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COMMISSION

# Zoning for medical cannabis cultivation debated

**BY DONNA PALMLUND**
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The Kingsbury County Commissioners convened April 11 as the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider proposed ordinance 63, a medical cannabis licensing ordinance, and to amend Ordinance 45, regarding zoning for a medical cannabis growing facility in the county. Planning and Zoning Officer Joe Jensen, Todd Kays, director of First District Association of Local Governments, States Attorney Gary Schumacher and interested parties, Shawn Geyer and Rod Gilbertson were also present for the public hearing.

Kays told commissioners that they were wearing two hats that afternoon, that of county commissioners and that of the planning and zoning commission, since it was a joint hearing.



## The egg-citement of Easter

**Donovan Pukis and his son Liam wander around Washington Park, looking for their share of the eggs. Approximately 50 children took part in the De Smet Community Women Easter Egg Hunt Saturday. Even though the weather was a little cold, most had a smile on their faces while looking for the Easter eggs.** (Photo by Mike Siefker)

During the public comments, Geyer spoke in opposition to the ordinance because it specifies that a cannabis growing facility should be located on Highway 14 between a mile west of De Smet and a mile west of Arlington. Geyer said he has land located a mile south and a mile east of Wallum's corner at Manchester. This restriction was proposed at the March 22 meeting by Commission Chair Doug Kazmerzak.

"The way this is written, it would exclude me," Geyer stated.

Gilbertson, who lives north of De Smet on Highway 25, agreed, saying they are cutting out a lot of people from this opportunity.

"You are being too limited on the placement of these facilities," he said.

Kays said the decision to limit it to Highway 14 was made at the last meeting based on earlier testimony of the sheriff who said that the law enforcement did not want to allow cultivation locations too far out in the country on roads that might not be accessible, and this automatically excluded many areas not on paved roads.

Kays explained that Initiated Measure 26 (the state law legalizing medical marijuana) specifically states that most of the regulations are to be determined by local entities, the exception being that marijuana-related businesses must be at least 1,000 feet from a public school. Kays said the county has control. He pointed out that it was the county that said a grower had to be commercially zoned (on a paved road), and if it's zoned agriculture, it can go anywhere in the county.

"I have no problems one way or an-


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# County taking cautious approach on cannabis

**BY MIKE SIEFKER**
Kingsbury Journal

In 2020, the State of South Dakota saw Measure 26 added to its ballot. This measure would allow for medical cannabis to be legalized in the state. The measure had its share of controversy, which continues to this day.

On November 3, 2020, Election Day across South Dakota, Measure 26 passed overwhelmingly with 69.92% voting to allow medical cannabis and just 30.08% voting against it. In Kingsbury County the election had 1748 votes in favor and 990 votes against. The percentages for Measure 26 in Kingsbury County were 63.8% to 36.2%. While the percentage in favor may not have been as high as the statewide votes, it showed the county and state populations were in favor of medical cannabis, and not by just by a small margin, but a margin of one against for every two in favor.

Once the measure passed, the Department of Health was tasked with forming a committee and authoring the rules and regulations that would control a new medical pharmaceutical and business in South Dakota.

The cities and counties in South Dakota were tasked with adopting ordinances dealing with medical cannabis. How many dispensaries would be allowed? What will be the cost for a license? Locations or zoning had to be addressed in a manner that did not deny anyone an opportunity to operate a cannabis dispensary or cultivate the now legal crop in any municipality.

Many of the towns in Kingsbury County had already passed their ordinances regarding the medical cannabis months ago. License fees vary in the county from $5,000 (state-suggested fee) to $50,000 for a one-year license.

While the municipalities in Kingsbury County were busy addressing their new ordinances, Kingsbury County Commissioners had yet to adopt any ordinances. On April 5, the Kingsbury County Commissioners held their first reading of the proposed Ordinances 62 and 63. The second reading of the two ordinances will occur during their April 21 regular meeting. The delay makes Kingsbury County one of the last counties in South Dakota to adopt a cannabis ordinance.

Kingsbury County Commissioner Doug Kazmerzak said, "I would stand by our decision to wait as long as we could, so that we were sure we would make all the right decisions. We wanted to go into this with a good understanding. And that is why I guess we probably were reluctant to jump in on it early."

"We wanted to see what surrounding counties were doing," he continued. "Not that we wanted to or needed to imitate what they were doing. We obviously were ready and willing to strike out on our own. By waiting, we did the right thing. We researched this properly, and it did make us one of the last. In this case it would probably testify that by dotting the I's and crossing the T's and maybe yes, being the last explains our cautiousness of getting into it."

It is the state and local government's responsibilities to make sure the rules


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# CANNABIS: County growing restrictions attempt to limit risk exposure

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and guidelines are in place for the safe handling, growing, sale and other operations pertaining to medical cannabis.

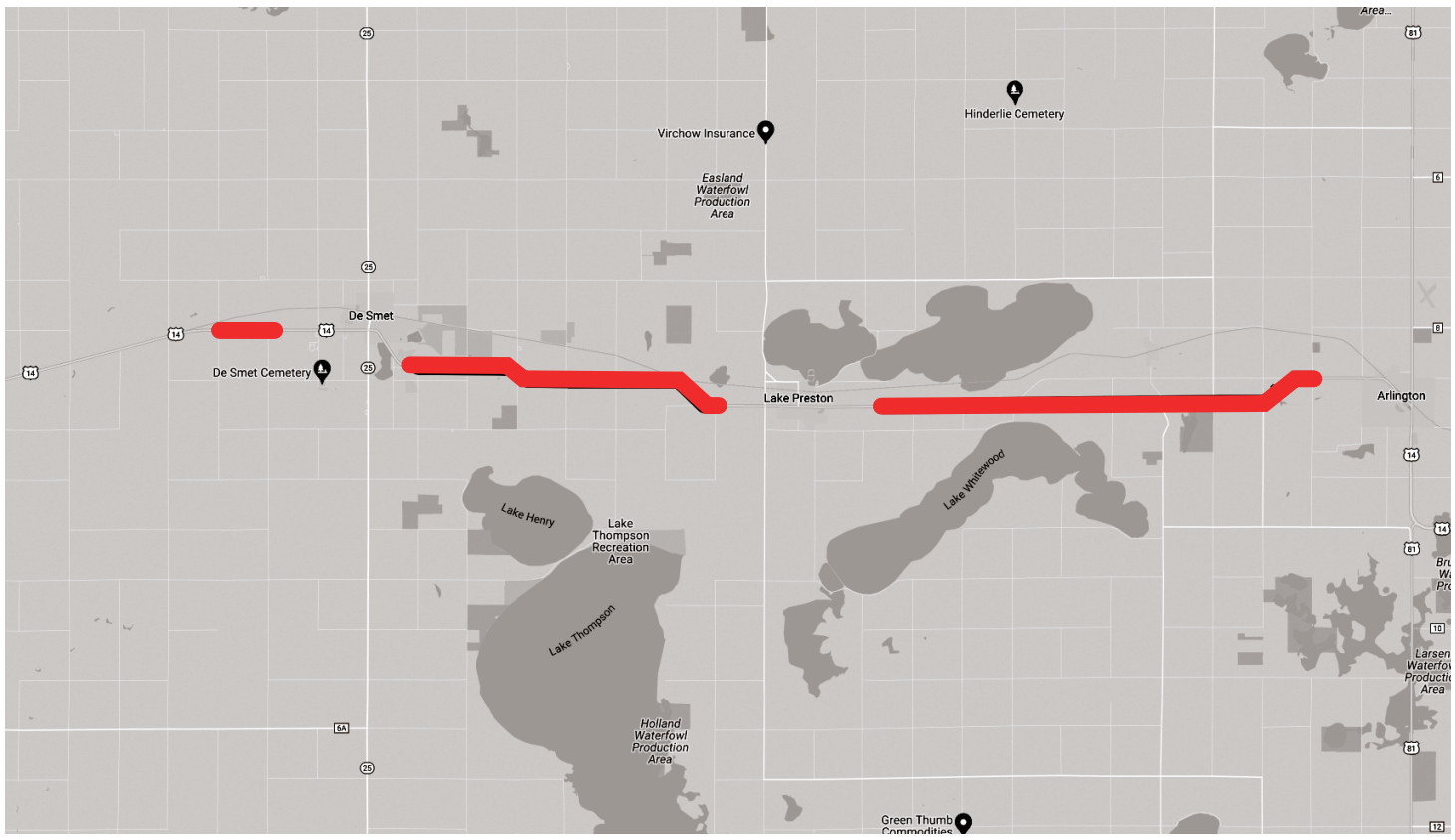
"The biggest concern of ours in implementing the ordinance is going to be safety, particularly for growers, and safety for our residents overall," said Kazmerzak. "Our biggest concern is safety, and consulting with our law enforcement in Kingsbury County and wanting to make their job as easy as we can, while implementing the new ordinances."

Kingsbury County's Ordinance #62 allows for one dispensary and three cultivation operations. Cultivating facilities will be limited to just three areas along Highway 14. The state requires that each facility be 1,000 feet away from any public or private school.

Kingsbury County has not only restricted any medical cannabis dispensary and cultivation areas to be 1,000 feet from private or public schools, but also from churches, parks, areas of recreation and residences as well. The county then adds that the clearance is from the lot line and not the actual structure(s). The county also requires that the cannabis establishments must be built in zoned commercial/industrial districts.

Kingsbury County Ordinance #62 does allow the separation distances to be waived by the commissioners, except for private and public schools, since that is state-mandated.

Kingsbury County ordinance also stipulates that a cannabis cultivation area can only be located on South Dakota Highway 14 between 430 Avenue, west of De Smet, to 452 Avenue, west of Arlington. No cannabis cultivation facilities can be located within a mile of De Smet, Lake Preston or Arlington.




**Proposed county ordinances would restrict growing medical cannabis to areas adjacent to selected portions of U.S. Highway 14, depicted in red on this map.** (Map courtesy of Google Maps)

This leaves three areas allowed for cultivation. The first is a little more than a mile west of the De Smet city limits, another five miles between De Smet and Lake Preston and finally, an eight-mile stretch between Lake Preston and Arlington.

Another item that will limit the possible locations of a cannabis cultivation facility is access to broadband. Operators of any cannabis facilities are required to have video surveillance on sight with multiple cameras that the State of South Dakota can monitor at any time.

"What we were trying to do was simply limit the risk exposure," said Kazmerzak. "We are never going to eliminate the total possibility of something bad happening, but we can try to address the accessibility of risk. We felt that keeping it on the major highways is a way to lessen that."

## CANNABIS CONSIDERATIONS

Restricting an area for the cannabis cultivation can give the appearance of favoring a certain individual(s) or restricting other individuals who reside outside the approved area. Why is the western portion of Highway 14 in Kingsbury County off limits? If Highway 14 is considered safe, why are there no corridors for cultivation along Highway 25 or Highway 81?

When it comes to safety, there was an incident in Kingsbury County where an attempted burglary of an ATM was committed, and that was at an intersection of two highways. Video cameras were recording the crime, and still the higher traffic and video cameras did not deter that criminal.

People who want to cultivate cannabis in Kingsbury County currently face the following restrictions.

- They must meet the licensing requirements set by the county or municipality and the state.
- They must find a district property that is zoned commercial/industrial on Highway 14, along the 14-mile corridors the county allows for cultivation of cannabis.
- The property would need to have access to a high-speed broadband to deliver the many different camera feeds the state mandates for cannabis cultivators.
- The lot line or property line would have to be 1,000 feet from any public or private schools, churches, parks, recreational areas and residences.

Accounting for these restrictions, options for cultivation placement in Kingsbury County become extremely limited.

TIM REISCH
DISTRICT 8 HOUSE

**I've lived a life of public service.** I was elected Sheriff of Miner County in 1982 at age 24. During my 18th year on the job, Governor Bill Janklow convinced me to take a position in Pierre as the Deputy Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Corrections.





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# COMMISSION: Ordinance goes on books, will be revisited

FROM FRONT PAGE

other," Kays said.

Commissioner Roger Walls, whose district covers the western part of the county, was not present at the March 22 meeting when commissioners decided on these specific restrictions, which not only restrict growers to a portion of Highway 14 but excludes the western part of the county along the highway.

"Who are we to interfere with an opportunity by limiting it to that highway?" Walls asked.

He also questioned why, if they restrict it to Highway 14, they would place the boundary just west of De Smet and not allow people in the Iroquois area this opportunity.

Commissioner Corey Lundquist expressed concern about security.

"If I purchase property away from my home, and I'm not there, I can't keep an eye on it," Geyer said. "If someone pulls into my driveway, I know it."

His plans include hard walls with open skylights. The greenhouse would also have lights and cameras with a live wi-fi feed.

"You do recognize this (security) is a potential issue?" Kazmerzak asked.

Geyer responded that it would be more of an issue if it was located off his property. Kazmerzak then asked if this means Geyer would be responsible for security rather than law enforcement. Walls stated that law enforcement is countywide, and that Geyer is entitled to that in his neighborhood; so are people in the Iroquois area.

When the topic of the illegal market was discussed, Geyer said he has been fighting against this, and that everything would be monitored very closely, from seeds to plants. Every plant would be tagged. There are strict government regulations regarding this sort of business, and Geyer said he understands them and intends to follow them.

Kazmerzak asked about the potential for burglary, and Commissioner Kyle Lee also expressed safety concerns. Geyer reiterated that moving a facility away from his property doesn't make him feel safer.

Zoning Commissioner Joe Jensen stated that Sheriff Strande was concerned about staffing and budgeting.

Lee asked Geyer what his expectations were for law enforcement. Geyer said he lives a mile off Highway 14 and has had calls to law enforcement and the ambulance service before, and they have never had a problem accessing the property.

Kazmerzak persisted and said Geyer still has the option to locate within the perimeters. Geyer explained that that he does not own land within those perimeters, does not know if he could even purchase land there and had no plans to move his home.

State Attorney Gary Schumacher advised that no local government may prohibit a dispensary, but they can set their own rules regarding cultivation. Schumacher said he has a different perspective when it comes to security, and that having someone who is highly motivated is irrelevant.

"You want something that is secure. You want something accessible in the shortest time, and that is along the highway. He himself, (Geyer) is not a security measure," Schumacher asserted.

Geyer answered that he didn't think there are more security issues at his place than on the highway. He explained that he would be taking every possible security measure, including a building with four hard walls with steel siding that cannot be broken into in a quick and easy manner.

"Shawn lives closer to the sheriff's office than Arlington," Walls reasoned.

Commissioner Steve Spilde pointed out that Geyer was the only person who has shown any interest in cultivating. Kays stated that presently South Dakota only allows medical marijuana. He predicted that recreational use will pass in another four years, and that is when the explosion will happen; they will get more requests from potential cultivators.

There was much back and forth discussion, with Kays saying that they need to adopt an ordinance as soon as possible. He also stated that he had been reading faces all day and doesn't think the commissioners know what they want. He pointed out that he works with 11 counties, and the only restrictions any of the other counties have made regarding cultivation operations are that they must be on paved roads.

He said there are many different angles on how to proceed, but it was important to get the ordinance on the books that day.

They decided rather than to start over again at square one, which would take more time, they would get the ordinance on the books as originally written, but with a chance to amend it. Walls said he was fine with that if they agree to revisit the issue in a couple of months.

Kays said he will come back with maps for the commissioners to go over.

"It's the first step in a long journey," he said. "I promise to bring maps, and you tell me where you feel comfortable."

Kazmerzak told Geyer, "I think if you bear with us, we will have a good outcome."

Kays said Ordinance 63 pertains to cannabis licensing and is separate from zoning. Businesses must have both a state license and a county license.

The next meeting, which includes second readings of these proposed ordinances, will be held on Thurs., April 21. Note the change from the usual Tuesday meeting dates.

## ASSESSMENT DISPUTES

Earlier in the day, the commissioners held their Board of Adjustment meeting with Director of Equalization Tammy Anderson and Deputy Maggie Purintun to review tax assessments, tax laws and programs. Treasurer Michelle Longville spoke about the assessment freeze for the elderly and disabled. She reported that this year, her office mailed out notices of this program in tax statements, explaining that although the notice is published in the newspaper, not everyone reads the paper. She said she received "tons of calls" from people who had no idea about the program. She said that there was some additional postage expense to do this, but the commissioners agreed that this was a justifiable expense.

Lee had stated, "I think we owe it to them. It's a service to the taxpayer, and those who meet the financial requirements are entitled to receive it." Longville said the property owner must apply every year. To qualify, they must be 65 or older or disabled (as defined by the Social Security Act), and meet income requirements. applicant must own or have retained a life estate in the property. Un-remarried widows/widowers of persons previously qualified for the program may still qualify. She asked that the Board of Adjustment assess her list of qualifying properties at the adjusted rate. Anderson added that there are also 12 veterans in the county who would qualify for a reduction.

Two people were on the schedule to come in and dispute their assessments. Jerry Brown of Lake Preston appeared and asserted that location should make a difference, and that properties with a curb and gutter should be assessed higher. Anderson stated that everything is based on sales. After some discussion, Anderson recommended that the board uphold the original assessed value, and all board members agreed. Brown also contested the assessment of another property consisting of two lots. He said there is no water or sewer service to this property. Although some of the commissioners expressed understanding for Brown's situation, they moved to uphold the original assessment for this property as well.

James Butler was the other property owner on the agenda but did not appear to appeal the assessment. His appointment was at 10 a.m. At 11:20 a.m. after hearing Brown's appeals and no further word from Butler, the council adjourned as the Board of Adjustment and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Anderson then requested funding for several repairs to the county-owned car that the DOE office uses in the amount of $1,200. She said it is not safe to drive the way it is, and they put several thousand miles on it every summer. Anderson said she will be asking for a different car next year. There was discussion about whether it was feasible to put that much money into a vehicle that was not worth much more than the repair bill would be. The vehicle is one that Sheriff Steve Strande used previously. Kazmerzak said he would like to put it off until he speaks with Strande first, saying that he would know more about the vehicle. Anderson agreed that the commissioners should speak with Strande.

## COURT NEWS

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

**SUZANNE DONLEY,** Bryant, 58 in a 55 mile per hour zone, fined $97.50.

**TESSA FOLEY,** Brookings, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined $97.50.

**MELVIN RAMIREZ VELASQUEZ,** Huron, no driver's license; 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined $230.00.

**JEREMIAH MURPHY,** Watertown, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined $97.50.

**FREDDY ZEAS-MARTINEZ,** Bruce, no driver's license; 40 in a 35 mile per hour zone, fined $230.00.

**BRIAN KUEHL,** Cavour, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined $97.50.

**ROY MILLER,** Bancroft, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined $97.50.

**WADE JAACKS,** Elkton, violations of safety requirements, fined $182.50.

**KYLE ANDERSON,** De Smet, 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined $97.50.

**NYANTET GEU,** Fargo, N.D., county stop sign violation, fined $132.50.

**KYLE BRENNFOERDER,** Douglas, Wyo., 20 in a 15 mile per hour zone, fined $112.50.

**ALDEN BOYD,** Lake Preston, violations of safety requirements, fined $182.50.

**KEVIN BOUSHEE,** Hartford, reduced load March and April, fined $202.50.

**CODY JOHNSON,** Sioux Falls, plead guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia in court on April 11. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a $500.00 fine. The 30 days were suspended on the conditions that he pay all fines and costs as ordered, and he be a law-abiding citizen for a period of one year.

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High 57, Low 25
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**
High 52, Low 37, Rain 0.12"
**Wednesday, April 13, 2022**
High 45, Low 23
**Thursday, April 14, 2022**
High 32, Low 21
**Friday, April 15, 2022**
High 39, Low 18
**Saturday, April 16, 2022**
High 41, Low 13
**Sunday, April 17, 2022**
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK




## What's your sign?

**Sometimes in life, you just have to throw a little humor around. Obviously, this is Kingsbury County Deputy Sheriff Matt Nutter's sign. Nutter and Deputy Sheriff Brandon Duffy are the only officers in the Sheriff's Department not running for the sheriff's position.** (Submitted Photo)

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# The week to celebrate life



## GOVERNOR'S DESK

**KRISTI NOEM**

**EVERYWHERE WE TURN,** we see symbols of renewal and rebirth. Spring snows blanket Custer State Park while buffalo calves are being born on the prairie. Elsewhere, the snow has turned to rain showers — a blessing to all, especially our farmers preparing the fields for spring planting.

This Easter weekend, regardless of the weather, churches across our great state will be filled with celebrations for Jesus' resurrection. We celebrate his sacrifice for our sins so that one day we all may enjoy the promise of everlasting life. Unfortunately, the promise of life on Earth is not so simple.

The Founders of this great nation understood that God endowed us all with certain rights that cannot be taken or given away. Risking their own lives in defiance of King George, 56 patriots boldly declared the unalienable rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Thomas Jefferson, who wrote those words, also said "the care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."

And yet across this country, many hold up abortion as an essential right, ignoring the inherent right to life of those unborn children. Those voices, though present, don't echo as loudly here. South Dakota is a Pro-Life state.

It's one of the few issues where there have been unanimous, bipartisan victories in the legislature on this issue. In 2021, lawmakers banned selective abortions on the basis of a Down syndrome prenatal test. That was a heartwarming moment for me as governor and as a mother. That same year, I signed the Born-Alive Protection Act to ensure that every baby, regardless of the circumstances of their birth, receives the same life-saving treatment when they are brought into this world.

In the last four years, I have signed more than a dozen new laws protecting life in South Dakota. I was the first governor in the nation to appoint an Unborn Child Advocate in my office. Since then, we've defined abortion in statute, criminalized causing an abortion against a mother's will, and strengthened reporting requirements. This year, we passed the strongest law in the country banning abortion via telemedicine. We've also continued the fight against abortion in federal court.

Last year, I was the lead signee on an important amicus brief in the Dobbs v Jackson case. In that brief, I joined 240 female scholars, professionals, and others in pushing back on the Roe v Wade narrative that women cannot be both mothers and successful career women. Meanwhile, South Dakota continues to protect its pro-life standing, and the lives of mothers and children, in the decade-long legal battle in the case known as Planned Parenthood v Noem.

South Dakota is closer than it has ever been to banning abortion — but the work doesn't end there.

Since taking office, I have worked hard to support mothers and build stronger families. Two initiatives have seen great success in improving outcomes. This year, I was successful in funding the Bright Start program statewide so we can bring this life-changing program to more communities.

Bright Start helps pregnant mothers, their babies, and their fathers build a stronger family by offering training and services to teach young families how to raise their children in healthy homes and build a strong foundation for their futures.

Another way we are strengthening families is through our Stronger Families Together initiative. This program is making strong progress to reach its goal of enrolling 300 new foster families around the state. We are seeing tremendous success rates for reuniting families that were once in crisis. But there is always more work that can be done.

When we have finally secured the rights to life and liberty, all that is left is the pursuit of happiness. Springtime is a great reminder of how we can all get a fresh start on that pursuit — that includes helping others on their journey.

God bless you all and Happy Easter!




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# Worship Services

JESUS made this promise to his Disciples:

*"I'm my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."*

John14:2

### 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**, Worship 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**, Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. with coffee after the service on the first and third Sunday's

### Badger

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

### Bryant

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### Bancroft

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**NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Worship at 9:00 a.m, Sunday School at 10:00.

**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 9 a.m.

### Ramona

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# Obituaries

## GRACE WALDOW



Grace Elaine (Cother) Waldow was a daughter, sister, relative, friend, caring farmer's wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a business owner. Grace passed from this world on April 15, 2022, in her home with Avera Hospice, at age 85 due to pancreatic cancer.

Grace was born to Elwyn and Margaret (Nelson) Cother on Sept. 26, 1936. She had a younger brother named Ronald Cother, and they were raised on a farm south of Lake Preston in eastern South Dakota. Grace attended country grade school and then attended high school in Lake Preston. She was active in many activities in high school, including the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Grace experienced the hardship of her father Elwyn passing during her senior year due to a brain aneurysm. Margaret was also quite ill during Grace's senior year, which resulted in Grace missing a lot of school and activities. Grace worked at Susie's Cafe in Lake Preston during her high school years before graduating in 1954.

On April 23, 1955, Grace married Robert Waldow at the Lutheran Church in Oldham, S.D. Grace also became involved in the Lake Whitewood Lutheran Church Circles and Ladies Aide activities, where Robert and Grace were members. Robert and Grace farmed south of Lake Preston and adopted their daughter Sherry in 1961 and their son Todd in 1963. In 1966, Robert and Grace purchased a farm located a mile south and a mile west from where they were living. They continued to raise their two children through school, raise a variety of livestock and raise grain on that farm. Grace was active in 4-H and encouraged her children to be involved in 4-H. In 1984, Grace purchased sewing equipment and started her business that she named The Farm Shop. Grace's business served many states by making tarps or covers to fit a variety of products for over 38 years. Grace, with her family, owned and participated in the operations of The Farm Shop until her death. Grace loved family, and she loved with her whole heart. Grace was a strong woman, and we found that she had a strong, stubborn heart that led her to a peaceful passing.

Grace was preceded in death by her father, Elwyn Cother; her mother, Margaret (Nelson) (Cother) Soren; her stepfather, Chester Soren and her brother, Ronald Cother.

Grace is survived by her husband, Robert Waldow; her daughter, Sherry (Waldow) Cadena and son-in-law, Art Cadena; son, Todd Waldow; granddaughter, Tiffany Koch; grandson, Zachary Fischer; granddaughter, Whitney Fischer; great-grandson, Kaden Fischer; many relatives and many friends.

Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Whitewood Lutheran Church on April 21, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Whitewood Lutheran Church on April 21, 2022.

Please gather with us for lunch and fellowship in the church basement following the burial portion of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Avera Hospice@Home or American Cancer Society of South Dakota in Grace's behalf.

PAID OBITUARY

## ALLEN WIENK



Allen R. Wienk, 82, of Sioux Falls, S.D., passed away on Sat., April 16, 2022, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls surrounded by family. A Celebration of Life Service will be at 10:30 a.m., Fri., April 22, 2022, at First Congregational Church, Sioux Falls. Memorial visitation with family present will be from 5-7 p.m., Thurs., April 21, 2022, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, Sioux Falls. Memorials may be directed to First Congregational Church or Project CAR in Sioux Falls. An online guestbook and link to view the service are available at www.georgeboom.com.

Allen Roy Wienk, son of LeRoy and Frances (Marquardt) Wienk, was born Dec. 8, 1939, in Lake Preston, S.D. Following high school, he attended South Dakota State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. Allen was united in marriage to Gloria Blote on May 6, 1962, in De Smet, S.D. Allen dedicated most of his career to Cenex and worked for them in Lismore, Minn., from 1964-1967. They then moved to Sioux Falls, where he worked as an Ag Product Rep until 1987 when they moved to Ontario, Ore., for a year. They moved back to Sioux Falls, where he managed a fertilizer plant until 1999. He worked in Canton for a bit as an Agronomy Manager before ending his career as a Petroleum Specialist. He took an early retirement and later delivered meals to students for the Sioux Falls School District and drove for Wheelchair Express and Sunset Shuttle.

Allen has been a long-time member of First Congregational Church in Sioux Falls, where he served on numerous boards and as an usher. He was one of the first drivers for Project CAR and drove for 30+ years. Allen was a past president of the South Dakota Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemical Association. He enjoyed making others laugh and was recruited to emcee multiple events throughout his life. Allen was a gifted wood worker and created many pieces enjoyed by family and friends. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling, golfing, tending to his garden and playing cards with family and friends. Allen and Gloria enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states, Europe, Mexico, Africa and Canada.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gloria of Sioux Falls; daughters, Lisa (Chad) Coppess of Pierre and Darla (Melanie Frosch) Wienk of Sioux Falls; son, Brian (Amy) Wienk of Sioux Falls; grandchildren, Cody (Amanda) Coppess, Austin Wienk, Lucas Wienk and Levi Wienk; great-grandchildren, DeeJay and Dakota Coppess; sibings, Arnold (Carol) Wienk of Brookings, Vincent (Micky) Wienk of Custer, Janet (John) Koller of Edgemont and Susan (Ken) Everson of Hayti; brothers-in-law, Jerry Fyler of Sioux Falls and Larry Blote of Rapid City and a host of extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy and Frances and sister, Betty Fyler.

PAID OBITUARY

## Benjamin 'Ben' Strombeck

Benjamin "Ben" Paul Strombeck, 80, of Tripp, S.D., entered his heavenly home surrounded by his loving family on Sat., April 16, 2022, due to surgery complications following a decades-long battle with cancer.

His funeral service will be 10:30 a.m., Fri., April 22, 2022, at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Tripp, S.D. Following the service, burial will be at Grace Hill Cemetery with a reception to follow at the church. Visit www.goglinfh.com

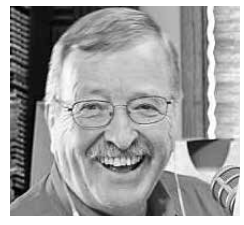
## Virginia Hojer

Virginia Hojer, 87 of Oldham died Tues., April 19, 2022 at her home near Oldham.

Arrangements are pending.




# Exercise is good for you



## THE GOOD STUFF

**JIM THOMPSON**

**NOW THAT I'M GOLFING** regularly while wintering in Arizona, I tend to listen to stories "about" golf. This is the best one so far, and one to be shared over coffee.

The mothers-to-be class was in full swing, with the room full of pregnant women and their husbands. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan.

The teacher then changed the subject a little, announcing, "Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner."

The room got really quiet. Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand.

"Yes?" prompted the teacher.

"Is it alright if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

# Looking at it from the other side of the furrow



## PUTTING ON THE BIG BOOTS

**DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL**

**THURSDAY MORNING, AS I** crossed the Boyer River Bridge, a flock of birds approached my car, flitting and darting like children playing tag. They circled directly above, and I could see their snow-white undersides and outstretched wings. A darker area circled their heads and beaks. Seagulls! My mind flew back to a long-ago stubble field just up the road from our house. I sat in the fence row and waited for Dad to make another round with his John Deere tractor.

The shiny steel blades of the moldboard plow turned the earth over into a black, bumpy furrow. Behind the plow hundreds of white birds landed and lifted and circled back to repeat the process. From a distance they looked like small strips of ribbon fluttering in the breeze. My seven-year-old brain decided those creatures were the coolest ever. I wondered if they were ours. Did Jensens and Pages have their own plow assistants? How did they know when to swoop in? Did they have a gull scout?

My sisters also clearly remember the birds in the field on those cool South Dakota afternoons. The distinct earthy smell that permeated the air nestles in Deloris' and Darlene's memories. Dorothy recalls the cheerful cries the birds made as they gracefully glided above the furrow.

Dad told her the birds were seagulls as the two sat in the yellow curve of the tractor tire, enjoying lunch. All-in-all, pleasant pictures prevail as we look back at those delightful birds that homed in our memory banks.

The "Delmer Laugh" sounded through my speaker phone when I mentioned the birds to my brother. I had a feeling I was going to get a different perspective, and he did not disappoint. He described their feeding frenzy as each descended to the dirt, grabbed a worm, tipped up its head and swallowed it in split second time. Then it flew around a few seconds, waiting for the next chance.

"They got a little close for comfort, even as I was sitting up on the tractor. Occasionally, huge splats of white hit the hood of the 730," my brother stated, though I could hear a smile in his voice. "Yeah, I used to look around at all those birds and wonder how many I could get in one shot with the 12-guage."

A sense of fondness filled his next laugh as he described our older brother's experience with the seagulls. "Fowl" described the birds well in Don's opinion. There were hundreds of them hovering around on one particular fall day. (Maybe the neighbors were not using theirs.) They kept flying around the tractor and overhead, screeching at him. He decided it would be best not to look up. Sure enough, liquid bombs started hitting the tractor, then the steering wheel. It was the last straw when he felt a huge plop on the brim of his cap. Smelly white splatters suddenly coated the tractor panel.

At quitting time Don hurtled into the yard and pulled the plow into the Quonset. He strode purposefully to the cattle tank and swished his cap through the water. With a look of pure disgust, he handed the cap to Mom. She stared at it for a few seconds. Finally, she looked at her young son---and laughed!

It is true that each of us remembers things differently. As in life, our perspective depends on our experiences. It all depends on whether we are riding in front of the furrow or watching the world from behind it.

The next time a flock of gulls flies over me, I will fondly recall the seabirds as I watched from the end of the field. But a new picture now nests in the nooks and crannies of my mind—a picture of Don and his polka dotted cap. Thank you, my brothers, for adding smiles to my memories!

Author's note: Since I live less than 15 miles from the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, I emailed Peter Rea, the Supervisory Park Ranger there. He said they have been seeing a lot of gulls on the refuge, especially the ring-billed gulls. He offered a website and profile. At the end of the article there is a black and white photo of the birds. They are following a plow.

*Kruempel's newest book, Once Upon a Midwest Sunset, as well as her 5-book series, Promises to Keep, are available on Amazon.com. Once Upon a Midwest Sunset (an excellent gift of memories) 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*

# Meet people where they are — then wait and listen

## MEDITATIONS

**PASTOR TIA FELBERG**

De Smet/Iroquois United Methodist Church

**"WELL, HELLOOOOOOO THERE!"** These are my favorite words to hear on a Sunday morning. The person saying them has become one of my favorite people. My friend Canon, no matter when he enters the church building, greets me the same way every time, with excitement and kindness and with his super-sweet family not far behind.

When I began serving at De Smet United Methodist Church, I asked about kids and their families, and that's when I was told about Canon. Canon is a person with autism. It is safe to say I was excited to meet him and his family. A person with autism lives at our house, too. My son Archer is also on the spectrum. These two boys are as different as can be.

The saying is true, "If you know one person with autism, you know one person with autism."

April is Autism Awareness Month, and although Canon and Archer and their families are pretty aware all year long, I did want to take a moment to share how God has used this diagnosis to draw me nearer to Him. With Archer, and now with Canon, God has shown me ways to minister to people right where they are. Maybe sharing this will encourage you to do the same.

Autism is often explained as neurodiversity. We have explained to Archer that his brain isn't typical. He feels and hears and experiences things that we do not. His body requires different movements to feel calm. We threw out the word "normal" a long time ago.

What even is normal anyway?

An article in a Harvard medical journal explains neurodiversity as this, "the idea that people experience and interact with the world around them in many different ways; there is no one "right" way of thinking, learning and behaving, and differences are not viewed as deficits.

Differences not viewed as deficits.' If we are being honest, we do view them as deficits, maybe inconveniences. Right? People with autism may flap their hands and laugh at the wrong times, be brutally honest and lack some appropriate social skills and miss some social cues that we all view as 'the way we have always done it."

If we are still being honest, "the way we have always done it" is indeed the right way. Just ask.

People with autism are typically very literal. If you were to tell Archer that you "ran into his mom the other day," he would wonder if you needed glasses and some manners.

I am getting to my point here … so with all of these neuro-diverse challenges and mannerisms, how do you share Jesus and the gospel with someone who needs to see it and feel it and touch it and may not respond to "the way we have always done it?"

I would imagine the answer is simpler than it seems. Maybe that's what makes it so hard. Plus, I would guess that there are a lot more people who don't respond the way we want them to respond. Sometimes, loving people and meeting them right where they are is challenging because we don't get the response we think we should. You know, because of the way we have always done it.

I can guarantee that if you talk to Archer or Canon about Jesus and how Jesus loved people, and then maybe you tell them about what He has done for you, you will not get the response you are looking for. Not because they aren't listening. Not because they don't care, because they are, and they do. People with autism are also caring and compassionate and honest and try their best to adapt to a world where they don't always feel comfortable. And, they hear you.

Jesus was an expert at loving people who thought differently and acted differently than He. Jesus also brought the caring and compassionate and honest along with Him in ministry. So, how can we be more like Him and meet Canon and Archer right where they are?

I am not going to share anything mind blowing with you today, but what if we all took a moment to wait and listen? When you ask someone a question, wait and listen for the answer. Being heard makes someone feel loved and seen. We all deserve that right? As someone who is always in a rush, I have learned to slow down.

What if, instead of asking someone to join in with what we are doing, we step into their world and experience something new to us?

God has humbled me over and over again with these two things alone. Could you use any work in these areas?

We can be the church. We not only can be the eyes and ears and hands and heart of Jesus to Canon and Archer, but also to everyone. We can approach people who are different from us with love and kindness and acceptance.

That's the way that Jesus has always done it.

God Bless You.



STATE LEGISLATURE

# Impeachment trial is uncharted water, begins June 21



## OTHER VOICES

**SEN. CASEY CRABTREE, DIST. 8**

**HAPPY EASTER FROM** our family to you and yours! With the celebration of Easter and the arrival of the spring season, the signs of new life are all around us.

Every winter in the legislature, there are bills brought regarding the right to life of the unborn. South Dakota Right to Life recently shared their 2021-2022 legislative scorecard. One of the bills supported by South Dakota Right to Life was a bill I sponsored, signed into law by Governor Noem in 2021, which reduces government overreach with non-profits. I am proud to say I received a 100% rating, reflecting my pro-life values.

The last week has included visits with American Legion members, school districts and chamber of commerce groups across District 8 including Chester, Madison, Volga, White and others. I enjoy every minute of those discussions and hearing from you on important issues. The number one issue brought up during these meetings pertains to the Attorney General and the impeachment process.

Senate members, including myself, have had no role in the process until the House of Representatives voted to impeach the Attorney General on April 12. Now that the ball is in our court, you can expect a transparent and timely process.

The Senate will reconvene on April 26 to set the impeachment trial rules, which is the earliest possible date allowed. Draft rules are currently being finalized and will be shared with the public ahead of that date. The Senate Legislative Procedures Committee, of which I am a member, will review and act on those rules. The full Senate will take action later that day and finalize the rules for the trial. A vote to convict requires at least 24 votes of the 35 members.

A start date for the trial has been set for June 21, and the information will continue to be shared ahead of time. While I would've preferred an earlier date, we are a citizen legislature, and this is the earliest date when the full Senate can be in attendance. South Dakota has never had an impeachment trial, so we are in uncharted water, but this process needs to be and will be 100% transparent.

In the meantime, per South Dakota's Constitution, the Attorney General is currently suspended from all duties related to that office. The Deputy Attorney General is currently fulfilling those duties. The Attorney General may only return if acquitted by the Senate at the June trial.

I greatly value your input, so please continue to reach out and provide your thoughts on this subject.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you and our future generations as a common-sense conservative, who believes in limited government, fiscal responsibility and protecting personal liberties. Please don't hesitate to drop me a note at Casey.Crabtree@sdlegislature.gov or follow me on social media at Casey Crabtree for SD Senate.

# Kenaston Family Country Show to open season

First show of De Smet Community Concert Series kicks off April 24

**BY RITA ANDERSON**
Kingsbury Journal




**The Kenaston family will be performing their country show at the De Smet Event Center on Sun., April 24 at 3 p.m., as the De Smet Concert Series kicks off the 2022 season.**

The De Smet Community Concert Series opens the 2022 season on Sun., April 24 at 3 p.m. with traditional country music, the Kenaston Family Country Show. From the Sandhills of Nebraska, the Kenastons have entertained throughout Nebraska and across the Midwest for decades.

Performing traditional country, bluegrass, gospel and dance music since the 1960's, the family has made several appearances on RFD-TV's Midwest Country Show. They have performed at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo., have worked alongside country music celebrities and spend several months annually performing on the road in Texas.

Five generations of Kenastons have entertained and shared their talent on stage, beginning with Great-Grandpa Kenaston, Dewey, who played drums; Grandpa Kenaston, Bob, who played fiddle and other instruments, and Bob's children, Roger and Vanessa; and their children and grandchildren. Roger's daughter Bobbi Jo is the drummer with the band and sings lead and harmony vocals. Roger's wife Sharon is the upright bass player and lead singer.

The band has been awarded numerous accolades including membership in the National Traditional Country Music Association Hall of Fame and dozens of awards for vocals, guitar, mandolin, dobro, fiddle and more. Individual concert tickets may be purchased for $18, or season tickets can be secured for $60 by calling (605) 854-3502.

### SEASON TICKETS ON SALE FOR DE SMET'S 2022 COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

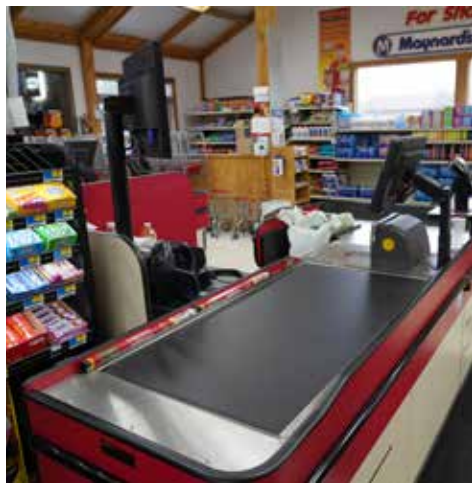
Season tickets are available for the 2022 season of the De Smet Concert Series. The concerts are held at the theater in the De Smet Event Center at 3 p.m. on Sundays. The De Smet Arts Council lines up artists from across the nation who perform all types of musical genres. The season ticket price is $60; for tickets, please call (605) 854-3502. This year's show schedule:

- April 24: Kenaston Family Classic Country Show from the Sandhills of Nebraska
- June 12: The Browns Patriotic Show from Le Mars, Iowa
- August 21: Monroe SUN w/Country, bluegrass and rockabilly from Nashville. Tenn.
- Sept. 11: Cliff Wright w/the Johnny Cash/Elvis Presley Concert from Branson, Mo.
- Oct. 9: The Lightning Bugs, Jazz and Big Band from Lincoln, Neb.

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## Changes and more to come

**Maynard's Grocery Store in De Smet has recently installed new check-out counters, thanks to some help from Kingsbury Electric. The new counters include a slide-out desk for patrons in wheelchairs, a conveyor belt, and the back end is sloped to allow the groceries to slide/roll away from the cashier. Store Manager Bob Blaha says feedback from cashiers has been positive, and the new system is great for their backs. Other changes in store for Maynard's include improvements to the produce section, the arrival of new carts in about a month and an upgrade for the candy and impulse buy shelves in front of the registers.** (Photo by Mike Siefker)

# Busy season ahead with art events and conferences



## LOOKING FORWARD

**RITA ANDERSON**

**WHEN SPRING ARRIVES,** it means annual meetings and conference time. We salute De Smet Farm Mutual as they hold their annual agent-training sessions at the De Smet Event Center this week and Kingsbury Electric for their recent fun annual meeting held for their patrons. I have been busy attending conferences in Sioux Falls, Lemmon and Mitchell the past two weeks, along with the tremendous Outdoor Show just held at the Event Center. I look forward to the Business Expo coming on May 21. Thank you to the Kingsbury Journal for making the Expo happen. It will be great to see all that our businesses have to offer.

### 2022 ENERGIZE CONFERENCE

I usually do not encourage people to go out-of-town, but I would like people to attend the 2022 Energize Conference, Exploring Innovative Rural Communities, to be held in Fort Pierre on May 11-12. De Smet hosted the first Energize Conference in 2018, and it has kept 'energizing' those who attended ever since. The SDSU Extension does a tremendous job designing an agenda that is built for small communities.

This year's keynote speaker is Andrew McCrea, "American Countryside" Oscar-winning broadcaster, speaking about "Rural Town Renewal." How do some places attract residents while others see residents move away? What role can we play in helping businesses, schools and families succeed in rural and small-town America? McCrea will provide ideas we can use.

The conference also features South Dakota community success stories in the areas of Funding for Community Projects, Marketing Your Community or Organization, Art & Culture in Your Community and New Life for Old Buildings. We all know that big things can and do happen in small towns like De Smet, and I hope several locals attend and bring back energy and ideas for us to pursue. https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/energize

### FUTURE DE SMET ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

I hear comments from other communities on how amazing it is for a town of our size to have so many arts events. How fortunate we are to have the people in our community who make it all happen!

The 2022 De Smet Concert Series kicks off this Sunday at the Events Center with the Kenaston Family Country Show. It's another great schedule of performers coming again this year. The local support has been tremendous, along with the amazing number of people from outside the area who have purchased season tickets. People enjoy the tremendous caliber of performers and realize how vital it is to support the shows so that these concerts can continue.

I salute the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Board for thinking 'outside of the box' and scheduling additional outdoor concerts and bringing more events with the annual pageant. It will be fun to have more happening at the pageant site throughout the year, as well as the fifty-first year of the prairie stage theatre. This year's performance of "On the Prairie: Laura's Legacy" is a heart-warming story of Laura and her family's joys and struggles as they settle on the Dakota Prairie. What a legacy this pageant is for De Smet!

It is amazing the opportunities that we have for theater arts camps and concerts at our own Event Center this summer, for children and adults. The popular show "Annie" will be the musical theatre experience as the TADA School of Performing Arts from Virginia brings theater camp and performances for the fourth year on June 6-10. Watch for announcements of a new adult theatre experience as "Theatre on the Prairie Fantasy Camp" with celebrity actors is scheduled for July 17–20, ending with a Festival of Performances.

The free "Harvey Dunn: Decades" exhibit at the South Dakota Art Museum in Brookings is wonderful. It will close on June 3, so be sure to take time to view it now through May.

Hats off to the great community of De Smet, where we have so many types of events happening with 'Big City' opportunities while we enjoy 'Small Town' quality of life!

# Mom's Butter Brickle Bars



## HOME GROWN

**AMY HALVERSON**

**I HOPE EVERYONE** had a great Easter. It was a nice excuse for us to take a much-needed break from our remodel job and to enjoy some time with family.

With the long Easter weekend, we probably could have gotten the majority of our kitchen done, but I think Josh and I were both ready for a break.

We were able to get some more things done in the kitchen before the weekend. We got the garbage disposal and dishwasher hooked up, and we got the countertops glued and set in place.

We have a lot of little things to do in the kitchen, but having it all together and in place is wonderful. It was nice to get it cleaned and some things in place, so I could finally have a functioning kitchen again.

My daughter Alyssa and her boyfriend Travis came home from Denver, Colo., for the weekend, and I was happy we were able to have them stay with us Saturday and Sunday nights.

It was so nice spending time with them, relaxing over the weekend. I don't get to see Alyssa nearly enough, so when she comes for a visit, I always make sure I get as much time as possible to catch up with her.

We were all able to go to Josh's parents on Easter Sunday and enjoy time with his side of the family. We've been so busy with our kitchen that we haven't been able to spend much time with anyone.

Alyssa and Travis headed back to Denver Monday morning, and after some very long hugs, I had to let them go. It was hard to see them leave, but I am grateful for the time we spent together.

This week I'm sharing a recipe I got from my mom. She made these for us when they came up last weekend, and they are delicious. Enjoy!

**Butter Brickle Bars**

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 cup light brown sugar
1 large egg yolk
1 ¼ cup flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
Pinch of salt
12-ounce bag of milk chocolate chips
¾ cup toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray, set aside.

Place butter, brown sugar and egg yolk in a mixing bowl; mix on medium speed until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add flour, vanilla and salt. Mix until combined. Press dough into greased dish. To make it easier use wet fingertips. Bake for 20-25 minutes. The crust will puff up and is ready when the edges are golden brown.

Let sit for 5 minutes, so the crust can settle. Add chocolate chips on top and wait until they are melted, about 5 minutes. Smooth out chocolate to coat crust. Sprinkle the toffee bits on top. Let cool completely and cut to serve.


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**Special Announcement from LuAnn:**
**Due to the Junior/ Senior Prom event, the kitchen will be closed Friday, April 22nd from 5pm to 7 pm.**
The bar will be open for drinks and beer at 5pm.
We will open up the kitchen at 7pm for dinner.

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**April 25- April 29, 2022**

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10:15 AM-Mock "Tornado Warning"
with all Kingsbury County Sirens Activated

10:30 AM-Mock "All Clear" Sirens will NOT be activated.
Please review and practice your severe weather plans at this time.

**For more information, Call Cindy Bau**
**Kingsbury Co. Emergency Management-854-3711**

CARTHAGE NEWS

# 1982: Harmon's Store being sold to California couple

BY LORELEE NELSON

Trinity Lutheran Church will have Worship Service April 24 at 8:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Harriet Hattervig visited Mark and Lisa Hinkley, De Smet, and she and Lisa visited Charline Peterson. On Tuesday, Mark, Lisa and Harriet made a business trip to Huron.

Harriet Hattervig, Mark, and Lisa Hinkley attended a surprise birthday party for Darin Gronewold with a supper in his home in Huron, Wednesday evening.

### DID YOU KNOW

Harmon's Store was a landmark on Main Street in Carthage for nearly 20 years. According to The Carthage News, March 31, 1982, Jim Harmon announced the sale of Harmon's Store to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Legg of Rosamond, Calif. The Leggs would take over ownership on the first of May. Mr. Harmon bought the store from Arnold Brace in 1963 and was the owner and proprietor until 1982. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Legg, parents of Terry Legg, bought the Harmon home and also moved to Carthage. The Terry Leggs purchased a home in Carthage, and the Harmons would retire to Rapid City.

The grocery store was an L-shaped building around the bank building. Today, the east part of the building houses Rails and Relics, an exhibit of model railroads and Native American artifacts.

## OLDHAM-RAMONA MENU

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21:** Potato Ole Supreme, Mandarin Oranges, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fruit, Carrots, Relishes

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22:** Italian Dunkers w/ sauce, Sidekick, Fruit, Broccoli, Relishes

**MONDAY, APRIL 25:** Hotdog on Bun, Mandarin Oranges, Fruit, Baked Beans, Relishes

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Taco Pizza Bites, Mixed Fruit Cocktail, Taco Fiesta Beans, Relishes

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:** Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Breadstick, Fruit, Broccoli, Relishes

BANCROFT NEWS

# What do you call a cow after after she's calved?

BY ROSE GROTHE

Hope you all had a Happy Easter! It is a beautiful season because of the promise of spring and the promise of the Resurrected Christ.

Billie Sargant of Huron was the speaker at the Presbyterian Church on April 17, 2022.

Rose Grothe was a Saturday Easter guest at the Gayle Grothe home in Brookings. Others attending were Janice White of Brookings, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alfieri, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pesicka, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pesicka and Natalie, Matt Pesicka and friend Lilly, all of Sioux Falls.

Janice White of Brookings accompanied Rose Grothe to Aberdeen on Saturday to be overnight visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Martens and attend Easter services at Trinity Lutheran Church with them on Sunday. Later, after a family dinner and much visiting, Janice and Rose returned to their homes. The Eric Martens family, Watertown, and the Brian Rawerts family, Aberdeen, were also among the dinner guests. Eric Martens and Amy Rawerts are the children of the Dale Martens and grandchildren of Rose Grothe.

Mary Ann Gross of Huron was an Easter Sunday visitor at the Doug Fox home. She is the aunt of Carol Fox.

What do you call a cow after she's had her calf? "Decaffeinated."

### 1941 HISTORY (THANKS TO PAULINE CLAASSEN)

*August 7, 1941.*

Severe windstorms hit the area Sunday evening, doing damage to several buildings.

*August 28*

School opens Monday. The teaching staff is as follows: superintendent — C. R. Lewis, Miss Palma Larson and Miss Alice Carter in high school. The coach is still to be hired. Mrs. Etta Klatt — primary grades, Miss Vera Warner — intermediate grades, Geraldine McTighe — the Halverson school, Reva Weidman - Engleking School and Hans Christensen — band.

*September 4*

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Austin have moved the Post Office and Confectionary Store into their own building.

*September 11*

There have been some changes in the faculty: C. R. Lewis -superintendent, Miss Alice Carter — home economics, science and glee club, Miss Marian Ann Modera — English, journalism and dramatics, and Melvin Hanson has been hired as coach.

ESMOND NEWS



# 1903: Fingerson Pond used for fishing and skating

BY LORI WEHLANDER

The Esmond Church held Maundy Thursday services featuring a Seder meal and special music by Rosalie Wehlander.

Mike and Perianne, the Neal Hiemstra family and the Craig Olinger family from Woonsocket attended church services on Easter morning in Esmond, with their children taking part in the youth services. An Easter egg hunt and fellowship for all was held in the township hall following services. In the afternoon a scavenger hunt was held at Esmond Hall for all the great-grandchildren.

Marlin and Jeanette Clendening hosted a brought-in Easter Sunday dinner for the family.

Rick and Vicki Aughenbaugh, Gene and Joanne Schlueter, Rita Anderson, Loraine McNiece and Glenda Skyberg were Easter dinner guests of Gordie and Marilyn Skyberg in De Smet.

Leo Dunham from Viborg and Selma Dunham from Sioux Falls were home for the Easter holiday. Last Monday, Annette Dunham went to the Iroquois Community Club meeting on planning the spaghetti supper to be held before the school play on May 1.

Adaline Reilly attended an Easter Saturday dinner at the Dean Reilly residence in Iroquois.

Travis and Michelle Bornitz hosted an Easter Saturday dinner for Michelle's family with her mother and brother's family attending.

The Richard Bornitz family held an Easter Sunday fellowship at the Carthage Community Center. Those attending were the Travis and Michelle Bornitz family, Kim Sherman and girls, Bruce and Linda Harmon of Huron and several family cousins.

### HISTORY NOTE

1903 – The state fish commissioner was stocking the Fingerson Pond, located two miles west of Esmond. The pond was never without water the year round. The Fingerson Pond was also used for skating. In 1905, skaters included Vill Miller, left, Lilly Fingerson, Verna Miller, Emma Fingerson, Tom Fingerson, Rolland Miller and Elmer Miller.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church Worship Services Sunday 10:30 a.m. FM 88.1, Facebook Live and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dick Poppen on KWAT radio Sunday 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Wed., April 27 from 6-8 p.m. Family Fun Night at the De Smet Event and Wellness Center.

Activities at the Parkview Assisted Living Center this past week included painting clay flowerpots. Later, soil and flower seeds to watch grow will be planted in them.

Bingo, always a favorite of most, is played two times a week, with the auxiliary calling on Fridays.

Jayne Jensen and Tia Felberg provided Bible and worship time.

Some residents participated in modeling clay, making various objects. Janice Stoebner, Sioux Falls, supplied an Easter egg each day with the Easter message in an Easter basket for each resident and staff.

Duane Poppen, Aberdeen, visited Monday with his parents the Cork Poppens.

Cork and Illdena Poppen visited Helen Stanley at her apartment in De Smet Monday afternoon. Later, they attended the Kingsbury Electric meal and meeting.

Jayne Jensen is a frequent visitor of her mother Myrta Rossel.

I hope you all had a blessed Easter!

— ILLDENA POPPEN

# Illustrator found Laura 'frisky,' willing to go anywhere



## LAURA'S CORNER

**JAMIE PATTON, DIRECTOR**
Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society

**GREETINGS FROM THE** Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society.

Some may be wondering what is happening at the Society. What have we been up to all winter? The short answer is making new displays and signs. This year, we are happy to extend an invitation for all to visit the historic homes to see our new displays.

Our exhibit room currently houses Peter Ingalls artifacts, 'Winter in the West' attire, Rose Wilder Lane in the kitchen with Frontier Favorites, 'Early De Smet' by Carrie Ingalls Swanzey and a special Garth Williams illustration gallery.

Last summer, when I first started as executive director, my goal was to show more of our Garth Williams illustration collection. After much thought, I finally decided that a gallery display that exhibits the pencil sketch, black and white print, colored print and a quote from the book to best describe the scene would showcase each illustration. Thanks to former director Cheryl Palmlund, we were able to purchase several of the artist's original illustrations at auctions. Our collection includes, at the minimum, one illustration from each of the "Little House" books. We hope to display even more of these prized possessions in the future.

Garth Williams was commissioned in 1947 to re-illustrate Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" series. He met with Rose Wilder Lane and thought it best to travel to Missouri to meet her mother and father. Along his trip, Williams researched the people, places and artifacts he would need to draw. Upon meeting the Wilders, he found Laura "to be frisky, a person who seemed to be willing to try anything and to go anywhere."

Other known works by Garth Williams include "Stuart Little," "Charlotte's Web," "The Rabbit's Wedding" and "The Rescuers," among several others.

We would also like to extend thanks to all of our wonderful donors who have helped in making the February fundraiser a success. We successfully raised a total of $2,900 to help purchase two 15-inch touch-screen kiosks in an effort to modernize.

# Little known facts about... keys

**BY MARY LEE**
Kingsbury Journal

"A very little key will open a very heavy door." This is a quote from Charles Dickens. Keys are everywhere, and the content of the word key can mean more than a simple metal device than what you hold in your hand. It can be a part of a piece of music; it can be part of a piano or a computer. It can also be used as an adjective meaning of crucial importance. Such a small word can hold many meanings. Let's look into the key as a locking device and its corresponding locks and see what we can learn.

• A key is a small piece of shaped metal with incisions cut to fit the wards of a particular lock, which is inserted into the lock and turned to open or close it.

• Originally, only the wealthiest members of society could afford to own locks and keys. In ancient China, emperors and other members of nobility had padlocks that were fashioned after animals, including goats and fish. Keys were made to be unique until 1917. Duplicating was devised. A wheel was used to cut a blank key into the same shape as the original.

• Centuries ago, locks were not made of metal; they were constructed from wood. Old keys and locks are collectibles, especially military keys and intricate puzzle locks.

• Some of the oldest locks ever found date back to Ancient Egypt; they were discovered in a cave and believed to be over 4000 years old.

• Viking women used keys as a status symbol. Married women held the responsibility of being keepers of the family keys; many wore their status proudly, sewing keys to their dresses to reflect their power.

• In England, the Ceremony of the Keys takes place every night as guards partake in the ritual of locking the tower doors.

• The famous escape artist Harry Houdini worked in a locksmith's shop at age 11. He quickly learned to pick any lock at the time.

• In an effort to prevent thieves from picking locks, locksmiths in the nineteenth century were in competition to create a more complex, secure locking mechanism. Known for creating the detector lock, Jeremiah Chubb fashioned a locking mechanism with a relocker. When a thief would try to pick a lock, the lock would jam until the original key or a special regulator key was inserted. This type of lock remained unpickable until 1851.

• Locksmiths can be feathered. In 2014, a parrot named Magic picked a set of two padlocks placed on his cage and escaped with ease. Magic has been referred to as Houdini's spirit animal.

• Skeleton keys have no relation to haunted houses. Truth is skeleton keys are master keys capable of working on many locks because of being stripped down to their essential parts. Locksmiths use skeleton keys today to open locks when the keys have been lost or misplaced.

• Some keys are cylindrical and are called tubular keys, which are commonly used among vending machines, laptops and bicycle locks.

• House keys are the most common type of keys, followed by car keys.

• Bumps on a key, known as bumpers, need to bump the key hard enough to jar the pins, but not so much that the lock or key is damaged. Bumping the key causes the pins to jump slightly. Even this slight amount of motion is enough to allow the bump key to turn the cylinder, unlocking the lock.

• Chipped automobile keys have an RFID (radio frequency identification) chip inside the head of the key. They have become an industry standard for vehicle manufacturers and add an extra layer of security to your vehicle ignitions. General Motors was the first U.S. auto manufacturer to introduce a chip key on the 1985 corvette.

• A key can be made from a lock. Don't panic if you lose or break your key. Locksmiths can make a key out of your lock. They can cut the key from the code, the impression of the lock or disassemble the lock.

SOURCES: WWW.STLSECURITY.COM, WWW.BILLSLOCKANDKEY.ORG, WWW.1800UNLOCKS.COM

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# De Smet

## MENUS

### 60s-plus menu

*Ward's Store & Bakery is serving senior meals for breakfast and for lunch. Please call (605) 854-3688 to be added to the list.*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21:** Crunchy Chicken Salad w/ Lettuce, Tomato, etc., Fruit, Dessert, Bun

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22:** Soft Shell Tacos w/ Protein, Tomatoes and Lettuce, Tater Tots, Fruit, Dessert

**MONDAY, APRIL 25:** Goulash, Green Beans, Fruit, Bun

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:** Roast Beef Sandwich/Bun, Tater Tots, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert

### School Lunch

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21:** Hamburger Noodle Hotdish, Broccoli, Grapes, Bread

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22:** Chicken Patty on Bun, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit

**MONDAY, APRIL 25:** BBQ on Bun, Baked Beans, Peaches

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Grapes, Bun

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:** Grade-sack lunch, High-Orange Chicken, Rice, Mandarin Oranges

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Community Meeting scheduled AND moved locations

Everyone is invited to learn more about the elementary building project during a community meeting at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary Gym on Thurs., April 21 at 6:30 p.m. The building will be open at 5:30 p.m. for building tours before the meeting. If you're unable to attent, this meeting will be livestreamed on the "De Smet, SD - Vote YES for LIW Elementary Project" and the "De Smet School District" Facebook pages.

There are also Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary building tours scheduled for you to see the condition of the current building.

- April 26- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- April 27- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- April 28- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- April 29- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

You can call the LIW Office at (605) 854-3963 to RSVP for the date/time that works best for you.

The election for this bond will be June 21 for voters in the De Smet School District. If you're not registered to vote, you can register until June 6.



**Olivia's first Easter Egg Hunt**

**Olivia Pukis enjoys her first Easter with her mother Taylor Pukis standing next to her.** (Photo by Mike Siefker)

## CITY COUNCIL

# Brewster Street Project quote approved

## Event Center to be home for SDIC Hall of Fame

**BY MIKE SIEFKER**
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet Common Council met Wednesday at the De Smet Event Center. The council approved a revised bid for the Brewster Street Sewer Project, heard a request to host the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference Basketball Hall of Fame and numerous other items.

In the March 30 special meeting, IMEG Engineer Shane Waterman informed the council that two quotes received for extending the Brewster Street Wastewater Main were opened and reviewed. The first quote was from Bode Construction for $101,542.00, and the second from Halme, Inc. at $118.097.25. The bids were over the anticipated amount of around $80,000 for the project.

There were some items on the quote from Bode Construction that the city could take care of, such as topsoil seeding, manhole covers and other inventory the city has on hand. The item was tabled at the special meeting to allow time for the city to consult with Bode Construction.

The company agreed to use some of the city's inventory and allow them to seed the topsoil, and a new quote came in at $86,281.00. At that cost, the council approved the quote, and work should begin soon.

Myron Moen with the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference (SDIC) Basketball Hall of Fame requested that the Event Center host the SDIC Hall of Fame. The SDIC was formed in 1920 with just 12 college teams and continued until 2000.

Plans for the Hall of Fame would be to display memorabilia on the westside walls of the track around the windows. The SDIC would also like to have a kiosk, where a person could type in the name of a player or a college and view the awards received. This would be used to avoid hanging so many plaques on the walls.

SDIC induction ceremonies would be hosted at the Event Center. The request was approved.

The council also approved the following building permits. Kathy Hawkins would like to build a lending library on her property. Ryan Griffith will be building a concrete patio and sidewalk on his property. The Weisels will be doing some concrete work, replacing an existing driveway. Last, Mike Martens has requested to build a garden shed in his backyard. All projects/permits were approved.

A grant application was approved to cover the design of the Airport AWOS III-P system. The cost for the project is $58,000, with the city's cost being $2,800. The system will require yearly maintenance of $9,000-$10,000.

The system will give pilots real-time weather reports, altitude data, locations and runway approaches — all the data necessary for a plane or helicopter to make an instrumentation landing in inclement weather.

The weather system would allow medical flights when visibility is poor. Ground transport in conditions of low visibility could take an ambulance well over two to three hours.

Many council members were in favor of asking if Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital would share the costs since they would receive the most benefit from the installed weather and instrumentation equipment.

Street Department Superintendent Ryan Petersen reported that the new patch trailer has been ordered. It is a Dump Trailer 2 Ton Big A KM-4000 TEPD that costs $21,119. Delivery is estimated at $2,500-$3,000. Petersen is trying to figure out how to get the trailer picked up in Michigan, which is 974 miles away, and would save the city delivery fees.

Some new meter-reading equipment was approved for purchase by the council. The amount of $11,000 was already budgeted. To collect the meter readings, one just has to drive down the street, and the equipment picks up the data wirelessly.

The council approved the following pay requests. Helms and Associates were paid $6,873.98 for work on the Airport AWOS III-P system. IMEG was paid $3,600 for the Main Street Preliminary Services, $1,302.50 to update the Water Facility Plan, $1,137.50 to update the Sewer Facility Plan and $5,867.50 for their work on the Brewster Street Wastewater Project.

### OTHER ITEMS

- Council members will begin their Ward drive-throughs, looking for code violations.
- The mayor wished to congratulate the De Smet Boys and Girls basketball teams, and many of the players on both teams, for all the awards and recognition they have received.
- April 29, the City of De Smet and the Conservation Office will coordinate some Arbor Day Activities for the third graders at Washington Park.
- A special liquor license was granted by the council for Klinkel's III on April 30 at the De Smet Legion Post from 5:30 p.m. to midnight.
- The council accepted the resignation of Water Department Superintendent Richard Stoddard and thanked him for many years of service.
- Nova Fitness was approved to do an inspection of the gym equipment at the De Smet Event and Wellness Center at a cost of $330.50.
- The council opened quotes for the annual flower barrels along Main Street. Poinsett Gardens submitted a quote of $0 for the annual tradition. Their quote was accepted.
- De Smet School District had requested that a second discus throwing area would be allowed near the baseball field. The council will approve the action if Jason Springer gives his approval as well.
- The council made a $4,000 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for Old Settler's Day, to be held June 11.
- Tracey Larson, the City's Finance Officer, requested to attend the Annual Finance Officer School in Huron June 8-10. The council approved her attending the event along with Karen Hansen.

# De Smet

DAYS GONE BY

## 1972: Head to the 'going out of business' sale!




**FIFTY YEARS AGO: A 1972 advertisement for Hyink's Furniture and Hardware announces a closeout on all hardware items.**

**10 YEARS AGO**
*April 18, 2012*

Kingsbury County officials toured 30 miles of county roads in two days and inspected them for damage. "It's good for us to do this so when Dave (Highway Superintendent **Dave Sorenson**) tells us about a road, we know where he is talking about," Kingsbury County Commissioner **Audrey Lembke** said.

**25 YEARS AGO**
*April 16, 1997*

Low bids on the new high school in De Smet came in at least $100,000 higher than the amount approved by district voters last fall. The lowest bids totaled slightly more than $2.6 million when opened April 10. Those bids were stripped of everything except those items necessary to operate a school. Voters last October approved a $2.5 million bond issue to pay for a new high school.

**50 YEARS AGO**
*April 20, 1972*

A "going out of business" sale for Hyink's Furniture and Hardware in the change of ownership to Zimmel's of Watertown is advertised this week. A complete closeout of the hardware stock is being held, as this department is not to be continued by the new owners.

**75 YEARS AGO**
*April 10, 1947*

An advertisement for the Ritz Theater featured upcoming showings of "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers" featuring **Barbara Stanwyck**, **Van Heflin and Elizabeth Scott;** "Cloak and Dagger" with **Gary Cooper, Lilli Palmer and Robert Alda** and "Shadow of a Woman" with **Helmut Dantine and Andrea King.**

**105 YEARS AGO**
*April 20, 1917*

Bancroft: **Rolland Hayenga** marketed a hog recently that brought the handsome sum of $85. Who can beat this? Also, $1.10 per bushel was paid for a load of corn here last week. Buyers in De Smet are now paying 50 cents a pound for butterfat.

SENIOR FEATURE: JOSIAH TRINITY BACHELLE

## Wants to own his own business



Josiah Trinity Bachelle was born to parents Melanie and Lon on Nov. 11, 2003. He has five siblings and is very close to them. He also loves to spend time with the rest of his family. When he was younger, around first grade, he always thought of himself as a fashionista, but since third grade, he thought of himself as more of a writer and wanted to become one. His favorite childhood memory was the time there was a parade on his birthday. Later on, he realized it was for Veteran's Day, but it was still very special to him.

Bachelle is a senior at De Smet High School, and his proudest achievement is being a part of the National Honor Society. He loves math, and it is one of his favorite subjects. One of his favorite high school memories was when he went to prom as a junior. He will miss all of his friends when he graduates.

After high school, he hopes to start his own business, make money and help others while he's at it.

SENIOR FEATURE: CHRISTION LARSEN

## Dreaming of becoming 'Happy Farmer Chris'



Christion Larsen was born on Nov. 11, 2003. His parents are Emil Larsen and Angelia Everson, and his three siblings are Payton, Ashly Larsen and Evan.

Larsen is a senior at De Smet High School, and he currently works a part-time job at Prairie Ag Partners. His favorite activities are camping, fishing, hunting and farming. He loves eating chocolate-covered raisins and peanuts, and his favorite drink is sweet tea.

Larsen's two favorite sports are football and wrestling. He placed 5th in the AAV State Tournament in wrestling. His favorite memory of senior year was going goose hunting during the spring with his brother Evan and his friends Haden, Brody and Tucker. He praises Evan the most, helping guide him to success and always by his side.

When he was young, Larsen always imagined becoming a farmer when he grew up. He plans to go to the Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, S.D., to become a machine operator after he graduates. He can already see himself piloting a monster of a machine through some field one day, passing by a small herd of grazing cattle that he will own. His dad and his brother would be there, too, helping tend the rest of the farm. Only then would Larsen truly be "Happy Farmer Chris."

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DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL

# Lake Preston

## MENUS

### 60s-plus meals

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21:** Lasagna, Lettuce Salad w/ Tomato, Fruit Crisp, Garlic Toast

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22:** Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**MONDAY, APRIL 25:** Chicken Strips, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Bread

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Goulash, Coleslaw, Fruit, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:** Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit

### School Lunch

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21:** Spaghetti, Peas, Diced Peaches, Garlic Toast

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22:** Pizza Crunchers, Green Beans, Pineapple

**MONDAY, APRIL 25:** Shrimp Poppers, Potato Wedges, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic Breadstick

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26:** Beef Burgers on Bun, Tater Tots, Diced Peaches

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27:** Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Peas, Pears

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Prom is Friday

The Lake Preston High School prom is scheduled for Friday. School will be dismissed at 2 p.m. The banquet is at 6 p.m., and the Grand March, which is open to the public and includes a drive-up parade, begins at 7 p.m.

### The Kingsbury Journal is looking for part-time help!

You read that correctly! The Kingsbury Journal is looking for a writer, reporter, photographer and Lake Preston correspondent. If you are interested in working with some great people and always be in the know, let us know. Call the Kingsbury Journal office at 605-854-3331 to apply.

### Keep informed

If you are a resident of Lake Preston and wish to be kept updated on city happenings such as water leaks or road closings, fill out a slip at City Hall with your name and phone number and indicate whether you would rather be notified by phone call or text. This service will come in handy as the city moves into phase I of the water-wastewater project in June.





## Visits with the bunny

**With temperatures in the 20s, area children were dressed in winter coats and snowsuits for the April 16 Easter egg hunt at Thorsnes Park in Lake Preston. The Lake Preston Community Progressive Women sponsor the annual event. Above left: Lyla Lembke and Liam Unglaub take a photo with the Easter Bunny. Right: Lola Hartman, one-year old daughter of Casey and Bridget (Malone) Hartman of Garretson, visits the Easter Bunny.** (Photos by Donna Palmlund)

## CITY COUNCIL

# Grant received for plumbing project

**BY DONNA PALMLUND**
Kingsbury Journal

The Lake Preston City Council held a special meeting April 13 to canvass votes from the previous day's election in which Jodi Hope won 19-13 over incumbent Trent Nelson for a seat in Ward I. The May meeting will start out with the present city council, to finish old business with Nelson still onboard. They will then adjourn as the old council and reconvene as the new council, and Hope will take over that seat. Mayor Andy Wienk thanked Nelson for stepping up to fill in when the spot had to be filled last year.

The council also approved Phase 2A of the city plumbing package. The city had requested $5.3 million from the state and was granted $4.2 million. Lake Preston will receive a low-interest loan for the remaining $1.1 million. Wienk stated that means 85 percent of this project will be funded through grants. The council also discussed an increase in water and sewer rates, but the exact amount of the increase is not official yet.

## ATHLETIC BANQUET




### Athletic Banquet to feature past Divers' memories

The Lake Preston Athletic Boosters are sponsoring the annual athletic banquet on Thurs., April 21 at the auxiliary gymnasium. The meal begins at 6 p.m., followed by awards and recognitions. This year, along with the 2021-22 Divers, several former Lake Preston athletes and coaches will be recognized and honored. Organizers have asked two Divers from each decade, beginning with the 1950s, to share their memories. The Athletic Boosters are making plenty of food, and they encourage everyone to attend this final "Diver Flashback" event before the Divers team up with Iroquois for the 2022-23 school year to form the Iroquois-Lake Preston Sharks. The meal is free to current Lake Preston athletes, $7 for adults and $5 for non-athlete students.

Who remembers these Lake Preston football players?

# Lake Preston

LOOKING BACK

## 1947: Lake Preston Fire Dept. gets new truck delivered

**10 YEARS AGO**
*April 18, 2012*

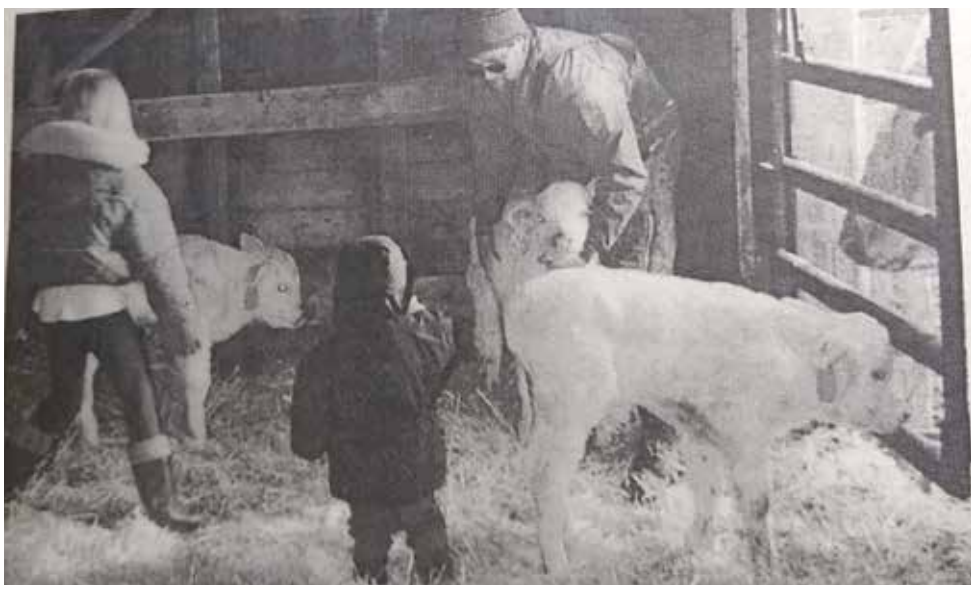
**First Lady Linda Daugaard** visited the Lake Preston school on April 13 to read to third through fifth grade students. From her time as a school librarian, she knows the importance of keeping a child engaged during those years.

LPHS senior **Kimberly Cleveland** has been selected for South Dakota's 32nd Annual Homecoming Queen selection to be held April 28 in Pierre. Cleveland was named Homecoming Queen at LPHS in 2011. She will be competing for a cash scholarship plus an all-expense paid trip to the National Finals. She also will be competing for South Dakota's favorite Homecoming Queen.

**Ron and Cathy Nelson** announce the engagement of their daughter **Lt. Abbey Nelson to Javier Martinez**, son of **Jose and Lucila M de Martinez.** Nelson is a 2002 graduate of LPHS, a 2006 graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and in 2010, received her Doctorate of Optometry. Martinez is the owner of a painting and contracting business.

**25 YEARS AGO**
*April 17, 1997*

Rain, sleet, snow and flooding are making it a challenge for mail carriers to meet their goal of consistent service to rural customers across the state. Delivery efforts have been hampered by flooded roads, snow drifts, closed bridges and in some cases, flood related evacuations. Postmaster **Rick McGuire** said, "We are doing our best to deliver the mail whenever and wherever possible. A number of roads are blocked, and safety and common sense dictate that we limit our exposure to potential danger."



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: Brian Odden and children Ethanie and Andrew are shown with Charolais triplets born March 10 on the Odden Charolais Ranch. Odden said the three bull calves are rare, only one in ten million, for triplets of the same sex.**

**Amber Slaight,** daughter of **Shon and Shelley Slaight**, received the **Philip and Viola May** Scholarship for the 97-98 school year at South Dakota State University (SDSU), where she will be a freshman journalism major.

**Clay Jessen,** son of **James and Barbara Jessen**, was awarded the **Ralph Bortnem** Leaders for Tomorrow scholarship for the 97-98 year at SDSU. The scholarship recognizes high achievement among high school seniors.

**50 YEARS AGO**
*April 20, 1972*

More than 300 friends and supporters turned out on Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to Attorney General **Gordon Mydland** and lend encouragement to his campaign for the U.S. Senate. The potluck was low keyed with emphasis on the simple virtues of friendliness, service and dedication to the course of good government, and the overall theme emphasized community tribute to a favored native son.

**Joe Schnell** and his Lake Preston Chapter of the FFA, won honors at the state FFA convention at SDSU on Tuesday. Joe was one of the FFA members honored as a S.D. Farmer, and the LPHS chapter was one of 31 named superior FFA chapter.

On April 7, nine girls were installed as the new FHA officers. The new president is **Shirley Rasmussen**; vice president **Debbie Larson**; treasurer, **Margaret Odden**; and secretary, **Cammy Iseminger**. The new song leader and parliamentarian are freshmen **Cathy Kazmerzak and Dianne Wolkow**. The historian is **Gail Swenson,** with reporter **Deb Pastian** and librarian **Barb Birath.**

**75 YEARS AGO**
*April 17, 1947*

The Lake Preston Fire Department had their new fire truck delivered last Thursday by the Fire Apparatus Co. of Brookings. The two-ton truck is equipped with new type aluminum ladders, midship mount positive pump and different flash signals. In all, the truck is better equipped and more modern than the older trucks.

Ottter Tail Power Co. reported about the April 5 storm - "The devastating storm was one of the worst of its kind in our history. Mile after mile of transmission line was flattened under the crushing force of the sleet, snow and winds. Over 500 poles were broken." They regret the inconvenience caused by the interruption of service and appreciate the public's patience and consideration.

**100 YEARS AGO**
*April 20, 1922*

The Central Light and Power Co. has commenced the work of moving their electric light poles from the streets. Arrangements were made last year to have the poles moved to the alleys wherever possible, and the company has begun that work.

**Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Larson** of Badger rejoice over the arrival of a fine baby boy at their farm home east of town on April 8. Here's to the boy!








**Some Lake Preston Diver memories from the distant and not-so-distant past.**
(Archive photos)



Badger Lutheran Church in Badger, SD is holding a
**SOUP DINNER**
**on Sunday, May 1st**
**from 11am to 1pm at the Badger Legion Hall.**
The meal is $6 per person / ages 3 and under eat for free.
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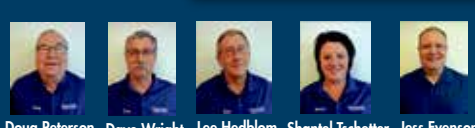
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*Raised Jesus from the dead.*
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*He gave His life instead.*

*Easter is a hopeful time*
*For we begin to see*
*Love sent Him to the cross.*
*T'was meant for you and me.*

*Easter is The Risen Lord.*
*He's living once again.*
*He paid the price for all our sin*
*He died to save all men.*

*Easter is reminding us*
*That tho He died for all*
*Not ev'ryone believes in Him,*
*The number's very small.*

*Easter is when Christ arose*
*To save His people dear.*
*For those who will believe in Him*
*The way is very clear.*

*Easter is one day when we*
*Remember the empty tomb,*
*For Christ arose, the debt was paid*
*To save from certain doom.*

*Easter is a time that we*
*Should remember ev'ry day.*
*The precious gift of God's own Son*
*Was manifest this way.*

*Easter is when God's own plan*
*Was finished, made complete.*
*We give our thanks each time that*
*We fall prostrate at His feet.*

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May 20-22: **The Bad Guys** (PG)

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# BLUE & GOLD

Bringing you the latest from Lake Preston High School

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## LPHS SENIOR FEATURE: Morgan Curd



By: Austin Conrad

Morgan Curd is the daughter of Kevin and Kristi Curd and sibling to Nick, Ben, and Allie Curd. Moran also has many pets including, Max (dog), Lou (lamb), and cats named, Edger, Mr. Bigglesworth, Orange Cat, Cheeto, Freeto, Pat, Rat, and Snips. She has participated in a lot of extracurricular activities at LPHS including choir, show choir, band, jazz band, cross country, volleyball, basketball, track and field, golf, all-school musical, one-act, oral interpretation, LYO, Sunday school teaching, FFA, and student council. Three words that can describe Morgan are determined, ambitious, and curious.

Her favorite class is Chemistry because it's a good challenge, and if Morgan could take any teacher or staff member after school to help her after high school, it would be Mr. Schmidt, because he's so smart and knows everything. Morgans favorite school lunch is Teriyaki Chicken. One memory Morgan has from her time in school was when "I took an apple from the lunchroom and the lunch lady yelled at me" Morgans favorite extracurricular activity has been One-Act Play, "because I love the culture around it and I always have fun with it." We asked her what her favorite year of high school has been and she replied, "Junior year, because it was probably my most memorable". We also asked what is her favorite social media app she said, "Pinterest, because I find so many new things to do and so many new recipes."

Morgans' senior quote is "Whatever life sends your way, make the best of it. Don't waste your time and energy worrying about it. Instead, find a way to do something about it. Learn from it, adjust to it, be strong, be flexible, and be your best in every situation" by Les Brown. After high school, she plans to attend SDSU and get a Doctorate of Nursing practice degree. She would like to be remembered at LPHS as fun, hardworking, energetic, and a go-getter. Her hopes for her generation, the future, and future highschoolers at LPHS: "I hope that everyone at LPHS knows their potential and doesn't strive for anything less than their best".

## Do You Have a Sacred Object?

By: Trinity Pirlet

Do you have an item, not necessarily expensive, or large, or shiny? It could be as simple as a rock that brings back a memory of a time you spent with your family or friends. For me I kept a gum-wrapper fish, that one of my classmates made me in late elementary school.

Now, this silver fish doesn't have any meaning to anyone on the outside, but to me it symbolized many things, like the memory of my classmate gifting it to me, my elementary years, and above all how much things have changed. It's crazy to think how immensely this little fish impacted me at the time.

I've kept lots of little random things, from elementary school especially. I have a tote full of art projects and old writing prompts. One of the writings prompts I vividly remember looking through one of these totes of elementary projects and noticing a pink, Tinkerbelle notebook- the corners rounded from age. The notebook was likely from kindergarten or first grade, but when I opened it there was one page that stood out to me. The prompt was: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Any other kindergartener would have likely answered saying things like a firefighter, mom, doctor, or the president. But my answer was simple, one word in fact. Gone. Kindergarten me wanted to be gone.

See to the normal eye these things wouldn't be worth anyone's time, they would be discarded, tossed in the trash. But to us they can hold memories and feelings, emotions even. Some items may even hold bad memories, lost friends or realitives. Everyone keeps these things, what do you keep?



This years track season comes with new coaches: Brock Dufek and Jalen Kaufman. These staff members take the role both being co head coach.

## A look into the week ahead...

Sunday, April 24th:

- State FFA convention @ Brookings (SDSU)

Monday, April 25th:

- State FFA convention @ Brookings (SDSU)

Tuesday, April 26th:

- Track Alumni Invite @ Estelline 1:00
- JV/V Golf @ De Smet 11:00
- State FFA convention @ Brookings (SDSU)

Wednesday, April 27th:

- Group Activity Pictures
- Community Scholarship Interviews @ Lutheran Church
- Senior Reception @ Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 28th:

- MS/HS Awards Concert; 7:00

Friday, April 29th:

- MS Track @ Howard; 2:00
- HS Music Trip to Kansas City

Saturday/Sunday, April 30-31

- HS Music Trip to Kansas City

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**Sophomores:** Patrick Poppen, Amelia Greene, Savanna Perkins
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"I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn."
-Anne Frank

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# Protecting yourself and the skin you're in



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**DEBRA JOHNSTON, M.D.**

**SKIN IS THE LARGEST** organ in the human body, but it's easy to take it for granted. Unless we notice pain or itching or funny spots, most people don't give it much thought.

However, the skin is critically important. It helps regulate our body temperature and fluid and electrolyte balance. It provides us critical information about our environment, and it protects us from invasion by the sea of germs we encounter every day. Some of the sickest patients doctors ever treat are those who have had significant skin loss, whether due to illness like toxic epidermal necrolysis or injury like burns.

This important organ can give doctors clues to diseases elsewhere in the body. Rashes might suggest celiac disease, an overactive immune system or internal cancers. Skin discoloration might alert us to liver diseases, hormonal conditions or dangerous exposures.

The skin itself is subject to diseases. Genetics plays a role in conditions like eczema and psoriasis. Sometimes, our habits can set the stage for skin problems. Sun exposure increases the risk of skin cancer, but it also accelerates the development of wrinkles. Smoking does, too.

So, what can we do to protect our skin, especially as summer approaches?

One big step is to protect it from the sun. Sunscreen is very useful! Use one that blocks both UVA and UVB light. Choose SPF 30 or higher, and don't forget to re-apply every two hours. Most sunscreens break down when exposed to the sun; even if you are wearing SPF100, it won't last through the afternoon. Sunscreen takes about 15 minutes to bind to your skin and protect you, so put it on before you head out. Use enough: the average adult needs at least a shot glass worth for each application. One bottle might not last your family through the whole weekend at the lake. Water resistance is useful, but sunscreen is never truly waterproof; re-apply after swimming or sweating. Ultraviolet light penetrates cloud cover, so sunscreen is important even on overcast days. Don't forget your lips: many skin cancers develop there, so wear lip balm with SPF.

Sunscreen isn't the only protective measure you can take. Consider the tried-and-true approach of covering up. Wear long sleeves and wide-brimmed hats. Stay inside, if you can, especially during the parts of the day with the most direct sunlight.

Your skin has a big job, protecting you from the environment. You can return the favor and protect it, too.

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6. 1997 Ford F-250 (green)
7. 1984 GMC Topkick (od green)
8. 1974 IHC 1600 farm truck w/ hoist (blue)
9. 1988 Ford F-350 w/ flatbed (white)
10. 1991 Case/IH 695 utility tractor (yellow)
11. 1992 Case/IH 695 utility tractor (yellow)
12. 1993 Case/IH 695 utility tractor (yellow)
13. 1994 Case/IH 695 utility tractor (yellow)
14. MHE-270 4WD rough-terrain forklift (yellow)
15. 1980 Case W24C Payloader (yellow)
16. International 584 tractor (red)
17. Kasel military 2-wheel trailer
18. Kasel military 2-wheel trailer
19. 1964 Frehauf semi box trailer w/ wheel dolly
20. 1991 Yamaha utility cart- runs (white)
21. 1991 Yamaha utility cart- bad motor (white)
22. Yamaha utility cart (parts)
23. Yamaha utility cart (parts)
24. Military utility trailer w/ Davey 250cfm diesel air compressor
25. (2) hydraulic adjustable pallet-fork attachment
26. Meyer 8' truck mount snowplow
27. Clark skidsteer broom attachment
28. 4' skidsteer grapple bucket
29. 6' skidsteer bucket
30. Erskine 1812 skidsteer snowblower attachment
31. Older Erskine skidsteer snowblower attachment
32. Bobcat 907 skidsteer backhoe attachment
33. Walk behind floor scrubber
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"This program was created to address the unique financial challenges faced by our nation caused by the pandemic that has taken the lives of nearly a million loved ones, friends and neighbors across the country," said Thomas C. Sivak, FEMA Region 5 administrator. "While we cannot bring those people back, this financial assistance can help ease the burden of their final arrangements."

Eligible applicants may qualify for up to $9,000 for each deceased individual per application, with a maximum of $35,000 for families who may have multiple funeral expenses due to COVID-19. Since the assistance began on April 12, 2021, the average amount of assistance awarded is $6,500.

Applicants may apply by calling (844) 684-6333 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday. Multilingual services are available. Please note, phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number. Applicants who use a relay service such as a videophone, Innocaption or CapTel should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to them for that service so that agency representatives are able to contact them.

Additional information is available on FEMA.gov.



## Have you seen my mother?

**This massive tumbleweed was found last Friday during the windstorm that brought some of Huron's topsoil to the De Smet area. The little fellow somehow got blown into the middle of De Smet near Maynard's and the Post Office. He's not very talkative. He's lost his mother. If you see her blowing in the wind or rolling past you, please call 1-800-TUMBLE3.** (Photo by Mike Siefker)

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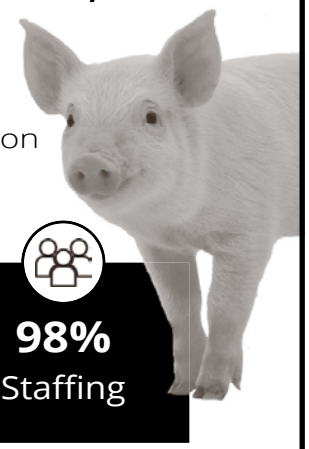
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# Public Notices

**REGULAR MEETING OF LAKE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Wednesday, April 13th, at 6 p.m. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Trent Nelson, Joe Schnell, Brian Verhey. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wienk at 6:03 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Bumann to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**
Canvass official Ballots: Council reviewed the tally sheet and poll book from the election. Discussed the 3 different wards in town, the process of getting it changed so there are no wards at all. Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve canvassing the ballots. Nelson abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Phase 2 Funding Package: Council discussed the results from the days meeting held by DANR, in Pierre. Phase 2 project got awarded 4.2 million dollars in grant covid dollars and 1.1 million dollars in loan.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Nelson to go into executive session at 6:15 pm for personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 6:24 pm.

Motion by Verhey, seconded by Nelson to hire Rodney Olson as the restricted use site superintendent at $20 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer
Andy Wienk, Mayor

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**NOTICE OF AUDIT OF THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF LAKE PRESTON**

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of the City of Lake Preston, South Dakota, have been audited by ELO Prof. LLC, Certified Public Accountants of Mitchell, South Dakota for the year ended December 31, 2021. A detailed report thereon, containing additional information, is filed with the City of Lake Preston and the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby listed in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12.

**CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Finding:**
The City of Lake Preston has limited number of office personnel, and accordingly, does not have adequate internal accounting controls in revenue, expenditures, and payroll functions because of lack of segregation of duties. This is a continuing audit comment.

**Recommendation:**
Although it is recognized that number of office staff may not be large enough to permit adequate segregation of duties in all respects, it is important that management and those charged with governance be aware of this condition. We recommend that the city officials exercise adequate oversight of the accounting function.

**Views of Responsible officials:**
Management agrees with the finding and recommendations. They will monitor internal controls by reviewing all bills presented for payment, and review budget to actual reports. A council member will review cash reconciliations.

**Finding:**
The City of Lake Preston requested the external auditors to prepare the financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2021.

**Recommendation:**
This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk because of cost of other considerations.

**Views of responsible officials:**
Management agrees with the finding and recommendations.

RUSSELL A. OLSON, AUDITOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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**REGULAR MEETING OF LAKE PRESTON CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Monday, April 4th, at 7 p.m. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Trent Nelson, Joe Schnell, Brian Verhey. Via telephone Kristen Longville. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Jim and Monica Wilde, Tim Austin city code enforcer, Rick Olson, Via telephone Weston Blasius from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wienk at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Verhey, seconded by Schnell to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

**Jim Wilde- City Pool:** Wilde inquired about any construction happening to the pool this upcoming season. Corner stairs were inquired about and discussed. Plans and a quote from MC&R Pool were looked over and discussed; Klug plans to look into grants.

**Phase 1 Geotechnical Proposals:** Motion by Verhey, seconded by McMasters to approve the proposal from Foerster for $15,030.00. All in favor, motion carried.

**Phase 1 Pay Request #1:** Verhey inquired about the gravel pile on the North end of town. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bumann to approve the 1st pay request to Halme Construction for $301,354.33. All in favor, motion carried.

**Nuisance Properties*-** Tim Austin-Klug stated that she had been discussing with Austin the process of fining. They will not fine, it is up to the city to fine. Austin discussed the 4 main properties in town, whom have not have been in contact with them. They have gotten notices mailed, certified mail, and hand delivered by the sheriff's office. Time to abate the problems--- 2 of the properties are at a point of they can start getting fined immediately and the other 2 will have 3 weeks to abate before vehicles will be getting towed away. Council had a long discussion, decided on the exact way to fine- whether it be day by day, week by week. Council decided to start with $50 a week for week 1 and 2 then increase by $25 for weeks 3 and 4 and continue until the $250 has been met.

No public comments.

Motion by Verhey, seconded by Nelson to approve the March 7th regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Bumann to approve the March 23rd regular meeting minutes. Schnell Abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

**No Committee Reports.**

**Water/Sewer/Street Report:** Zeeck updated with the final stages of the park picnic tables, in which they have been painting and the high school Ag class have been welding. Basketball hoops were discussed for converting the tennis court into a basketball court. Discussed the restricted use site, discussed that there have been no applicants—without an employee it will not be able to be open. Advertising has been in the local newspaper for weeks as well as on Facebook.

**Finance Office Report:** Klug inquired about moving the May meeting to May 9th instead of May 2nd. Election will be April 12th and the special meeting for canvassing the ballots will be April 13th, decided to schedule that meeting at 6pm. On April 12th and 13th DANR will be meeting to announce the funding package for our Phase 2 project south of HWY 14. Discussed having a pool staff meeting with the personnel committee, pool employees, and full-time employees.

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

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

Rick Olson in at 7:51 pm.

**Old Business:**
No Building Permits.

**New Business:**
**Spring Clean-up-- April 29th- May 10th:** Discussed that the city plans to take over picking up from the alleys, instead of correlating with the chamber. It works better for the city workers to do it during the day with the skid steer and dump truck. A resident had inquired about doing the citywide cleanup after the citywide rummage sale. Council decided that April 29th – May 10th would be great dates.

**Approve 2021 Annual Report:** Motion by Verhey, seconded by Nelson to approve the 2021 Annual report. All in favor, motion carried.

**Approve 2021 ELO Audit:** Motion by Bumann, seconded by Schnell to approve the 2021 ELO Audit. All in favor, motion carried.

**Main St. Paving:** Motion by Bumann, seconded by Nelson to approve the quote from Duininck to repair Main Street for $17,655.00. All in favor, motion carried.

**Main St. Lighting:** Zeeck discussed the current lights; due to the wind and weight they keep on going out- repairs have been extreme. Zeeck presented a quote for new street lights with none of these issues in the future. Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to approve the rough quote from e-conolight for $3,500. All in favor, motion carried.

**Lift Station Pump:** Klug specified funds available in the sewer outside services. Zeeck and Bumann urged the residents that, flushable wipes are not flushable. They are a detriment to our sewer system, council discussed how to get the message out to the residents. Decided to get it put on next months water bill.

**Flower Quotes:** Motion by Bumann, seconded by Nelson to approve the quote from Jesser's Greenhouse for $197 for the wave petunias for the Main Street baskets. All in favor, motion carried. Discussed the park bed, in which the Ag teacher has designed as a teaching lesson; waiting more prices.

**Ordinance 451-22:** Longville inquired if there will be limits about the length of time a camper can camp, could it turn into a living situation. Council had a long discussion, trying to decide on an appropriate time frame for camping. Decided to add verbiage "Lake Preston reserves the right to revoke camping services at any time and will give 48 hours to vacate."

**Bulk Water Prices:** Discussed bulk water prices, currently we charge $5.75 per 1,000 gallons--- typically many only need 300-500 gallons which doesn't amount to much. More labor consumed then water, council discussed a base fee on top of the usage fee. $20 base fee was agreed upon.

**Employee/Council Concerns:** Zeeck stated that Weston Blasius would be in town to view and discuss the wood supply drainage problems. Klug reminded everyone of

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the development board meeting on Wednesday with the council. McMasters stated that a resident had inquired about wanting a memorial tree in the park. Council discussed getting prices of 4 different trees and include the plaque price. Then families can have a chose between 4 different trees, with set prices. McMasters inquired how much comp time the full-time employees currently had. Bumann stated that Tanya Flegel would like to attend a meeting- she was approved for another grant. Chamber plans to do family fun nights this summer, with fundraiser this summer maybe the steps at the pool could be an option. Schnell inquired about the gravel road by the creamery being terrible to drive on. Verhey inquired about black top in the yards on Spring Ave South this winter, discussed how bad Spring Ave South is. Verhey inquired about not having Facebook live anymore, he assumed that after covid it would go away. If you want to listen, interact- the meeting is open to the public you can come down to the office in person. A few comments from Facebook live were read aloud.

Motion by Schnell, seconded by McMasters to go into executive session at 8:41 pm for personnel.

Council came out of executive session at 9:02 pm.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Schnell to hire Savanna Perkins as bathhouse and park bathroom caretaker at $12 per hour. Nelson abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Nelson to hire Bergen Woodcock as a full-time lifeguard at $11 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Brenda Klug, Finance Officer
Andy Wienk, Mayor

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**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**SPECIAL MEETING**

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 7:30 AM on April 14, 2022 for a special meeting in the High School Conference Room. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth by conference call, Jared Tolzin and Evan Buckmiller. Barb Asleson and Donita Garry were not present. Also in attendance were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, Principal Andrew Armstead and Bus. Mgr. Susan L. Purintun.

The proposed agenda was approved with a motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller. All members voting "aye", motion carried.

On motion by S. Roth, seconded by J. Tolzin to not renew the contract of Angela Ostrander. No discussion. All members voting "aye", motion carried.

There being no further business at this time, on motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by E. Buckmiller to adjourn. All voting "aye", motion carried. 7:32 AM

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**DE SMET SCHOOL DISTRICT #38-2**
**MINUTES**

The School Board of the De Smet School District #38-2 of Kingsbury County, SD convened pursuant to due notice at 5:30 PM on April 11th, 2022 in the School Library. Those in attendance were Pres. Shane Roth, Vice-Pres Barb Asleson, Donita Garry, Jared Tolzin. Evan Buckmiller was absent due to his business annual meeting. Administrators present were Supt. Abi Van Regenmorter, MS/HS Principal Andy Armstead, AD Becky Geyer and Bus. Mgr. Susan Purintun, Kayla, Brandon and Addie Vockrodt representing DTO, Traci Schoenfelder and Jackie Griffith for De Smet Music Boosters and Mike Siefker representing Kingsbury Journal.

**Public Participation: None**

**Agenda:** The board approved the presented and posted agenda with the following additions: Consent Agenda item g - approval of resignation of guidance counselor Kari Dossett, second grade teacher Roxy Fast resignation; addition of 8A - Tour of LIW Elementary Building and addition of name of MS/HS Principal-Activities Director Daniel Bettin to Item 15. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the additions and changes, all voting "aye", motion carried.

**Delegations:** There were no delegations present.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** No conflicts of interest disclosures were presented.

**Consent Agenda:** On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of March 14th, 2022, the following financial report for the period of March 1st, 2022 through March 31st, 2022, the bills presented for payment; approval of Workman's Compensation Agreement; Approval of resignation of Becky Geyer, athletic director, Angela Ostrander, asst. girls basketball coach, Lindsey Jeffrey, paraprofessional, Kari Dossett, guidance counselor and Roxy Fast, second grade teacher; approval to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2022-23 School Year;

**GENERAL FUND:** Revenue – Ad Val Tax 66,191.05; Pr.Yrs.Taxes 3250.33; Pen&Int 202.56; Interest 81.69; Admissions 339.06, Services to other LEA's 300.00; Medicaid Indirect 585.30; Other Local 4525.00; County Apport. 739.95, Rev. in Lieu of TaTaxes 8065.02; State Aid 82,860.00; Disbursements – 50,890.74, Mar. Payroll 201,371.05
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE – 871,348.83

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:** Revenue – Ad Val Tax 48,739.05: Pr.Yrs Taxes 2850.37; Pen&Int.141.29; Cont.&Donations 2779.38
Disbursements – 4784.19
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND CASH

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BALANCE – 1,558,268.65

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND:** Revenue – Ad Val Tax 24,371.13; Pr.Yrs 1472.56; Pen&Int 70.51; Medicaid InDirect Services 90.00 ,
Disbursements – 5432.75 March Payroll 42,256.19
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND CASH BALANCE – 266,009.59

**FOOD SERVICE** – Revenue – Sales to Pupils 20.00, Other Sales 108.00, Meals Paid by Dist 1729.75; Federal Reimb. 20,690.39
Disbursements – 13,988.45, March Payroll 8565.55
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND CASH BALANCE – -531.90

**ENTERPRISE FUND:** Revenue – none
Disbursements – None
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND CASH BALANCE – 4005.22

**TRUST AND AGENCY –** Revenue – 66,589.57
Disbursements – 61,277.11
TOTAL TRUST AND AGENCY FUND CASH BALANCE - $119,111.51

**GENERAL FUND:** A--OX Welding Supply Ag Welding supplies 387.95; Active Heating Inc HS Repairs 1083.43; Adv.Fd.- M.Johnson Wrest Fuel Reimb 120; K.Vockrodt Travel LP 94.08; AB&T GBB/Cheer State Trav 1028.00; L. Nolte Reimb LA Text 40.10; T. Holland Reimb Cust Trav 156.66; O.Johnson VB LJ 10; M. Beck BB/VB Off 60, R.Myer VB Off 40; K.Buchholz VB Off 70; K.Halverson VB OFF 60; J.Burke VB Off 45; J.McCune VB Off 35; E.Poppinga VB off 20; C.Birkel VB Off 75; C.Fields VB Off 175; A.Asleson VB Off 50; D.Hansen Off BB 50; D.Wilkinson Off BB 25; C.Munger Off BB 20; M.Dylla Off VB 20; E.Albrech VB/BB Off 75; T.VanRegenmorter BB Off 60; B.VanREgenmoter Off BB 100; D.VanRegenmorter Off BB 50; B.Timp Off BB 65; E.Sudenga Off BB 90; L.Somsen Off BB 505; D McCune Off BB 305; W.Linke Off BB 185; M.Kerkvliet Off BB 230; A.VanRegenmorter Travel 182.55; AB&T State BBB Travel 768; AB&T State Cheer Travel 264; Flowers On Main Memorial 31.95; A.Armstead Travel 41.95; J.Penney Reimb Supp 89.79; SDSU Foundation Science Fee 100; C.Tangen Library Reimb 715.45; K.Dossett Reimb State Trav 133.08; Sunshine Bible Track Fee 125; B.Geyer Reimb AD Trav 399.53; S.Purintun Bus Off Trav 29.70; Vince Relays Track Fee 150; Total Gen Fd. Adv. Fd 7279.84; Avid Hawk Tech Serv 45; Burnison Plumbing, Camera for LIW Lines 1248.48; Century Business Prod Copier Maint 952.76; City of De Smet Utilities Bus Gar 42.59, Bldg Utilities 499.29 Total 541.88; Culligan Utilities 26; Dakota Potter Supply Kiln Repair 256; De Smet Flowers Memorials 120; De Smet Food Serv Reimb Feb/Mar Adult meals 3424, Snack Refund 1365.71 Total 4789.71; Dustex Cleaning Serv 543.65; Foreman Bus Sales Trans Repairs 203.48; G&R Controls LIW Repairs 2133.68; Hillyard Cust Supp 3839.23; Innovative Off Solutions Cust Supp 205.30; Instrumentalist Music Awards 146; Jones School Supply Music Awards 65.16; Jostens Grad Supp 248.70, Awards 179.62 Ath Awards 70.95 Total 499.27; Kingsbury Electric Trans Comm 54.44, Shop Repairs 136.30 Total 190.74; Kingsbury Journal Bd Comm 164.28, Journalism Pages 200 Total 364.28; Lang Link Prof Serv 18.36; Maynards Cons.Sc Supp 171.38; McLeod's Printing Election Supp 86.67; Music in Motion Band Supp 41.40; NESC Gen Serv 22.51 Trans Drug Testing 360.54 Total NESC 383.05; NW Serv Bus Gar Utilities 302.77, Bldg Utilities 2904.94 Total 4207.71; O'Keefe Implement Trans Rep/Maint 114.01; Office Peeps Copier Supp 702.67; Otter Tail Power Bus Gar Utilities 180.34, Ath Fd Utilities 130.26 Bldg Utilities 6705.47 Total 7016.07; Pitney Bowes Comm 146.10; Ramkota Hotel Watertown GBB St Tournament 4479.60; Ramkota Inn Aberdeen BBB State Tourna 5807.56; Rich's Gas 'n Serv 524.84; Runnings Cust Supp 49.56; SDHSAA State Medals 21; Smith's Lumber Cust Supp 160.90; Tessman Seed Hort Supp 298.12; Trustworthy Hardware Cust Supp 19.89; Valley Fibercom Ath Fd Comm 66.98; Zell Manufacturing Repairs/Maint 40; TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 49,277.71

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES:** Ultra-Conn Point UPS/Network 2563.34 TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND EXPENDITURES 2563.34

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND EXPENDITURES:** McCrossan Boys Ranch Out of Dist Tuition 1802.51; Mitchell School Dist Out of Dist Tuition 800; NESC Early Childhood 376.90, School Psych 648.07, Speech Path 1132.27, Physical Therapy 279.60, Occupational Therapy 512.12 Total NESC 2948.96; TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCACTION FUND EXPENDITURES 5551.47

**FOOD SERVICE:** CASH-WA of Fargo Supplies 498.74, Food 6510.23 Total CASH-WA 7008.97; Child and Adult Nutrition Food 32.55; Maynards Food 360.30; Nita Muser Reimb Diet Requir. 184.54; Performance Foodservice Supplies 117.45, Food 4530.24 Total 4647.69; Prairie Farms Dairy Food 789.01; School Nutrition Association Membership Fees 97.00 TOTAL FOOD SERVICE EXPENDITURES 13,120.06

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS 70,512.58

Pres Roth, on behalf of the Board of Education, added a thank you to Coach Geyer for all she has done for the District and students. How much everyone has appreciated her efforts for all the athletic programs. Additional gratitude was extended to Lindsey Jeffrey, who has assisted the district as not only a para, but as a long-term substitute when needed; to Kari Dossett, who has counseled students during difficult times of the pandemic and also stepped up when needed as cheer and prom advisor. The Board also thanked Roxy Fast who has been an excellent elementary teacher for many years. She will be greatly missed by both students and staff.

**NESC Report:** Barb Asleson, NESC Representative, reported that the Coop is in the midst of negotiations and working on the preliminary budget for FY23. The NESC main office is undergoing renovations to address drainage issues and areas in need of repairs and updates.

**Education Enhancement Foundation:** No report

**Legislative Report:** No report

**Buildings and Facilities Report:** The board and guests will tour the LIW elementary building further down in the agenda.

**Principals Reports:**
On Weds, April 13th, Case Renaas along with Steve Rowe, Lake County Deputy Sheriff and school resource officer will be speaking to De Smet, Arlington, Iroquois, Lake Preston and Willow Lake High School students about the consequences of underage drinking and driving. With spring prom and graduation celebrations, the presentation is a timely reminder to students.

The Quarter 4 midterms are Thursday, April 14th.
CPR Training for both 8th and senior students will be held the following week. The State of South Dakota requires Districts to do at least one training before graduation. De Smet offers the training to MS and then, again as seniors as a refresher.

Prom will be held on Friday, April 22nd, with parents hosting after-prom activities following. The Drive-up will begin at 7 PM. The paperwork needed for guests and photos along with sign-up sheets have been in the office for several weeks.

The Sanford Underground Research team that had been scheduled earlier in the year will be doing their presentation on April 28th for students 6-12. Topics will include Darkmatter, Life in a Borehole and Neutrinos. Math instructor Connie Geyer will be taking students to Deubrook HS on April 27th for the D&D math contest. What had been an annual tradition for many years, has been cancelled the last two years due to the pandemic.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 7th. For board members that are participating in the ceremony, practice will be held the morning of Supt. Abi reported that elementary standardized testing is being completed. Mrs. Dossett has done a nice job helping the students and staff through the process.

The LIW students will be attending a children's play at SDSU on April 27th. The activity is paid for through the "Box Top" Funds. There are many other field trips that will be taking place over the next few weeks as school nears the completion of yet another year.

AD Geyer completed the reports noting a very successful winter sports season for wrestling, girls basketball and boys basketball, with many accolades being bestowed on individual athletes. Kalen Garry and Rett Osthus have been nominated for Mr. Basketball. Kennadi Buchholz and Kalen Garry have each been selected as top "5" basketball players in the State by media sportswriters. Both athletes have been interviewed by television media crews and received numerous awards for their exceptional HS athletic careers. AD Geyer also noted that she has updated the wrestling portion of the school website and is currently working on the basketball pages.

The spring sports started immediately after the State Tournaments were completed. Track equipment is out for practicing and at this time, there are 5 home track meets scheduled with weather permitting.

The Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Booster Club will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 6:30 PM. An apology was offered for the Sunday event but finding an evening date that does not conflict with other activities has been impossible.

The Fall and winter schedule is completed and HS secretary Melody Perry is working to add it online to the website calendar. It is not only athletics, but the music concerts and drama are also scheduled. Ms. Geyer is hoping for a smooth transition to the new activities director but will also be available for assistance. The Board again, thanked her for going above and beyond n this year after losing long time Athletic Director Marv McCune. The District was more than fortunate to have her skills and insight to make sure all bases were covered not only for the District, but most especially for the athletes to be given all opportunities that they could upon such successful seasons.

**Music Boosters Trip:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve Music Boosters Trip in Spring 2024. Traci Schoenfelder and Jackie Griffith, music booster officers, reviewed the proposed itinerary for music students to travel to Chicago March 31-April 5th, 2024. The reason for the switch from past trips to Washington DC and New York is the continued threat of COVID and restrictions. Although looking out two years, they felt it prudent to make changes now and for addressing expenses for the smaller groups. Students will have opportunities to perform both in instrumental and vocal presentations. Fundraising continues for this endeavor and as they do so, having a booked trip helps all of those involved to know the goals anticipated. The Board thanked Mrs. Schoenfelder and Mrs. Griffith, along with the Music Booster Board, for all their work and efforts to make this trip and opportunity available for the students. All members voting "aye", motion carried.

**Elementary Building Tour:** At this time the board and guests toured the LIW elementary school building. The tour provided a chance to review the necessity of a new structure for the elementary students and staff due to building deficiencies. Mr. Terry Holland, head of buildings and grounds maintenance, was not able to be present but provided a significant list of the issues and problems the elementary building is experiencing. The plumbing, HVAC and ADA requirements top the list of making renovations extremely complicated and extensive. Other issues include security, cement work, playground surfaces, and kitchen repair.

**Discussion and possible motion on Bond Resolution:** The board re-visited prior discussions of the building project and the proposed bond resolution, agreeing that there is absolutely a need for renovation or new construction. The problems are growing and becoming more expensive even with the repairs and "band-aids" being done. Board members noted that they have been contacted by community members as to the proposed project and some have concerns of timing and need. Pres. Roth noted that due to the cost to the tax payer and the project expense, he proposed to table agenda items 9 and 10 (Motion on Bond Resolution and Approval of Engagement with DA Davidson) until all board members are present to vote along with after the public meeting that is scheduled for April 21st for public input along with the public tours scheduled for later in April. Bond attorney Todd Meierhenry had been contacted through DA Davidson and Company and it was reported back that the Board could go as late as the regular May 9th board meeting and meet all legal notification deadlines. On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by D. Garry to table agenda items #9 and #10 until the next regular meeting. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Motion to approve Engagement Contract with DA Davidson for issuance of general obligation Bonds: Tabled for May regular meeting.

**Health Insurance Contract FY2023:**

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The board reviewed the presented health insurance increases. The district received an 8% increase, or $67.91 on a single plan. Overall rate increases within the pool ranged from rate reduction of -14% to increases of 8%. The district will continue to offer three deductibles of $1000, $1500 and $2000 along with a health savings plan of $4000. Coverage continues through the Northern Plains Insurance Pool with a change of vendor to Wellmark BCBS effective July 1, 2022. There were also slight increases for the dental and vision plans but no increase in life insurance plans. The NPIP will continue offering identity theft coverage and the employee wellness plan. On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B. Asleson to approve the district's renewal in the Northern Plains Pool. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Motion to adjust spring coaching positions based on participation numbers: Supt. Abi asked the board to adjust the additional track coaching position that was not assigned to the golf program. There are 43 track athletes with 1 head coach and 2 assistants. The golf program has 35 athletes with 1 coach. Supt. Abi consulted with the DTO, who were agreeable to making the transfer of coaching positions for the larger need in the golf program On motion by D. Garry, seconded by J. Tolzin to approve the position change. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Motion to cast ballot for ASBSD Board of Directors: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to cast the district ballot for Shane Roth for the position of Northeast Area ASBSD position. All voting "aye", motion carried. Pres. Roth reported that the NE area had recently held an online meeting and discussed similar concerns, such as negotiations. He said one always learns from the experience of visiting with other board members from other Districts. He also encouraged board members to consider attending the ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention in August.

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement: On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by D. Garry to approve the presented 2022-2023 negotiated agreement. Certified staff received a 6% increase along with remaining with the current health insurance benefit of $1000 deductible. The Hiring Base was raised from $43,000 to $44,000. All voting "aye", motion carried. Pres. Roth and Vice-Pres. Asleson reported that the DTO negotiating members Lindsey Nolte and Tacy Boldt thanked the district for the proposed increases along with the bonus' given last August. Staff were very appreciative of the Board's generosity

Motion to approve Daniel Bettin as MS/HS Principal and Activities Director: On motion by B. Asleson, seconded J, Tolzin to approve the contract of Daniel Bettin for FY 2023 as MS/HS Principal and Activities Director. All voting "aye", motion carried. Supt. Abi reported that 10 applications were received and the committee interviewed three individuals. All were very strong and excellent candidates. Principal Bettin comes to the De Smet School from Russell-Tyler-Ruthton HS with 22 years of experience with a vast knowledge in many areas of academics and activities. He has researched the De Smet Community and was impressed with how progressive and friendly it is. The Board thanked Principal Armstead for all he has done for the school along with his versatility in both academics and technology and wish he and his family the best in his new position near his family.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week: The board agreed to the proposal of gifting all staff members with De Smet Chamber Bucks along with meat and cheese platters for each building. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 2nd – 6th, 2022.

**Executive Session:** On motion by J. Tolzin, seconded by B.Asleson to go into executive session at 6:44 PM pursuant to student matters SDCL 1-25-2(2) and Personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) All voting "aye', motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:48 PM

Motion for special meeting concerning personnel: On moton by B. Asleson, seconded by J. Tolzin to hold a special meeting concerning personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) on April 14th, 2022 at 7:30 AM. All voting "aye", motion carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business at this time, on motion by D. Garry, seconded by B. Asleson to adjourn. (7:51 PM) All voting "aye", motion carried.

ATTEST: Pres. Shane Roth
Susan L. Purintun, Bus. Mgr.

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
*****UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES*****

The Kingsbury County Commission convened acting as the Board of Adjustment on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 9:50 A.M. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse in De Smet, South Dakota, for the purpose of considering the Variance application of Daren and Cori Waliezer, of De Smet, SD, to build an addition onto their home within 100 feet of the right-of-way in Lot 1, Kazmerzak Addn, SE 1/4 Section 22, T112N, R55W, Hartland Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota. Board members present were Roger Walls, Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde, Doug Kazmerzak, and Corey Lundquist. Also attending was Joe Jensen, Planning and Zoning officer. Chairman Kazmerzak presided.

The Board entered its findings as follows:

No one was in attendance in opposition to the variance.

Jensen provided information to the Board stating the current house was built before the zoning ordinance was drafted and the applicant has provided all necessary letters from the surrounding neighbors with no opposition. Jensen also stated there would be no adverse effect from snow accumulation with the new addition.

Jensen recommended the approval of the variance to the Board.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the Variance. All present voting aye, motion carried.

**MINUTES**
Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022, with one correction. "Arguments for opposing...." Change to "Arguments opposing...". Motion carried.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spiilde to return to regular session. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Doug Kazmerzak, Chairman

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**
****UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES****
**DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA**
**APRIL 5, 2022**

The Kingsbury County Planning and Zoning Commission met Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 10:08 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Walls, Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde, Doug Kazmerzak and Corey Lundquist present. Along with Zoning Officer, Joe Jensen. Chairman Jensen presided.

**MINUTES**
Motion by Lee and seconded by Walls to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022. Motion carried.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022. Motion carried.

The following plat was presented to the Board.

Jensen informed the Board the Lots in the Plat qualify for the size requirements and recommended the approval of the Plat.

The following Plat was presented to the Board:

Plat of Block 1, Gullickson Addition in the Northeast ¼ of Section 15 in T111N, R45 W of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee that the Plat of Block 1, Gullickson Addition in the Northeast ¼ of Section 15 in T111N, R45 W of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval of the recording of the Plat. Motion carried.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from Planning and Zoning and return to regular session. Motion carried.

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Joe Jensen, Chairman

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
****UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES****
**DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA**
**APRIL 5, 2022**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Walls, Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde, Doug Kazmerzak and Corey Lundquist present. Chairman Kazmerzak presided.

Attending via Zoom were Michelle Longville – Treasurer, Tammy Anderson – Director of Equalization, Steve Strande – Sheriff, Cindy Bau – Emergency Management, and Mike Siefker – Kingsbury Journal.

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

**APPROVE AGENDA**
Chairman Kazmerzak requested to add a discussion of the Burn Ban to the agenda.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda as edited. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Sorenson presented the 2022 contracts for the Chairman's signature.

Sorenson stated the Highway 81 project has started and presented road haul agreements for Chairman Kazmerzak to sign. Sorenson asked the Board to keep the load limit postings on 449th through the duration of the project. The Board directed the Auditor to prepare the resolution for reading on April 21, 2022.

Brad Stangohr, Ulteig, attended the meeting to present the low bid on the CR 1 project. Asphalt Paving & Materials Co. was the low bidder at $2,916,693.17.

Sorenson and Stangohr recommended the Board remove the flush seal amount of $74,063.00 and lowering the contract to $2,842,630.17.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to remove the cost of the flush seal and accept the bid at $2,842,630.17. All present voting aye – 4, nay - 1, abstain – 0. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**
Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment at 9:50 A.M. for a variance application. Motion carried.

Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out of Board of Adjustment at 10:08 A.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**
Motion by Spilde and seconded Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning at 10:08 A.M. To review a plat. All present voting. Motion Carried.

Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out of Planning and Zoning at 10:22 A.M.

Steffensen read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2022-3

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Board met to review the Plat of Block 1, Gullickson Addition in the Northeast ¼ of Section 15 in T111N, R45 W of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota on April 5, 2022; and

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WHEREAS the Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the same to the Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners, and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners accepts and approves the Plat of Block 1, Gullickson Addition in the Northeast ¼ of Section 15 in T111N, R45 W of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota
Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to accept and adopt Resolution 2022-3 and for Chairman Kazmerzak Walls to sign the same. All present voting via roll call. Kazmerzak – aye, Lee – aye, Walls – aye, Lundquist – aye and Spilde – aye. Motion carried.

**LAKE THOMPSON**
Jim Knight met with the Board to update them on the status of the proposed water district. They will be ready to take a petition around soon. The petition would be sent to the State Water Board. The State Water Board would decide whether to move to an election.

**MAINTENANCE**
Lonny Palmlund, Maintenance, met with the Board to update them on projects.

Palmlund requested Board approval to order flags. It was the consensus of the Board to order 3 sets of flags at the cost of $1722.00.

Palmlund provided the Board with a proposal to plant trees and pollinators. Seven trees would be purchased at a cost of $260.00. The pollinator packs would be purchased with a 50/50 grant at a cost of $305.00 to the County.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to purchase the trees and the pollinators at a total cost of $565.00. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**STATES ATTORNEY**
Gary Schumacher, States Attorney, met with the Board to recommend applying for Party Status for the Carbon Solutions, Inc. pipeline application with the PUC.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lee to apply for Party Status and for the Chairman to sign the application. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ARPA**
Chairman Kazmerzak read the proposed motion to elect the final rule on the use of the ARPA funds.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to allow Echo Steffensen, Kingsbury County Auditor, to elect the final rule allowing counties to use up to $10 million of the ARPA Recovery Funds a "loss revenue" for the provision of the general government services without needing to use the Treasury revenue loss formula. The County has elected to use salaries and County paid benefits from the General fund as an expense of the American Rescue Plan in the amount up to 10 million to be reimbursed quarterly. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RETENTION PREMIUM**
Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to pay a Retention Premium for the 2nd quarter of 2022 to permanent full-time and part-time employees that are employed for the entire quarter in the amount of $1000.00 per quarter for full-time (40 hrs.) and part-time employees at a prorated amount based on the hours worked; to pay County Commissioners and the Zoning Officer a Retention Premium of $500.00; all other elected officials to receive $1,000.00. The premium is to be paid out on Friday the week after the first pay period in the month following the end of the quarter. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to apply the same motion regarding the Retention Premium just passed to 1st quarter 2022. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER OPEN DISCUSSION**
Lundquist provided an overview on the 1st District meeting

Kazmerzak requested the Board to address a Burn Ban due to the dry conditions.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to implement a burn ban in the county effective immediately. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZAION**
Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to request travel for herself and her Deputy to attend a district meeting in Miner County on April 20, 2022.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to approve travel for the DOE and her Deputy to travel to Miner County for a district meeting. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson reminded the Commissioners that Equalization Boards are scheduled for April 12th at 9:00 A.M.

Anderson requested to abate the 2020 due 2021 taxes and send the landowner a refund of $516.71 on record 2779. and to abate the 2021 due 2022 taxes in the amount of $502.69 on record 2779.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lee to abate the 2020 due 2021 taxes and send the landowner a refund of $516.71; to abate the 2021 due 2022 taxes in the amount of $502.69 on record 2779. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson requested to meet with the Board in executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 1:40 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Lee to adjourn from Executive Session. Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out at 2:22 P.M.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde for the DOE to offer the clerk position to Applicant #2. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**
Caryn Hojer presented the new SDN contract to the Board.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to accept the contract and for Hojer to sign said contract on behalf of the County. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**
Michelle Longville, Treasurer, requested to meet with the Board in executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 2:38 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from Executive Session. Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out at 3:19 P.M.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to increase one of the Deputy Treasurer's hourly wage by .50 to $16.00/hour effective on the 6-month review date.

**AUDITOR**

Steffensen requested travel approval for the Treasurer, Director of Equalization, Deputy Director of Equalization, and herself to travel to Huron on April 8, 2022, for on an update on the Connecting Point software used by the County.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to approve travel for the Treasurer, Director of Equalization, Deputy Director of Equalization, and herself to travel to Huron on April 8, 2022, for an update on the Connecting Point software used by the County. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen requested permission from the Board to void and replace check #56172 for $14.00 and check #91760 for $3.17.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to allow the Auditor to void and replace check #56172 for $14.00 and check #91760 for $3.17. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen requested travel approval to attend the Welfare Official workshop in Huron April 13-14, 2022.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to approve travel for the Auditor to attend the Welfare Official workshop in Huron April 13-14, 2022. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen requested travel approval for the Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and herself to attend the Spring Workshop in Pierre May 3-4, 2022.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Walls to approve travel for the Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Auditor to attend the Spring Workshop in Pierre May 3-4, 2022. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen informed the Board of a request from the De Smet School to use an ExpressVote machine and a tabulator for a possible upcoming election. After discussion it was decided the tabulator could by used only if the Auditor counted their ballots at the Courthouse and the County was compensated for her time. The Board requested Steffensen to visit with the school about the amount of their election worker pay in order to determine an amount.

Steffensen requested permission to sign an agreement with WEX for administration of COBRA benefits.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist for the Auditor to sign an agreement with WEX for administration of COBRA benefits.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**
The Board reviewed the vouchers submitted by the Auditor

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee that the following claims presented to the Board for consideration be approved and the County Auditor be directed to issue warrant checks for payment of same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS**
APPEARA 70.59 SUPPLIES, AT&T 119.31 UTILITIES, BADGER OIL COMPANY 2939.55 FUEL/UTILITIES, CINDY BAU 88.00 TRAVEL EXPENSE/ UTILITIES, BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFF 3600.00 PRISONER CARE, DONALD BRANDNER 116.80 JUROR FEES, KEVIN BRODERSEN 15.88 JUROR FEES, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 326.07 SUPPLIES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 627.44 SUPPLIES, BRIAN CHRISTENSEN 372.24 WEED BOARD, JESSYN CHRISTENSEN 28.48 JUROR FEES, CLARK COUNTY 72.00 TRAVEL, LISA CLEVELAND 115.12 JUROR FEES, COLES PETROLEUM 33735.00 FUEL, COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES 11250.00 BMI, JULIE COUGHLIN 10.00 JUROR FEES, KEVIN CURD 46.76 TRAVEL, STEPHANIE DAMM 147.04 JUROR FEES, SMITH'S LUMBER 61.28 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, DE SMET CITY 70.00 UTILITIES, DE SMET CITY 147.10 UTILITIES, AVERA DESMET HOSPITAL 137.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, DARLENE DEKNIKKER 113.44 JUROR FEES, BRANDON DUFFY 10.00 ID CARD REIMBURSEMENT, FEDEX 34.85 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, JAY FINKBEINER 101.68 JUROR FEES, FOUSER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 120.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, G & R CONTROLS, INC 734.05 REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE, GOOD GUYS GARAGE 365.00 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, ALAN GROON 26.80 JUROR FEES, JENNIFER GROVER 10.84 JUROR FEES, DAVID GUTZMER 16.72 JUROR FEES, CASEY HARTY 14.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, TIM HARTY 14.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, JEFFREY HEDD 101.68 JUROR FEES, GREG HESBY 14.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 684.77 SUPPLIES, I STATE TRUCK CENTER 519.03 REPAIR/MAINT/ SUPPLIES, INTERLAKES COMMUNITY ACTION 794.84 COMM SERV WORKER MAR 2022, JUNE JARMAN 36.04 JUROR FEES, MICHAEL JENKINS 10.00 ID CARD REIMBURSEMENT, JERMY JENSEN 40.88 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, DOUG KAZMERZAK 63.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 40.55 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 46.09 PUBLICATIONS, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 1113.98 PURLICATIONS, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 2383.40 ADVANCE TAX, JACOB LANGLAND 14.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, LARSEN OVERHEAD DOOR SERVICE 5114.11 REPAIR/MAIN/SUPPLIES, LESLIE LEE 32.68 JUROR FEES, MARC LENZ 14.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL 600.00 BMI, LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 159.55 SUPPLIES, COREY LUNDQUIST 77.28 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, MASTER BLASTER 1541.29 SUPPLIES, COLIN MCDONALD 116.80 JUROR FEES, MCLEODS PRINTING & OFFICE SUPP 1231.50 ELECTION SUPPLIES, LAURIE MCMILLAN 142.00 JUROR FEES, JOSEPH MECCA 10.84 JUROR FEES, DIANNE MULDER 8.40 SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT, MICHELLE NELSON 26.80 JUROR FEES, MARY NEMITZ 31.00 JUROR FEES, MATT NUTTER 10.00 ID CARD REIMBURSEMENT, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 84.24 REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE, OFFICE PEEPS INC 713.70 SUPPLIES, RYAN OLSON 114.28 WEED BOARD TRAVEL, OXBOW RESTAURANT 101.88 LEPC MTG SUPPLIES, PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES 103.79 CLOTHING, SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

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160.00 PRISONER CARE, MAGGIE PURINTUN 101.68 JUROR FEES, QUILL 433.34 SUPPLIES, RICH'S GAS & SERVICE 13.65 FUEL, CRAIG ROWCLIFFE 101.68 JUROR FEES, RUNNING SUPPLY INC. 330.95 SUPPLIES, JACQUELINE SCHMIDT 29.32 JUROR FEES, MIKE SCOFIELD 14.00 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 965.06 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, SDEMA 30.00 DUES, SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC ASSURANCE 73947.86 LIABILITY INSURANCE, DAVID SORENSON 48.00 TRAVEL, STEVEN L. SPILDE 132.30 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, TRAVIS STEFFENSEN 140.32 JUROR FEES, KENNETH STIRLING 138.64 JUROR FEES, STEVE STRANDE 10.00 ID CARD REIMBURSEMENT, KAYLA THOMPSON 15.88 JUROR FEES, TK ELEVATOR CORP 179.28 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, DARCIE TOLZIN 103.36 JUROR FEES, TRANSOURCE 93.73 SUPPLIES, TRUENORTH STEEL 19.72 SUPPLIES, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC. 1550.62 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, ULTEIG 8265.73 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, USPS 16.83 ELECTION, VERIZON 439.16 UTILITIES, VISA 1038.14 SUPPLIES, ROGER WALLS 60.48 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT, ERLAND WEERTS 116.80 WEED BOARD TRAVEL, MARGARET WILDE 17.56 JUROR FEES,

**END OF MONTH**

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| COURTHOUSE SALARIES | $56,895.64 |
| HIGHWAY SALARIES | 29,062.26 |

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

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| Sanford Health Plan | 28,528.33 |
| AFLAC | 1,028.38 |
| AFLAC | 421.51 |
| The Principal Financial Group | 270.70 |
| Delta Dental | 651.20 |
| Avesis Third Party Administrators | 224.55 |
| SD Retirement Supplement Pretax | 100.00 |
| SD Retirement System | 13,495.72 |
| SD Retirement Supplement | 600.00 |
| AFSCME | 249.00 |
| Kingsbury County | 25,819.20 |

**OFFICE REPORTS**

The Register of Deeds, Sheriff's and Director of Equalization's Reports of Fees Collected during the month of March 2022 were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Lee that the Auditor's report with the Treasurer as of the close of business March 2022 be accepted as follows. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

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| Cash on Hand$ | 2,408.13 |
| Checks in Treas. Possession less than 3 days | 52,936.17 |
| Credit Card | 2,611.11 |
| Cash Short | 0.25 |
| Uncollected Credit Cards | 2,048.45 |
| Demand Deposits | 315,552.44 |
| Savings Account | 3,101,398.83 |
| Revolving Loan Fund | 295,658.96 |
| Big Ditch MM | 349,488.99 |
| American Rescue Plan MM | 479,772.57 |
| Time Deposits | 1,657,523.80 |
| TOTAL | 6,259,399.70 |

**BREAKDOWN OF MONEY BY FUNDS**

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| County General Fund | 1,980,334.15 |
| Special Revenue Funds (Road & Bridge, E911 Fund Dare, Revolving Loan, Emergency Management, Domestic Abuse Funds 24/7 & M&P Fund American Rescue, Rural Infrastructure) | 2,966,038.30 |
| Drainage Ditch #4 | 165,746.79 |
| Drainage Ditch Debt Service Cash | 7,774.80 |
| Amount held for School Dist. | 623,135.37 |
| Amount held for Townships | 169,806.11 |
| Amount held for Cities | 94,781.14 |
| Amount held for East Dakota Water Dist. | 2,555.77 |
| State Remittance | 159,146.58 |
| Amount held for others | 90,080.69 |
| TOTAL | 6,259,399.70 |

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
Doug Kazmerzak, Chairman
ATTEST _____
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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IROQUOIS NEWS

# 1942: Joseph Keating writes from Pearl Harbor

*April 18, 1912*

**C. H. Ohlsen** last week purchased of A. A. Royal, Arlington, a torpedo-body Ford runabout. It is a nifty little machine, and Carley can now cover the country in his insurance business in double quick time.

**J. W. Friess**, our county game warden, says that the state warden has contracted with Iowa parties to seine Lake Poinsett for the purpose of taking out the buffalo carp, fish which destroy the game fish by sucking up the spawn or by eating the fish. The parties will use 1,500 feet of seine and employ forty men in the work. They do the work for the fish they secure, which we are told have a market value of about five cents per pound in the cities. – De Smet Independent

*April 21, 1932*

The first track meet of the season was held in Iroquois Tuesday and participated in by track teams from Willow Lake, Bancroft and Iroquois High Schools. The local team placed first, Bancroft second and Willow Lake third. The competition was keen and the events interesting.

The price of gasoline has been boosted a cent in many places, but it is being retailed in Iroquois at 15 cents a gallon, the price for which it has been sold for a number of months past. The recent raise by the distributors is due to an increase in the price of crude oil, according to recent reports.

*April 23, 1942*

**Wm. Salter** is now in charge of the White Eagle service station, taking over the management last week. His son **Lyle** disposed of his interests in the business due to the fact that he will be inducted into the Army in the near future.

**Tom Keating** purchased the half-section farm southeast of town now occupied by **Earl Stroup**, from the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Minneapolis, the consideration being $9.00 per acre. He plans on repairing and repainting the buildings this summer and will move onto the farm next spring.

**Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keating** received a letter the first of the week from their son **Joseph**, who is a radio operator on a submarine operating in the Pacific Ocean. The letter was written from Pearl Harbor on April 12, and he says in part:

"Well, mother, I guess you think I am a good one for not writing for so long, don't you? It is one of those things. I thought about you but just wasn't where I could mail a letter. I was out among them for quite a while, so I could not write very well. I don't have much to write now, only that I am well and feeling fine; I hope you and dad are the same after your vacation. I sure wish I could take one, but I guess that is out of the question for a while – anyhow until we get that Rising Sunset, and I don't think that will take too long."

"I helped to do my little bit since you heard from me last. I am sending you a letter that I received from the Commanding Officer. I am pretty proud of it, too, so I want you to take care of it for me. Well, mother, I will try and be a little more prompt from now on, but when you don't hear from me, don't worry about me because I will be all right. After all, you know, we can't fight a war tied up to a dock somewhere. Don't forget to write even if I don't as it is awful nice to come in and have some mail."

The letter referred to in the above is a commendation from the Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. Narwhal to Joseph Keating as a member of the crew of that submarine for his contribution to the success of the mission. It states that on the second war patrol conducted by the U. S. S. Narwal, that vessel is credited with having attacked and destroyed one enemy tanker of about 7000 tons and one of about 5000 tons. Both attacks were made in enemy-controlled waters. It states that the Narwhal returned from these waters to the base with the crew in the best of health and spirit, having suffered no damage or injury to material or personnel.

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## IROQUOIS NEWS

### SENIOR FEATURE: HANNAH ELLA MARIE HOFHENKE

# 'Working hard in school will pay off'

Hannah Ella Marie Hofhenke will be a 2022 graduate of Iroquois High School in May. She is the daughter of Mark and Larica Hofhenke, Iroquois.



Throughout high school, Hofhenke has been involved in the following: HOSA, IPAT, IClub, band, choir, drama, sideline cheer and volleyball.

She has also received the following honors: National Honor Society, Northern Honor Band and Augustana Honor Band, with the National Honor Society being one of her greatest accomplishments.

"Some of my favorite school memories," stated Hofhenke, "were going to Chanhassen to see musicals such as "Grease," "Newsies" and "Footloose." After graduation, I will miss my friends because we are always having a good time. My advice to younger classmates is that working hard in school will pay off as you get older."

Currently, she plans to attend Mitchell Technical College and get an associate degree in licensed practical nursing to become a labor and delivery registered nurse.

"The people I admire most are my parents because they taught me how to work hard for the things I want in life, and they always tell me to never give up on my dreams," stated Hofhenke.

### SENIOR FEATURE: KAITLYN KONSHAK

# Hopes to find a career in nursing she enjoys

Kaitlyn Konshak will be a 2022 graduate of Iroquois High School in May. She is the daughter of Megan and Dean Konshak, Huron.



Throughout high school, Konshak has been involved in the following: HOSA, IPAT, drama, Spanish Club and volleyball. She also carries the honor of participating in the All-State Choir.

Currently, Konshak's plan after high school is to attend South Dakota State University for a future career in nursing.

"In my lifetime, I hope to work toward and finish a degree in nursing and then have a career I enjoy."

## NEWS BRIEF

### Iroquois Sports Day Announcement

The Iroquois Sports Day committee met last week to discuss the upcoming fundraising event to take place in conjunction with the school play entitled "Cafe Murder." The group will serve spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a drink from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Sun., May 1 in the south school gym. There will also be a bake sale. Community club members are asked to bring something for the bake sale or give a money donation. Both the supper and bake sale are free-will donations that will go toward the fireworks display for Sports Day weekend, July 22-24.



### Can you spell S U C C E S S?



**Students from Iroquois School and Pearl Creek Colony will represent the Iroquois School District at the JVC Spelling Bee in May. Students had not participated in the spelling bee for two years due to COVID-19. This year's participants are Layton Peskey and Bekah Dunsworth, first grade; Abby Bechen and Jayce Geyer, second grade; Symphony Barth and Anthony Blue, third grade; Willy Miller and Sophie Waldner, fourth grade; Madelyn Cundy and Janelis Klancnik, fifth grade and John Raether and Brycen Blue, sixth grade.**

**Sophie Waldner, lower right, fourth grader at Pearl Creek Colony and pictured above, Madelyn Cundy, back left, Brycen Blue, Anthony Blue, Janelis Klanchnik and John Raether; Layton Peskey, front left, Willy Miller, Symphony Barth, Bekah Dunsworth, Abby Bechen and Jayce Geyer.** (Submitted photo)

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DE SMET GOLF

## Golfers compete in Howard meet

**BY MIKE SIEFKER**
Kingsbury Journal

De Smet's Boys and Girls Golf Teams headed south to Howard April 11 for a nine-hole competition at Howard Golf Course.

In the boys' competition, Lane Hodges from Howard took first place with a score of 36. De Smet filled the next four slots with Rett Osthus shooting a 40 and earning second place. Tom Aughenbaugh shot a 42 to earn third place. Cael Schoenfelder shot a 42 as well, earning fourth place, and Cody Aughenbaugh shot a 43 for fifth place.

De Smet girls had one player make the top five. Jacie McCune shot a 54 to earn fourth place in the girls' competition. On Howard's Girls Team, Trinity Palmquist scored a 43 for first place, Piper Thompson shot a 43 to capture second place, Halle Schulz scored a 53 earning her third place and Liz Albrecht took fifth with a score of 54.

DIVER TRACK & FIELD

## Holt takes first in discus, second in shot put

**BY DONNA PALMLUND**
Kingsbury Journal



Although several track meets have been cancelled because of weather, the Lake Preston Divers traveled April 12 to compete in a meet at Chester.

Hadlee Holt (pictured right) placed first in discus with a throw of 84 feet, one inch and second in shot put with a throw of 32:11.50. The relay team of Stella DeKnikker, Faith Steffensen, Jocelyn Steffensen and Amelia Holland placed fifth in both the girls 4x100 relay and the 4x200 with times of 57.49 and 2.03.0. Holland placed eighth in the girls' 100-meter run with a time of 14.40, and J. Steffensen placed sixth in the high jump with 4 feet, two inches.

The boys' team of Jake Larsen, Chris Tvinnereim, Ashton Wienk and Josh McMasters placed sixth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 51.49, and the team of Peyton Hope, Kason Anderson, Tyler Jurrens and Jaxon Long placed fifth in the 4x400 with 4:40.7. McMasters, Larson, Jurrens and AJ Wienk placed fifth in the boys' medley with 4:36.5.

# Bulldogs sign with college teams

### Garry will play at SDSU, Wilkinson at SMSU

**BY MIKE SIEFKER**
Kingsbury Journal

Two De Smet Bulldogs signed Letters of Intent last Wednesday. Colt Wilkinson will play football for Southwestern Minnesota State University (SMSU) in Marshall, Minn., and Kalen Garry has signed with South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brooking to play basketball.

**KALEN GARRY**

Garry has visited the SDSU campus and met with the basketball coaches, who have had their eyes on Garry all season.

"I just love the coaches there, and it's a good program to get into," said Garry.

He is still undecided on an academic program, taking general studies until he decides on a degree.

Garry has been playing basketball since he was a little boy. His father got him started. He also had a family that was involved with basketball.

"My brother played basketball. When I was little, I used to watch him, and I took after him. Other than that, my dad just got me started. I love the game, so I kept playing."

Garry has been recognized for many awards this season. Some of his awards include the Class B Spirit of Su Award and Gatorade's South Dakota Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Garry scored his 2,000-career point on Feb. 10, 2022, and was selected South Dakota All-Star Player of the Year by South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association at the Sanford Pentagon.

Garry is a KELOLAND All-Star Player of the Year nominee; their selection will be made on April 23. He is also a South Dakota Mr. Basketball finalist, and their selection will be made May 1.

**COLT WILKINSON**

Wilkinson comes from a family that has a keen interest in football. His father Dan and grandfather Bill helped develop his passion for football, and he has been playing since he was in fifth grade.

"My grandpa and my dad," said Wilkinson, "were my biggest influences. They always pushed me. It did not matter if it was a Monday night on a school night, me and my grandpa, my dad, we would watch film till 10:30, 11:00, depending on who was playing."

"I love playing football. I grew up watching it. Hearing my grandpa and my dad talk about it all the time. When I was old enough, I got to play it, and I just loved it.

Wilkinson plans to earn a degree in agriculture while attending SMSU and continue playing football as a Mustang linebacker. Sharing his football experiences at SMSU with his kids one day is a definite goal.







**Kalen Garry, above, and Colt Wilkinson, below, sign their letters of intent on Thursday along side their teammates. Garry is heading to play basketball at South Dakota State University and Wilkinson is headed to play football at Southwestern Minnesota State University.** (Photos by Becky Geyer)