reflection in the mirror. I guess it didn't look much different. The same big heterochromatic eyes-one emerald green and one sapphire blue-, the same dark oak hair (from my dad) and the same round face with a crooked nose (from the frog incident) and a small spray of freckles across it.

I didn't look too different, at least I thought. But I have never been an adequate judge for anything. I guess I'll just have to wait until tomorrow.



The Kingsbury County Knights have kicked off their season! The team wrestled last Saturday at the Clark-Willow Lake tournament and took 1st place! Lane Jensen won first place in his weight class on Monday night in Flandreau, and Tade Menzel took 3rd. Congrats to the Knights on a great start to their season!



Pictured above, Freshmen Kason Anderson and Ryne Greene work to sign students up for an upcoming Ag class project. The Ag class will be hosting a Dodgeball Tournament on December 16th at the school.

Funds raised for Angel Tree

By: Hadlee Holt

Angel Tree season is here again, and the 5th grade couldn't be more excited. This year they have chosen to put money towards 5 Angle Tree gifts instead of exchanging with classmates. Each student has donated \$5 to the gifts along with the North Pole and Pajama Dress Up Day. To dress up these days, it only costs \$1. The LP School raised \$388 this year! Mrs. McCloud and her class have gone down to the Lake Preston Bank and selected five gifts bags for different kids. On Wednesday, the 8th, they traveled to Brooking where they went to Walmart and hand-picked what items to buy. The gift bags range from kids aged anywhere from a few months old to 18 years old. The gift ideas range greatly, too! Any extra money collected was donated to the Lake Preston Food Pantry! The generosity shows just how big their hearts are!

A look into the week ahead...

Monday, Dec. 13th:

- Boys Basketball vs Iroquois-Doland; 6:00, MS 4:30
- School Board Meeting; 12:30

Tuesday, Dec. 14th:

- Boys Basketball vs Wolsey-Wessington; 6:00

Thursday, Dec. 16th:

- Girls Basketball Elkton-LB @ Lake Benton; 6:45, MS 5:30
- Wrestling NEC Tournament @ Webster; 4:00

Friday, Dec. 17th:

- Boys Basketball Elkton-LB@ Elkton; 6:00, MS 4:30
- First Grade Guest Day

Saturday, Dec. 18th:

- Girls Basketball Entringer vs ORR @ Colman; 12:00
- Varsity Wrestling @ Madison; 9:00
- JV Wrestling @ Sioux Valley; 10:00

Weird Whispers of LPHS

"How does Jesus and Eminem relate to my grandma watching the MTV EMA's?"
Heard in Science

"Middle School for you was a wild time"
Heard in the MS English

"If I was president, I would get rid of taxes, then scream WAR!"
Heard in the MS Math

Person 1 - *"I'm so funny, I crack myself up sometimes"*
Person 2 - *"You sure those aint' your bones?"*
Heard in MS Reading

I'm going to smell like ranch."
Heard in the gym

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Editor of the Week:
Rachel Jensen

Advisor: Krista O'Dea

Seniors: Marissa Rober, Rachel Jensen
Juniors: Gretta Larson, Ava Malone, Janelle Rhodes, Stella Deknikker, Grace Hirschorn
Sophomores: Patrick Poppen, Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins
Freshmen: Trinity Pirlet
8th Grade: Lucas Unruh, Hadlee Holt, Lorick Pirlet

"Get it down. Take chances. It may be bad, but it's the only way you can do anything really good."
--William Faulkner

Lake Preston

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



Granger, left, and Braven Sjolie visit Dec. 3 with Santa during Christmas in our Town in Lake Preston. Mark and Penny Sjolie are their parents. (Photos by Donna Palmlund)



Amber Nelson, owner of Shear Perfection, won The Golden Crockpot award with her homemade ice cream.

Spreading Christmas cheer

BY DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

The Lake Preston Chamber/4-Lakes Forward hosted Christmas in Our Town on Dec. 3. Many merchants were open later hours, held prize drawings and served holiday treats. People had the opportunity to vote for their favorite foods.

Amber Nelson, owner/operator of Shear Perfection beauty salon, won the traveling trophy “The Golden

Crockpot” with her homemade vanilla ice cream. Santa Claus greeted children and posed for photos at the community room.

The Lake Preston Volunteer Fire Department kept up the tradition of giving away two children’s bicycles in a drawing. Winners were Lorayne Nelson and J.D. Blachford.

The Lake Preston American Legion topped off the evening with Turkey Bingo at the legion hall.



Lorayne Nelson and J.D. Blachford each won a bicycle donated by the Lake Preston Fire Department. (Photo by Ceci Bode)



Lake Preston kindergarten and first-grade students perform “Snowman Jump” Dec. 2 during the elementary school winter concert. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)



Cousins Andie Smith, left, and Hayes Smith don't seem to be too fazed by Santa. Andie's parents are Jake and Codi Smith, and Hayes' parents are Kelsey and Luke Smith.



Home of the week

Each week in December, the Lake Preston 4 Lakes Forward/Chamber and Otter Tail Power Company sponsor the Christmas Home of the Week Contest and choose a decorated home to honor. This week's winner is the home of Mike and Stacy Jenkins at 530 Walters Ave. Each weekly winner receives \$25 in Chamber Bucks. (Photo by Ceci Bode)

CITY COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 10

ing of an ordinance that will give them more legal authority to act on nuisance properties in the community, including the imposing of fines and billing for work done by the city to clean up said properties. The city has a contract with Code Enforcement Specialties, LLC to help identifying nuisance properties. Wienk said the city stays out of it, that the person compiling the list is from out of town and has no local connections. “I’ve had people coming in literally laughing at me. If we are going to take it seriously, we have to take it seriously,” Council member Brian

Verhey stated. Weston Balias, a project manager for Banner and Associates, was scheduled to attend the meeting. He was not able to attend but sent an updated plan for phase II of the street project. Phase II is the area south of Highway 14. Updates to the campground at the city park were discussed, including the possibility of having some spots for short-term and others for long-term campers, with long-term facilities needed with the expected influx of construction workers in Lake Preston next summer.

Merry Christmas

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- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10:** BBQ on Bun, Tater Tots, Vegetable, Fruit
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 13:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit, Bun
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Christmas Meal- Ham, Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert, Bun
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Wild Rice, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert

School Lunch

- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9:** Hamburger Noodle Hotdish, Green Beans, Pears, Bread
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10:** Chicken Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Strawberry Cup
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 13:** Chili, Crackers, Cheese, Veggies, Mixed Fruit, Soft Pretzel
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14:** Softshell Taco, Lettuce, Cheese, Mandarin Oranges
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Hamburger/Bun, Baked Beans, Peach Cup



Christmas season is upon us!

Above: Kinnley, left, and Kashden Palmlund pose for a photo with Santa after telling him their wishes for this year. (Photo by Rhonda Siefker)

Right: Shirley Keller, left, Jerry Keller and Lynne Kruse shop for holiday goodies Dec. 5 at the annual cookie walk sponsored by the De Smet Community Women. (Photo by Donna Pamlund)



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DAYS GONE BY

1946: Lucky try yields bumper crop of pop corn

10 YEARS AGO
December 7, 2011
A retirement open house was held in honor of **Master Sergeant Jay Slater** on Sat., Dec. 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the American Legion Post #138. Awards began at 6:30 p.m. with meal from 7-8 p.m. Attendees were asked to consider a donation for the Legion roof project.
Ron and Jeanne Penney's decorated home was chosen as the De Smet Community Women's Christmas Home of the Week.

25 YEARS AGO
December 11, 1996
Students for the month of November have been named at De Smet Middle School. **Kim Purintun** is a sixth-grader who is involved in basketball, piano, dance, band and church youth group. She is a daughter of **Mark and Susan Purintun**. **Danielle Cronkhite** is a seventh-grader who is in basketball, cheerleading, volleyball and church youth group. She is a daughter of **David and Diane Cronkhite**. **Stephanie Lee**,



TEN YEARS AGO: Patti Ward Slater, owner of Ward's Store, dishes up a few yuletide treats, getting them ready for Christmas shoppers who want a sweet snack.
an eighth-grader, is active in basketball, cheerleading, golf, gymnastics and her church youth group. She is a daughter of **Sandie Lee**.

50 YEARS AGO
December 9, 1971
Mark Purintun, De Smet senior, was given a place on the Argus-Leader all-state 11-man defensive football unit, along with Class "A" players, given a linebacker spot on the 16-man group. The Argus-Leader sports staff termed Purintun "a sweep-leading (:04.9 speed for the 40) guard on offense, had 58 unassisted stops in eight games and 87 assists. He intercepted three passes and recovered three fumbles. He was teamed with **Kip Krull** of Pierre and **Bill Bly**, "a 178-pound dynamo" of Brandon Valley. **Coach Robert Sprang** was pleased to receive a South Dakota All-State Certificate for Outstanding Ability for Mark.

75 YEARS AGO
December 12, 1946
The local school has a new acquisition — a small grand piano for the auditorium. The instrument was purchased jointly by the school and board of education. A Cable piano,

it is a parlor grand in size. Of dark walnut, it is a beautiful instrument and of excellent quality. It will be used at auditorium occasions — musicals, programs, contests and the like.
A field new crop for this area has brought a nearby farmer an excellent return of about \$420 for a five-acre yield. It was just a lucky try, **Merle Gunderson** says, when he planted six acres to corn — pop corn - on the farm just west of town. He found himself with five bushels of seed and so planted it. Part of an acre drowned out, but he harvested eight triple-box loads by picker, making six tons, which he sold for \$70 a ton.

90 YEARS AGO
December 4, 1931
Of 69 counties in South Dakota, Kingsbury stands 18th in the number of illiterates, according to a report made public by President Hoover's national emergency committee on illiteracy. This county has 36 who cannot read or write.



Home of the week
The De Smet Community Women chose the Mayor Gary and Judy Wolkow home on First Street as this week's Christmas Home of the Week. Every week, during the holiday season, DCW picks a decorated home to honor, co-sponsored by Otter Tail Power Company. (Submitted photo)

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Most Creative

First Place went to De Smet Community Church with a theme, Hark the Herald Angels Sing. The tree was topped with an ornate angel, and adorned with paper chains homemade star ornaments. (Photos by Mike Siefker)



1st place silliest

First Place for the silliest tree went to De Smet Flowers and Gifts for their tree with the theme, Home “Gnome” for the Holidays. The tree had Gnome Blvd. signs placed on the tree, and various gnomes hung from its branches.



2nd place silliest

Second Place went to the LIW Memorial Society and a “Little House” theme. The tree was topped with a sun bonnet, two stockings hung from the lower branches and a prairie dress adorned the upper branches. Covers of the “Little House” books were hung.



Best of Themes

First Place went to Horizon Health Clinic and the tree with the theme, Honoring our Military. The tree was decorated with a patriotic theme, bios of those who served were scattered around the tree, and military boots were placed at the foot of the tree.

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Merchants in De Smet donated Christmas baskets filled with goods or services available locally. Thirty-three baskets had been donated. Visitors bought tickets, put their name and phone number on them and then placed the tickets in the appropriate bag for the basket desired. (Photo by Rhonda Siefker)

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De Smet Chamber Vice President Patti Slater and President Chad Kruse welcome visitors to the Christmas Tree Festival held this year in the dance hall of Klinkel’s III. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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Student Stress

BY: ELLA POPPINGA

In my opinion, I think that students have a great amount of stress when it comes to school. For some, it comes in the area of homework. I think that teachers should take into consideration the activities that all of the students are involved in such as sports, work, plays and school groups. When giving homework, the homework should be proportionate to the available amount of time that students have based on those school activities. Many students develop anxiety, stress or depression as they try their best in all areas. While I believe homework is a part of a high schooler's normal responsibilities that help them prepare for college, I think that it can be addressed or assigned in a way that promotes success for all students.



Get to Know the Staff

BY: JACIE MCCUNE

The newspaper staff consists of five high school students. Ella Poppinga is a junior who joined the journalism class because there were no other classes she wanted to join. Her favorite part about the class is getting to do fun activities. Emily Jennings, a sophomore, joined journalism class because it seemed better than weight lifting. Jennings's favorite part about writing for the newspaper is getting to interview people. Willem Lim is also a sophomore and his favorite part about writing for the newspaper is the



Willem Lim, Emily Jennings, Jacie McCune, Ella Poppinga, and Sophia Barr are the faces behind the creativity of The Bulldog Bark.

THE BULLDOG BARK STAFF
2021-2022

Advisor: Mrs. Lindsay Nolte
Team Members: Jacie McCune, Junior; Ella Poppinga, Junior; Emily Jennings, Sophomore; Willem Lim, Sophomore; Sophia Barr, Sophomore

Events

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- State FFA CDE's @ Pierre
- FCCLA Regionals @ Dell Rapids
- JH GBB (1 team) vs Hamlin-H @ 4:00PM
- WR @ Flandreau @ 4:30pm
- JH BBB(1 team) vs Hamlin-H @ 5:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- State FFA CDE's Pierre
- LIW Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- FFA Fruit Pick-up @ 3:30pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7th BBB @ Deubrook @ 5:00pm
- JH GBB (1 team) @ Deubrook @ 5:00pm
- WR in De Smet @ 5:00PM
- 8th BBB @ Deubrook @ 6:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

- GBB/BBB @ Deubrook @ 4:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

- JH WR @ Brookings @ 9am
- WR @ Howard @ 10:00am

Christmas Concert

BY: WILLEM LIM

On Thursday, December 2, the De Smet High School and Middle School Band and Choir performed their Christmas concert. They played songs ranging from "All I Want For Christmas Is You" to "Fum, Fum, Fum". The concert was directed by Darold Rounds, the substitute band teacher, and Ian Krekelberg, the choir teacher. Krekelberg explained that he was very

excited to show the audience the payoff of the student's hard work. Rounds, like Krekelberg, was also looking forward to the outcome of the show. This concert was the last concert Rounds would direct, as Kayla Vockrodt makes a return to the podium. Rounds stated that he will miss his students, and was impressed by how good both the high school and middle school bands sounded.



Students in grades 6-8 performed with the Middle School Choir during the Christmas Concert under the direction of Mr. Ian Krekelberg.

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BY: SOPHIA BARR

Would you Rather?

BY: EMILY JENNINGS

Tacy Bold's third-grade class at LIW Elementary had fun answering very unique WOULD YOU RATHER questions; even though it may be fun to swim in a pool of peanut butter, 86% of the students would rather swim in a pool of jello. Though most would agree that it is more fun to play in the rain, 79% of the third-grade class would rather play in the snow. Imagine if you could read other people's minds; 67% of the third-grade

class thinks so too. Sign language would be fun to learn, but 63% of the students think reading lips would be more fun to learn. When it comes to eating something sweet or salty, 58% of the third graders would rather eat something sweet. Would you rather jump like a frog or roar like a lion? 54% of the third graders think it would be more fun to roar like a lion. It may be hard to choose between some of these options but when it comes to third grade, they have no problem.

BANCROFT NEWS

Here is the difference between slowing down and stopping

BY ROSE GROTHE

Ted Haug was the speaker at the Presbyterian Church on Dec. 5, and his wife Kaye led the advent service. Thank you, Ted, for a different and very interesting look at Jesus' birth. And Kaye, the music was beautiful. Thank you!

We have had some spectacular sunsets lately. I hope you have taken a look!

As I sit at the Oxbow waiting for my meal, I am amazed at the number of vehicles that "roll" through the stop sign onto 14, and I'm reminded of a story. A young boy had just gotten his drivers license and was 'trying' it out when he came to a stop sign. He slowed down, looked both ways but 'rolled' across the road. Quickly, the red and blue lights started flashing in his rearview mirror, and when he came to a stop, the officer said, "You did not stop at that

stop sign." The young one said, "Well, I slowed down, looked both ways, and no car was coming, before I went through. What's the difference?" The officer calmly pulled out his 'night stick' and began hitting him about the head and shoulders, saying as he did so, "Now, do you want me to 'Slow Down' or 'Stop?'"

MORE FROM SIGURD ANDERSON

How can I neglect to mention "The Dirty Thirties" was a time of Russian thistles without number, a time of tiny crops—if any at all, droughts, terrible dust storms, a period of blistering heat, a time of no rains, a time of Federal programs such as WPA; PWA, NRA, OPA and Hoover Highway plus many others. I must not to overlook mentioning that the dust covered fences, so the skinny cattle walked over the top of fences. Many say that money

was scarce—very scarce during the "Dirty 30's." Hope was more plentiful than money.

Other items of life in the "Dirty 30's" were rabbit drives, playing 'smear' in the pool hall, building skimpy dams, walking to town - low on gasoline and stacking Russian thistles with millions of "stickers."

An "educational item" I must not omit is the fun of pitching bundles at threshing time. I don't think I have ever heard stories like those heard at threshing time—many were unprintable.

I would like to mention or list a host of names and events in Bancroft, but I am reminded that space is at premium. I will say that during my years in South Dakota, I enjoyed my years as Attorney General of South Dakota, my two terms as Governor of South Dakota—I must say that being Governor is next to being

President. I enjoy my two appointments as Commissioner of the Federal Government, and last but not least, the thrill of being Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of South Dakota.

As I conclude this somewhat rambling account about Bancroft, I want to apologize for all the mistakes and errors as to names, places and events. After all, I am an old man (85), and much of what I have covered herein, touch back 64 years; my memory isn't perfect. I tried my best! Almost forgot to note I enlisted in the U. S Navy, served three years—ended in Philippine Islands.

This summer (1989), Bancroft will help celebrate the Centennial of South Dakota. I hope we can all meet on the main street of Bancroft, shake hands and talk about good old Bancroft!

Sigurd Anderson
Judge and former SD Governor

LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church Service Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 88.1 FM Radio, Live Facebook. Adult and Children Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. All welcome. Pastor Dick Poppen speaks on KWAT radio Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. youth group, grades 1-6.

Sun., Nov. 28 was a busy day at Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church with lefsa making after the services, lunch, decorating the tree and sanctuary, and Advent Service at 7 p.m.

Ildena Poppen returned to her home from Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital on Saturday. Her children Duane, Janice, Gordon and wife Chrystal helped care for Cork during that time.

Visitors on Saturday at the Cork Poppen home were Dorothy Haug, Willow Lake. Sunday, Dick and Linda Poppen and Dianne Larson visited.

How about the weather? Really shortens the winter. They say it may get colder.

Jeff and Tyler Poppen, Watertown, were visitors this weekend and Monday at the Cork Poppen's home.

— ILLDENA POPPEN

OLDHAM-RAMONA NEWS

School Lunch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9: Chicken Tenders, Roll, Peaches, Fruit, French Fries, Relishes

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14: Italian Dunkers w/ sauce, Sidekick, Fruit, Broccoli, Relishes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Pineapple, Fruit, Relishes

CARTHAGE NEWS

Shooting an eight-cylinder truck

BY LORELEE NELSON


Trinity Lutheran Sunday School will have their Christmas Program on Sun., Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be Sunday School at 10 a.m. A practice will be held on Sat., Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.

Trinity Women of ELCA will meet Thurs., Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at Lorelee Nelson's.

Mark your calendars for Sat., Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. and come to the community center for Christmas drawings, refreshments, a visit from Santa and a Cookie Walk.

Lorelee Nelson met Gwen Gullickson, LuAnn and Mallory Kemp, Cavalier, N.D., Allysa Kemp, Philadelphia, Pa., and Janice and Emil Straka for supper, Sunday evening in Brookings.

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



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DID YOU KNOW?

With it being deer season, this item from the Dec. 9, 1981, Carthage News by the editor Carol Carter in her Chit Chat Column will bring a smile.

Word has it around town that a local fellow came down out of his tree in hot pursuit of an eight-point buck. The four-legged creature eluded him completely and pranced on across the field, all eight points held high. Our disgruntled hero returned to his waiting pick-up truck, at which time his trusty rifle accidentally discharged... mortally wounding his eight-cylinder. Now eight-points or eight-cylinders...it makes no difference to Lester Haas. Except, I hear it is really difficult to shift gears from beneath the truck to get it to limp back to town. You will recognize the pick-up, though, by the deer tag on the aerial. He just will not admit there is a difference between eight-points and eight cylinders. Oh, the joy of hunting! Go get 'em, Lester!

‘Viking Disease’ targets the palm of your hand

AS A FAMILY PHYSICIAN living on the upper Great Plains, I have many patients of Norwegian and German descent. Thus, I am familiar with some diseases that are prone to affect people of northern European ancestry. One such example is Dupuytren’s contracture.

Dupuytren’s contracture is a gradual thickening of the connective tissue of the palm of the hand. It may begin innocently as a nodule in the palm or joint stiffness, which are common for anyone. However, with Dupuytren’s contracture, over time the fingers curl inwards and cannot be straightened. Cords can become visible in the palm of the hand. This is often a slow progression over several years and may or may not become painful. It can make it harder to grasp objects and use the hand in general.

Sometimes called the “Viking Disease,” Dupuytren’s contracture most often affects men of northern Euro-



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ANDREW ELLSWORTH, MD

pean descent over the age of 50. Other risk factors making a person susceptible to this disease can include smoking, alcohol, manual labor and being thinner. It would seem being a fan of the Minnesota Vikings may be a risk factor, but that is probably just coincidence. The condition is named after

Guillaume Dupuytren, a French military surgeon who was skilled in anatomy. He described the condition well and was the first to perform a successful operation for it in 1831. Interestingly, Dupuytren gained prominence from treating Napoleon Bonaparte’s hemorrhoids.

Although a steroid injection or physical therapy may be helpful, in general, Dupuytren’s contracture cannot be cured, only treated. For a long time, surgery was the mainstay treatment, especially for more advanced cases. Surgery can involve cutting the fascia, the affected layer of connective tissue. A less invasive procedure involves using needles to weaken the thickened cords of fascia.

In the last decade a new treatment became available. Injecting the enzyme collagenase weakens the bonds in the collagen of the fascia, releasing the contractures. Extracted from the

bacteria *Clostridium histolyticum*, the collagenase offers an effective nonsurgical option for treatment.

I am not sure what my Norwegian and German ancestors would have thought about injecting an enzyme from a bacterium into their hands. However, patients today appreciate regaining the use of their hands for daily activities and to clap and cheer for their favorite football team.

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Scary Santa memory

OTHER VOICES

DONNA PALMLUND
Kingsbury Journal

I WITNESSED A LOT OF children visiting Santa last weekend. Santa spent time in Lake Preston last Friday evening and in De Smet on Sunday.

It is always interesting to take photos of children with Santa. When it comes to getting up close and personal with the jolly elf, the reactions of children run from happy excitement to downright terror - and everything in between.

I am 61 years old, and I clearly remember going to a department store in Wilmington, Del., during the holiday season with my mother and grandmother when I was four. Wanamaker's was one of those big, magnificent department stores like the ones you see in the old Christmas movies. It also has a rich history. Wanamaker's in Philadelphia was one of the first department stores in the United States. The one in Wilmington came a bit later.

Santa was there, among the hustle and bustle of the crowd. He was sitting on a big chair looking like he stepped out of a storybook. Nana asked if I wanted to tell him what I wanted for Christmas. I said yes, and we stood in line for a long time.

I was excited at first, but when we got closer, I became wary and decided I did not want any part of this plan. I had been told repeatedly not to talk to strangers, and here were two of the people I trusted most in the world, my mother and grandmother, urging me to go sit on this shady character's lap. I had never met him in person, and Santa had a loud "Ho-Ho-Ho" back in 1964.

Oh, Mom and Nana tried to bribe me. I was promised a slice of Wanamaker's famous cold pizza or a soft

pretzel with mustard if I would just cooperate. Nope, I was not going to do it. They did not make me. I know they were disappointed, but they realized it would be too traumatic. I still got my soft pretzel. Nana knew I was not being difficult on purpose. I was simply afraid.

The ordeal was forgotten until a few weeks later when we went to my great-aunt and uncle's house in Philadelphia for Christmas. Aunt Anna had a photo of her two granddaughters on her coffee table. They were sitting on Santa's lap, all bright eyed and smiling.

Me, being a typical attention-seeking little girl, said, "I wish I could have my picture taken with Santa!"

Nana and Mom gave me the "look" and admonished, "We tried to get one, but you wouldn't go sit in his lap!"

I replied that I did not know they were going to take my picture! Maybe if I had known that small detail, I would have relented.

Two great grandbabies were born into my family this year, a little boy in July and a little girl in November. Having photos taken with Santa sounds like a fun activity over the next few years. If I have anything to do with these adventures, and little Houston and Iris are afraid of the stranger in red velvet, I will swallow my disappointment and buy them pretzels anyway.



Ellie Erstad has a serious conversation with Santa during Lake Preston's Christmas in our Town celebration. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

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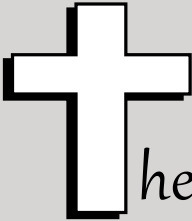


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Public Notices

**CITY OF OLDHAM
COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 6TH,
2021**

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

Motion to approve agenda Waikel, second Schellpeper. (U)

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

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

Motion to approve bills Eide, second Waikel. (U)

Alliance	120.00	Internet
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Glenn Albers gave a maintenance report. Eide motioned, seconded by Schellpeper to buy a fuel tank and pump from Jim Eykamp. Waikel motioned, seconded by Schellpeper to spend \$2,000 on tree trimming.

The Board had a discussion on burning houses in town.

The Board had a discussion on hiring a new Finance Officer, Eykamp motioned, Waikel seconded to terminate current Finance Office, Kayla

Sneesby effective Dec. 31st. Eykamp motioned Eide seconded to hire Barb Rybak as the new Finance Officer. Schellpeper motioned, seconded by Eide to pay both Kayla and Barb for one to assist with training.

Executive session was not needed.

Next Regular meeting to Monday, January 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm, at the city office.

Schellpeper Motioned, Seconded by Eykamp to adjourn the meeting.

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
IN CIRCUIT COURT
:SS
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. POPPEN,
38PRO21-000036**
DECEASED.**

**Notice to Creditors and
Notice of Informal Probate and
Appointment
of Personal Representative**

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 29A-3-801, notice is given that on November 15, 2021, Beth Poppen, 20535 434th Ave., De Smet, SD 57231 and Brett Poppen, 2928 Falls Drive, Rapid City, SD 57702, were appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of WILLIAM A. POPPEN.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Co-Personal Representatives or may be filed with the clerk and a copy of the claim mailed to the co-personal representatives.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2021.

Beth Poppen
Estate Co-Personal Representative
20535 434th Ave.
De Smet, SD 57231

Brett Poppen
Estate Co-Personal Representative
2928 Falls Drive
Rapid Cidy, SD 57702

Jennifer Malone
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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
IN CIRCUIT COURT
:SS
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
38 PRO 21-000037
ESTATE OF ROGER L. NICHOLS
DECEASED**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on November 18, 2021, Bruce Penner, whose address is 20671 429th Avenue, De Smet,

SD 57231 was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of ROGER L. NICHOLS, deceased.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Bruce Penner
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(605) 203-1691

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Kingsbury County Clerk of Court
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IROQUOIS NEWS

1941: Newspapers prohibited from publishing info about war

December 7, 1911

Two automobile loads of Iroquoisites attended the dance in Bancroft last Friday night. The hop was held in the new Agnew building and was attended by nearly one hundred couples.

No light on the subject in Carthage Tuesday night. While trying to start the big engine at the plant that evening, both **Hub Potter** and **Geo. Wiley** were overcome by escaping gas and put out of business. **Wm. Ackers** happened to go down to the plant to see why no light was forth coming and found them about all in and in a semi-conscious condition. He got them outside, and with assistance, took them to the Wiley House and summoned **Dr. Moore**. The doctor soon had them out of danger, but they were a good many hours getting over the effects of the

gas which they had taken into their systems. – Carthage News.

December 10, 1931

Vernon Barrett of Yale broke his arm while cranking a car, and **L. L. Potter** of Cavour met with the same kind of an accident while cranking the motor on a feed grinding outfit.

The West Kingsbury County Relief organization, headquarters at De Smet, recently received a ton and a half of rough fish for distribution. The fish were seined from Lake Poinsett.

Dr. D. W. Gross reports four births the past week. On Friday, a baby girl was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knouse**; on Sunday, a baby girl was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rabe**, who live north of Iroquois. On Monday, a baby girl was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Theidfoldt**, liv-

ing southwest of town, and yesterday morning, a baby girl was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson**, also residing southwest of Iroquois.

At a meeting of Sidney E. Morrison Camp No. 9, United Spanish War Veterans, held in Huron Wednesday night of last week, **D. F. Wilmarth** of Iroquois was honored by being chosen commander, and at a meeting of the auxiliary, **Mrs. Wilmarth** was elected junior vice-president of the ladies' organization.

December 11, 1941

Like a bolt from a clear sky came the news Sunday afternoon that Japan had declared war on the United States and Great Britain, and in surprise attacks, had bombed the Hawaiian Islands and other possessions, the attack on Honolulu resulting in 3,000

casualties among soldiers and civilians, the destruction of property and damage to many of our war vessels in Pearl Harbor together with a large number of planes. The Philippines was also attacked. President Roosevelt called Congress together in joint session Monday forenoon, and in a brief but forcible message, detailed the treacherous Japanese act. Immediately thereafter, both the Senate and the House passed a resolution declaring a state of war exists between Japan and the United States.

Under a restriction imposed by the government as a wartime measure, newspapers are prohibited from publishing any information regarding the movement of troops or army transports outside the United States. Under this ruling, newspapers will not be permitted to give information to anxious relatives and friends regarding the location of any of the soldiers in whom they may be interested.

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Culver receives award

Jerry Culver received his 50-year continuous membership in the American Legion certificate and pin from the Bensley-Rounds American Legion Post 280. It was presented by the Post Commander at the Iroquois American Legion meeting on Dec. 1 at the Iroquois Legion Post home. (Submitted photo)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DEC. 11: Iroquois Elementary Business Fair (3:30 to 5:45), Soup Supper (5:00 to 5:45), School play "North Pole's Got Talent!" (6:00), followed by a bus ride to view the lights in Iroquois

DEC. 20: Iroquois City Council will meet at 6:30 at City Hall. Agenda will be posted on the door.

IROQUOIS NEWS



HOSA decorates tree at S.D. State Capitol

This year, the Iroquois HOSA Chapter was chosen to decorate a Christmas tree at the Capitol in Pierre. HOSA officers Skylar Owens, Lily Blue and Kaylee Morehead decorated the tree according to the theme throughout the Capitol of "Warm Winter Wishes." (Submitted photo)

Marketing Plan Team attends state

BY BREANNA MUELLER

Congratulations to the following students on their great work at the South Dakota FFA State Leadership Development Events in Pierre on December 5 and 6. Students had to qualify at the district level to earn their spot to compete at the state competition.

The Marketing Plan team of Katie Dubro, Harley Nelson and Satoya Myers placed 6th in the state. Marketing plan is designed to assist students with developing practical skills in the marketing process through the devel-

opment and presentation of a marketing plan. Students research and present a marketing plan for an agricultural product, supply or service.

Kaylee Morehead placed 15th in Employment Skills, which is where students complete a job application, resume, cover letter, complete an interview and then write a follow up letter. Kaylee Morehead also placed 15th in Prepared Public Speaking with her 8-minute speech titled "The Silent Crisis," which talked about the alarming rates of suicide in the farming community and what we can do about it.



Members attending the South Dakota FFA State Leadership Development Events were Kaylee Morehead, left, Katie Dubro, Harley Nelson and Satoya Myers. (Submitted photo)

Making gingerbread houses

The preschoolers at Iroquois had fun building and decorating gingerbread houses for the holiday. The children used royal frosting to attach candies to the graham cracker structure. The houses were on display for parents to see the night of the Christmas concert.

Mary Wienbar has been making gingerbread houses with students for nearly 30 years. She initially found the recipe for the royal frosting in a Woman's Day magazine when she was a high school student active in 4-H.

She used the activity as one of the demonstrations for the club.

Wienbar uses the small milk cartons from school lunch as a base. The frosting is the adhesive that holds the graham crackers to the carton and the candies to the crackers. When the frosting dries, it hardens.

"It is so much fun to watch the children plan and place the candy. Their imaginations create doors, chimneys, sidewalks, windows, mailboxes, snowmen and the list goes on," states Wienbar.



Sammy Bretz, preschooler at Iroquois, builds his gingerbread house with royal frosting. (Submitted photo)



Carlos Perez Torres decorates his gingerbread house with candies and goodies. (Submitted photo)

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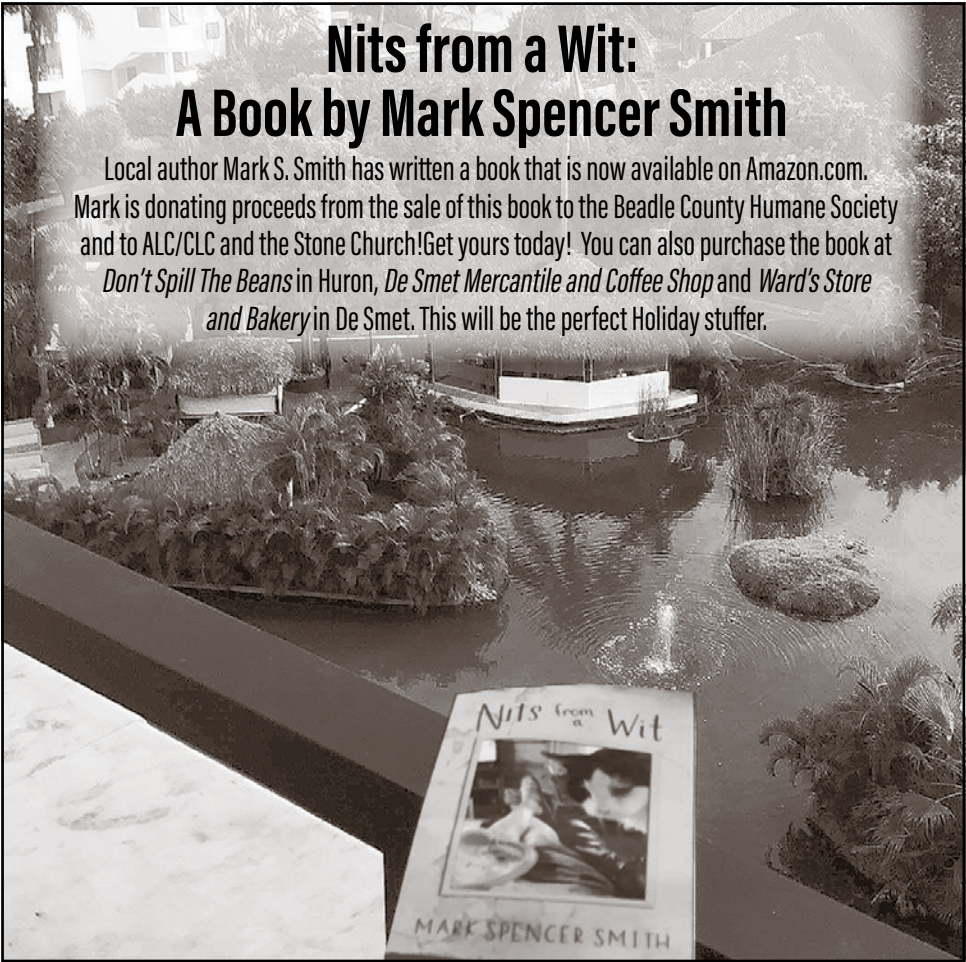
The Inheritance

by J.W. Jesser

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Local author Mark S. Smith has written a book that is now available on Amazon.com. Mark is donating proceeds from the sale of this book to the Beadle County Humane Society and to ALC/CLC and the Stone Church! Get yours today! You can also purchase the book at Don't Spill The Beans in Huron, De Smet Mercantile and Coffee Shop and Ward's Store and Bakery in De Smet. This will be the perfect Holiday stuffer.

KNIGHTS: Kingsbury wrestlers win seven weight classes in season opener

FROM BACK PAGE



Seventh grader Cody Zell making his varsity debut at 106 with a pin. (Photo by Angie Gilligan)

He faced Webster eighth-grader Haeden Jorgenson in the finals and had a tight match, but came away with a 5-3 minor decision for the win. Gilligan is now 3-0 to open the season, and scored 24 team points.

TUCKER ANDERSON

De Smet junior Tucker Anderson went 3-0 at 160 to take the title. Anderson opened by pinning Iroquois/Doland sophomore Deion Harris in 1:06 in the quarterfinals, then pinned Britton/Hecla eighth-grader Connor Glines in 1:23 to advance to the finals. Anderson faced Faulkton freshman Lincoln Dikoff there, and didn't get a pin, but did win a 13-1 major decision for the 160 lb. title. Anderson opened his season at 3-0, and earned 23 team points.

NATE KERSTING

Arlington senior Nate Kersting needed just two wins to take the 195 lb. title. Kersting opened with a bye, and in the semifinals took just 47 seconds to pin Tiospa/Zina sophomore Isiac Goodsell. In the finals, Kersting faced Canton JV sophomore Canaan McCracken, who went the distance, but the Knight won a 13-3 major decision for the title. Kersting opened at 2-0, and earned 21 team points.

KALEB JOHNSON

De Smet freshman Kaleb Johnson won the 132 lb. title, going 3-0. Johnson opened by pinning Canton JV sophomore Devin Ridge in 1:53, then advanced to the finals with a 6-2 minor decision over Groton senior Pierre Ketterling. Johnson faced Webster freshman Trace Shoemaker in the finals, and came away with the title on a 5-3 minor decision. Johnson opened at 3-0, and earned 20 team points.

GREYSON NIELSEN

The seventh Knight to win a title, Arlington seventh-grader Greyson Nielsen at 113, didn't actually earn any team points for the Knights, as he was wrestling unattached. Nielsen opened with a bye, and in the semis pulled an upset, pinning teammate Lane Albrecht in 1:19 to advance to the finals. There he faced Groton junior Porter Johnson, and won the 113 lb. title on a 14-2 major decision. Nielsen opened at 2-0.

LANE ALBRECHT

De Smet eighth-grader Lane Albrecht was upset by Nielsen at 113, but bounced back to take third, earn-



Connor Johnson goes up against a Pierre wrestler. (Photo by Angie Gilligan)

ing 12 team points. Albrecht opened with a bye before being upset by his teammate, then advanced to the third-place match by pinning Britton/Hecla eighth-grader Bryce Heitkamp in 54 seconds. Albrecht took third at 113 by pinning seventh-grader Logan Foster, wrestling unattached, in 1:50. Albrecht opened his season at 2-1.

DYLAN SINGREY

Arlington senior Dylan Singrey placed third at 182, earning nine team points for the Knights. Singrey opened against Pierre JV sophomore Rylan Shrake, and was pinned in 3:58, but bounced back with a win by injury default over his teammate Christian Larson. In the third round, the Knight was pinned in 3:49 by Clark/Willow Lake senior Lucas Kannegieter, who won the 182 lb. title. Singrey opened at 1-2.

ETHAN JOHNSON

De Smet junior Ethan Johnson placed third at 138, but was wrestling unattached behind Dylan Zell, so he earned no team points for the Knights. Johnson opened by pinning B-H eighth-grader Dustin Stabnow in 1:45, but was then knocked into the consolations by Groton junior Brevin Fliehs, pinned in 5:09. Johnson advanced by pinning Groton freshman Nick Morris in 53 seconds, then pinning C/WL eighth-grader Ernesto Garcia in 1:56. The Knight advanced again by pinning Webster freshman Blaise McGregor in 34 seconds. Johnson took third by winning a 13-0 major over Pierre JV freshman Max Hunsley, who was also wrestling unattached. Johnson is now 5-1 on the season.

CADEN MURPHY

Arlington sophomore Caden Murphy took third at 120, but was wrestling unattached behind Gilligan, and earned no team points. Murphy opened with a bye, then advanced to the semifinals by pinning I-D freshman Patrick Decker in just 29 seconds. But in the semis, the Knight was pinned in 3:52 by Webster's Haeden Jorgensen, who then lost a 5-3 minor to Gilligan in the finals. In the consolations, Murphy pinned C/WL sophomore Taylor

Merkel in 1:47, and won third place by injury default over I/D's Decker. Murphy opened his season at 3-1.

CHRISTIAN LARSON

De Smet senior Christian Larson, wrestling unattached, placed fourth at 182. Larson was pinned in his opened in 1:34 by C/WL's Kannegieter, who went on to win the title. Larson took an injury default to his teammate Singrey in the second round, and in the third round was pinned by Pierre JV sophomore Rylan Shrake. Larson opened his season at 0-3.

CODY ZELL

De Smet seventh-grader Cody Zell didn't place at 106, but went 2-2 and earned eight team points. Zell opened by pinning Faulkton seventh-grader Kamryn Rhodes in 1:59, then advanced to the semis by pinning Canton JV seventh-grader Wyatt Tuntland in 59 seconds. But Webster sophomore Tacey Miller pinned Zell in the semis in 2:37, knocking the Knight into the consolations. Zell was eliminated by Tiospa Zina sophomore Brenden Cook, pinned a win short of placing in 2:33.

LUKE STEFFENSEN

Arlington senior Luke Steffensen went 1-2 at 145, earning six team points. Steffensen opened with a bye, then advanced to the semis by pinning TZ freshman Edward Rousseau Jr. in 1:01. But in the semis, the Knight was pinned by Groton freshman Christian Ehresmann in 1:41. That put Steffensen into the consolation semis, where he was pinned in 2:46 by Pierre JV sophomore Jaxon Duchenaux, who went on to place third.

OWEN KERKVLIET

De Smet senior Owen Kerkvliet went 1-2 at 285, earning four team points. Kerkvliet opened by pinning Canton JV junior Thomas Baumann in 2:32, but was then pinned in the semis by Pierre JV sophomore Lucas Colman. Kerkvliet lost a tight 4-3 minor in the consolation semis to Canton JV sophomore Traun Cook.

LANE HOLLAND

De Smet senior Lane Holland went



Senior Owen Kerkvliet looking happy to be back on the mat after a year off due to a knee injury. (Photo by Angie Gilligan)

1-2 at 152, earning four team points. Holland opened with a bye, then advanced to the semis by winning a 6-5 minor over B-H sophomore Collin Beaner. But Holland was knocked into the consolations by Pierre JV Kylen Horsley, pinned in 47 seconds. In the consolation semis, Holland was pinned in 3:00 by Faulkton eighth-grader Drake Mueller.

MARSHALL HOLZ

Arlington Marshall Holz, wrestling unattached behind Kersting, went 1-2 at 170. Holz opened with a bye, but was then pinned in 45 seconds by Faulkton eighth-grader Tristan Baloun. Holz stayed alive in the consolations by pinning C/WL sophomore Riley Popp in 2:42, but was eliminated by Webster freshman Cole Shoemaker, pinned in 1:41.

KAHNE HANSON

Arlington freshman Kahne Hanson went 0-2 at 126. Hanson lost a 9-2 minor to Faulkton sophomore Carter Schulte in his opener, advanced on a bye in the consolations, but was eliminated by Pierre JV freshman Carson Stoesser, pinned in 3:52. Stoesser went on to place third, beating Schulte.

EASTON RUML

De Smet eighth-grader Easton Ruml went 0-2 at 106. Ruml, wrestling unattached behind Cody Zell, was pinned in 2:00 by C/WL eighth-grader Cooper Pommer, who went on to place third, in his opener, then advanced on a bye in the consolations, before being eliminated by Canton JV's Wyatt Tuntland, pinned in 2:59.

BREYTEN JOHNSON

De Smet eighth-grader Breyten Johnson, wrestling unattached at 160 behind Tucker Anderson, was pinned in 3:00 in his opener by Canton JV sophomore Gavin Neu, who went on to place third. In the consolations, the Knight advanced on a bye, but was then eliminated by B-H eighth-grader Connor Glines.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Defense will be point of emphasis

FROM BACK PAGE

Bulldogs return to the Dog Pound. Whatever the Bulldogs lack in numbers, the girls make up for in spirit. This season should be an exciting one based on their schedule. Returning seniors from last year are Kennadi Buchholz and Camryn Schmidt. Buchholz was selected for the All-State Third Team for the second time. She was also the Conference MVP last year. Buchholz averages ten rebounds and 18.5 points per game. “She’s a great basketball player, a great team player and a great leader for us on and off the floor,” said Head Coach Brendon Pitts. “Then we have Camryn Schmidt, our other senior. She was a starter last year, got some big rebounds for us and is an extremely hard worker. We are looking forward to seeing what she can do this year. We also have Emma Albrecht; she is a returning junior and played point guard last year. She led our team in three-pointers and was also our second-leading scorer.”

Pitts is returning as head coach. This will be his third year in De Smet and his second as head coach for the girls’ basketball team. He enjoys coaching. “I enjoy it, getting to work with student-athletes every day is a privilege.” Pitts is also the Head Coach for the De Smet football team. An aspect of coaching that Pitts finds exciting is seeing little improvements day-to-day in his athletes. “When things get better every day and every game, I get a lot of satisfaction from that.” When Pitts was growing up, he felt his coach set expectations and goals and pushed him every day to improve. Reaching those goals individually or as a team was quite the accomplishment, and something one could take pride in. As head coach, Pitts said he looks for players with the basic skills like passing, ball handling and some basketball knowledge. Being able to shoot the ball helps as well, along

with good decision-making skills. What makes an excellent basketball player? “Effort,” said Pitts, “someone who is willing to do a lot of work, not only during the season, but also during the off-season. I also think an excellent player will be a team player, someone that looks to improve the other four players on the court and makes everyone else around them better.” “I think this year we will be known for defense,” Pitts said. “Defense is all-out effort. That is something we are working on and practice every day. With that, we will look to take away from what the other teams do best, and hopefully put ourselves in a good position to compete in all of our games this season and prepare for the postseason.” The girls’ basketball team will open their season Dec. 10 against the Deubrook Area Dolphins. Both Bulldog teams will make up the double-header. The girls’ game starts at 5 p.m., and the boys’ game will start at 7 p.m.

AWARDS

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- TYLER JURRENS, LAKE PRESTON**
 - Academic All-State
- NATE KERSTING, ARLINGTON**
 - All-Conference
 - All-Register Team, second team
 - Argus Leader Elite 45, Honorable Mention
 - Academic All-State
- DYLAN SINGREY, ARLINGTON**
 - Academic All-State
- CHRISTOPHER TVINNEREIM, LAKE PRESTON**
 - All Conference Honorable Mention
 - Academic All-State



BOYS BASKETBALL: Bulldogs returning experienced talent

FROM BACK PAGE

rent team, and even with losing some skilled players through graduation, there is still years of experience with the players coming up. The 2019 Class B State Boys Basketball Tournament saw the Bulldogs take on the Clark/Willow Lake Cyclones in the championship game. The Cyclones won 49-41. In 2020, the boys were headed to Rapid City Area for the 2020 Class B State Boys Basketball Tournament, only to have the tournament postponed due to the COVID pandemic. The tournament was never played, and the Bulldogs had a 21-1 season, favored to be state champs. Last year, the Bulldogs finished the regular season with a record of 22-1 and traveled to the 2021 Class B State Boys Basketball Tournament in Aberdeen. The Bulldogs earned their way to the state championship game against the Knights from Aberdeen Christian School. The final score was 43-59, with the Bulldogs clinching the title.

THE PLAYERS

“Someone that can play defense, be well-rounded and a great rebounder. We do not look for the offensive stuff; it is just a bonus to me. If you are hard-working, play defense and rebound, then the offense will take care of itself. That is the way we approach it,” said Gruenhagen about the skill-set he looks for in his players. Gruenhagen and his coaches look

for mental toughness with their players, too. Basketball brings its shares of difficulties, and keeping the focus on the game, team and one’s personal skills can be challenging. The Bulldogs are a team that is well-rehearsed when it comes to teamwork. They take challenges, work together and overcome. The De Smet boys have plenty of talent returning this year with Kalen Garry, Rett Osthus, Tory Holland, Blake Van Regenmorter, Damon Wilkinson, Kadyn Fast and a host of other returning players. The current team has the potential to meet and even surpass last year’s team accomplishments.

THE COACH

Gruenhagen is a native of De Smet and played basketball as a student. Marv McCune was the head coach then, and in 1986 and 1987, they played in the state tournament. In ’87, the Bulldogs won the state championship. Gruenhagen started out as an assistant for girls’ basketball with Doug Osthus in 2007. He did that for seven seasons. He became De Smet’s boys’ basketball coach in 2016, and the following season, moved up to head coach. “Seeing the kids succeed and work hard to reach their goals is always the best part of coaching,” said Gruenhagen. “It’s a little bit of a challenge on deciding who’s playing when, how much they’re playing and making those decisions as you go through the

season. The hardest part is knowing when to make changes and adjusting playing time. Personnel decisions are always hard.”

ALL THE BEST AT CHRISTMAS

Here’s hoping your Holiday season is as special to you as you are to us. For your generous support we offer our Thanks and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

- Lake Preston Divers BASKETBALL**

DEC. 9: Varsity vs ORR @ Home

DEC. 10: BBB vs ORR @ Home

DEC. 13: BBB vs Iroquois-Doland @ Home

DEC. 14: BBB vs Wolsey-Wessington @ Home
- De Smet Bulldogs BASKETBALL**

DEC. 10: GBB/BBB @ Deubrook

DEC. 13: GBB @ Wolsey/Wessington

DEC. 14: BBB vs Clark/Willow Lake @ WL

- Kingsbury Co. Knights WRESTLING**

DEC. 9: Quad @ De Smet

DEC. 11: Wrestling @ Howard
- Iroquois Chiefs BASKETBALL**

DEC. 10: GBB/BBB @ Mitchell Christian

DEC. 13: BBB @ Lake Preston

DEC. 14: GBB @ Wessington Springs

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AWARDS

Badger football players earn end-of-season honors

Seniors from the Arlington-Lake Preston Badgers football team earned numerous honors for the 2021 season.



Caleb Clark

- CALEB CLARK, ARLINGTON**
- All-Conference
 - All-Register Team, second team
 - Argus Leader Elite 45, Honorable Mention

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BULLDOG BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

New year, new challenges

Girls basketball season starts Friday in Deubrook

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

Last season, the De Smet Girls' Basketball team was hampered with injuries. The Bulldogs advanced to the SoDak 16 being ranked just 16th. Their first game in the tournament saw them take on Castlewood, who

was ranked #1. The Castlewood Warriors defeated the Bulldogs 65-37, ending their post-season games. This season will see the Bulldogs playing quite a few tough teams. Their opening game is against Deubrook Area, and their second game has them playing against Wolsey-Wessington. Both are away games. January will see the Bulldogs take on the Castlewood Warriors again. The season starts out with five games in ten days before the

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The 2021-2022 De Smet girls basketball team includes Assistant Coach Regan Garry, left rear, Mirra Beck, Hazel Luethmers, Alyssa Asleson, Head Coach Brendon Pitts, Assistant Coach Angela Ostrander; Jacie McCune, left front, Cori Birkel, Kennadi Buchholz, Camryn Schmidt, Emma Albrecht, Jada Burke. (Photo by Mike Siefker)

Tough schedule awaits Dogs

De Smet boys open season Dec. 10 in Deubrook

BY MIKE SIEFKER
Kingsbury Journal

"It's going to be a hard season," said Bulldog Head Coach Jeff Gruenhagen. "We've got plenty of challenges." This season the De Smet boys' basketball team will have three classic games with some top-rated teams in Class A and B. The boys will also be

playing a team from Arizona Dec. 17 at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls. The season schedule has the Bulldogs playing ten of the top-Class B teams, just like last year. "It will be a good challenge, but that's what makes you ready for the end of the year," said Gruenhagen. The basketball team lost three seniors this year, Ethan McCune, Cody Cavanaugh and Quinton Poppinga. McCune was a four-year starter, and Cavanaugh started for three years. Plenty of talent makes up the cur-



The 2021-2022 De Smet Bulldogs basketball team includes Jeff Gruenhagen, head coach, left rear, Wyatt Rigge, Tristan Olson, Tom Aughenbaugh, Edger Wilkinson, George Jensen, Trace Van Regenmorter, Kadyn Fast, Ganon Henrich, Sam Gigov, Dustin Olson, assistant coach, Becky Geyer, assistant coach; Tanner Tolzin, left front, Kasen Janssen, Damon Wilkinson, Colt Wilkinson, Tory Holland, Kalen Garry, Rett Osthus, Blake Van Regenmorter, Gannon Gruenhagen, Payton Botkin. (Photo by Mike Siefker)

WRESTLING

Knights win first contest of the season

BY FRANK CRISLER
Arlington Sun

The Kingsbury County Knights opened their wrestling season with a win at the Clark/Willow Lake WBC Invitational Saturday in Clark, earning 185 team points to the second-place Pierre JV team's 145. Kingsbury wrestlers won seven weight classes, placed third in four more and fourth in another. There were 11 teams represented at the tourney. The Knights will compete in a triangular starting at 5 p.m. in De Smet tonight, then again at the Howard tournament Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

CONNOR JOHNSON

De Smet sophomore Connor Johnson went 4-0 to win at 170, earning 28 team points—the most of any Knight on Saturday. Johnson opened against Webster freshman Cole Shoemaker, and came away with a pin in 2:50 to advance to the quarterfinals. There, he faced Pierre JV sophomore Greyson Schuetzle, and got another pin, this time in 1:33.

Groton junior Cole Bisbee was waiting in the semifinals, but the Knight cruised by again, pinning Bisbee in 1:34. (Bisbee went on to place third.) That put Johnson into the 170 lb. finals, where he pinned Canton JV sophomore Dallas King in 2:28 for the title. Johnson opened his season at 4-0, all by fall.

DYLAN ZELL

De Smet junior Dylan Zell opened his season with three pins to win the 138 lb. title, along with 26 team points. Zell had a bye in his first match, then took just 22 seconds to pin Canton JV eighth-grader Kieshon Smith in the quarterfinals. In the semis, Zell faced Webster freshman Blaise McGregor, and advanced with another pin, this time in 56 seconds. In the 138 lb. finals, Zell won the title by pinning Groton freshman Brevin Fliels in 33 seconds. Zell is now 3-0.

GANNON GILLIGAN

De Smet had to work for the win in the finals, but went 3-0 to take the 120 lb. title. Gilligan opened with a bye, then quickly advanced by pinning Canton JV seventh-grader Chase Adam in 1:41 in the quarters, then Pierre JV senior Marcos Tafoya in 1:25 in the semis.

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