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## A sign of spring!

Several bald eagles have been seen in the area recently, including this one perched in a tree at Lake Carthage on Sunday. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

## COMMISSION

# du Randt appointed new Veterans Service Officer

BY AMY HALVERSON  
Kingsbury Journal

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met at the Kingsbury County Courthouse on Tues., March 4 at 8:30 a.m. to hold a land lease auction, appoint a new veterans service officer for the county and give approval for the Director of Equalization to hire temporary help.

### LAND LEASE AUCTION

The commissioners held the public county land lease auction at 9:45 a.m. Only two parties were present for the auction, Chad Dylla and Blake Koehlmoos.

Three different parcels of land were up for auction. All were for a cash lease for a period of three years starting on March 4, 2025, and ending on March 1, 2028.

The parcels were auctioned as follows:

- Approximately 100 acres went to Dylla for the minimum posted bid of \$5,000/year.

- Approximately five acres of hay land south of the highway shop on Highway 14 went to Koehlmoos for \$250/year.

- Approximately 20.5 acres of cropland by the city well went to Koehlmoos for \$2,050/year.

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# All are welcome to Grief Group

BY AMY HALVERSON  
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet United Methodist Church is hosting a Grief Group on Sunday evenings, beginning March 16 from 6-8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. There is no cost for the class. Coffee, water and a snack will be provided.

"The group is for anyone who has lost someone important in their life, is going through a separation or divorce or has had a major change in their life such as a sickness, loss of job or gone through a financial crisis," shared Shawn Scotting.

Denise Larson and Jennifer Barnard will be leading the group. Both Larson and Barnard have led grief groups in the past.

Larson has her Master of Social Work degree and is a licensed social worker in South Dakota. She has taught grief classes and worked in hospice.

Barnard spent four years training to be a peer support leader for holistic re-

treats, dealing with grief and loss.

According to Scotting, the United Methodist Church has had group meetings before but not regularly.

A church member had heard from several different friends how lonely it was after losing spouses or important people in their lives and what an adjustment it was. They felt this was a good way to help people not only move through their grief but also meet new people.

During the group meetings, they will discuss understanding grief and learn the 10 essential touchstones for finding hope and healing.

According to Larson, loss and grief have become prevalent in our world today. It is important to understand grief is normal, natural and different for everyone.

Each week, there will be handouts plus some activities and education. Everyone is their own gate keeper of what is shared, and confidentiality will be stressed regularly.

The six sessions will include informa-

tion on how to deal with the emotions of grief, the importance of self-care, processing grief, holidays and special occasions, along with remembering loved ones.

The weekly sessions are open to everyone as well as those who would like to support a grieving person and will begin with information about the journey through grief.

"If just one person comes away from the group feeling better or maybe even meeting a new friend, then we will be happy," shared Scotting.

The first meeting is March 16, and the deadline to register is March 12. They ask that those who plan to attend register, so that the leaders can have enough materials for everyone attending the meetings.

Meetings will be held on March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13 and 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the De Smet United Methodist Church, 301 3rd St. SW in De Smet.

To register or for more information, contact Shawn Scotting at (605) 860-0400.

# Revenge of the northern pike

**OUR MOTHER LOVED** to fish. She loved catching them, cooking them, and eating them. I am pretty sure she did not mind the scaling and cleaning needed in the middle, either. Maybe it was because of her Scandinavian background. Or maybe it was because she almost always caught the most fish. Whether luck, skill or perseverance, if there were fish to be caught, Mom caught them.

If Dad merely mentioned going fishing, Mom would have sandwiches made, coffee in the thermos and the bait and tackle waiting by the door in twenty minutes. Time of year or temperature didn't matter. It was always a good day for fishing!

One cold February morning, Delmer and his young boys were driving by Mud Lake and decided to find out if the fish were biting. He turned off the Bancroft Road onto a rutted track that led directly onto the lake. Tires had worn a path over the frozen, snow-packed surface to a fairly smooth area on the north corner. Cars and pickups were parked at various angles, forming a village of vehicles.

Some people moved about carrying short fishing poles. A few cranked the bent-metal handle on ice augers, boring holes through the eighteen inches of ice to the unfrozen water below. If



## CANDLES AND MIRRORS

**DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL**

a fisherman or woman could find a previously dug hole, it might save a couple inches of drilling since those did not freeze clear up to the surface.

Delmer parked his pickup twenty yards from the group and the boys followed him to the ice anglers. They searched for familiar faces or vehicles and there on the northern edge of the lake, was the folks' green Crown Victoria. Mom sat on her fishing chair which was a five-gallon bucket, custom fitted with a cushioned cover. The car sheltered her from the wind. Blue eyes peeked out from under her stocking cap and parka hood. The toes of her five-buckle overshoes pointed to a hole in the ice. Her mittened hands held a short fiberglass pole, its line trailing to a small red bobber on

the water. A matching bucket-chair waited a few feet away. Dad either preferred the social aspect of ice fishing or he was following Jesus' "fishers of men" commission.

Though only Mom's eyes and mouth were visible, they were all my brother needed to see. Mom's smile flashed brightly in greeting.

"Are they biting?" Delmer surveyed the area around the ice holes. A mound of slush was freezing at the rim of the opening. A long-handled, slotted dipper leaned against the minnow bucket, close to the car. Mom had used the dipper to scoop out the ice as it froze on the surface. Two striped perch flopped around behind her chair. Three more lay still, frozen. A bigger fish with a pointed nose flapped its tail; its mouth still moved in the way of fish. A northern. Delmer stepped closer. Suddenly, his eyes were drawn to a bright red stain on the ice—a ten-inch circle. Blood? He glanced at the fish. All six of them would not have held that much blood. He frowned in concern. "What happened?"

Mom grinned. She held up her mittened left hand. "The northern got me when I was taking him off the hook." She glanced back at the culprit. Razor-sharp teeth gleamed from the fish's gasping mouth. Her blue eyes sparkled. "He'll taste really good."

"Are you alright?" Delmer's eyes searched the mitten. Wetness darkened the thumb part.

"Ya, I'm fine. Just a little cut." Grudgingly, she eased the mitten off. Dad's bandana, now soaked in blood, was tightly wrapped around her thumb. Just as she slid the mitten back on, her bobber wiggled and sank under the water. She grasped the rod and waited. Suddenly she jerked the pole up hard and stood to pull the line in. Soon another northern flopped on the ice.

Mom thanked her son for taking it off the hook, but assured him that she could handle it herself. She reached into the minnow bucket with her good hand and soon her bobber floated again.

Delmer still smiles as he remembers that long ago day on the frozen lake. Loss of blood did not hinder our mother, at least not when the fish were biting! She did love to fish.

### LUCKY TO HAVE GREAT MEMORIES!

*All of the stories from Kruempel's previous columns have been published into books that are full of fun stories and precious memories. Those four books, along with her historical fiction series, "Promises to Keep," are available on Amazon. Contact the author at [deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com](mailto:deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com).*

## 160 +/- ACRE LAND AUCTION

**HARTLAND WEST TOWNSHIP, KINGSBURY COUNTY, SD**

Located from Erwin, SD (200th St. & 438th Ave.), 1 mile north on 438th Ave., then 1 mile west on 199th St., then 1 mile north on 437th Ave.; or from Bryant, SD, 5 miles south on 437th Ave.; or from De Smet, SD (Hwy 14 & Hwy 25), 7 miles north on Hwy. 25, then 4 miles east on 200th St., then 2 miles north on 437th Ave.

Watch for auction signs, held on:

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2025 SALE TIME: 10:00 AM**

**Live Auction On-Site with Online Bidding Available**

Here's your opportunity to add quality tillable acres to your farming operation or investment portfolio! Located just northwest of Erwin, northeast of De Smet and south of Bryant, this Kingsbury County farm offers productive cropland with good soils and additional recreational potential. According to the FSA, this property includes 133.23 cropland acres with a soil productivity rating of 65.6, featuring predominantly Poinsett-Buse-Waubay complex soils ideal for consistent yields. The FSA office has those cropland acres with a corn PLC Yield of 131 and a soybean PLC yield of 38. The land is currently rented for the 2025 crop year, with the new buyer(s) to receive a seller enhanced rent credit in the amount of \$35,000.00 at closing. Additionally, the west half of the property is subject to a USFW wetland easement, adding conservation value while maintaining productive use of the land. Positioned in a thriving agricultural region near Erwin, Bryant, and De Smet, this farm is an excellent opportunity for expansion or investment. Don't miss out on this well-located, income-generating property! Contact us today for more details.

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### SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The Kingsbury County Sheriff's Department reports four accidents.

**FEB. 1 – BRENLEY GOEBEL**, Oldham, was traveling east on 218th Street, a third of a mile west of US Highway 81, when a deer ran into the roadway. Goebel swerved to avoid the deer and entered the ditch and onto the lake ice. The 2008 Buick Lucerne she was driving sustained \$2,500 in damages.

**FEB. 6 – KACEN HUBER**, Milbank, was traveling north on US Highway 25 at its intersection with 204th Street as **BRADLEY BINDERT**, Sioux Falls, was attempting to make a righthand turn onto 204th Street from US Highway 25. As Bindert started the turn, he was struck by Huber. Huber advised that he had taken his eyes off the road and was trying to get his lunch from his lunchbox that was sitting on the floor. When Huber looked up, he rear ended Bindert. Huber was going to try and pass on the right side of Bindert and collided with Bindert while making a right turn. The 2021 Ford box truck that Huber was driving sustained \$2,500 in damages, and the 2021 Nissan Rogue Sport Bindert was driving sustained \$7,500 in damages.

**FEB. 6 – SASHA ROSENLUND**, Arlington, was traveling east on 199th Street, a half mile east of 452nd Avenue when a deer came out of the ditch, striking her 2012 Chevrolet Impala, causing \$3,500 in damages.

**FEB. 14 – JAMES CARY**, Arlington, was traveling south on 450th Avenue at its intersection with 205th Street when a deer ran onto the roadway, striking his 2009 Chevrolet Silverado, which sustained \$6,500 in damages.

# Wile E. Coyote, villain or hero?

**MY SANBORN JOURNAL READERS** may recognize this week's topic from a long time ago, but as this column has expanded to other papers, I have decided to dust off some old topics every other week or so. I will still be writing new material, but I want to share some of the past topics with new audiences. We will see how disciplined I can be as I have about a dozen new topics rolling around in my head.

As a wildlife biologist, I don't usually worry about predators, but I think discussing them is a good transition into habitat. It is a good discussion in this spot as predators often get the attention for prey animal population decreases, in particular, pheasants.

A good illustration of how this is a misdirected focus is old Wile E. Coyote. Of course, around here we correctly pronounce the word coyote versus the cartoon, and apparently, so does most of the country.

We were on a tour of Custer State Park this past summer, and our tour guide from the South was pronouncing it like the cartoon. When I jokingly corrected him, everyone else on the tour had never heard our pronunciation. All agreed ours was correct.

Never mind how we pronounce the name; Mr. Coyote seems to draw the ire of bird lovers in South Dakota. I hear some comment almost on a daily basis from landowners alluding to the dastardly coyote taking a toll on their bird numbers. Here is the newflash moment: coyotes are good for pheasant populations!

Let's talk it through. I'll admit they do prey on pheasants occasionally. Although, many times when you see a coyote with a bird in its mouth, it probably stole it from someone else. Here is the bigger part of the picture. On what else do coyotes prey? Fox, skunks, rac-

## CONSERVATION CORNER

**JUSTIN ENFIELD**

Pheasants Forever Biologist

coons and more prey on pheasants or pheasant nests much more prevalently than Mr. Wile E. Coyote.

Why do we want to eradicate a native predator to benefit an introduced chicken, the Chinese Ring Neck Pheasant? I'm a bird hater; I just want to put things into perspective. The pheasant does fill a niche that used to be held by prairie grouse. Grouse do not survive without a significant amount of properly managed range land. It cannot be overgrazed or left idle either.

Since most of what we have is farmland, there are no longer grouse; thus, enter the pheasant. The pheasant still needs large amounts of grassland habitat, just not the large contiguous tracts like the 6,000+ acres grouse need.

The true villain here is habitat, or more specifically, lack of or low quality of it. The concern over predators has led us astray from what our actual enemy is. I have done my fair share of trapping and varmint hunting. I was after the fur and the money the fur would bring. I believe it is a great hobby just like any other hunting or fishing. However, that is all it is, a hobby: it is not a solution to increasing any prey species population.

We need to focus on the actual problem, not find a scapegoat. Go hunt coyotes to your heart's content, but please understand that as a management tool, predator hunting is not effective.

Human activities have hurt a lot of species' populations, but there are also those that we have helped. Coyotes,

foxes, skunks, racoons, white tail deer and certainly, the pheasant that we introduced have all thrived because of the settling of this land. To try to control select predator species would be such a monumental task, we need to ask ourselves if we would not be better off spending our time and money on things that will actually help build our pheasant numbers.

As an example of our futile efforts on control, we would have to kill over 75% of coyotes in an area to have any kind of impact on their numbers the next year. Litter sizes will increase when the population dips and decrease when it's larger. Mother Nature has those things built in. What you may actually do is increase the predator population as it corrects for the disruption.

Now, there are instances where we make it easier for predators, especially nest raiders. These predators patrol the boundaries. The more we break things up, the more boundaries we create. So, the food plots, tree belts and more we have used to dissect our grasslands, the more likely we are to have nest predation.

Tree belts are great shelter for the worst of winter storms, but keep in mind, they are also habitat for those predators we despise so much. Creating larger blocks of grassland is greatly beneficial, but this doesn't mean small areas aren't worthwhile. If it is marginal ground that loses you money, it is always better to take that out of production, and whatever habitat value it holds is secondary. Besides, there are a lot of other non-game species that it may be valuable to that we don't think about because they are not a colorful chicken.

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## COURT NEWS

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

**ANTHONY WIPF**, Iroquois, speeding 11-15 miles over limit, fined \$137.50.

**JONATHAN RIVERA**, Arlington, no driver's license, fined \$132.50.

**JAZMINE YAEGER**, Mitchell, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

**JASON CUNNINGHAM**, Brookings, speeding 6-10 miles over limit, fined \$117.50.

**STEPHANIE PAYE**, Cavour, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**JONATHAN ROSADO COTTO**, Huron, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**JOHNATHAN SOUTER**, Madison, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**CRUZ ALEMAN**, Huron, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**KAREN SCHNELL**, Lake Preston, renewal registration during assigned month, fined \$132.50.

**GAIL STYER**, Cavour, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**KIM PATERSON**, Tyler, Minn., speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**VINCENT LARSON**, De Smet, exhibition driving, fined \$132.50.

**TREVOR DAVIS**, Butterfield, Minn., speeding in school zone, fined \$112.50.

**LYRICK MACDONALD**, Lake Preston, unauthorized use of vehicle by restricted license, fined \$132.50.

**BRADLEY PTAK**, Huron, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**KACEN HUBER**, Milbank, careless driving, fined \$137.50.

**CARLOS MARTINEZ**, Brookings, entering or refusing to leave property after notice, fined \$132.50.

**STEFANIE OPP**, Howard, failure to maintain financial responsibility, fined \$232.50.

**KAPLO MOO**, Sioux Falls, speeding 11-15 over limit, fined \$137.50.

**ANGELA FONDER**, Marshall, Minn., speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

**JOSEPH CADET**, Brookings, speeding 1-5 over limit and driving with suspended (not revoked) license, fined \$380.

**MARLA HOYER**, Brookings, speeding 11-15 over limit, fined \$137.50.

**GRANT CONAWAY**, Brookings, speeding 6-10 over limit, fined \$117.50.

**JONATHON GENS**, Onida, seat-belt violation, fined \$25.

**EDGAR OCHOA**, Onida, seat-belt violation, fined \$25.

**JENNIFER ENDRESS**, Hill City, speeding 11-15 over limit, fined \$137.50.

**CHRIS VANSCHOIACK**, Bryant, speeding 1-5 over limit, fined \$97.50.

## COMMISSION: Zoning officer resignation

FROM FRONT PAGE

### VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER

The commissioners appointed Louis du Randt as the new Veteran Services Officer for Kingsbury County.

DuRandt lives south of Lake Preston and has been in the National Guard for 18 years.

After DuRandt's appointment, Kyle Lee swore him into office.

### EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, informed commissioners that she had four interviews lined up on Thursday for the temporary position for the equalization office.

Anderson, Maggie Purinton, Deputy Director of Equalization, and Natalie Remund, Human Resources, will be conducting the interviews.

Anderson told commissioners that all four of the applicants had backgrounds in real estate, appraisal or agricultural banking, so they should be a good match for the position.

She asked commissioners for their

approval to hire whomever the three selected after interviewing the candidates instead of having to wait to get their approval.

Commissioners gave their approval.

### OTHER BUSINESS

David Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, informed commissioners that he would be posting load limits on the roads soon.

- Michelle Longville, Treasurer, requested travel for April 9-10 to Pierre for a New Officials Workshop. The commissioners approved her travel.

- Auditor Echo Steffensen requested travel for herself and Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, to Brookings for the Sioux Valley Commission meeting on April 2.

- Lonny Palmlund, Courthouse Custodian, requested approval to purchase an iPad Pro tablet for his department for \$1451. This could be used for the HVAC program to check information, to access the new time

clock and use it for taking photographs. Commissioners told Palmlund they would look into it and get back to him at the next meeting.

- Sheriff Steve Strande received the commissioners' approval to attend the conference on sex offender training in Chamberlain on May 14-15.

- Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds and IT Administrator, received the approval to purchase a laptop for \$1499.99 and a printer/copier for \$401 for the Veterans Services Officer.

- The commissioners appointed Corey Lundquist as a temporary planning and zoning officer, due to the resignation of Joe Jensen.

- While in planning and zoning, the commissioners approved the plat of the Leonhardt Family Addition.

- Natalie Remund, Human Resources, went over some changes in job descriptions with the commissioners, which they approved.

The next regular commissioners' meeting will be held at the Kingsbury County Courthouse on March 18 at 8:30 a.m.

# Voices

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

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**This week’s weather**

- Monday, March 3, 2024**  
High 57, Low 28
- Tuesday, March 4, 2024**  
High 48, Low 24, Rain 0.08"
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025**  
High 36, Low 16
- Thursday, March 6, 2025**  
High 37, Low 19
- Friday, March 7, 2025**  
High 44, Low 22
- Saturday, March 8, 2025**  
High 54, Low 21
- Sunday, March 9, 2025**  
High 64, Low 29

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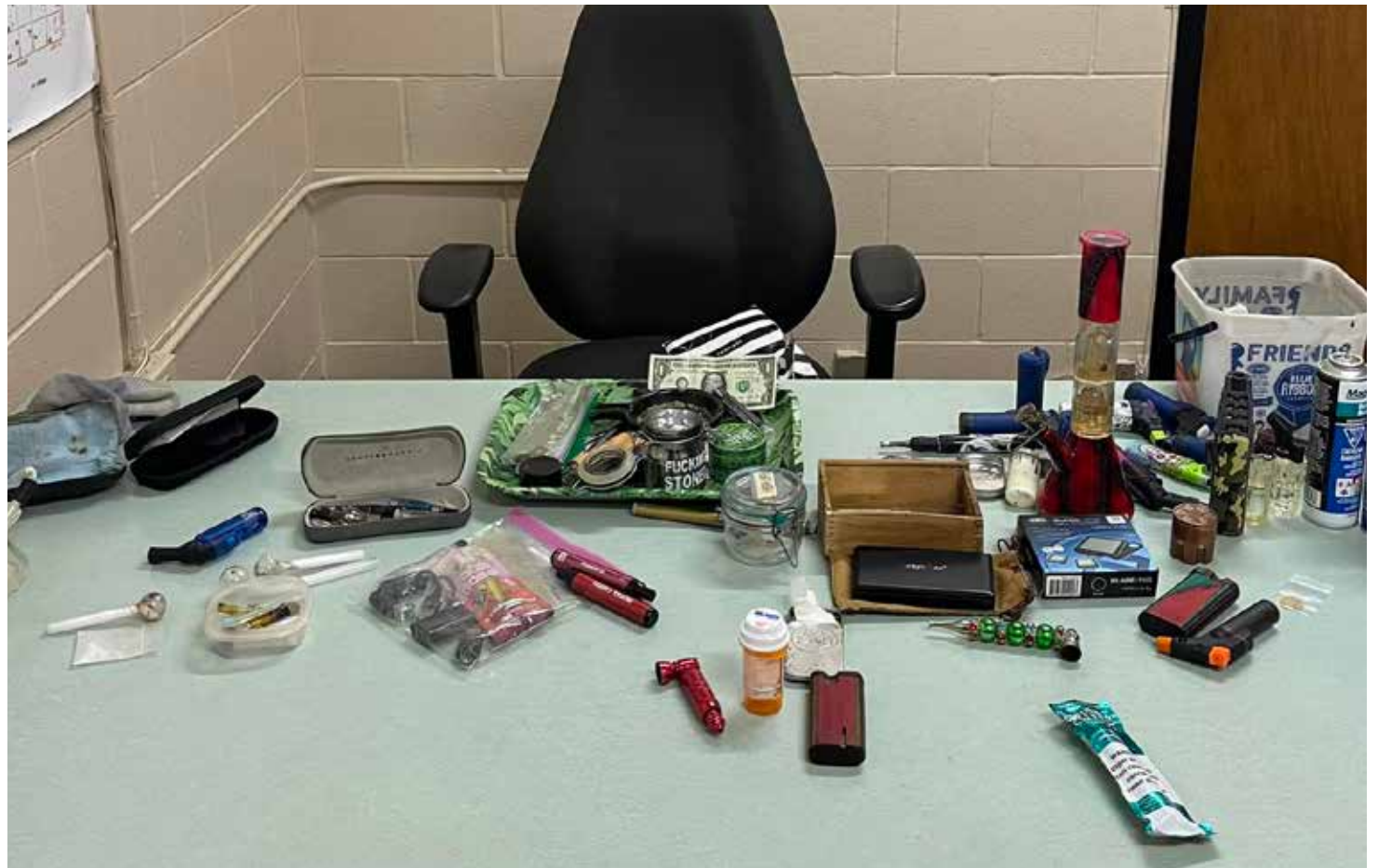
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- Obituary Announcements
- Letters to the Editor

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

**PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



**Drug bust leads to two arrests**

On March 5 at approximately 6:30 p.m. after a three-week-long investigation, the Kingsbury County Sheriff’s office and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks conducted a search warrant on a residence in Lake Preston, finding methamphetamine, marijuana, THC wax and drug paraphernalia.

Two people were arrested and charged with miscellaneous possession charges, maintaining a residence where drugs are used, sold or held, along with several other charges.

**The Kingsbury County Sheriff’s office and S.D. Game, Fish and Parks bust leads to two arrested on numerous drug charges after numerous drugs and drug paraphernalia were found at the residence in Lake Preston. (Submitted Photo)**

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# The power of enforcement

## BIG UPDATE

Forestry is a big part of the local economy in the Black Hills but is at risk due to the Black Hills National Forest's failure to hit their harvest targets. As a result, timber production and harvest in South Dakota has been declining for years, forcing many mills to close. Not to mention that when timber harvest is decreased, forests are more prone to bug outbreaks and catastrophic fires.

America has outsourced much of its timber supply, causing us to rely on imported lumber from other countries. When timber production decreases in America, due in part to heavy-handed government regulations, we lose jobs and the infrastructure needed to properly manage our forests.

No one wants to over-harvest the Black Hills, of course. For a number of years, though, timber production has been below the levels that the data indicates is sustainable.

I've been calling for increased timber production in the area. Last year, I hosted a roundtable in Spearfish for other members of Congress to hear from South Dakota's forest industry leaders about how these policies are impacting their livelihoods and our forests.

I recently spoke with the new Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz, who echoed this sentiment. I was encouraged when I read President Trump's Executive Order to expand timber production and improve forest management practices. I'm glad the Trump Administration is taking action to increase American production and manufacturing and make our for-



## OTHER VOICES

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ests healthy again.

### BIG IDEA

The bird flu is taking a catastrophic toll on our poultry population. The egg supply has quickly dropped, skyrocketing prices across the country. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins recently announced her plan to save the poultry industry. The plan assists producers' implementation of enhanced biosecurity measures, takes steps to develop a vaccine or similar solution and cuts unnecessary red tape in the poultry industry.

I'm glad Secretary Rollins is taking swift action to increase the egg supply and bring prices down. Eggs are a staple for many American families – we must address this crisis.

### BIG NEWS

I was joined by Meade County Sheriff Pat West and Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe to hear President Trump's Joint Address to Congress this week. As law enforcement officers, both West and Howe faced the impacts of Biden's border crisis that left American communities flooded with fentanyl and criminal illegal immigrants.

Both sheriffs were excited to hear Trump talk about his administration's success in securing the border, resulting in a 95% decrease in daily crossings from the previous administration.

I thought the president's speech was great, specifically how he used the stories of real Americans to highlight the welcome need for change from the previous four years of policy. Families like Laken Riley's and Jocelyn Nungaray's were changed forever due to heinous crimes committed by violent illegal immigrants. Law and order have returned to America so tragedies like these don't happen again.



# Worship Services

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.” Lamentations 3:40

## Arlington

**ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**, 106 S Main St. Church on Sundays 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. & Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

**LAKE WHITEWOOD LUTHERAN**, Worship at 9:30 a.m., coffee hour on the 1st and 3rd Sunday

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Mass Saturday only at 5 p.m.

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

**ARLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH**, Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## Badger

**BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Worship 9 a.m., Sermons on Facebook

## Bryant

**GOSPEL OF FIRE**, 605-530-4559 www.gospeloffirehm.com. Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service, Wednesdays: 6:30-8 p.m. Fellowship and English Bible Study, Thursdays: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

**OUR REDEEMER**, Worship at 8:30 a.m., Fellowship and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

## Bancroft

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

## Carthage

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**, Worship at 8 a.m.

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

## De Smet

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School to follow, and 7 p.m., Also on website and Facebook.

**DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH**, Church at 10:15 a.m.

**DE SMET COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Church at 9:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH**, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**SPIRIT LAKE PRESBYTERIAN**, Worship at 10:30 a.m., listen on 88.1 FM. or Facebook. Rev. Dick Poppen speaks at 8:03 a.m. on KXLG radio 99.1.

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m., Friday at 9:00 a.m.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Worship at 9:30 a.m. Illuminate Kids Community Youth Group, Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

## Erwin

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Worship at 10 a.m. at Legion first Sunday of month

## Esmond

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

## Iroquois

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m. See Facebook page

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

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## Lake Preston

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST—UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Church at 10

**LAKE PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10:15 a.m., Services on Facebook

**NORTH PRESTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Worship at 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

## Oldham

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

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# Obituaries

## ROBERT NESSEIM

Robert Nesseim, age 94, passed away Feb. 22, 2025, at the Good Samaritan Luther Manor, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Robert Lee Nesseim was born on Dec. 16, 1930, at Lake Preston, S.D., the son of Jack and Hazel (Anderson) Nesseim. He attended school there and graduated from Lake Preston High School in 1949. Robert served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1952 until his honorable discharge in 1956.

On May 19, 1951, Robert was united in marriage to Juanita Hilbrands at Luverne, Minn. The couple lived in California until Robert's Naval service ended; they moved to Sioux Falls in 1957. They moved to Tea in 1959 and their acreage near Tea in 1966. Robert worked as a welder/bridge builder. He was employed by Hassenstein Steel and then Egger Steel, completing projects in several states for 43 years. He was proud to have worked on the bleachers for the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo arena and also operated his own welding shop in Tea. His wife Juanita passed away on April 21, 2014.

Robert was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Tea, Tea American Legion Post #266, VFW Post #628, Sioux Falls and the Boilermakers Local #647 union. He enjoyed wood and steel working, but his passion was horses and restoring antique horse-drawn buggies and wagons.

Most of all, Robert was a devoted



husband, father and grandfather, who deeply loved his family.

Besides his parents and wife, Robert was preceded in death by two brothers, John "Wes" Nesseim and Bill Nesseim.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children, Mickey Jo (Barb) Nesseim, Tea, and Jacquelynn (Steve) Naatjes, Lennox; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and his great-great-grandchildren, as well as other relatives and friends.

Services were held Feb. 28, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, S.D. Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox, assisted the family.

PAID OBITUARY

## Carol Arne

Carol Lynn Arne, 80, passed away peacefully on Feb. 25, 2025, on her beloved farm in Lake Preston, S.D.

Carol was born on Oct. 13, 1944, in Minneapolis, Minn. She and her parents lived in Greene, Iowa, and eventually settled in Renwick, Iowa, where she pursued her education with dedication, graduating from Renwick High School before continuing her studies at the University of Iowa. Her passion for healthcare led her to earn an RN degree from Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D. She further advanced her medical expertise by obtaining qualifications as a physician assistant and nurse practitioner from the University of North Dakota.

Carol had a deep love for animals of all kinds. Whether large or small, she had a special place in her heart for them and was known for rescuing any animal in need. Gardening and

reading were also favorites, bringing her joy and relaxation.

She is lovingly remembered by daughters, Deborah (Bill) Chiles and Kara (Chad) Brunick; grandson, Cory Gleich; sisters, Barbara (Bob) Harvey and Sandra (B.G.) Campbell; numerous nieces and nephews as well as her dear friend, Amiel Redfish.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Elmo and Marion Arne and her brother, David Arne.

Carol's kindness and dedication to both people and animals left a lasting impact on those who knew her. A Celebration of Life at Carol's farm will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Crawford-Osthus Funeral Home of Arlington, Lake Preston and Oldham.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the local animal shelters.

# It's a matter of life and death

**SINCE THE FALL OF MAN**, we've all been affected by life and death. Since you are reading this, then you have been born physically. When our time is up on Earth, we will experience physical death, with one exception, only if the rapture comes first. We, as a species, are the only ones who know we're going to die and try desperately to forget it.

What for? Why is it a matter of life and death?

When God created man in His image (Genesis 1:26), He created an eternal being (Genesis 2:7); not a god, but a creation that will not have an end. So, why do we die? When God created Adam and Eve, they had no date with death until they broke God's command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). At that point and while acting on their own will, they accursed not only themselves but also all of mankind.

We've all been born with this cursed nature to sin and disobey God. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Physically, we are born, and physically, we will die, but our souls will live for eternity. Where will they go? In John 3, Jesus spoke with the Pharisee Nicodemus, of not just our physical birth, but also of a second birth. Nicodemus was perplexed, as he was a high-ranking ruler of the Jews, and was lost in the understanding of what Jesus said. Jesus then reiterated that except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

Sin separates us from God. There is no amount of effort humans can put forth to appease God and renew the relationship that Adam and Eve had with God before the fall. Romans

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6:23a says, "For the wages of sin is death." We will all be judged by God and receive a wage for that work. Judgment will be held by God's standards and laws found in His Word, the Bible.

The problem is that no one, except for Jesus, was ever or will ever be able to keep those laws. That curse would have continued, but God provided a way. Romans 6:23b says, "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

That gift is found in John 3:16-17, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him, might be saved."

We must be born again to enter the Kingdom of God, or heaven. If we do not accept the free gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8&9) that God offers us, we will face the judgement of our sins. Hebrews 9:27 says "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

If we truly accept the free gift of Jesus Christ, we'll have everlasting life, and we'll be cleansed of our sins because Jesus paid our debt. However, if we do not believe and reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then the result will be judgement of sins, which will be the second death, known as hell.

I challenge you to ask yourself, "If I were to die today, where am I going?" If you'd like to talk to someone about it further, I'm available.

Please join us to wish **Jim Finnegan** a Happy Retirement on Friday, March 14 starting at 11 am at the De Smet Farm Service Center. Cake, Coffee and Stories will be on hand!

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STATE LEGISLATURE

# Working to protect our veterans

**WE'VE GOT EIGHT WEEKS** down with just one to go in the 100th Session of the South Dakota State Legislature. In this week's column, I want to cover two bills introduced this year, targeting private entities that file Veterans Administration (VA) disability claims for veterans.

Currently, there are no state or federal laws that prevent private companies from assisting veterans in filing VA disability claims and charging a fee to do so. Unfortunately, some firms have charged exorbitant fees for this service, when the veteran could have had a claim prepared free of charge by the local county/tribal veterans service officer.

House Bill 1238 was sponsored by Representative Tim Goodwin, a veteran from Rapid City. The bill requires that anyone assisting veterans in preparing a claim must first disclose the terms of service and the compensation to be provided in a written document. Further, they may not charge an initial fee or a non-refundable fee. They may not guarantee a successful outcome and may not use international call centers or data centers for processing veterans' personal

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information.

The bill further requires that any compensation received must be contingent on an increase in the amount of compensation awarded to a veteran, and the total amount cannot exceed five times the monthly increase in benefits awarded based on the claim.

Finally, the bill requires that individuals accessing a veteran's records must first submit to and pass a background check.

House Bill 1238 passed on votes of 44-24 in the House and 25-8 in the Senate.

House Bill 1076 was sponsored by Representative Chris Reder, a veteran from Warner. The bill states that except as permitted under federal law, a person may not receive compensation of any kind for assisting individuals regarding veterans' benefits matters before the US Department of Veterans Affairs, US Department of Defense or the SD Department of

Veterans Affairs. In other words, this bill sought to make it illegal for an individual or business to charge a fee of any amount whatsoever to assist a veteran in filing a claim.

House Bill 1076 failed to receive the required number of votes to be calendared in the House, 30-40.

I have a unique perspective, having personally served for over 40 years in the Army National Guard and having two sons and two nephews who are combat veterans. Additionally, I have served as the Miner County Veterans Service Officer for approximately five years.

I supported HB 1238 over HB 1076 for several reasons, but primarily, because it didn't close the door completely on a veteran who wanted to file a claim but may not be comfortable doing so through their local veterans service officer. The fact that Governor Noem's proposed budget eliminated the funds that the state currently pays toward local Veterans Service Officer's salaries was very concerning to me. It's also been announced that the Trump Administration plans to cut 80,000 VA employees.

Now is not the time to eliminate op-

tions that veterans currently have to access their benefits.

HB 1238 puts guard rails in place by establishing clear limits on how much a veteran can be charged for filing claims, and by prohibiting individuals from charging anything at all if a new or increased benefit isn't awarded. In the future, I could possibly support a bill that further restricts private entities from doing this sort of work for veterans, but only if the State of South Dakota were to step up its game by doing a better job of advertising how veterans can be assisted in these matters.

Establishing a toll-free number that South Dakota's veterans could call to learn about benefits they're eligible for, as well as options they have for applying for those benefits, would be a good first step.

It was fun meeting with the fourth graders from Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School in De Smet and their teachers Lexi Johnson and DJ Bettin this week.

If you want to get in touch with me during the session, my legislative email address is [Tim.Reisch@sdlegislature.gov](mailto:Tim.Reisch@sdlegislature.gov).

# Review of week eight House bills

**WITH ONE WEEK TO GO**, budgets are nearly done. Joint Committee on Appropriations has some work left to do, but they have made great strides working together for goals for South Dakota.

## PROPERTY TAX DISCUSSIONS

SB 216 Gov. Rhoden's Property Tax Plan – This bill sets limits of 3% annual growth on each county's total assessment for owner-occupied for five years. This will also set a cap of 2% annual growth due to new construction. It applies to cities, counties and to school capital outlay budgets.

This changes the law so improvements to existing homes no longer count as new growth, unless improvement adds more than 40% to home valuation. This bill would also increase income levels for property tax freeze to \$55,000 for single member homes and \$65,000 for multi-member homes.

This bill will also increase maximum eligibility value to \$500,000,

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which includes a grandfather clause for individuals who are currently enrolled in the program.

School districts could opt out for growth caps just like cities and counties, but they are also up to being referred to public vote.

SB 191 – Act to limit annual valuation increases on owner-occupied, single-family dwellings and provide exception for mill rate limitations on taxing districts. This legislation has a newly adopted amendment, which states that the limitation in owner-occupied valuations cannot result in taxes imposed on non-agriculture or agriculture property in any district. This bill seeks to have all real property assessed and listed annually, but the value determined according to its

value on Nov. 1, preceding the assessment. The "fair" market value would go back to Nov. 1, 2020, and no more than 3% increase annually for each assessment required by law for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

If there is a change in ownership between Nov. 1, 2020, and Oct. 31, 2025, the base year will reset to that year's market value. Going forward, the value of the property will not increase more than 3% annually. This only applies to owner-occupied homes and not commercial or agricultural properties.

This would also require counties to do annual assessments of properties in the county on top of the work they already do.

Fall River County example: owner-occupied value, 2025: \$640,440 would pay \$8,653.00 in taxes today; would be value of \$356,972, and tax payment of \$5,529.44, a decrease of 36.1%. This is subject to increases every year of no more than 3%.

Change in ownership of property during this time using the same values; taxes will be \$8,653.00, which are current today and \$9,920.31 after the sale of property; a 14.6% increase. Initially, it seems like a good bill, but in the long run, it may not be!

SB 1235 – Reduce limit on annual increases or property tax revenues payable to certain taxing districts and subject to school districts to a limit on property taxes collected in a year. This bill limits annual increases of property tax revenues payable to certain taxing districts and to subject school districts to a limit on property taxes collected in a year. This bill limits the increase on taxes to 2 ½% annually. This bill requires entities to tighten up their budgets, which could also hurt entities already struggling.


SB 169 – Requires a public hearing prior to a vote to impose an excess tax levy. This legislation requires the tax entity to have a public hearing and post notice of the hearing at least 10 days in advance of the board's vote to impose an excess tax levy. This must include the maximum amount under consideration in excess of the limitations applicable to the taxing district. The amount allowed to be imposed without an excess tax levy, and the date, time, and location of the public hearing, at which the governing body will vote to impose an excess tax levy. This legislation tries to create some transparency to the public.

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# Ooops, we did it again!

**WELL, IT COULD BE WORSE** is all I can say.

We fought the urge to add to our funny farm for as long as we could, and then, my cousin called this week-end saying he knew of a family who was moving and had to sell some goats fast.

Next thing we knew, we were borrowing a trailer and on our way to pick up some more goats.

The family had 20 goats they wanted to sell along with some chickens and even a couple peacocks. So, we went down there not knowing exactly what was going to happen.

We had decided before we got there that we didn't want any of the male goats, so we were down to 14 females, which is still a lot.

We were going to look at them and pick out the ones we wanted, but it was such a zoo when we got there, goats running all over the place, we just decided to take all 14 of the females. This included three, week-old babies.

Then, the fun began as they tried to round up goats who were not at all ready to get into a trailer for a ride with us. The goats were running and jumping everywhere, and the family was running around trying to catch them.



## HOME GROWN

AMY HALVERSON

It took a while to get them all loaded, but we finally got them in the trailer and were on our way home.

Thankfully, getting them into the barn wasn't as hard as I had imagined; they basically ran in together and soon settled into their new home.

We now have 17 more goats, so we are up to 29! With most of them being pregnant, that number will be increasing without having to buy any more.

We did turn down the three male goats, the chickens and the peacocks, which is somewhat surprising for us. Although we gave into our goat addiction again, we didn't completely lose control!

Here's a recipe for those who love deviled eggs and pasta. It combines the two into one. Enjoy!

### Deviled Egg Pasta Salad

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| 6 large, hard-boiled eggs, peeled  | 1 teaspoon kosher salt  |
| 8 oz. (1/2 pound) elbow macaroni pasta, cooked and drained according to package directions | 3/4 teaspoon smoked paprika, divided into 1/2 and 1/4 teaspoons |
| 1 1/4 cups mayonnaise  | 1/2 cup finely diced red onion                                  |
| 2 1/2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard  | 1 medium stalk celery (1/2 cup) diced                           |
|  | 1 small thin sliced green onion (optional garnish)              |

While your pasta is cooking according to package directions, prepare deviled egg ingredients.

Using a cutting board, slice the hard-boiled egg the long way, removing the egg yolks. Place the yolks in a medium-sized mixing bowl and leave the egg whites on the cutting board.

Using a fork, begin to mash the egg yolks until they are fine bits, almost powdery. Add the mayonnaise and mustard to the mashed yolks. Vigorously whisk the yolks, mayonnaise and mustard until the mixture is smooth.

Whisk in the salt and 1/2 teaspoon paprika. Set aside. Slice the egg whites into small cubes and set aside. Add the cooked noodles, cubed egg whites, diced onion and diced celery. Using a wooden spoon, stir to completely combine.

Transfer the salad to a serving bowl. Sprinkle with the 1/4 teaspoon paprika and serve immediately. You can make this 30-60 minutes ahead and keep covered in the refrigerator. Keep in mind that the longer it sets, the pasta will absorb the mayonnaise mixture and may not be as creamy as when freshly made.



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Description: SW 1/4 of Sec. 34, T-110-N, R-54-W, Spring Lake N. Twp., Kingsbury Co., SD

**Tract 2 – SE 1/4 160 +/- Acres** This prime and also nearly all tillable farm has a high soil rating of 83.4 per Surety AgriData, and is primarily made up of strong Class I & II soils featuring Sinai & Poinsett-Waubay Silty Clay Loams, ideal for row crops. Per the FSA Office the farm has approx. 152.38 cropland acres with a corn PLC yield of 158 bu. and a soybean PLC yield of 53 bu. This land is an ideal row crop farm and does not have wetland easements. The farm joins Tract 1 making an ideal half section parcel, and will be offered separate or as a unit.

Description: SE 1/4 of Sec. 34, T-110-N, R-54-W, Spring Lake N. Twp., Kingsbury Co., SD

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# BLUE & GOLD

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## LPHS SENIOR FEATURE: Trinity Pirlet

By: Kason Anderson

Featured this week is senior Trinity Pirlet. Her parents are Julie Strande and Reid Pirlet and she has two brothers Lorick and Alec. Her zoo consists of three dogs; Bailey, Lizzy, and Steve, and four cats; Cora, Sasha, Charlie and Fluffy.

Throughout high school, she has been involved in oral interp, volleyball, basketball, One-Act play, All-School Musical, choir, band, marching band, All-State choir, show choir, student council, Blue and Gold newspaper, yearbook, honor band, Educators Rising, Unified Champions, FCA, track manager, the Big Buddy program, a Sunday school teacher, LYO, and was an ALA Girls State Delegate.

Five words to describe her would be goal-oriented, driven, particular, blunt, and outgoing. Trinity's favorite teacher is Mr. Riedel, because he always looks out for his students. There is never a day she is in his class where he isn't willing to give insight, advice, or just have a good talk. Her favorite class is creative writing. She thinks it is a perfect mixture of English and graphic design which allowed her to be imaginative with her writing. She loved her eighth-period yap sessions with Mrs. O'Dea.

If she could take any staff member to college with her, she would take Scott Bentley, so he can hopefully renovate her dorm room and add a giant closet. Her favorite school lunches are any thing carb loaded: mac & cheese, grilled cheese, Italian dunkers, and cheese pizza. Two of her favorite activities at school would be One-Act play and show choir. She loves that both give the opportunity for everyone to be a little silly, and that it gives students an activity to fall in love with that isn't a sport.

Her favorite year of high school was her junior year, because "you don't have the urge to graduate but are still excited about getting to enter your senior year." Trinity's senior quote is "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." by Dr. Seuss.

Her plans for the future are to attend Northern State University to get a degree in psychology with hopes of becoming a behavioral specialist. She would like to be remembered as not only a student who always did her best, but more so as a genuine person who didn't care what others thought of her. Someone who gave everyone the time of day and made everyone feel as though they were a person. She hopes in the future we all, adults and children alike, learn to be more understanding of each other. Having the elementary (and dental) experience she had growing up made her realize that there are things about everyone that they cannot change, and that saying something mean, rude or inconsiderate isn't beneficial for anyone.



## St. Patrick's Day Riddles!

By: Danielle Kruger

1: How many gold coins can a leprechaun throw into an empty pot?

*One. After that it's no longer empty!*

2: When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato?

*When it's a french fry!*

3: Who's St. Patrick's favorite superhero?

*Green Lantern!*

4: What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

*A rash of good luck!*

5: Where are you guaranteed to find gold on St. Patrick's Day?

*In the dictionary!*



The last few weeks have been busy at LPHS. With "Read Across America" week last week, many students took part in "Reading Buddies" time. Last weekend, Case Carlson Had the opportunity to perform in the MS All-State Band! This past Monday, the Lake Preston show choir and band performed their "Pops Concert."



### A look into the week ahead..

March 17th:

- Softball practice begins
- Cookie dough sales begin
- Tri-Valley CDE

March 18th:

- MS Honor Band at SDSU

March 20th:

- 4th grade Wax Museum
- Butterbraids delivered
- No Kids First

March 21st:

- No SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- State BBB in Aberdeen

March 14th-15th:

- State BBB in Aberdeen

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**Seniors:** Trinity Pirlet  
**Juniors:** Hadlee Holt, Lorick Pirlet, Lucas Unruh  
**Sophomores:** Gilda Larson, Kirsten Long  
**Freshmen:** Danielle Kruger  
**8th Grade:** Kinley Root  
**7th Grade:** Lincoln Scheel

**"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."**

**-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

# De Smet

## MENUS

### 60s-plus menu

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13:** Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, etc., Fruit, Dessert, Bun

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14:** Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert, Bread

**MONDAY, MARCH 17:** Corned Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Fruit, Bun

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:** Meat Sandwich/Bun, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert

### De Smet School District

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13:** Pulled Pork/Bun, Broccoli, Peach Slices, Birthday Cake

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14:** No School

**MONDAY, MARCH 17:** No School

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** Chicken, Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes, Pear Slices, Dinner Bun

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:** Hamburger Noodle Hotdish, Peas, Peaches, Bread

## EDUCATION

# Engaging the youth in reading

BY AMY HALVERSON  
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet School District celebrated Read Across America March 3-7 with Dr. Seuss.

Read Across America Week is an annual event dedicated to promoting the joy and importance of reading among students of all ages by the National Education Association.

The De Smet School held dress-up days during the week.

- Monday: "If I Ran a Zoo" – camouflage or animal print clothing
- Tuesday: "Cat in the Hat" – a favorite hat
- Wednesday: "Wacky Wednesday" – mixed-up or backwards clothing and crazy hair
- Thursday: "Oh! The Places You'll Go!" – a shirt from a favorite place to go or have been to
- Friday: "Fox in Socks" – mismatched or crazy, silly socks

On Monday, the kindergarten classes kicked off the week by sampling green eggs and ham.

The preschool celebrated by building "Cat in the Hat" towers, stacking red solo cups.

On Thursday, students were invited to bring their favoring "thing" to school; they also enjoyed Donuts with Grownups.

The school hosted mystery readers who visited different classrooms throughout the week.



Mrs. Jeffrey's kindergarten class shows off their favorite "things." (Submitted Photo)



Green eggs and ham were served up to celebrate Read Across America Week. (Submitted Photo)



## Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library

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Thursday & Friday;  
12:30 - 5p.m.,  
Wednesday 12:30- 6 p.m.

## Library Lore

### Battle Mountain by C.J. Box

Wyoming Gov. Spencer Rulon has a problem. His son-in-law hired a guide, disappeared into the Sierra Madre Mountain range to hunt elk, and hasn't been heard from since. Government military leaders have gathered for a secret meeting at a remote Wyoming resort near the elk hunting grounds. Meanwhile, outlaw falconer Nate Romanowski is trying to track down Alex Soledad, the violent criminal who killed Nate's wife. Soledad has covertly recruited a small army of terrorists to attack the secret meeting. Gov. Rulon turns to game warden Joe Pickett to find his missing son-in-law. Unbeknownst to the cast of characters, they are on a collision course that will take them to a surprising conclusion at Battle Mountain.

### Three Days in June by Anne Tyler

Mother of the bride Gail Baines is having a difficult three days. She quits her job after being passed over for a promotion, she's feeling a bit left out of the wedding plans, and then her ex shows up on her doorstep with a foster cat, no suit and no place to stay. Daughter Debbie drops a bomb when she shares an intimate detail with her parents that makes them question whether the wedding should still go on. Join Gail as she navigates the difficult and heartwarming days before and after her daughter's wedding.

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## SENIOR FEATURE: ALYSSA ASLESON

### Determined, honest and amazing

Alyssa Jean Asleson, daughter of Barb and Shon Asleson, has an older brother Kyler and a younger sister Avery. As a child, Alyssa dreamed of becoming an elementary-school teacher. One of her favorite childhood memories is playing Barbies with her friend Mirra every day.

During quarantine, she and Mirra spent hours playing Minecraft on her brother's Xbox, creating some of her favorite junior-high memories. Alyssa's most treasured possession is her baby blanket, which she has slept with every night since she was a baby.

One of Alyssa's biggest accomplishments is working hard in school and earning good grades. Her favorite class was advanced biology, where she enjoyed learning about the body's parts and systems.

Alyssa describes herself as determined, honest and amazing. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends, reading and shopping.

If Alyssa could make one wish, it would be for 2 million dollars. If given the chance to travel anywhere, she would choose Hawaii, calling it her dream vacation because of its beauty. Three things on her bucket list include visiting Hawaii, getting a Ford Bronco and attending a concert by one of her



favorite artists.

Alyssa's favorite food is any type of pasta, and her go-to snacks are Peachie O's, Cheez-Its and Alanis. Throughout high school, Alyssa has been actively involved in basketball, volleyball, cross country, track, FCCLA, NHS and FCA. After graduation, she will miss playing sports with her teammates the most.

Alyssa plans to attend Lake Area Technical College for dental hygiene.

**DAYS GONE BY**

# 2000: County officials and employees threatened

**10 YEARS AGO**

March 11, 2015

The De Smet Lady Bulldogs meet the Jones County Lady Coyotes at 1:45 p.m. Thursday in first-round play of the South Dakota State B Basketball Tournament at the Huron Arena.

**25 YEARS AGO**

March 11, 2000

“We are disclosing that we are currently investigating threats directed to the attention of the Kingsbury County Commissioners. The communication received to date is that serious criminal action will result if commissioners don’t remove current weight restrictions on the road into and out of Oldham,” Kingsbury County State’s Attorney **Todd Wilkinson** said, in a tersely worded statement.

Wilkinson declined to reveal how or when the threat was received, because of the ongoing investigation. He said it was received at the courthouse.

**Desa Rae Doyle**, representing Dakota State University of Madison, won the NAIA Indoor Track high jump at Lincoln, Neb.

**55 YEARS AGO**

March 12, 1970

The combination of **Tom Duffy and Gerald “Red” Bickett** of Oldham vicinity are known throughout the state of South Dakota for their skill in officiating basketball and football games. The two men are not newcomers; they have been at it for years. Asked how the former Dragon stars keep it up, Duffy replied that they keep in shape doing farm work all day.

The pair have worked over 100



**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: Local referees Tom Duffy and Gerald “Red” Bickett pictured after a recent game in De Smet.**

games this basketball season. They will be working the State “B” starting today.

**Lee Bjorkman**, another Oldham vicinity farmer, will also be at the State “B” tournament as an official.

**VITAL STATISTICS:** Births – Girl, **Melinda Jane**, Feb. 1, **Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson**, Erwin; Boy, **John Dale**, Feb. 20, **Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schmidt**, Willow Lake; Girl, **Connie Sue**, Feb. 20, **Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Peterson**, Arlington; Boy, **Kelly Lee**, Feb. 16, **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cover**, Oldham; Girl, **Lorna Marie**, Feb. 25, **Mr. and Mrs. Jean Saboe**, Willow Lake; Boy, **Jon Charles**, Feb. 22, **Mr. and Mrs. John Albrecht**, De Smet.

**75 YEARS AGO**

March 9, 1950

Enjoying the bright sun and warmth of a spring-like day, folks of this area could but smile over the weather reports. A blizzard for the following day.

When they awoke to a chill wind

and traces of snow on the ground Tuesday morning there was likely little thought that it could be more than the fringe or end of the storm that had been reported sweeping in from Montana. There was but a trace of snow, and that would not make a storm.

By mid-morning the wind had increased to howling ferocity, and the snow increased with it to occasionally fill the air. At noon visibility was at times limited to a half block or even less, and it became steadily worse in the early afternoon.

Official reports from weather stations gave wind velocities up to 75 miles an hour in this part of the state, and no one was ready to challenge such a figure here, at least at the most gusty moments.

The local school was closed early in the afternoon and arrangements made to deliver the smaller children to the homes.

Casualties of the wind included the Belzer blacksmith shop, the former Kellar shop. The second floor of the huge old wooden structure was taken off, falling into the street to the east and south. It left a yawning hole.

The fourth and fifth graders were thrilled last week to receive valentines from their former classmates, **Mary Ellen and Margaret Ann Glover**, who are now living in Japan.

Eighth Grade: **Lyle Gehm** brought a small motor to use for experimental purposes in science class. This created a great deal of interest for the pupils.

The Spirit Lake Township spelling contest was held Friday at the Van-

Hook School. The winners included: Fourth grade – First, **Delores Wolkow**; Second, **Gerin Paulson**; Third, **Arlea Johnson**. Eighth grade – First, **Marion Nordlund**; Second, **Marjean Paulson**; Third, **Keith Larson**.

**Merwyn Leckey** came from State College Brookings to spend Saturday at the **Albert Nordlund** home. He came by plane and landed in their field nearby.

**85 YEARS AGO**

February 29, 1940

A daughter, **Sharon Jane**, was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schultz** at their home Thursday.

Yale High School won the district tournament over the Bulldogs – first tournament held in De Smet – third title in seven years for the Trojans.

**115 YEARS AGO**

February 25, 1910

**F. M. Andrews** purchased a touring car of Robinson Co. and will be prepared to enjoy himself when the roads are fit in the spring.

**135 YEARS AGO**

February 22, 1890 (*De Smet Leader*)

At a recent meeting of the Alliance, a committee was named to wait upon the merchants of De Smet and ascertain who would sell goods at the smallest percent above cost. On the day appointed to receive bids, none were handed in. It is intimated that if an arrangement of this kind is not made, farmers will send away for their goods. The Leader believes this would be a great mistake for the farmers to make.



De Smet students who participated in the one-act play included Payton Botkin, Samuel Gigov, Mirra Beck, Neva Clubb, Eli Hubbard, Jen Davis, Sophia Gigov, Karlie Stofferahn, Bella Ward, Catelyn Stuart, Rebekah Stuart, Lyla Schoenfelder, Lanie Hubbard, Addie Weerts, Alaina Albrecht, Hadley Starnes, Lily Cleveland, Layla Crowe, Kali Dirck, Kyla Tigert-Williams, Abner Rivera and Grant Griffin.

They presented “The Election” by Jonathan Turner Smith about an electoral debate for high-school student body president, where eight stereotypical candidates come together to create a food fund for underprivileged youth at the school.

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# 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, MARCH 13:** Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Carrots, Fruit, Bread

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14:** Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Peas, Fruit, Bread

**MONDAY, MARCH 17:** Closed

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** Tater Tot Hotdish, Green Beans, Bread

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:** Chili, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Fruit, Crackers

### Lake Preston School

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13:** Pepperoni Pizza, Carrots, Pears

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14:** No School

**MONDAY, MARCH 17:** French Toast Sticks, Emoji Waffle, Omelet, Pears

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Peas, Pineapple, Garlic Toast

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19:** Taco Pizza Bites, Corn, Pears

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

# Fun, decorations, special guests & more

BY CORRIE WALTER  
Kingsbury Journal

Walking the halls of the Lake Preston School this past week felt like a stroll through the many famous Dr. Seuss books. The school, along with many others, celebrated Read Across America Week March 2-6, making this week fun for all students.

When students first entered the building, they were greeted with doors and walls decorated like Dr. Seuss books. Doors featured “The Lorax,” “Cat in the Hat,” “Thing One and Thing Two,” “Green Eggs and Ham,” “The Grinch” and “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish,” to name a few. One wall was decorated with “The Sneetches,” and another was covered in socks, representing the book “Fox in Socks.”

The students also took part in dress-up days. On Monday, they celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday and dressed in red, white and black. Tuesday was “Cat in the Hat” day; students were allowed to wear hats to school. Wednesday was “Wacky Wednesday,” with students showing up in mismatched clothes and shoes and crazy hair styles. On Thursday, the students wore crazy socks to celebrate “Fox in Socks,” and Friday was “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!” day. Students dressed as their future selves or in college wear.

On Tuesday, students in kindergarten through 12th grade took part in Book Buddies. High school and middle school students were paired up with elementary students, and the younger students read to the older students.

Bentlee Holt, an eighth grader, enjoyed listening to the younger students read. She was paired up with a third grader, and they read a comic book.

“I enjoyed listening to the younger kids read and getting to know some of the elementary students better,” Holt said.

Some of the elementary classes did extra activities throughout the week.



The fourth grade posed in front of the Dr. Seuss photo booth set up at the school. (Submitted Photo)

The preschool class read the book “Cat in the Hat” and then made their own “Cat in the Hat” mask to wear. They also made “Thing One” with blue paint and forks to make crazy hair. For “Fox in Socks” day, the preschool made their own fox, and all wore crazy socks.

Business manager Kristi Curd was a guest reader for the preschool and kindergarten classes, reading Dr. Seuss books to them.

Fourth graders took part in Dr. Seuss trivia. Posters around the school had riddles that students had to figure out. McKenna Kryer, the fourth grade teacher, also played some Dr. Seuss read-aloud videos for the students at the end of the day.

The third, fourth and fifth graders also had a guest reader, Steve Strande, who joined them at school.

The students enjoyed Celebrate Dr. Seuss Week and Read Across America.

Ellie Erstad, a first grader, enjoyed

reading with the older girls. Maggie McDaniel, a kindergartner, enjoyed dressing up and getting her picture taken every day. Fourth grader Sage Smith liked celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday and all the activities during the week. Tyson Buer, who is in fifth grade, also liked the dress up days.

“They were a lot of fun,” said Buer.

To end the week, the art club announced winners of the door and hallway decorations. Art Club president Ella Wienk awarded first place in teacher-made doors to Mrs. Brown for her door decorated with “Thing One and Thing Two, Music is Our Thing,” and Michelle Kooima received second place with her wall decorated as the book “If I Ran a Zoo,” using all the teachers as animals.

Students also decorated school doors. Mrs. Kaufman’s door won the student-decorated door, featuring “The Lorax.” The third grade door placed second, decorated with characters from several different popular Dr. Seuss books.

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## IROQUOIS SENIOR FEATURE: SHELBY PEKRON

### Excited to do something she is passionate about

Shelby Pekron, daughter of Trisha and Jason Pekron, has been involved in FCA, FFA, IPAT, basketball cheer, National Honor Society, choir, IClub, show choir, HOSA, cross country, drama, track and football statistician.

Outside school, Shelby enjoys reading, traveling, working at an assisted living and being around friends and family.

Shelby’s favorite memory from high school is going to the Fagen Fighters Museum with her class. She will miss seeing the people. In the next chapter of her life, Shelby is excited to do something that she is passionate about. Her advice to underclassmen is “Nothing is ever that serious.”

After graduation, Shelby plans to attend Lake Area Technical College to major in childhood development



## Lake Preston Housing Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for Lake Preston Housing will be held on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the 16-plex community room.

**Tuesday, March 25 . 6:00 p.m.**  
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LOOKING BACK

# 1925: Can't keep a good, productive country down

**10 YEARS AGO**  
March 11, 2015

The temperature on Tuesday warmed to almost 60 degrees by noon and is predicted to rise even higher by the end of the week. The warm weather is a large contrast to what we had the last two weeks when the town received a heap of snow along with a blizzard warning.

The Lake Preston junior high boys basketball team finished their season Feb. 21 with a 10-8 record after finishing third at the Hamlin tournament.

"I think these boys played extremely well as a team this year," said coach **Dana Felderman**. "Having only three eighth graders, we had some seventh-grade players really step up and contribute. We competed against bigger schools and did so with minimal numbers at a time."

A celebration will be held March 22 in Erwin to honor **Ruth Severson** on her 100th birthday.

**Lydia Nelson and Keith Newman**, both of Rapid City, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Parents of the couple are **Ron and Cathy K. Nelson** and **George and Jan Newman** of Watertown. A June 6 wedding is planned.

A son, **Sage Alan**, was born Feb. 7 to **Jake and Codi Smith**. Grandparents are **Del and Mary Smith** and **Mike and Lori Albrecht** of Mc Cook Lake.

The fourth- through sixth-grade boys basketball team won first place at a tournament at Hamlin Education Center by beating Watertown, Hamlin and Deuel. The team is coached by **Tanya Bumann**.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
March 9, 2000

Voters will decide next week on a bond issue to fund a Main Avenue improvement project in Lake Preston. Most of those who spoke at the public hearing last week said they favor the



**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: Kindergarten teacher Liz McGuire and her students took time out to read during the Read Across America celebration last week. The observance also celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss, so students from K-12 took a reading break on March 2 during third period.**

nearly \$740,000 project as long as the city's portion of expenses is collected through an increase of only 49 cents a month through water bills rather than through property taxes.

The outline of the project is to replace water and sewer lines, provide curb and gutter and resurface Main Avenue from Highway 14 to the railroad tracks north of Fourth Street.

**Mark Swenson**, the son of **Milton and Vernie Swenson**, was among 15 business professionals honored at Vision 2000-Sales Rally of the Stars held Feb. 29 in Sioux Falls. Swenson received a distinguished sales and marketing award for his accomplishments.

Mark is vice president/marketing manager of Home Federal Savings Bank. He was selected for exemplary sales performance and his devotion and care for customers.

**Alan and Deb Vedvei** were honored as the 2000 American International Charolais Association Seedstock Producers of the year during the annual membership meeting in Houston, Texas.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
March 13, 1975

The new athletic field got a big boost last Tuesday night when the Northwestern Bank held a benefit basketball game that featured the faculty versus the Jaycees. **Keith Goodhope** of the bank presented a check for \$500 to **Don Stevens**, Chairman of the Athletic Boosters, heading the field promotion.

**Mrs. Keith Hesby**, president of the Hetland American Legion Auxiliary, has been chosen by the chapter as "Farmerette of the Year 1975." Her name has been entered in the district competition for selection of State Farmerette.

Four open horse shows will be held in Lake Preston this summer, following action taken Wednesday night by the Bit & Spur Saddle Club. The annual trail ride will be held on Aug. 16, the day before the last show. This will continue the tradition of a two-day trail ride and horse show weekend, climaxing the summer season.

**Vickie Lolling Wilde**, a senior at St.

John's School of Nursing in Huron, was selected as their candidate for state student nurse honors to be held during the nurses' state convention.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
March 9, 1950

One of the worst blizzards in the recent history of this area struck suddenly last Tuesday morning, riding in on a wind from the northwest; gusts reached a velocity of 60-80 miles per hour.

Fourteen students from Lake Preston High School and **Mrs. Ida A. Alseth**, faculty member, sought refuge at a filling station in Iroquois until the storm abated. They were forced to discontinue their trip to Huron to attend a special showing of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

They, together with two Lake Preston Co-op Creamery truckers **Al Boeder and Frank Winsor**, also caught in the storm, were forced to remain there until morning.

Another carload of students with **Frank Kazmerzak** as driver took cover at the **David Patterson** home but were able to return by evening.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
March 12, 1925

A glance at the 100 automobiles parked on the business streets of Lake Preston last Saturday evening was enough to convince people that normal times are coming back. Anywhere from 25-50% of the cars were new or at least under one year of age. You can't keep a good, productive country down any more than you can keep a good man down.

March is cleanup month for trash, sticks, tin cans and more that accumulate around the yard during winter. It is also a good time to paint and repair screens before yard and garden work starts. All tools can be cleaned and repaired, and lawn furniture and trellises can be given a fresh coat of paint.

## Congratulations on your season, Lake Preston & Iroquois One Act Play Cast & Crew



The Lake Preston's One-Act performance of "Note to Self" earned an ensemble award given to the entire cast and the award for Superior Play.

Lake Preston students involved in the one-act play included seniors Amelia Holland, Trinity Pirlet, Benny Wuestewald; juniors Maci Holland, Lorick Pirlet, Lucas Unruh, Ella Wienk; sophomores Gilda Larson, Kirsten Long, Tade Menzel, Konner Nuzum, Josslyn O'Dea and freshmen Danielle Kruger and Mary Unruh. Sophomore Callie Odegaard and freshman Chloe Dampier made up the crew.



Iroquois High School students also competed at the Region 5B One-Act Play Competition with their performance of the drama "Me, My Monsters and I," directed by Karen Bohlander.

Cast and crew members were Skyla Harris, above left in photo, Natalie Cundy, Mona Nickoli, Tabitha Rose, Emma Eckmann, Chenoa Harris, Kara Camin, Airabella Deysel, Avah Newman, Madi Burma, Shelby Pekron and Mariya Conyers.

Those who earned Outstanding Performer awards were Airabella Deysel, Mona Nickoli, Madi Burma and Chenoa Harris.

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2024-2025 Officers (pictured above) are Logan Nelson, back left, Gannon Gilligan, Chauncey Driscoll, Breyton Johnson, Remi Efraimson and Kody Rowcliffe. Brooklyn Coughlin, front left, Macailyn Pillar, Tanner Tolzin and Chase Temme.

2024-2025 members: Arabel Aughenbaugh, Daltin Coughlin, Payden Coughlin, Tatymn Driscoll, Jaidynn Giedd, Winchester Temme, Rogan Albrecht, Samule Crowe, Cutler Davis, Juan Gutierrez Matias, Karlie Stofferan, Gatlin Wienk, Owen Anderson, Gabriel Aughenbaugh, Remi Efraimson, Adalyn Gross, Xander Hendrickson, Jael Koistinen, Ethan Palmlund, Kody Rowcliffe, Trace Rowcliffe, Katlynn Rydbom, Donovan Sandven, Liam St. Sauver, Gavin Temme, Coy Van Regenmorter, Carter Wilkinson, Cody Zell, Lane Albrecht, RJ Cleveland, Brooklyn Coughlin, Chauncey Driscoll, Brody Halverson, Blake Jennings, Breyten Johnson, Logan Nielsen, Macailyn Pillar, Isaiah Roth, Danny Sudenga, Chase Temme, Grant Wilkinson, Slayten Wilkinson, Gannon Gilligan, Tanner Tolzin

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# Always save room for pie

READERS OF "FARMER BOY" know that food was aplenty, and the ravenous young Almanzo Wilder could consume whatever was set in front of him and still have room for a slice of pie or two.

The contrast of the Wilder family's apparent abundance with the more hardscrabble Ingalls family was always interesting to me, but Almanzo's appetite was even more intriguing.

While recently doing some research, I was reminded of the trip Laura and Almanzo took in June of 1931 to attend De Smet's annual Old Settlers Day celebration. Afterward, they continued west to visit Carrie in the Black Hills.

The Black Hills is one of my favorite places to hike; it was fun to read about their drive along the Needles Highway, and how they watched the carvers work on George Washington's face at the evolving Mount Rushmore.

What most caught my attention, though, was their visit to the Sylvan Lake Resort, where Almanzo, Laura and Carrie stopped to have lunch.

The resort the trio visited is long gone, replaced by another farther from the lake shore. The modern lakeside trail goes right through that original resort location, and when walking the trail, I always think about what it must have been like to visit "back in the day."

That is what the Wilders did during their June 22, 1931, visit. Laura kept a travel diary during the trip, and it made me smile as I read her recitation of their lunch.

"Had noon dinner, a fruit salad, mountain trout, mashed potatoes, new beets, lettuce and tomato salad,



## LAURA'S CORNER CINDY WILSON

hot rolls with sweet butter and wild honey; for dessert Manly had pie, the rest of us ice cream. The coffee was simply delicious. Carrie was horrified at the expense, but would you believe it was only .75 each! The service was good, too."

Records indicate Wilder began writing "Farmer Boy" in the autumn of 1931, just a few months after this trip. That timing made me wonder whether the recitation of their Sylvan Lake lunch in June had eventually spurred the descriptions of young Almanzo's exuberant dinners as they evolved in "Farmer Boy," which frequently included pie.

Finding connections between various events has always been fun for me, and the same was true as I re-read this travel diary of the Wilders' exploration of the Black Hills. There are consequences for this, however, for some reason, I've really, really been wanting a piece of blueberry pie!

*Cindy Wilson is author of the award-winning books "The Beautiful Snow: The Ingalls Family, the Railroads, and the Hard Winter of 1880-81" and "We Suffered Much: Charles Wood Irish and the Dakota Territory Railroad Survey of 1879-1881." "We Suffered Much" puts context on why the Ingalls family left Minnesota and came to De Smet.*

# Classifieds

## REAL ESTATE

**LOOKING TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AND HOUSES** in and around De Smet. If you have property to sell contact Victoria Albrecht (605) 203-1101.

## AUCTION

INTERSTATE AUCTION CENTER. March 22, 10:00am. Spring consignment auction. Clean farm and ranch equipment. 3 miles east of SF, exit 402, Brandon, SD. Full listing: auctionzip.com, 605-331-4550

## LAND

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**CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT** in Custer, SD, has teaching vacancies: Special Education, 8-12 Art, K-8 Music, Agricultural Science. Apply online csd.k12.sd.us. Salary DOE. Until filled. 605-673-3154.

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is accepting applications for the following summer position:

### Pool Manager

- Needs to be certified
- Preferred but not necessary- Water safety instructor (WSI) training.
- Manages and supervises pool procedures.
- Scheduling of lifeguards and swimming lessons.
- Monday-Friday day shift schedule.
- Applicants must be 16 years of age & older.

### Lifeguards

- Must have water safety instructor (WSI) training and/or
- Lifeguard certification
- Applicants must be 15 years of age & older

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# Public Notices

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
**\*\*UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES\*\***  
**DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**MARCH 4, 2025**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 8:30 AM in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Kyle Lee, Corey Lundquist, Steve Spilde and Troy Nelson present. Chairman Lee presided.

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

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

**APPROVE AGENDA**  
 Chairman Lee asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, requested to add an executive session for contract negotiations for Natalie Remund, Human Resource Consultant.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the agenda with said addition. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**  
 Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of February 18, 2025. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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

**APPROVE CLAIMS**  
 Motion by Nelson and seconded by Lundquist 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.  
 ANDERSON-CRANE RUBBER COMPANY 452.40 HWY SUPPLIES, APPEARA 81.18 HWY SUPPLIES, BADGER OIL COMPANY 2954.84 HWY FUEL & UTILITIES, CINDY BAU 60.00 UTILITIES, BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFF 8110.00 PRISONER CARE, BROOKINGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFF 1140.00 PRISONER CARE, BROOKINGS ENGRAVING 80.00 SUPPLIES, JEFF BURNS 2618.24 COURT APPOINTED ATT FEES, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 2363.29 HWY SUPPLIES & REP, CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES 9423.17 SHERIFF EQUIP, BRIAN CHRISTENSEN 94.84 WEED & PEST MEETING, CITY OF DESMET 208.52 UTILITIES, COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES 15000.00 PROFESSIONAL SERV, COWBOY COUNTRY STORE-DESMET 32.53 FUEL, CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC 638.78 DARE SUPPLIES, DAKOTA RIGGERS & TOOL SUPPLY 78.75 HWY SUPPLIES, DE SMET WELDING 60.83 HWY REPAIRS, WENDY DENISON 300.00 4-H CLEANING, DESMET FLOWERS 37.17 SUPPLIES, GREG DUFFY 92.16 WEED & PEST MEETING, TANYA FLEGEL 164.82 WEED BOARD TRV, MATTHEW FURNESS 60.67 WEED & PEST MEETING, MATTHEW FURNESS 322.23 CONFERENCE TRV, ANTHONY HALVERSON 50.00 CORONER, TIM

HOGAN 936.49 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEE, HURON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER 6669.38 PRISONER CARE MED, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON 50.00 CORONER, JOE JENSEN 281.40 P & Z TRV REIMB, KINGSBURY CONSERVATION DIST 10000.00 CONTRIBUTION 2025, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 137.71 HWY REPAIRS, LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL 450.00 BMI, LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 241.28 HWY SUPPLIES, MIDWAY SERVICE DBA VOLLAN OIL 816.72 HWY SUPPLIES, MJ DUNN COMPANY 916.37 HWY SUPPLIES, MULTI BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC 2915.00 PROF SERV, NANCY MIKLOS 300.00 PRISONER CARE, EASTLINE SUPPLY 98.22 HWY SUPPLIES, NIMBLE WASH, LLC 70.63 MAINTENANCE, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 404.84 HWY SUPPLIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 40.02 REPAIRS, OFFICE PEEPS INC 409.33 SUPPLIES, RYAN OLSON 82.78 WEED & PEST MEETING, RYAN OLSON 172.95 WEED BOARD TRV, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 113.80 REPAIRS, SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY 40.00 PRO SERVICES, QUILL 94.65 SUPPLIES, RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CEN 109.00 TRAVEL, RFD NEWS GROUP 730.16 PUBLISHINGS, RICK RIBSTEIN 2063.25 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEE, ROBERTS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 3983.93 PRISONER CARE, RUNNING SUPPLY INC. 62.77 HWY SUPPLIES, SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY 260.00 HWY SUPPLIES, SD ASSOC COUNTY HIGHWAY 150.00 HWY TRAVEL, SDACO 125.00 TRES TRAV 2025 CONF, SPENCER QUARRIES/ 16884.03 HWY SEALING, STEVE STRANDE 411.12 CORONER/SUPPLIES, ANTHONY J. TEESDALE 192.30 CT APPT ATTORNEY FEES, TRANSOURCE 9421.31 HWY SUPPLIES/REPAIRS, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 37.06 HWY SUPPLIES, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC. 2235.00 REPAIRS, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 4267.77 PROF SERV, US POSTAL SERVICE 117.00 POSTAGE, VERIZON 429.86 UTILITIES, VISA 2449.24 SUPPLIES, EQUIP, REPAIRS, ROGER WALLS 76.08 WEED & PEST MEETING, WARNE APPLIANCE & VIDEO 799.00 EQUIPMENT, ERLAND WEERTS 86.80 WEED & PEST MEETING, YESIKA MUNOZ 223.70 COURT INTERPRETOR, ZELL MANUFACTURING 2177.10 HWY SUPPLIES/REPAIRS,

**END OF MONTH**  
 COURTHOUSE SALARIES \$74,882.86  
 HIGHWAY SALARIES 32,347.56

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**  
 Wellmark Health Plan 45,245.37  
 IBC 6,758.45  
 AFLAC 1,299.12  
 AFLAC 337.18  
 Reliance Life Insurance 397.84  
 Reliance Matrix Dental 2,029.88  
 Reliance Matrix Vision 288.08  
 SD Retirement Supplement Pretax 612.00  
 SD Retirement System 16,923.42  
 SD Retirement Supplement 565.00  
 AFSCME 288.36  
 Kingsbury County 31,212.99

**OFFICE REPORTS**  
 The Register of Deeds, Sheriff's and Director of Equalization's Reports of Fees Collected during the month of February 2025 were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson that the Auditor's report with the Treasurer as of the close of business February 28, 2025, be accepted as follows. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cash on Hand \$1,690.22  
 Checks in Treas. Possession less than 3 days 28,187.56  
 Credit Card 4,400.18  
 Demand Deposits 371,171.90  
 Savings Account 3,344,088.51  
 Revolving Loan Fund 124,174.27  
 Big Ditch MM 361,044.98

Time Deposits 1,657,523.80  
 TOTAL \$5,892,281.42

**BREAKDOWN OF MONEY BY FUNDS**  
 County General Fund \$2,849,574.99  
 Special Revenue Funds (Road & Bridge, E911 Fund CH Bldg, Revolving Loan, Emergency Management, Domestic Abuse Funds 24/7 & M&P Fund American Rescue, Rural Infrastructure) 2,308,370.55  
 Drainage Ditch #4 164,561.69  
 Drainage Ditch Debt Service Cash 13,436.95  
 Amount held for School Dist. 210,063.99  
 Amount held for Townships 26,716.41  
 Amount held for Cities 28,027.99  
 Amount held for East Dakota Water Dist. 993.99  
 State Remittance 150,978.62  
 Amount held for others 139,556.24  
 TOTAL \$5,892,281.42

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

**TREASURER**  
 Michelle Longville, Treasurer, met with the Board to request travel approval for the New Officials Workshop April 9- 10, 2025 in Pierre, SD.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to approve travel for the Treasurer to Pierre, SD for the New Officials Workshop April 9-10, 2025. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR**  
 Echo Steffensen, Auditor, requested travel approval for herself, the Treasurer and the Register of Deeds to Brookings, SD April 2, 2025, for the Sioux Valley Commission meeting.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve for the Auditor, Treasurer and Register of Deeds to Brookings, SD for the Sioux Valley Commission meeting April 2, 2025. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE**  
 Lonnie Palmlund, Building and Grounds Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss maintenance matters.

Palmlund requested approval to purchase an IPAD Pro for \$1,451.00 for his use with the HVAC system and the upcoming TimeClock system. The Board tabled the matter until the March 18, 2025 meeting.

**AUDITOR**  
 Steffensen, provided updates to the Board on the progress with the TimeClock system and unassigned county funds.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION**  
 Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, informed the Board they would be interviewing for the part-time temporary position in her office this week and requested approval to offer the position if a good candidate is found.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to allow Anderson to offer the position for a part-time temporary position at the rate of \$18.08 per hour upon finding a good candidate. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson shared information with the Board on unofficial growth in Kingsbury County for 2025.

**LAND LEASE AUCTION**

Those present for the auction were Chad Dylla and Blake Koehlmoes.

Chairman Lee read the legal notice and the description of each piece of land being auctioned as follows:

Cropland in SWNE, NENE and NWNE 28-111-56 except three (3) acres located in the N 610' of the W 610' of the NE1/4 thereof (approx. 20.5 acres). The winning bid went to Koehlmoes for \$2,050.00 annually.

NE ¼ 17-111-56 (approximately 100 acres more or less). The winning bid went to Dylla for \$5,000.00 annually.

South five acres more or less of Out Lot 3 in 32-111-56 (hay land south of highway shop on Hwy 14). The winning bid went to Koehlmoos for \$250.00 annually.

**STATES ATTORNEY**  
 Todd Wilkinson, Deputy States Attorney, requested to move into an executive session for possible litigation.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for possible litigation at 9:56 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 10:24 A.M.

**SHERIFF**  
 Steve Strande, Sheriff, met with the Board to request travel approval for the Sheriff's Conference on Sex Offender training May 14- 15, 2025 in Chamberlain, SD.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to approve travel for the Sheriff to Chamberlain, SD for the Sheriff's conference on Sex Offender Training May 14-15, 2025. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Strande requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 10:28 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 10:40 A.M.

**VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER**  
 Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to appoint Louis DuRandt as Kingsbury County Veteran Services Officer. All present voting aye. Motion carries.

Chairman Lee administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Veteran Services Officer – Louis DuRandt.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS/IT**  
 Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds and IT Administrator, met with the Board to request approval to purchase a laptop from Infotech for \$1499.99 and a printer/copier from Office Peeps for \$401.00 for the Veteran Services Officer.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the purchase of a laptop from Infotech for \$1499.99 and a printer/copier from Office Peeps for \$401.00 for the Veteran Services Officer. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Hojer requested to move into an executive session for personnel.

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 Motion by Nelson and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 10:57 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 11:15 A.M.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICER**  
 Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to appoint Corey Lundquist as temporary Planning and Zoning Officer due to the resignation of Joe Jensen. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**  
 Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning at 11:17 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of Planning and Zoning and back into regular session at 11:23 A.M.

**RESOLUTION 2025-5**

Steffensen read the following resolution for the Plat of Leonhardt Family Addition forwarded to the Board by the Planning and Zoning Commission:

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Board met to review the Plat of Leonhardt Family Addition located in the West half (W1/2) of Section 4, T109, R54 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota March 3, 2025; and

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 Leonhardt Family Addition located in the West half (W1/2) of Section 4, T109, R54 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to accept and adopt Resolution 2025-1 and for Chairman Lee to sign the same.

All present voting via roll call. Lee – aye, Nelson – aye, Spilde – aye, and Lundquist – aye. Motion carried.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**  
 Natalie Remund, Human Resource Consultant, met with the Board to discuss updated Highway Department job descriptions. Remund reviewed the changes with the Board.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the updated Highway Department job descriptions. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Remund requested to move into an executive session for possible litigation.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for possible litigation at 11:30 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 12:00 P.M.

Remund requested to move into an executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 12:01 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 1:10 P.M.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kyle Lee, Chairman  
 ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
 Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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**KINGSBURY COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
 \*\*UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES\*\*  
 DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA  
 MARCH 4, 2025**

The Kingsbury County Planning and Zoning Commission met Tuesday March 4, 2025, at 11:17 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde, Corey Lundquist, and Troy Nelson present. Chairman Lundquist presided.

Also, attending via Zoom were Amy Halverson- Kingsbury Journal, Michelle Longville – Treasurer, Tammy Anderson – Director of Equalization, Sheriff Strande and R. Cindy Baue – Emergency Management.

**MINUTES**  
 Motion by Lee and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLAT**  
 The following plat was presented to the Board.

Plat of Leonhardt Family Addition located in the West half (W1/2) of Section 4, T109, R54 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Lundquist informed the Board the Plat meets all standards required and recommended the approval of the Plat.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Nelson that the Plat of Leonhardt Family Addition located in the West half (W1/2) of Section 4, T109, R54 West 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. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Lee to adjourn from Planning and Zoning and return to regular session at 11:23 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Corey Lundquist, Chairman

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**ATTENTION TAXPAYERS:  
 NOTICE OF  
 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE  
 OF \$35,000.00**

**RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT**

THE GOVENING BOARD OF IROQUOIS FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT do state

that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statue. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$35,000.00 starting the calendar year 2025 taxes payable in the calendar year 2026. This opt our will be for 3 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2028. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

Signed  
 James Lynch Board Chairman  
 David Hiebert Board Member  
 Toby Koziolk Board Member  
 Bryson Ensz Board Member  
 Curt Wehlander Board Member

Date 3-3-2025

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**TOWN OF ERWIN  
 UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Bert Anderson on March 3rd, 2025. Roll call was taken, members present were Bert Anderson, Crystal Penn, Matt Anderson and Sherry Bell. Guest was Myrna Knadle.

Penn made a motion and Matt Anderson seconded to approve the agenda. Minutes of the February 2, 2025, meeting were read. Matt Anderson made a motion to approve, and Penn seconded.

Bell read the expenses: Cook’s \$692.64, OTP \$273.08, Dept of Agriculture and Natural Resources \$50.00, Crystal Penn \$100.00 (laptop office), Myrna Knadle \$275.00 (transition help for finance office), Jerry Popkes \$35.00 (Maintenance & supplies), Payroll \$647.69, and Kingbrook Water \$39.00.

Options were discussed on the maintenance buildings repairs.

There were several concerns about stray dogs from the rural area that are running around town.

There being no further business, Matt Anderson made a motion to adjourn, and Penn seconded. The equalization meeting will be held on Monday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall and the next regular meeting for the council will be on Monday April 7th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Sherry Bell  
 Finance Officer

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**CITY OF OLDHAM  
 UNAPPROVED COUNCIL MINUTES  
 MARCH 3, 2025**

Present at the meeting were Collin

Roach, Sandy Smith, Marilou Schaefer, Ryan Sauter, Myron Mohen, Gary Beekman, Holly Bickett, Chandra Waikel, Roger Eide, Gary Krogman, Kaylyn Begnaud

Krogman Called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Chandra Motioned to approve Agenda 2nd by Beekman. Motion Carried.

Begnaud read February Minutes. Motion by Beekman to approve February minutes, 2nd by Bickett. Motion Carried

Motion to approve March bills by Waikel 2nd by Beekman. Motion Carried

Motion to approve February Finances by Waikel; 2nd by Beekman. Motion Carried

Oldham Community Center – Roach brought estimate of downspouts of \$763.64, labor would be volunteered. Motion by Krogman to accept bid for downspouts; 2nd by Eide. Motion Carried

Civil Engineering – Beekman reported meeting to be held within the next month or two to present options to community. Unique ID being reviewed by state still

City Maintenance – No Interest. Motion by Beekman to table City Maintenance advertising. 2nd by Eide. Motion Carried. Requested that Begnaud get quotes from other surrounding papers to discuss at next meeting

Delinquent Bills – Updated council on payments/payment plans. Motion by Bickett that starting June 1st garbage/sewer payments will no longer be accepted at the bank. 2nd by Chandra. Motion Carried. Note to be included in next two months bills that bills will be accepted via mail OR at the dropbox on West side of city building.

Lagoon – Krogman still working on depth meter

Election – Two petitions received; no election will take place.

Tree Bids – Three bids received; Motion by Eide to award bid to Backroads Tree service, Waikel 2nd. Motion Carried

Banking – Motion by Waikel for Kaylyn Begnaud to have online access and access to transfer between accounts 24/7. 2nd by Eide. Motion Carried

Motion by Eide to purchase locked mailbox from Home depot 2nd by Bickett. Motion Carried.

Dehumidifier requested for city hall. Motion to table purchase and get estimates to be presented at April meeting

March Bills  
 Rural Development \$426 Loan;  
 Kaylyn Begnaud \$600.28 Payroll,  
 USPS \$34.25 Postage; Avid Hawk \$200  
 Web design; Cooks Wastepaper \$901  
 Garbage; Alliance Communications \$  
 206 phone/internet; Kingbrook Rural  
 Water \$198.50 water; Northwestern  
 Energy \$1442.97 Natural Gas;  
 Ottetail \$1790.95 Electricity;  
 Continental Western \$8 Insurance;  
 SD Municipal League \$191 Dues;  
 Department of Natural Resources  
 \$50 Dues; American Legal Publishing  
 \$525.00 Publishing; Greywater LLC

# Public Notices

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 \$586.50 Gym Pluming; CAN \$525.00 Bond; Automatic Building Controls \$1228.81 Gym Alarm; Sioux Valley Energy \$60.00 Electric

Equalization meeting March 17th at 7:00

Next meeting April 7th at 7:00  
 Motion by Beekman to adjourn 2nd by Eide. Motion Carried

Kaylyn Begnaud, Finance Officer

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### CITY OF LAKE PRESTON NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Municipal Election to be held on April 8th will close on March 24th. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter information Portal at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov) or call the county auditor at 1-605-854-3832.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov).

Any Voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Brenda Klug  
 Finance Officer

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### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF KINGSBURY IN CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ESTATE OF MARLENE L. DUFFY, DECEASED PRO NO. 25-03

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on February 6, 2025, Gregory Duffy, whose address is 21963 443rd Ave, Oldham South Dakota 57051 was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Marlene L. Duffy. Creditors of Decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

/s/ Gregory Duffy  
 Gregory Duffy  
 Personal Representative  
 Address: 21963 443rd Ave  
 Oldham, SD 57051  
 Tele No. (605) 270-5111

Jennifer Malone  
 Clerk of Courts  
 202 2nd Street SE  
 De Smet, SD 57231  
 Tele. 605-854-3811

Todd D. Wilkinson  
 Wilkinson & Schumacher Law Prof LLC  
 PO Box 29  
 De Smet, SD 57231  
 Tele. No. 605-854-3378  
 Attorney for the Estate of Marlene L. Duffy

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### MATHEWS TOWNSHIP BID NOTICE

Mathews Township is now accepting bids for gravel road maintenance, gravel hauling, snow removal and all other road maintenance for the year 2025-2026 ending May 1st, 2026. Bids will be accepted until 7 p.m. March 25th, 2025. Bids will be opened at 7 p.m. March 25th, 2025, at Bill's Helicopter Service, 21305 HWY 25 South. Mathews Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Garrett Osvog  
 Mathews Township Clerk  
 21504 428th Ave  
 De Smet, SD 57231  
 (605) 860-1110

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### CITY OF DE SMET NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The De Smet Common Council will receive sealed bids for the purchase of: One (1) New 2025 One Ton 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup as per specifications, to be furnished to the City of De Smet.

Bids must be filed at De Smet City Hall, 106 Calumet Avenue, De Smet, South Dakota 57231, on or before 5:00 p.m., on March 17, 2025, at which time all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the City Council at the special city council meeting.

In compliance with statutory requirements, each bid must include a certified check, drawn on a South Dakota Bank, payable to the City of De Smet, in the amount of 5% of the bid, or a bid bond assigned to the City of De Smet, issued by a Surety Company authorized to conduct business in South Dakota, in the amount of 10% of the bid.

Specifications are on file and available at De Smet City Hall, 106 Calumet Avenue SE, De Smet, South Dakota, 57231. Phone 605-854-3731.

Envelopes or containers containing the bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope or container: Bid on 2025 Pickup

A contract may be awarded to the company or firm offering the most advantageous proposition to the City of De Smet. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any defect or informality if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of De Smet.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2025.

Tracey Larson  
 Finance Officer  
 City of De Smet

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### CALL FOR BIDS BADGER TOWNSHIP

Sealed bids will be received at PO Box 12, Badger SD 57214 for the Badger Township on or before March 14th, 2025 for furnishing the following to the said Township. Loading, screening and hauling gravel; Blading; Mowing Road ditches; Spraying road right-of-ways; and snow removal.

Bids will be opened at 45094 200th St on Monday, the 17th of March 2025. A certificate of insurance is required for all bidders.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of any bids, or accept a bid other than the lowest in case it seems advisable to the Board of Supervisors of Badger Township.

Dated at Arlington SD this 24th Day of February 2025.

Signed Clerk of Badger Township  
 Mark Jensen  
 PO Box 12,  
 Badger, SD 57214

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### BADGER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Badger Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at Mark Jensen's in said jurisdiction on Monday, the 17th day of March 2025 (being the 3rd Monday in march) for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the Assessments of said district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to file a Written notice of appeal with the Badger Township, PO Box 12, Badger SD 57214 no Later than March 13th, 2025.

Mark Jensen  
 Badger Township Clerk

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### BAKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing body, sitting as a review board of Baker Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at The Lake Preston Community room in said taxing jurisdiction, March 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessments of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk of the local Board in writing no later than March 13th, 2025.

Drew Casper  
 Baker Township Clerk  
 21144 441st Ave  
 Lake Preston, SD 57249

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### FOR SALE: CITY OF DE SMET IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SALE:

1 – 1988 Chevy Fire Truck with fire apparatus  
 Approximately 3,090 miles  
 Sealed bids will be received by De Smet City Council until 5:00 PM on March 17, 2025. Submit bid for the Fire Truck in a sealed envelopes and mark "Fire Truck" on outside of envelope. Bid must include name, mailing address, and phone number of bidder. Mail bids to City of De Smet, PO Drawer 70, De Smet, SD 57231, or deliver to De Smet City Hall, 106 Calumet Avenue, De Smet, SD. For additional information, phone 605-854-3731. City of De Smet reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### DE SMET TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of De Smet Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the De Smet Legion Hall on Monday, March 17th, 2025, (being the third Monday in March), at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing And correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk in writing (postmarked is considered timely) no later than March 13th, 2025.

Tammy Dobson  
 De Smet Township Clerk  
 20380 434th Ave  
 De Smet, SD 57231

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### CITY OF OLDHAM NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

Notice is hereby given that the Governing body, sitting as a review board of equalization for Oldham Municipality, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the City offices, 108 S Lillie Ave, Oldham, SD in said jurisdiction on Monday, March 17th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk in writing no later than March 13th, 2025, of their intention to appeal their assessment.

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**TOWN OF BANCROFT  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of the Town of Bancroft, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the Craig Purinton residence in said taxing jurisdiction at 7:00 p.m. on Monday the 17th day of March, 2025 (being the third Monday in March), for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessments of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk of local board in writing (postmarked is considered timely) no later than March 13th, 2025.

Mary Purinton  
Town of Bancroft Clerk  
301 Main Ave,  
Bancroft, SD 57353

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**TOWN OF ERWIN  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Town of Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the Legion Hall at 6:00 p.m. in said jurisdiction on Monday, the 17th day of March 2025 (being the 3rd Monday in March) for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the Assessments of said district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to file a written notice of appeal with the Town of Erwin, 100 Main St, Erwin, SD 57233 no later that March 13th, 2025.

Sherry Bell  
Finance Officer  
100 Main St  
Erwin, SD 57233

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**WHITEWOOD TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING OF  
LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Whitewood Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at Evan Jensen's in said taxing jurisdiction on Monday the 17th day of March (being the third Monday in March), for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are to notify the clerk of the local board in writing no later than March 13th, 2025.

Evan Jensen

Whitewood Township Clerk  
44456 215th St  
Oldham, SD 57051

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**HARTLAND TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of Hartland Township, Kingsbury County, S.D., will meet at The Erwin Legion Hall in said taxing Jurisdiction at 8 p.m. on Monday, the 17th day of March 2025 (being the Third Monday in March), for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves Aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk of the local board in writing no later that March 13th, 2025.

Bryan Carstensen  
Hartland Township Clerk  
19626 436th Avenue  
Bryant, SD 57221

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**IROQUOIS TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING OF  
LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of Iroquois Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the Iroquois Fire Hall in said taxing jurisdiction on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the Administrator of the local board in writing by March 14th, 2025. Appeals should be mailed to:  
John Madison  
20668 406th Ave,  
Huron, SD 57350.

John Madison  
Iroquois Township Administrator

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**HARTLAND TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received at the home of the undersigned clerk, Hartland Township, before Friday, March 14th, 2025. Include bids for all general roadwork, including construction materials of screened gravel and crushed gravel and oversize. A certificate of insurance must accompany all bids. Before Bidding, contact clerk for bid specifications. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on March 17th, 2025, at the Erwin Legion Hall.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid other than the lowest bid.

Send bids to Bryan Carstensen  
Hartland Township Clerk

19626 436th Ave  
Bryant, SD 57221

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**ESMOND TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING OF  
LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of Esmond Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at Esmond Township Hall in said jurisdiction on Monday, March 17th, 2025, (being the third Monday in March), at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk of the local board in writing no later than March 13th, 2025. (postmark is considered timely).

Marlin Clendening  
Esmond Township Clerk  
21651 422nd Ave  
Iroquois, SD 57353

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**LE SUEUR TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of Le Sueur Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the Fox Repair Shop in said taxing jurisdiction on Tuesday, the 18th day of March 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing District for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk of the local board no later than March 13th, 2025.

Carol Fox  
Le Sueur Township  
42312 199th St  
Bancroft, SD 57353

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**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Manchester Township, Kingsbury County, will meet at the Perry Residence: 42395 204th, Bancroft, S.D. in said Jurisdiction on Monday, the 17th day of March 2025 (being the 3rd Monday in March) for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the Assessments of said district for the year.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, are required to file a Written notice of appeal with the Manchester Township Clerk, 42669 209th St, De Smet SD 57231, no later than March 13th, 2025, with the postmark consid-

ered timely.

Township Clerk  
Ryan Schoenfelder  
42669 209th St  
De Smet S.D. 57231

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**MATHEWS TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD  
SDCL 10-11-13**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body Of Mathews Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, sitting as a board of review, will meet at Bill's Helicopter Service, 21305 HWY 25 S in said taxing jurisdiction during the week of March 17th - 21st 2025 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year of 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to appeal the township clerk in writing (postmark considered timely) no later than March 13th, 2025.

Appeals should be mailed to  
Garrett Osvog  
Mathews Township Clerk  
21504 428th Ave,  
De Smet, SD 57231.

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**SPIRIT LAKE TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE FOR BIDS**

Spirit Lake Township will accept bids for gravel for Township roads.

The bid should include the price of gravel per cubic yard, loading, hauling and laying down. Each pit to be used should be specified. Also, include the price of crushed gravel and oversize. Bids will also be accepted for care and maintenance of township roads, such as mowing, spraying, blading, snow removal, pulling shoulders and moving dirt.

Bids should include the hourly rate of machines to be used and the size and horsepower of each machine.

Each bid must include proof of insurance.

The board will meet at the Spirit Lake Church at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 17th, 2025 at which time the bids will be opened and read. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pam Forbes,  
Spirit Lake Township Clerk  
42841 197th St  
De Smet, SD 57231  
605-530-4785

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## SPIRIT LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARD SDCL 10-11-13

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a review board of Spirit Lake Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the Spirit Lake Church in said jurisdiction on Monday March 17th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk in writing (postmarked is considered timely) no later than March 13th, 2025.

Pam Forbes  
Spirit Lake Township  
42841 197th St  
De Smet, SD 57231  
605-530-4785

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## BAKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Baker Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will accept bids for providing the township with the following Services and materials during the coming year at the Lake Preston Community Room. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 25th, 2025, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

Items Upon Which Bids Will Be

Accepted:  
Item I – BLADING  
Blading of gravel and dirt roads.  
Snowplow and wing.

Item II – GRAVEL  
Separate the bids for each half of the Township. Bids will be accepted for 1.25 inches screened and crushed gravel, delivered  
And 4-inch maximum oversize  
Delivered.  
East half of Baker Township, gravel  
Material, oversize and hauling.  
West half of Baker Township, gravel

Material, oversize and hauling.

Item III – BACKSLOPING & DIRT WORK  
Dozer, scraper, or blade.

Item IV – BACKHOE  
Installing culverts.  
Installing approaches.

Item V – PAYLOADER

Item VI – MOWING

Offset rotary mowing of shoulders, Both sides of road, per mile.  
For further details regarding any or all of the above-named items, Contact Baker Township Board of Supervisors. Bid blanks may be obtained from the supervisors.

Baker Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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## SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETING OF LOCAL REVIEW BOARDS SDCL 10-11-13

Notice is hereby given that the governing body, sitting as a Review Board of Spring Lake Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota, will meet at the Scottie Hojer residence in said taxing jurisdiction starting March 17, 2025, at 7:30p.m. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said taxing district for the year 2025. All persons considered themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to notify the clerk of local board in writing no later than March 13, 2025.

Paul Johnson,  
Township Clerk,  
44948 217th St.  
Oldham, SD 57051

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## DE SMET TOWNSHIP BID NOTICE

De Smet Township will be accepting

bids for all road work for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Bids must be for crushed and/or screened gravel. Bids will be accepted until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025. Proof of insurance must accompany bids. Bids will be opened at the meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025.

De Smet Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bid forms can be requested from the De Smet Township Clerk.

Tammy Dobson  
Township Clerk  
20380 434th Ave  
De Smet, SD 57231

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## SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR BIDS

Spring Lake Township will accept bids for gravel and maintenance of Township roads.

The bid should include the price of gravel per cubic yard, loading, hauling and lay-down. Each pit to be used should be specified. Also include the price of crushed gravel and oversize. Bids will also be accepted for the care and maintenance of township roads, such as mowing, spraying, blading, snow removal, pulling shoulders and moving dirt.

Bids should include the hourly rate of machines to be used and the size and horsepower of each machine.

Each bid must include proof of insurance.

The board will meet at the Scottie Hojer home at 7:00 March 27th, 2025, at which time the bids will be opened and read. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Paul Johnson, Clerk  
Spring Lake Township  
44948 217 St  
Oldham, SD 57051

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## STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) : SS COUNTY OF KINGSBURY)

## ESTATE OF LANCE ALAN HILDEBRANDT, DECEASED

## IN CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 38-PRO. 25 – 000008

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on February 28, 2025, Alan D Hildebrandt, whose address is 20731 Caroline Circle, De Smet, South Dakota 57231, was appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Lance Alan Hildebrandt, Deceased.

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

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated: February 28, 2025

Alan D. Hildebrandt  
Alan D. Hildebrandt  
Personal Representative  
20731 Caroline Circle  
De Smet, South Dakota 57231  
(605) 381-3457 cellular telephone

Jennifer Malone  
Kingsbury County Clerk of Courts  
PO Box 176  
De Smet, South Dakota 57231  
(605) 854 3811 telephone

Gary W. Schumacher  
Wilkinson & Schumacher Law Prof.  
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PO Box 29  
De Smet, South Dakota 57231  
(605) 854-3378  
[gary@wslawfirm.net](mailto:gary@wslawfirm.net)  
Attorney for the Estate of Lance Alan Hildebrandt

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**BANCROFT NEWS**

# Timing is everything

BY ROSE GROTHE

Sorry, folks. I decided to take a small vacation, where they would wait on me hand and foot, so I made reservations at two places. Unfortunately, the first one felt I had too much excess baggage, Influenza A, so they shoved me off to the second place, the hospital. They didn't want me either, so after a couple of days, they sent me home. Yes, they waited on me hand and foot, and they did a good job. What a vacation! The nasty stuff is still hanging around, and I'm sure it will for a while. I can't even give it away, so I guess I'm stuck with it. It's good to be back home again.

**TIMING IS EVERYTHING**

The day after I got home, when I was still feeling very "rocky," the

phone rang. I answered it. I heard the little 'blip' that signifies a robo call.

"Hi, Rose. I'm Ada Wilson calling about a funeral plan," a perky little voice said. "How are things going for you today?"

"Not very good," I replied as I banged the phone down.

What timing!

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his wicked life and turned him to the Savior.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world...let your light so shine to others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:14-16.

Our faith becomes stronger as we express it; a growing faith is a sharing faith. Pray now for those you know who need Christ and ask God to help you to be a better witness, by the life you live and the words you speak.

**HISTORY**

After the One Hundred Year anniversary celebration of Bancroft, this interesting information was printed, and as I had neglected to put it in my writings about the big event, I put it in now.

The following information has been taken from the files of the De Smet News, or from the news written by Paylube Claassen.

1938 - Fri., May 6 - Airplane delivers parts. The Huronite carrier was held up here Tuesday evening with a broken axle. A phone call to Huron, a delivery of the parts by plane, delayed him only a short while. Earl Scotter, a former carrier, brought the parts, making a landing back of the school-

house.

Halverson school, Mrs. Anna Clay, teacher. All the pupils attended the county chorus at Lake Preston on Saturday. Lilacs were planted in front of the schoolhouse recently. Prizes in the tooth brushing contest were Vera Mae Geyer, Darrell Halverson and Rudolph Geyer.

Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Finley entertained the senior class and faculty at their home on Friday evening. Games were played at four tables, and ice cream and cake were served for lunch.

Friday May 29 - School activities for the past week included the style show, exhibits of all township schools, a concert by the band, a play day on Saturday and Baccalaureate Services on Sunday evening. All these affairs were very well attended.

George Perry sponsored a tractor demonstration on Saturday afternoon. The Firestone Tire Company also demonstrated tractor tires.

June 17 - Alfred Halverson's name appears in the list of people registered for Old Settlers Day. There were 25 registered for badges. Forty-year, 50-year and hard winter badges were given out.



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Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
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Pastor Dick Poppen speaks on KXLG 99.1 radio Sunday, 8:03 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

**THE VILLAGE ASSISTED LIVING**

Stuart Twite had devotions on Saturday

Margaret Anderson celebrated her birthday on Sunday with family members, friends and Village residents. Cake and ice cream were served. Several of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were unable to attend due to illnesses. Margaret received many gifts, cards and phone calls. Jackie Anderson, Margaret's daughter, was the hostess of the party. On Tuesday, her son Rodney of Omaha, Neb., had supper with her at The Village. Kayla Anderson, a granddaughter, celebrated her birthday the same day. She was at the party as well.

Duane Poppen took his mother Ildena Poppen out to dinner on Monday. They visited the cemetery at Spirit Lake in honor of the late Cork Poppen's birthday and spent the rest of the day together.

Wednesday evening, Arlen and Marlys Larsen delivered meals to the residents for supper from the Methodist Church.

Activities this week included bowling and Jeopardy.

Treats on Wednesday afternoon were furnished by Diana Leichtenberg.

We welcomed Esther Weber back after a two-month recovery at Good Samaritan on Monday.

Marlys Larsen and Tia Felberg led devotions on Thursday.

The weather turned cold with snow, rain and wind on Wednesday

but cleared up later in the day. We were glad we didn't receive the eight inches that fell in nearby Willow Lake.

— ILLDENA POPPEN

**CARTHAGE**

Trinity Lutheran Church worship: March 16, 9 a.m.

Mid-week Lenten Service for the Prairie Lutheran Parish: Wed., March 19, 7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church rural Iroquois. Everyone is welcome.

David and Connie Hattervig helped Nelson Hattervig celebrate his first birthday on Saturday. He is the son of Logan and Danielle Hattervig of Sioux Falls.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Information from "Carthage, Gem of the Redstone" by Sally Madison

James and Ellen Coughlin came to Carthage, Dakota Territory, in a covered wagon with four children. They owned a general merchandise store, and the family lived upstairs above the store.

In 1884, James and Ellen were granted a free lot, as promised by Frank Ward, to the parents of the first baby boy born in Carthage. Baby Carthage James was the first boy born in 1884 and was the first Carthaginian.

However, it wasn't until 1898 that the Coughlins built their home on this lot. The Coughlin House, as it is still called in Carthage, is a 13-room house on the corner of Thomas and Main. A flurry of people moved in and out of this house over the years.

In 2006, it was bought by Norman and Stacie Madison and has been a comfortable place for guests to stay while passing through town or here for a visit. The first people to sleep in the newly converted inn were part of the crew of Paramount Movie Studios who were in town shooting the movie "Into the Wild."

— LORELEE NELSON

# DE SMET BOYS: A nail-biter of a game against Castlewood

FROM BACK PAGE

The game was eventually tied at 64 with just under two minutes of play left. With a lot of attention on center G. Wilkinson, the Bulldogs found Carter Wilkinson in the high post on three possessions in a row, where he would connect to help keep a small lead. With 24.3 left, E/H fouled Luethmers; he went to the line and missed both free throws.

A rebound by the Redhawks took the ball the other way, where Estelline got an and-one opportunity. With the score 72 to 70, the Redhawks missed the free throw with a big rebound by C. Wilkinson, who would go to the line. He made the first free throw but missed the second. Luethmers came up with the rebound, was quickly fouled and made both free throws.

The Bulldogs secured the victory, 75 to 70.

## COACH'S COMMENTS

“Three clutch baskets by Carter Wilkinson in the last two minutes gave us the momentum we needed to earn a great win on the road,” said coach Jeff Gruenhagen. “Everybody hit some tough shots for us tonight. I’m very proud of our guys for finishing with two starters fouling out early. We’ve got another shot at Castlewood at DSU in Madison.”

## STATISTICS

G. Wilkinson: 29 points, 15 rebounds; Luethmers: 16 points, three

rebounds; C. Wilkinson: 10 points, four rebounds and Gigov: eight points, four rebounds.

The Bulldogs traveled to Dakota State University on Sat., March 8 for the second round of regions, facing the Castlewood Warriors.

## DE SMET VS CASTLEWOOD

All roads led to Madison, where the Bulldogs battled the #1-rated Castlewood Warriors in the second round of regions.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

If you like watching basketball, I would encourage you to find the Dakota State University YouTube page and watch and rewatch this game.

Before I get too far, I want to give a shout out to seniors Gigov, Henrich and Tanner Tolzin for a wonderful season and for your leadership. Payton Botkin, thank you for keeping statistics and all you do for the team.

I was not sure what to expect in this match up. I know the Bulldogs wanted another chance after losing to Castlewood in the regular season. It's hard to write an article about this game because so much of what gets reported are statistics, points, steals, blocks and more that are tracked. What doesn't often get mentioned is hustle, grit and effort.

Spoiler alert; the Bulldogs did not win, but I am telling you this was one of the best games I have seen all sea-

son.

Believe me, it hurts to not come out with a victory, but well done, players and coaches.

## FIRST HALF

The first quarter was physical and fast, with some nerves on both sides. Castlewood jumped out to a 6-0 lead; the Bulldogs did not score until Gigov grabbed a rebound for a put back with 2:15 left in the quarter. C. Wilkinson, Luethmers and Henrich would add two each, and the quarter ended 8 to 8.

In the second quarter, S. Wilkinson came out big, knocking down a three and a layup to put the Dogs up by five early. The Bulldogs would extend the lead to seven points in the quarter, but Castlewood kept coming back. Center G. Wilkinson was heavily guarded but still controlled the boards and opened up other players.

The Bulldogs would lead at the end of the half 24 to 21.

## SECOND HALF

Castlewood's first possession tied the game, 24 to 24. The third quarter saw lead changes, ties and more, largely from G. Wilkinson in the paint. This tough, physical quarter ended in a draw, 33 to 33.

Castlewood began the final quarter with a six-point run. The game was tied with 4:15 left on a three-pointer by Luethmers. Both teams remained

scoreless the rest of the quarter. Both had opportunities to score, but neither could get the ball through the net, leading to overtime.

## OVERTIME

In overtime, Castlewood would take the lead with free throws. With 2:40 left in overtime, and G. Wilkinson leaving the court with what appeared to be a leg cramp, Castlewood led by five. At 32.6 seconds left, S. Wilkinson knocked down a big three. Then, with 12 seconds left and G. Wilkinson back in the game, he managed to tie it up. Castlewood went to the other end and made a tough layup, putting them up by two with 2.2 seconds remaining. The Bulldogs called a timeout. A Hail Mary by S. Wilkinson was a little too strong, and Castlewood would take the game 47 to 45.

## COACH'S COMMENTS

“We came up short in a battle,” said Gruenhagen. “I’m very proud of our effort and what we learned in 22 games this season. We hit big shots all game long. Our young team really went to work today.”

## STATISTICS

G. Wilkinson had 14 points and 13 rebounds; Luethmers contributed 10 points and five rebounds, and S. Wilkinson added 12 points and five rebounds.

The Bulldogs finished the year 13-9.

# DE SMET GIRLS: Be proud

FROM BACK PAGE

with their quick defense, and their rebounding did not give De Smet any second attempts. The Ranchers controlled the game and got the win to send them onto the state tournament.

## STATISTICS

Hazel Luethmers: 10 points, six rebounds; Alyssa Asleson: 10 points, four rebounds; Ivey Schoenfelder: nine points, two rebounds; Brooke Jennings: two points, four rebounds; Audi Currier: two points, two rebounds; Megan Dylla: six rebounds and Mirra Beck: one rebound.

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

As a parent, I have watched these upperclassmen of Bulldogs play together since they were in the second and third grades. They have put a lot of time into the game, and it has been a joy to watch them make it this far in the season.

As any parent would say, of course we want the best for our children and for them to reach their goals individually and as a team, but sometimes it gets cut short. They are hurt and upset, but as parents and this strong community, we pick them up and encourage them to keep working at their next goals.

The two seniors have played with the juniors for many years, and it's been memorable to watch them play together and build the bond they have with each other. They are a close group of girls; Alyssa and Mirra will be missed. They all had a great season, and with the awesome support from the community, it was fun to cheer them on.

Congratulations on a great season, Bulldogs. Be proud of your accomplishments!

<b>De Smet</b>	4	18	29	32
<b>Harding Co.</b>	18	34	50	65

# I/LP BOYS: Potential and pride

FROM BACK PAGE

deficit. The Warriors continued to pull away in the third quarter, pushing the lead to 62-16 before the final buzzer sounded, the Sharks falling 71-23.

Despite the lopsided score, the Sharks never gave up. Peskey did his best to keep the team in the game, contributing six points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals. Carter continued to show his potential with four points and a team-high 11 rebounds, while Arbeiter added three points and three rebounds. Freshman Brycen Blue also showed some flashes, scoring five points in the loss.

While the game was a tough one for the Sharks, it also marked the end of a season filled with growth, heart and plenty of excitement. The Castlewood Warriors, who advanced to the

SoDak 16, proved too much for the Sharks, but I/LP should be proud of their effort and determination in the face of such a formidable opponent.

Though their playoff journey ended sooner than they had hoped, the Sharks' performance throughout the season showcased just how much potential they have moving forward. With a strong core of players like Peskey, Carter and Arbeiter, along with the leadership of Curd, Blue and Hope, the Sharks are building something special.

Their 8-14 season record may not tell the whole story, but it reflects a team that is growing, learning and determined to improve. With the lessons learned this season and a roster full of young talent, the future looks bright for the Iroquois/Lake Preston Sharks.

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## SODAK 16

# Girls have great game, fall short to Ranchers

BY VICKI DYLLA  
Kingsbury Journal

The De Smet girls basketball team won their regional semifinal game over Arlington, advancing to the SoDak 16 round of games. As seed #15, De Smet was set up to play #2, undefeated Harding County. On March 6, the Bulldogs took off on the long four-hour trip around noon, and despite some charter bus complications along the way, they finally arrived at Timber Lake High School.

### FIRST HALF

The Harding County Ranchers jumped out to an early lead in the game. They used their quick and scrappy defense to gain possession and get points up on the scoreboard rapidly. De Smet struggled to get things going offensively, where the Ranchers would capitalize on nearly every offensive effort.

### SECOND HALF

After the halftime break, the Bulldogs made an aggressive run with good defense and ball movement for some shots to fall in their favor; however, Harding County took a time-out and came back out

See **DE SMET GIRLS**, page 23

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bulldogs nearly pull off overtime win

BY MIKE LUETHMERS  
Kingsbury Journal

De Smet traveled on Fri., March 7 to play the Estelline/Hendricks (EH) Redhawks in the first round of regional boys basketball. De Smet had lost to E/H in the last game of the regular season, so they came in fired up and ready to play.

### FIRST HALF

The Bulldogs began the game aggressively on both ends of the court. Both teams played solid defense, and every point was earned. Grant Wilkinson dominated the boards, and good passing and shooting by the rest of the team made for a good game. De Smet held the lead most of the first quarter, but the quick, good-shooting Redhawks managed to get their first lead of the game with under four minutes to play. Both teams fought hard, but E/H would lead 16 to 13 at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter opened in favor of the Redhawks, and they took a quick seven-point lead by hitting some shots from the three-point line. De Smet fought back, regaining the lead with just over four minutes to play. Two lead changes occurred with



Seniors after the game at Dakota State University — Payton Botkin, Tanner Tolzin, Sam Gigov, Alyssa Asleson, Mirra Beck and Ganon Henrich. (Submitted photo)

under four minutes to play in the second quarter. Senior Ganon Henrich hit a big three with 1:49 left, but the Redhawks answered. The half ended with the Redhawks leading 35 to 32.

### SECOND HALF

The Bulldogs came out strong and scored on the first possession, regaining the lead with a steal by Noah Luethmers. De Smet went on a 9-0 run and managed to get ahead by 11 points. Good efforts by Slayten

Wilkinson and senior Sam Gigov helped the Bulldogs end the quarter up 56 to 50.

The final quarter was a rough start for the Bulldogs, with a couple of big steals by the Redhawks to put them closer to striking distance. De Smet also found themselves in foul trouble with S. Wilkinson and Henrich. They would continue to play hard, but the Redhawks were not going down without a fight.

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## I/LP BASKETBALL

# A thrilling victory and a tough test

BY MIKE LUETHMERS  
Kingsbury Journal

The Iroquois/Lake Preston (I/LP) Sharks boys basketball team made their mark in the post-season with grit, heart and determination, finishing with a 1-1 record. Their playoff journey began with a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over the Arlington Cardinals, before facing the top-ranked Castlewood Warriors in the second round.

Despite the tough loss to Castlewood, the Sharks left it all on the court, showing growth, resilience and a lot of promise for the future.

### SHARKS ROAR BACK IN FIRST ROUND TO STUN ARLINGTON

The Sharks were down but certainly not out. The opening game of their post-season featured a dramatic turnaround, with I/LP showing tenacity and teamwork to storm back from a halftime deficit to knock off the Arlington Cardinals 63-48.

Arlington came out hot, putting the Sharks on their heels early. The Cardinals grabbed an 18-9 lead in the first quarter and went into halftime up by three points, 31-28, but the Sharks were far from finished.

In the second half, they came out with fire in their eyes, scoring the first 12 points of the third quarter to take their first lead of the game at



Senior Ryne Greene against Castlewood. (Photo by Kristi Curd)

40-31. Arlington's foul trouble gave I/LP a golden opportunity to capitalize, and the Sharks took full advantage by forcing the Cardinals into bonus free throws just 44 seconds into the second half.

Sophomore Lucas Peskey was a force to be reckoned with, pulling down 11 rebounds and contributing 13 points in a complete performance that also included five deflections and a steal. It wasn't just Peskey who shined; freshman Ervin Carter was on a mission, dominating the game with 22

points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

Other key performances included junior Peyton Hope, who chipped in six points and snatched four steals, and senior Daunte Glanzer, who added six points and grabbed five rebounds. Freshman Carter Arbeiter showed his value with five points and six rebounds, while junior Ben Curd contributed five points, six rebounds and four steals to help knock out Arlington. His hustle and determination were key to the Sharks' success.

In the end, the Sharks outscored Arlington 35-17 after halftime, sealing the victory with a strong finish. It was a thrilling win for the Sharks, sending them to the second round, where they would meet the top-ranked Castlewood Warriors.

### SHARKS' POST-SEASON COMES TO AN END AGAINST CASTLEWOOD

The Sharks' run came to a tough end in the second round against the Castlewood Warriors, the number one rated team in Region 2B. From the opening buzzer, it was clear that the Warriors were a powerhouse, and the Sharks faced a daunting task in trying to keep up.

Castlewood's dominance was on full display early, as they sprinted out to a 26-4 lead in the first quarter. By halftime, the Sharks were staring at a 43-11

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