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AGRICULTURE

Learning life on the family farm

Prairie Ag Partners and Farmers Union buy books for schools and libraries

BY CORRIE WALTER
Kingsbury Journal

While we may live in rural America,

plenty of youth do not know where food comes from or what local cooperatives are. Prairie Ag Partners, the local cooperative with headquarters in Lake Preston, teamed up with Kingsbury County Farmers Union to help children better understand just that.

"This was an opportunity to partner with South Dakota Farmers Union to

bring something good to our communities," said Al Vedvei, Prairie Ag Partners Board Chairman. "It's a chance for the kids to learn about farm life, where the food on their table comes from and to help them start understanding the cooperative business model."

"After all, some of these kids will

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Maggie McDaniel grabs a hug from the Easter Bunny at the Lake Preston egg hunt, hosted by the Progressive Community Women. The PCW sponsored an egg hunt, games for the youth and even real bunnies to see. (Submitted photo)

COUNTY COMMISSION

GEVO seeking more wind turbines

BY AMY HALVERSON
Kingsbury Journal

The Kingsbury County Commissioners met on Tues., April 4, at the Kingsbury County Courthouse to discuss several topics, including the upcoming construction on Highway 81, GEVO updates, Lake Thompson Water District and the Highway Department's Contract.

GEVO UPDATES

Joe Jensen informed commissioners that in two weeks, a conditional use permit hearing for the GEVO project will be held. They want to erect an informational gathering tower requested by the lender to prove the wind blows, how much it blows and that it consistently blows in Kingsbury County in order for the bank to use in support of a loan for the wind energy farm.

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HEALTHCARE

A lifetime of practicing together

The Bells' journey takes them into retirement

SUBMITTED BY CENTRACARE

After nearly 30 years serving patients in the Willmar, Minn., area, Steven Bell, M.D., surgeon, and Janae Bell, M.D., internal medicine specialist, are retiring from their medical practices.

TOGETHER FROM THE BEGINNING

"Our story goes way, way back," said Dr. Janae Bell. "We grew up in the same town, De Smet, S.D., and his father, a family practice doctor, delivered me. We literally grew up together in this small town of 1,500."

After attending the same schools, going to the same church, even playing

opposite each other in plays, Janae and Steven Bell began dating in their junior year of high school. They went on to attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D., where he was a chemistry major, and she majored in biology. Following undergraduate studies, they both earned their medical degrees from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine.

One of five children, Steven and three of his siblings followed in their father's footsteps and became doctors. Dr. G. Robert Bell was a family practitioner at Bell Medical Services in De Smet and a clinical associate professor of family medicine with the University of South Dakota medical school.

"Steven's dad had a huge influence in that small town," shared Janae. "I would say the per capita number of people who

went into the field of medicine over the course of 20 to 25 years was high. You can just tell he was a great mentor. I can't say enough great things about his dad."

Janae, who was the first one in her family to go to college, joined the Army out of college from a sense of duty and to help pay her way through medical school. The couple spent three years in Michigan, where Janae completed an internal medicine residency and Steven started surgery training. They then moved to South Carolina where Capt. J. Bell, M.D. was stationed at Ft. Jackson. Steven completed general surgery residency at the University of South Carolina as Janae would rise to the rank of Major.

Initially, they both envisioned themselves becoming small-town family phy-

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BOOKS: Kids learn ag and farm life

FROM FRONT PAGE



Scott Jensen, Chad Dylla and Wayne Soren deliver a set of “Our Family Farm” to Barb Jones, school librarian at the Lake Preston School library. (Submitted Photo)

grow up to be farmers, and they are the future of our communities,” Vedvei continued. “Let’s help them, at an early age, get a start in agriculture and our cooperatives.”

Together, the two organizations purchased books that were donated to all the local schools and community libraries in the county.

“Our Family Farm,” a series of four books written and illustrated in 2018 by Dana Sullivan in partnership with the North Dakota Farmers Union, tells the story of the Rhodes family farm, showing how multi-generations work together to feed livestock and grow crops.

This series includes colorful illustrations of farm life and animals, as well as trucks and tractors. Each book shows the family working hard together at different tasks, including fuel purchases and grain sales at their local co-op.

“Our Family Farm” can be purchased through the N.D. Farmers Union, with all proceeds going to their foundation, which supports youth education programs.

Wayne Soren, president of the Kingsbury County Farmers Union, is excited about these books geared for children ages 3-8 and hopes the children in our communities take the opportunity to read and learn, not only about family farmers, but the role co-ops play in communities.

“These books are good for the youth in Kingsbury County to re-reinforce the importance of family farms and cooperatives,” said Soren. “The sooner we can introduce kids to the importance of co-ops, the better.”



Scott Jensen and Wayne Soren deliver a set of “Our Family Farm” to Mary Purintun, librarian at the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library in De Smet. (Submitted Photo)

Talking to youth about rural agriculture is important, but making sure they have access to resources and an understanding of agriculture, and where their food comes from, is equally important. Creating enthusiasm for reading at a young age is also vital.

Soren, Chad Dylla, Prairie Ag’s General Manager, and Scott Jensen, Prairie Ag Board Member, delivered these books to Lake Preston, Arlington, De Smet and Iroquois schools as well as Lake Preston, De Smet and Oldham community libraries. A common theme they heard from the librarians was how excited they are to incorporate these books into their summer reading programs.

“It’s all about getting these books into the hands of the youth of our communities,” said Soren.

“And ... maybe adults reading one of these books to their children will find something even they can learn from,” said Vedvei.

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This is for trees/tree branches only.

Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2023 Annual Meeting

When: Monday, April 17, 2023
Where: De Smet Event Center
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BELLS: De Smet duo partners in life and medical careers

FROM FRONT PAGE

sicians.

"As medical school went along, it became more obvious to me that general surgery was where my interests were," said Steven. "There was no 'aha' moment; it was more of a gradual thing."

Janae chose to focus on adult medicine, thinking it would give her the opportunity to subspecialize later if she wanted.

"I found that I just loved general internal medicine," she said. "It was like family practice, but without the kiddos and the pregnancy care."

BEGINNING THEIR PRACTICES

After completing residencies and Janae's active duty, they began the search for where they wanted to set up their medical practices.

"We had a number of criteria for the places we were looking to practice," remembers Steven. "We were knowledgeable of Willmar because we grew up three hours from here."

Janae added, "His brother married a woman from around this area, so we came to their wedding in Willmar."

"So, that put it on the map for us as we realized that here you've got a big clinic in a small town," said Steven.

At the time, Affiliated Community Medical Center was actively recruiting for both a general surgeon and an internist.

"It was close to home, but here was the ability to practice in a small town with a large medical practice," said Janae. "The draw was huge. You had a lot of families. You had colleagues. We weren't practicing in a tiny town by ourselves. We had subspecialties here, and we wouldn't be the first married physician couple who ever arrived."

MAKING WILLMAR HOME

In 1994, Drs. Steven and Janae Bell moved to Willmar with their daughters, ages five and seven. Their third daughter was born in Willmar a year later.

When Dr. Steven Bell joined the general surgery team at the APMC clinic, it was a team of four.

"That's a pretty good-sized department," said Steven. "That's one of the things that attracted us here. Most communities this size will have only one or two general surgeons, but here, there were twice as many."

Janae recalled that the internal medicine department was at its largest, around 11 physicians, when she first arrived in 1994.

"The department had just stopped covering the emergency room that year, but we took call during the day, and you would run over to the hospital. There were no hospitalists back then."

Both agree that the Willmar community has been a great place for their medical careers.

"I think it's been just what we envisioned," said Steven. "Patients are very appreciative; the community puts a lot of resources into health care. They care for their facilities and their hospital. It's close enough to the cities, but not too close."

As Janae explained, the location allowed them to practice how they wanted.

"We're far enough from the cities and the tertiary care centers that we could practice a broad spectrum of medicine to your comfort level, which is great for the community and great for your own intelligence and ability to practice."



Steven and Janae Bell. (Photo submitted by CentraCare)

The couple also believed the Willmar area was a great place to raise a family while balancing the busy schedules of two physicians.

"We could get out to our kids' events. If there was a concert in the middle of the day, you could maybe make it to that," said Janae. "I think given the size of the community, it absolutely allowed us to have more of a family life."

WORKING AS A TEAM

"It's been really fun to practice together," smiled Janae.

Looking back on nearly three decades of medicine, there have been many times when two Dr. Bells cared for the same patient.

"We'd both be in the hospital; he's the surgeon, and I'm the patient's primary doctor," said Janae. "It feels good to be able to look at a patient and say, 'I know he'll take good care of you.'"

"And I. It's just vice versa," said Steven.

Along with working together, they commended their colleagues and the health system.

"I've been on a strong team," said Steven. "We hold each other accountable to maintain standards, get the extra training and go to meetings, so we can continue to provide the highest level of care to this region."

Janae commented on the importance of the primary care team.

"I think primary care is the backbone of medicine," said Janae. "These are the people who are really watching out for folks, fighting for them and helping them go through this journey in healthcare that is getting increasingly complex."

Steven added, "I think the credit also goes to the system and the community. Looking at the past, these clinics needed a lot of good decision-making to get to where we are today. We've weathered a lot of storms."

THROUGH THE YEARS

Both Steven and Janae have experienced a lot during their time in medicine.

"One huge change was the electronic medical record," said Janae. "It doesn't come without a good deal of pain, but in the big picture, it's a tremendous asset."

Steven shared her viewpoint. "It's nice to be able to look at x-rays immediately and not have to run down and have them pull a pile of films and put them up on a board to look at. Now, it's immediately there, and we can take it for granted."

In September 2001, Dr. Steven Bell

was one of 40 surgeons who volunteered at a makeshift triage center following the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. While Steven was attending a surgical conference in Manhattan, the two planes crashed into the twin towers. Steven and the other surgeons were set up to triage which victims may need emergency surgery. However, the volunteer surgeons didn't care for any victims at their location, as it was evident early on that there would be few survivors.

During his career as a rural general surgeon, Dr. Steven Bell performed a wide variety of subspecialty procedures.

"When I first came, I did lots of vascular surgery," he shared. "Now, we have Dr. Reigstad who is specialty trained, and that's a great resource for the area."

Dr. Bell was also instrumental in starting a bariatric surgery program at one time in Willmar.

Janae remarked that the development of the hospitalist program at Rice Memorial Hospital in 2005 has altered how inpatient care happens in our health system.

One of the most notable advancements Steven recalls is the expansion of minimally invasive surgery.

"That's crescendoed since the start of my career," he explained. "Even the laparoscopic cholecystectomy was more in its infancy in the early 90s. It was being done, but it just wasn't a smooth mechanism. It's been exciting to be a part of that era."

DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS

When it comes down to it, both physicians expressed that it's been their patients who have meant the most to them.

"The patients in this region put their trust in us," said Steven. "I tell patients all the time that there is no such thing as a minor surgery. An operation is a journey that you take with the patient. I take every one of those operations very seriously and have always tried to impart that to my patients. I am going to miss taking those journeys with my patients."

"I will miss the privilege of these relationships," said Janae. "I treasure my long-term patient relationships and what a gift they have been to me. I would have three generations at once, and I'd have husbands and wives. There's really no relationship like a doctor-patient relationship."

LOOKING AHEAD TO RETIREMENT

In 2021, Dr. Janae Bell fully transitioned from her internal medicine practice to a hospitalist role at Rice



Steven and Janae Bell medical school graduation. (Photo submitted by CentraCare)



Steven Bell, a freshman in medical school, receives help from his brother, Doug Bell, a sophomore medical student at USD medical school. (Photo submitted by CentraCare)

Memorial Hospital.

"When the pandemic hit, I returned to full-time so I could work half-time at the clinic and half-time at Rice Hospital - but that proved to be quite challenging for a number of reasons," she recalled. "Then, by 2021, the inpatient needs at Rice Memorial convinced me to practice hospital medicine only. As difficult as it was to give up my office practice, focusing on hospital medicine has been a good step toward retirement."

Twenty-nine years and thousands of patients after beginning their medical practices together, they've made the decision to retire together. While Dr. Steven Bell's last day is officially April 3, Dr. Janae Bell will stay on a little longer to help at the hospital until June.

In May, they'll celebrate 40 years of marriage, which includes three grown daughters and two grandsons, ages four and a half and almost seven. The Bells have come full circle to when they landed in Willmar with their seven- and five-year-old little girls at the beginning of their careers.

When asked about their plans for retirement, Janae spoke up, "First, we'll take our grandsons camping in the Boundary Waters. We're really looking forward to introducing the boys to wilderness camping."

"At least for this summer, it's going to be lake time and Black Hills time," added Steven.

While they don't have a specific retirement plan in place, they're open to what the future could include.

"If we can be fully retired, then we can really look at what our next chapter looks like," said Janae.

GIVEN THE CHOICE, WOULD YOU DO IT AGAIN?

Janae considered, then thoughtfully expressed, "Probably."

"Yeah, I would," nodded Steven. "Willmar has been a really nice fit for us. It really did fit our capabilities, our aspirations and our dreams."

Voices

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

This week's weather

Monday, April 3, 2023

High 42, Low 30,

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

High 31, Low 24, Rain 0.14"

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

High 29, Low 17

Thursday, April 6, 2023

High 37, Low 16

Friday, April 7, 2023

High 43, Low 21

Saturday, April 8, 2023

High 65, Low 29

Sunday, April 9, 2023

High 62, Low 36

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Blazin' Tuesday

A fire ignited in a field south of the H.T. Albrecht farm south of De Smet on Tuesday. Due to the high winds and dry conditions, the fire spread quickly. De Smet Fire Department responded and were provided mutual aid support from Oldham, Lake Preston, Howard and Carhage Fire Departments. The fire crossed a road and a large number of corn stalk bales caught fire on the Albrecht farm. The fire continued to burn through the night. A controlled burn in a neighboring field from a couple of days earlier is believed to be the cause. (Submitted photo)

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The spirit of Easter

DURING THE EASTER SEASON, we spend time with our families, we celebrate with our friends and neighbors, and we are thankful for our many blessings. It's a time when people come together to help one another; to love one another.



GOVERNOR'S DESK KRISTI NOEM

South Dakotans have been through a brutal winter this year, with many severe storms from December through April. It has been a struggle, but one we have gotten through together. Through small acts of kindness and by lending a helping hand, South Dakotans continue to show their strength even in difficult times.

We often think of Easter as a celebration of the light, but it is also a celebration of the darkness. The joy of Easter Sunday means nothing without the sorrow that comes before it. And if there is one thing that the people of South Dakota have taught me, it's that tough times are always easier to get through together.

The Bible tells us to love thy neighbor as we love ourselves. And this winter, South Dakotans have done so time and time again. I have seen folks helping ranchers bring in their cattle ahead of a winter storm, clearing neighbors' driveways to help them get to work on time, and bringing homecooked meals to friends in need. I truly think that no one loves their neighbor better than a South Dakotan.

I commend our people for their hope and for their faith: the hope that we would get through this treacherous winter, and their faith that springtime is coming. Easter reminds us of these things.

Just as spring brings new life to the earth, so does Jesus bring new life to us.

I do not know how much longer our winter will last, but I do know that spring is coming. Warmer days are ahead. And South Dakotans will help one another and love one another just as much in the warmth as we have in the cold. That's just how we operate.

I am proud of what our people have endured. We always seem to come out of tough times stronger than before. The people of South Dakota have earned my trust, my respect, and my faith – and I will always do my best to be worthy of theirs.

So I wish everyone a very Happy Easter. I hope that you can spend this season with those that you love. And I thank you, South Dakotans, for always being there for each other – for embodying the kind of love that Jesus has for us through your love for one another. You are a light in this world, a little glimpse of springtime. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

COURT NEWS

The money collected on a \$117.50 speeding ticket is distributed to the following sources: \$39 to the school district in the county where the violation occurred, \$30 to the Law Enforcement Officer Training Fund, \$23.50 to the Unified Judicial System for court automation, \$11 to the 911 Telecommunicator Training Fund, \$6 to the Court Appointed Attorney & Public Defender Fund, \$5 to the Victims' Compensa-

tion Fund, \$2 to the Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund and \$1 to the Abused and Neglected Child Defense Fund.

CODY POPPEN, Howard, unattended lines, fined \$103.50.

BRUCE SCHMIESING, Apple Valley, Minn., 35 in a 30 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.

JENNA MOLLENHOFF, Watertown, 70 in a 65 mile per hour zone, fined \$97.50.



Worship Services

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

Arlington

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

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

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BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sermons shared on Facebook

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Carthage

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De Smet

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a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

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Erwin

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Worship at 9 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

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Obituaries

DARLENE F. MALONE

Funeral services for Darlene F. Malone, age 87, of Lake Preston, S.D., will be 1 p.m., Sat., April 15, 2023, at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church. Officiating will be Joleen Pietrzak. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Fri., April 14, 2023, at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church in Lake Preston, S.D. Interment will be in the Lake Preston Cemetery under the direction of Johnson-Henry Funeral Home of Arlington, Lake Preston, Oldham. Darlene passed away Tues., April 4, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Society of De Smet, S.D. Services will be live streamed under Darlene's obituary on our website. www.crawfordosthus.com



Darlene Fae Malone was born on May 3, 1935, in Iroquois, S.D., to Cecil and Elsie (Trem) Abel. She attended rural school for nearly three years and then attended Lake Preston Public, graduating in 1953. Darlene worked at Northwest Security Bank in Huron, S.D., Lake Preston Co-op Creamery, Kingsbury Manor, raised sheep and pigs on the family farm and was a caregiver to her grandchildren, mother-in-law and her parents.

Darlene married Bernard Sharkey Malone at the United Methodist Church in Lake Preston on June 24, 1956. They were blessed with three children: Lori Jean, Loren Bernard and Lisa Kay and raised them on the Evergreen Farm southwest of Lake Preston, S.D. Darlene moved into town to "the pink house" in 1995.

Having a passion for volunteering, she was an active member of the UMC/UCC Church and Women's Fellowship, SD Farmers Union, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, 4-H and the Alumni 4-H Group "YMW."

God blessed Darlene with five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. They were the pride and joy of her life. She enjoyed sharing the passions she loved with them and encouraging, attending and following them in their many activities and adventures.

One of Darlene's many talents was her cooking skills, especially making pies and her famous "secret recipe" pecan pie. She enjoyed spending hours in her garden, planting flowers, finding special places to arrange the many unique rocks Bernard lovingly collected and brought to her, watching birds, bunnies, squirrels and deer, even when they got in her gardens. She enjoyed playing cards and games. Then came

Phase 10 Dice, which she mastered. We all tried to beat her, and if we did, we are sure it was because she let us. Darlene loved decorating for every season and holiday and looking for that special piece to add to her collections. It brought joy to her heart to visit on the phone and in person with her siblings, cousins, family and friends for hours, sharing her knowledge, reminiscing, learning new facts and catching up with everything going on within the family.

Darlene is survived and cherished by her husband, Bernard; her children, Lori Malone-Hansen of Redfield, S.D., and Lisa Malone of Lake Preston, S.D.; grandchildren, Veronica Dahl, LaRen (Chad) Johnson, Heather Kruger, Lance Rademaker and Miles Rademaker; great-grandchildren, D.J. Plummer, Tracy Engelkes, Raelynn Engelkes, Garrett Kruger, Dani Kruger, Autumn Johnson, Emily Johnson, Brooke Johnson and Kennedy Johnson; great-great-granddaughter, Lilah Engelkes; siblings, Don (Sherrie) Abel of Morton, Ill., Deanna (Lowell) Satterlee of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Delaine (Daryl) Keezer of Murry, Ky.; brother-in-law, Owen Malone of Las Vegas, Nev.; beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

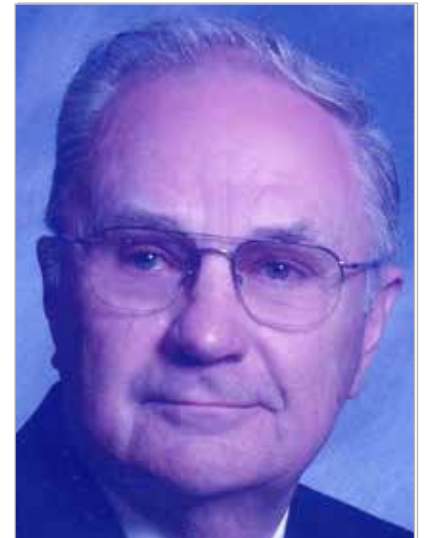
She was preceded in death by her son, Loren Malone; her parents, Cecil and Elsie Abel; infant siblings, Beverly Joy and Russel LeRoy; father and mother-in-law, Edward and Anna May Malone and brothers-in-law, Leo Malone and Everett Malone.

Condolences can be mailed to Lisa Malone at 21061 441st Ave. Lake Preston, SD 57249

PAID OBITUARY

ROGER W. GULLICKSON

Funeral services for Roger W. Gullickson, age 84, were at 1:30 p.m., Mon., April 10, 2023, at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church, Lake Preston, S.D. Vicar Brad Sanderson officiated. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Sun., April 9, 2023, at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church. Interment was in the North Preston Cemetery rural Lake Preston, S.D., under the direction of Johnson-Henry Funeral Home, Arlington, Lake Preston and Oldham, S.D.



Roger Wayne Gullickson passed away on April 5, 2023, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, S.D., as the result of an accident slipping on ice that caused brain trauma. Services were live streamed under Roger's obituary on our website. www.crawfordosthus.com

Roger was born May 31, 1938, to Leo and Edla (Johnson) Gullickson at a farmhouse south of Bryant. At the age of three in 1941, his family moved and purchased a farm in the North Preston area to be closer to family. Roger lived on that farm place virtually the rest of his life. He attended country school until the eighth grade and then went to high school in Lake Preston. He graduated in 1956; he then attended Huron College. In 1960, he entered the Air National Guard in Sioux Falls.

On Aug. 20, 1960, he married Sandra Holverson at North Preston Church. They were blessed with two children, Susan (Todd) Williams and Darin Gullickson.

Roger was able to farm with his father or his son his entire life on the same place. Roger enjoyed farming, trucking, feeding cattle and whatever he could do with a payloader. He took pride in his work, family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His family's lives and their activities were always a priority. He loved to visit with neighbors and friends around his

kitchen table, enjoying coffee and diet coke. In the last few years, he had many wonderful conversations with his great grandkids around the table with a treat. He loved to cheer on the Lake Preston Divers and South Dakota State University Jackrabbits. Roger was also involved in many church and community boards and activities.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Susan (Todd) Williams, Madison and Darin Gullickson, Lake Preston; grandchildren, Heather (Daniel) Flahie, Jason Williams, Heith Williams, Amanda (Tyler) Anderson, Michelle (Dana) Sand, Darrik (Shelace) Bunker and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Dale (Jackie) Gullickson, Sioux Falls, and many special nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Edla Gullickson; his brothers, LeeRoy Gullickson and Larry Gullickson; his daughter-in-law, Sherry Gullickson; granddaughter, Jordyn Gullickson; father and mother-in-law, Lyle and Susie Holverson and sister-in-law, Judy Holverson.

PAID OBITUARY

David Casper

Funeral services for David L. Casper, age 84, of Lake Preston, S.D., will be 10:30 a.m., Fri., April 14, 2023, at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church with Vicar Brad Sanderson officiating. Visitation will be Thurs., April 13, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the Lake Preston Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Trinity Hill Lutheran Cemetery,

rural Oldham, under the direction of Johnson-Henry Funeral Home. David passed away Mon., April 10, 2023, at his home. Military honors will be provided by the Porter L. Rich American Legion Post #63 of Lake Preston. Services will be live streamed under David's obituary on our website. www.crawfordosthus.com

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“PEEP, PEEP, PEEP!” I followed the sound to the area with wire cages in the back of the farm supply store - the baby chicks! People circled around. Small children squealed in delight. I quietly observed, adoring the cute balls of fluff.



BACK TO FORWARD

DEANN (WOLKOW) KRUEMPEL

The manager smiled and took up the watch next to me. “They are in demand this year,” he stated, shaking his head.

I considered the high price of eggs and people suddenly wanting backyard flocks. “Well, that’s good, isn’t it?”

“Mostly, but sometimes it doesn’t work out. People actually call and ask if they can return the little chicks.”

“Seriously?” Reliving the instant bond that takes place every time I hold one of the downy little critters to my cheek, I could not imagine giving her up for adoption.

“Yeah, some people don’t know what they are doing. They don’t know all that is involved.”

I frowned, wondering how anyone could not know about such things. Memories flocked into my mind ...

Mom answered the phone. Her blue eyes shone as she turned to Dad. “That was the post office. The baby chicks are in.”

Dad strolled to the door and grabbed his “go-to-town” hat. Mom and I pulled on our everyday coats and boots and headed to the brooder house.

She plugged in the four heat lamps hanging from the rafters. I felt warmth right away. Three domed bulbs clustered toward the middle of the room, while one hung a bit higher and a short distance from the others.

I followed Mother to the pump by the hog house, where she filled two buckets with water. Back to the brooder, she half-filled two large glass jars. She screwed the red plastic lids onto the top and flipped the jars over to make waterers.

Over the last week, the folks had prepared the brooder for this day. Straw bales placed end-to-end formed a small room where the babies could move about. Cardboard pieces rounded out every corner. If the little ones got scared, they would find a place to pile up on top of each other; the ones at the bottom could suffocate. It was best if there were no corners.

Three narrow troughs waited in the middle, one directly under a light. Mom used her long-handled scoop to fill the troughs with chick starter. In the middle of each trough was a bar of fluted metal that ran from end to end like a spindle. The twirly bar kept the chicks from hopping into the feeder and scratching as chicks do. It also kept them from soiling the feed. Chicks poop. Everybody knew that!

We moved a bale to separate the

nursery from the observation area. Just then we heard a noise at the door. Dad stepped in holding two flat boxes with holes in the sides. The boxes “peeped!”

Our voices instantly shifted to quiet mode. We all knew little chicks got scared at loud noises. Mom gently lifted out the babies, one at a time. After dipping each beak in water, she gently set the baby under a heat lamp. When all 52 peepers were properly installed in their new home, Mom carefully spread the shredded bedding from the boxes over the coop floor. She took the boxes apart and placed cardboard under the heat lamps. Then, she crawled over the bales and sat next to me.

We watched. Within minutes, the chicks found the warm spots. Some stretched out a leg to the back and rested. Others found the feeders, and their little heads bobbed up and down. A few found the water. Soon, one decided it was recess time, and her tiny feet pattered away. Suddenly, she scurried back to the others. I stifled a giggle. Mom grinned.

She reached down and scooped up a round yellow creature, placing it in my hands. It peeped a couple times, but I knew it would settle down as I petted its tiny head with my finger.

My thoughts flew back to the present - the chicks, the manager and potential adopters in front of me. Suddenly, it clicked why I knew all about chicks before I was five. From the time I could walk, I had followed my mother to the brooder house every spring. Not everyone got such an opportunity. We all learn different things at our parents’ sides.

Right then and there in that farm store, I realized I was truly one lucky chick sidekick!

READ MORE

Signed copies of Kruempel’s newest books, Once Upon a Midwest Sunset and Putting on the Big Boots are available at the De Smet Mercantile and Coffeehouse. All seven of the author’s books make excellent gifts and are available at Amazon.com. Contact her at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.

Lake Preston Chamber Fun Night
Winter’s been a Beach
 Saturday, April 15th, 2023
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Iroquois Store & Cafe Auction
Iroquois, SD “LIVE AUCTION”
April 25th 4:00 pm

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First-year membership – 1/2 price!

Easter with family; Oh-so-good chicken

I HOPE EVERYONE WAS able to enjoy Easter with family. We spent Sunday with my husband's side of the family for a traditional Easter gathering.

Almost the entire family was able to attend the Halversons for Easter Sunday. The house was full of family members ready to line up and dig in to all the food. The counters were full of ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salads, sides and desserts.

Everyone enjoyed the food while catching up with each other. The children were quick to finish eating and begin asking when the Easter egg hunt would begin. They played while the adults finished eating and then cleaned up.

Thankfully, the weather was beautiful on Sunday, so everyone was able to enjoy some fresh air. The older children played basketball, while the younger ones enjoyed running around the big yard.

Then, it was time for the Easter egg hunt. The men were nominated to hide all the plastic eggs filled with candy or "snacks," as the youngest,



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AMY HALVERSON

Nora Coughlin, called them, around the yard.

The children anxiously waited to fill their bags with eggs, and as soon as they were given the go-ahead, they were off and running around the yard, collecting eggs as fast as they could. It didn't take them long to find the eggs scattered across the remaining snow in the yard, but there were some eggs hidden in trees and on vehicles that took a little more time.

When it was all over, they ran inside the house to empty their eggs

Oh-so-good Chicken

- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 6 tablespoons sour cream
- 4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups fresh slices mushrooms
- 16-ounce jar of salsa
- 2 cups cooked white rice
- 8 ounces cooked diced chicken

In a skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté mushrooms.

Combine mushrooms, sour cream, cheese, salsa, rice and chicken. Place in a greased casserole dish.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 35 minutes.

and see the hidden treats. There were several piles of candy in the living room from each of their collections. As they gathered up all their goodies into bags to take home, they made sure to sample some, making sure they were good.

Afterward, more food was made, and leftovers were reheated for the second round of feasting for those who had managed to find some room after overindulging earlier. If any left hungry, it was definitely their own fault, because there was plenty of

food for all.

When everyone was done eating, there wasn't much left. Everything was delicious, and I think most ate more than normal with so much good food available.

Soon, family members started to leave for home. Thankfully, it wasn't a long drive for most. Everyone had a great Easter day together with family.

I always love sharing a good casserole dish, and this one is another winner with basic ingredients that make a delicious meal in no time. Enjoy!

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Christ's divine mercy

THE TRUTH IS, WHETHER we are Methodist, Mennonite, Hutterite, Lutheran, Apostolic, Catholic or non-denominational Christian, we have more in common than not. We all love Jesus and believe in His mercy.

This Sunday, the Sunday right after Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Catholic Church. This feast is intended for Christians to celebrate Jesus' mercy on all sinners. This feast is intended for the whole world.

The message of Divine Mercy is very simple. It is that God loves us, all of us. Jesus wants us to trust Him and believe in His mercy. The message of mercy is not one way. We are to receive mercy and to give mercy.

According to thedivinemeracy.org, all you need to remember about Divine Mercy is ABC.

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

From where does the Feast of Divine Mercy come?

Divine Mercy is a particular devotion in the Catholic Church. It is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was a young Polish nun, who in the 1930s, wrote a diary where she described the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even

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before her death in 1938, devotion to the Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Divine Mercy can be a transformative form of prayer and devotion for Christians.

Throughout St. Faustina's diary, she describes how Jesus is calling all people to His loving and merciful heart. Jesus told Faustina, "On the Feast of Divine Mercy, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

Throughout her diary St. Faustina shares messages of Mercy from Jesus; "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for souls and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment."

I want to encourage you on Jesus' feast of Mercy that if you have been away from God, even if you feel you have done things God could not forgive, He is calling you. He is longing for you to come to Him and receive His mercy. Now is the time. Don't wait any longer to be reconciled with God. His merciful heart will always forgive you; all you need to do is ask.

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***Postmarks of May 1st and later will be sent back as there will be interest due.** If you use the secure drop box that is located on the south side of the main courthouse, tax payments must be received by 5:00PM on April 30th. Payments collected in the drop box after 5:00PM on April 30th will be sent back for interest due.

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THE BULLDOG BARK

Bringing you the latest from De Smet High School

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Two grades experience Air Madness

BY: HEAVEN BACHELLE

De Smet High School did a food drive for two weeks in November, with donations given to the local food pantry. Grades 6-12 competed in their advisory classes for whichever group collected the most non-perishable food. Seniors and 8th graders who won the food drive will enjoy a trip to Air Madness, a trampoline park, in Harrisburg, SD, coming up in April.

Student council holds GoofOlympics

BY: CALEB NOLTE

On Monday, April 3, a draft was held during advisory time for De Smet High School students in grades 9-12. During the activity, students were drafted into 6 separate teams by 6 selected seniors. The teams then competed against each other in the GoofOlympics on Monday, April 10, in a variety of games and activities for the right to be crowned winners. This second-annual activity was sponsored and run by the student council.



DHS students compete in various activities during the second annual GoofOlympics competition with teams from grades 9-12.

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Prom will be “Out of this world”

BY: HAILEY LEE

The theme for prom this year at De Smet High School is “Out of This World.” On Friday, April 21, pictures will be from 4:30 pm to 7:15 pm. A junior/senior banquet will be at Klinkel’s from 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm, and a freshman/sophomore dinner will be at Double Bogey’s at the Kingsbury County Country Club. Drive-up is from 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm outside the commons at the school. The Grand March is at 8:00 pm in The Dog House, and then a dance will take place from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

After-Prom activities include bowling, arcade games and food at The Lanes and a movie, pop and popcorn at the Brookings Cinema 8 in Brookings from 11:30 pm to 4:30 am.

Students celebrate women’s history

BY: PHILOMENE HENRY

In March, in honor of Women’s History month, 7th graders in Mrs. Lindsay Nolte’s class made posters about famous and important women. They researched Frida Kahlo, Marie Curie, Malala Yousafzai, Amelia Earhart, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Balkissa Chaibou, Harriet Tubman and Wang Zhenyi, Michelle Obama, and Jane Goodall

Frida Kahlo is actually a nickname; her real name is Magdalena Frida Carmen Kahlo y Calderon. She was born on July 6, 1906, and died on July 13, 1954, from Leukemia. Frida is from Mexico, and she is famous for her Artwork after an accident that changed her life. She got divorced in 1939 but remarried a year later in 1940.

Marie Curie was born on November 7, 1867, and died on July 4, 1934. Marie is known for her discovery of cancer treatment. She was the youngest of her family and both of her parents were doctors. She was a Polish born physicist and chemist and lived in Warsaw, Poland.

FFA stays busy this spring

BY: BROOKLYN COUGHLIN

Last week students from the De Smet FFA chapter competed in Spring CDE’s in Howard on Monday. According to the national FFA organization, through Career and Leadership Development Events, members are “challenged to develop critical thinking skills and effective decision-making skills, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement.” CDE events occur at the local, state and national levels. There were 8 groups of students that competed in Ag Business Management, Ag Mechanics, Agronomy, Dairy Cattle, Horse, Livestock, Natural Resources, and Nursery/Landscape activities. The chapter will attend the state convention April 16-18 in Brookings.

De Smet School activities

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| <p>Wednesday, April 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniors travel to LATI in Watertown <p>Thursday, April 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track @ Menno @ 9:30 am <p>Sunday, April 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA State Convention-Brookings <p>Monday, April 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA State Convention-Brookings • JH Track @ Estelline @ 3:00pm <p>Tuesday, April 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA State Convention-Brookings • FCA Mtg in Music Rm @ 7:45am • Golf @ Madison Invite @ 10:00am • Track @ Howard @ 2:00pm <p>Thursday, April 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Sports Pictures after school <p>Friday, April 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30 Dismissal- Teacher In-service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROM <p>Sunday, April 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCCLA State Conference- SF <p>Monday, April 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCCLA State Conference- SF • LIW Spring Concert @ 6:30pm <p>Tuesday, April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCCLA State Conference- SF • FCA Mtg in Music Rm @ 7:45am • Golf @ Dell Rapids @ 9:00am • JH Golf @ Howard @ 11:00am • Track @ Estelline @ 1:00pm <p>Thursday, April 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf @ Lake Region @ 12:00pm • JH Track LCC @ S Valley @ 3:30pm <p>Friday, April 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH Track @ Howard @ 2:00pm |
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De Smet

MENUS

60s-plus menu

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 13: Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bun

FRIDAY, APRIL 14: Meat Sandwich, Potato Soup, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert

MONDAY, APRIL 17: Goulash, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: Tater Tot Hotdish, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: Chinese Chicken, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert, Bun

School Lunch

THURSDAY, APRIL 13: Hot Ham and Cheese/Bun, Roasted Vegetables, Peach Cups

FRIDAY, APRIL 14: Pizza, Corn, Orange

MONDAY, APRIL 17: Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Lettuce, Pear Slices, Motz Bread Stick

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: Shredded Beef/Bun, Tater Tots, Apple, Birthday Cake

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Grapes, Dinner Bun

NEWS BRIEF

Dates for roller skating

Roller skating dates for the rest of this season have been set. Mark your calendars for April 14 and May 19. Skating is open from 7:00-9:00 p.m., and everyone is welcome!

Bridal Registry
for
Emma Gehm and Cole Stevens

Shower April 15
Wedding May 27

Prairie Town Gifts

218 Calumet Ave., De Smet
605-854-3611

The children of Rose Grothe
invite you to a **90th Birthday Open House**
Saturday, April 29, 2023 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.
De Smet American Legion Hall
No gifts please

CELEBRATION

Plans begin for Old Settler's Day

BY AMY HALVERSON
Kingsbury Journal

Old Settlers Day will be celebrated the weekend of June 10-11 this year, and many are beginning to work on plans for De Smet's annual celebration. The De Smet Chamber of Commerce and the new Retail Committee formed within the Chamber already have many plans scheduled for the weekend.

Several activities are planned for Sat., June 10, beginning with a vendor fair from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., a parade at noon, inflatables on Main Street from 1-4 p.m. and Surfin Safari concert at 6:30 p.m., with gates opening at 5:30 p.m.

On Sun., June 11, a pancake feed, with free will donation, will be offered from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Legion Hall. At 3 p.m. The Gibson Girls will perform at the De Smet Event Center.

NEW RETAIL COMMITTEE

Annette Stensgaard-Schrock, owner of Bar S Chic, and Sommer Larson, owner of Riggins Rustic Design, came up with the idea of starting a Retail

Committee as part of the Chamber.

Schrock and Larson believe in supporting small businesses. Now that they have joined together, opening a storefront location across from Maynard's in De Smet, they are looking for a way to meet more people and become more active within the community supporting their small businesses.

Their goal is to have small business owners work together to bring visibility to all the businesses in the area, to support and promote each business and to strive to be a part of the community.

The Retail Committee plans to have meetings with those who would like to participate, but attendance would not be required. The committee would brainstorm for ideas to showcase businesses to community members, along with consumers outside of the community.

The committee would like to come up with ideas for monthly events. For example, Schrock suggested special activities be offered for Mother's Day. Perhaps businesses would like to donate or volunteer to host a Mother's

Day brunch or Muffins for Moms Day, offering muffins in each business for moms to enjoy while shopping.

Although they have not settled on a Mother's Day event yet, they have made plans to hold a vendor show from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Old Settlers Day. Space for vendors will be available in the grassy area adjacent to De Smet Farm Mutual, on the sidewalk and on the street if needed, since parking spots will be blocked off for the parade.

The money raised from the vendors' registration fees will be used to pay for advertising of not only the vendor show but throughout the year to promote the businesses in town. If successful, the plan is to make this an annual event.

Along with organizing the vendor show, Schrock and Larson are also working on activities for the youth, hoping to offer carnival-type games, face painting, balloon hats and cotton candy or snow cone machines.

With plans already in place and possibly more to come, it should be a fun-filled weekend for all who attend Old Settlers Day 2023.

SCHOOL BOARD

De Smet school's daycare dilemma

BY AMY HALVERSON
Kingsbury Journal

When the De Smet School Board met on Mon., April 10, Superintendent Abi Van Regenmorter informed the board of daycare issues and possible solutions for both school staff and others in the community.

Along with many other businesses in the area, the De Smet School is facing challenges with daycare shortages. Van Regenmorter was notified about three weeks earlier that one of the staff members would be losing her daycare at the end of May, and Van Regenmorter stated that there are at least three children of school staff members who attend the daycare set to close.

Van Regenmorter was concerned about the daycare shortage in town and how it could affect the school's staff. She said there was some discussion of possibly having a school

daycare before, and with the latest daycare closing, she felt it was time to investigate further.

Van Regenmorter reached out to Jamie Lancaster, Executive Director of De Smet Development Corporation, who was able to find grants available to schools who offer daycare.

She also reached out to the EmBe (Empowering You to Be) group which is part of the Boys & Girls Club in Sioux Falls. They have childcare centers which are linked with Avera. They currently have a childcare center located in Mitchell.

Van Regenmorter told EmBe of the daycare shortage in De Smet and asked if they would have any interest in starting a childcare center in town. She was told that they are open to looking into a childcare center in De Smet. It would include a daycare, along with a before and after school care program.

Van Regenmorter believes that if EmBe would come to De Smet to provide childcare services, it would be a much better solution than the school trying to set up a daycare program themselves. She is working with EmBe to provide them with all the information they need to decide, and she even sent them a link to the daycare building that is for sale in town.

Van Regenmorter said if the school had daycare, it would accommodate up to 20 children. She went on to say

that in her research of school daycares, the closest one she could find with a similar size as De Smet was the Viborg/Hurley School District. That school loses around \$10,000 each year from the daycare operations.

"We are in NO way wanting to compete with existing daycares; we are just making sure our staff have a place to take their children," emphasized Van Regenmorter.

Van Regenmorter did reach out to several businesses in town to ask if they would be interested in supporting a school-run daycare. Businesses who would be willing to support the daycare could secure their employees spots at the daycare. Avera, Horizon, De Smet Farm Mutual, Kingsbury Electric and others said they would be interested.

Van Regenmorter and the board agreed that the best option would be to have EmBe come in and start a daycare, but if that doesn't work out, then the school may have to step in themselves.

OTHER

Eframson Electric is working on temporary electricity for the new construction of the elementary school.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 8-12, 2023

The school board approved the health insurance contract for fiscal year 2024.

De Smet

DAYS GONE BY

2013: Major winter storm swoops into area

10 YEARS AGO

April 10, 2013

Winter storm Walda swooped into the area early Tuesday, bringing with it the promise of ice and snow until at least Wednesday and perhaps Thursday morning.

Forecasters predict that the De Smet and Lake Preston areas could receive as much as 10 to 15 inches of snow in addition to freezing rain and sleet. This area received a little more than two inches of snow on Tuesday.

The days of students using Encyclopedia Britannica to research school papers are long gone. The De Smet Education Enhancement Foundation recently paid for 12 Kindle e-readers for De Smet High School.

Students in Kathy Sanderson's senior English class are the first ones to use the e-readers.

Students share the 12 readers now, but the school hopes to acquire more of them by this time next year. Both Sanderson's grades 10-12 English classes and Penny Warne's grades 6-9 English classes will use them.

Fifty-five De Smet High School musicians participated March 27 in the region music contest in Watertown.

Soloists earning a superior rating are Lexis Kranz, soprano; Taylin Albrecht and Maria Huntimer, altos; Franchesca Poppinga, soprano and flute; Nathan Reynhout, tenor, and Andrew Foley, timpani and snare. Ensembles earning a superior rating are show choir, mixed octet, women's octet, percussion ensemble and woodwind choir. The brass choir and trumpet ensemble earned excellent ratings.

25 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1998

Dani Janssen, a fourth grader at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School, is the 1998 National Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Reader. She and her family will go to Washington, D.C., later this month as a guest of



TEN YEARS AGO: The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organized a Little Chef's Camp held April 6 at De Smet High School. Pre-kindergarten - kindergarteners Neva Clubb, shown left, Mallory Carlson and Aubree Blue were some of the many attendees.

RIF. Her parents are Dennis and Dawn Janssen.

"It's really pretty nice," Dani said of the honor.

Dani's name was drawn from those submitted from every other school in the nation that participated in the RIF program.

There was a battle against Mother Nature Tuesday afternoon. Heavy snow fell throughout the day leaving about a foot of heavy, wet cover. The snowfall stopped for a while Tuesday evening but then started up again about 10 p.m.

Four Lady Bulldogs - Desa Rae Doyle, Andrea Hornig, Heidi Poppen and Brandyn Warne - have received honors in volleyball.

Doyle, a senior, was named to the first team All-State, All Conference and Academic All-State. Hornig, also a senior, was named All Conference and Academic All-State. Warne, a junior, was named All Conference. Poppen, also a senior, was named Academic All-State.

50 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1973

SENIOR ON PARADE: For all you uneducated and inexperienced underclassmen, the Newsette now presents a special feature: All You Ever Wanted to Know About Mark Neu but Were Afraid to Ask.

Questions are now open. Birth? He was born on Aug. 20, 1955, to Merle and Virginia Neu in De Smet.

What has he been doing all his life? He has participated in basketball 1, 2, 3 & 4; football, 4; cross country, 2, 3 and Student Council, 4.

What are his personal tastes? Food, steak; book, "Score;" group, The Who; song, "Pinball Wizard;" actor, Steve McQueen; actress, Ali McGraw; movie, "Billy Jack" and female companionship, 5'7" with blue eyes, dark hair, fun personality and who's fun to be with.

What embarrasses a guy like this? Our studies show that Mark's most embarrassing experience was the entire seventh grade.

All you teenyboppers who dug Mark on the basketball court may get in touch with him at this address: Mark Neu Fan Club, De Smet, SD 57231.

100 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1923

Manchester, G. S. Barnes, correspondent - Dale Madison found an Indian Tomahawk recently on his father's farm on the edge of Manchester. It is an excellent specimen and is on exhibit at the pool hall, where it is interesting folks, some of whom had never seen an Indian weapon before.

120 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1903

N.E. Tackaberry is enjoying a rush in his cigar business. So much so that he is compelled to hire two first class cigar makers to help him handle the trade.

Chas. Campbell has purchased the C. C. Hortman property on First Street

and moved his family up from Carthage last week. Charlie is an A-1 boy, and we are glad to have him located in De Smet.

W. A. Grant was in the city last Tuesday advertising Jell-O. He dropped into our office and left a few packages on trial. We haven't had an opportunity of trying it yet, but it is very highly recommended to us by parties in town who have used it.

133 YEARS AGO

1890

Discovery of the copy of an 1890 issue of The De Smet Leader pasted into the walls of the Ingalls home awakens interest in the turn of the century at De Smet, and review of that year will come in the Early Files column.

A Drakola correspondent report "Our postmaster, Mr. Pratt, has added to his office a stock of groceries, and now we won't have to go fifteen miles for a book of matches." A storm the evening of the 14th brought a Mr. Easeman to lose his way crossing the Vermillion bottom and narrowly escaped spending the night on the prairie. Returning from De Smet with a load of coal the same night, David Pratt lost his way, the horses got down in a snow drift, and after shoveling them out, he decided to spend the night leading them around and rubbing them down. The Pratt Post Office, store and home was a sod structure located where the Eggen cabin is, a mile north of the Drakola Church corner.

"Times are dull," a letter from Nebraska reports. "Corn is worth only 11 cents per bushel, wheat 45 cents, hard coal \$12 per ton, western coal \$4.75 to \$5."

The ladies of the M.E. Church were to have a Hard Times social at the residence of L.G. Huntley - this is the remodeled first public school house of De Smet, now the residence of Andrew Swenson.

SENIOR FEATURE: CAEL SCHOENFELDER

Likes to fish, hunt and hang with friends

Senior Cael Schoenfelder is the son of Ryan and Traci Schoenfelder. With the nickname "Shunky," Cael has played golf for six years, football for three years and wrestled for three years. One of Cael's greatest achievements will be graduating from high school.

In his free time, Cael likes to fish, hunt and have fun with his friends. In three words, Cael describes himself as stubborn, hardworking and smart. His favorite class was World History.

When he was young, Cael imagined himself as a superhero. After high school, he plans to attend Lake Area Technical College to study diesel technology.

Cael's favorite meal is lasagna.



SENIOR FEATURE: GABRIELLA POPPINGA

Going to study business management

When she was young, Gabriella Carol Lyn Poppinga, the daughter of Michael and Janae Poppinga, always wanted to be a teacher. Now, as a senior at De Smet High School, she describes herself as an easygoing, kind and hard-working girl.

With the nickname "Beano," Ella has played basketball for four years, volleyball for six years, softball for 11 years, run track for five years and been in National Honor Society (NHS) for two years. Her biggest accomplishment is being an NHS member while at DHS.

You might find Ella working at the Oxbow or hanging out with her friends these days. In her spare time, she also enjoys coloring.

Ella hopes to attend Lake Area Technical College, where she plans to study business management.

Ella's favorite food is Snickers ice cream bars.



Lake Preston

MENUS

60s-plus meals

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 13: Pork Loin Sandwich/Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit

FRIDAY, APRIL 14: BBQ Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Bread

MONDAY, APRIL 17: Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, Baked Potatoes, Peas, Fruit

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/Tomato, Fruit

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread

School Lunch

THURSDAY, APRIL 13: Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Mandarin Oranges, Roll

FRIDAY, APRIL 14: Chicken Quesadilla, Carrots, Pineapple

MONDAY, APRIL 17: Meatball Sub, French Fries, Diced Pears

TUESDAY, APRIL 18: Pepperoni Pizza, Broccoli, Pineapple

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: Corndogs, Baked Beans, Applesauce

NEWS BRIEF

Museum winter hours

The staff will be happy to show off the history of Lake Preston for anyone visiting, for family reunions or for any occasion. Just call the number on the sign in front of the museum.

Bryant Cinema

April 14-16: The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
 April 22-24: Ambulance (R)
 April 29-May 1: Ambulance (R)
 May 6-8: Infinite Storm (R)
 May 13-15: The Bad Guys (PG)
 May 20-22: The Bad Guys (PG)

Showings
 7 p.m. Friday,
 Saturday & Sunday
 \$4.00 General Admission



Since winter's been a 'beach,' let's party

Chamber Fun Night will celebrate end of winter this Saturday

BY AMY HALVERSON
Kingsbury Journal

It has been a long winter, and the Lake Preston Chamber/4 Lakes Forward is ready to celebrate its end with a Chamber Fun Night called "Winter's Been a Beach" on Sat., April 15, at the American Legion Post #63 in Lake Preston.

Everyone is welcome to join in this fun adult night out to relax, laugh, perhaps use this local event as a date night and donate to a great family currently enduring a struggle.

The night will begin with a social hour kicking off the event at 6:30 p.m. The Legion will be serving alcohol and have soda available for purchase. The Chamber will offer free water.

Food will be provided by the Lake Preston Chamber and its members. A variety of "beachin" snacks will be available for free will donation, with all proceeds going to the family of John McMasters.

The Chamber decided to donate the proceeds to the McMasters, since they have had such a positive influence on the community. When a family is in need, Chamber members believe in giving them a hand up to help with their situation.

The entertainment will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue until around 8:30 or 9 p.m., depending on the crowd's reception and participation.

Although the Chamber is leaving the entertainment as a surprise for the night, they did share that it is brought by a gentleman who lives in Lake Preston, along with his wife and children. He has a background in music, but this year's entertainment will be a host-driven night of audience

participation, laughs and fun.

The next Chamber/4 Lakes Forward event is the 34th Annual Lake Thompson Walleye Tournament on June 3-4.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Giving back to your community is the best feeling, and it hits you in the 'feels' when you see the thankful faces of the folks you affect," shared Tina Tvin-nerheim, on being a Chamber member.

The Lake Preston Chamber is always open to new members. You do not need to own a business to belong to this community-driven organization. Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

For more information on the organization or to contact them, the group can be found on Facebook as Lake Preston Chamber of Commerce. They can be reached via email at LakePrestonChamberSD@gmail.com.

HONORS



Two inducted into the National Honor Society

Kanon Hoard and Arthur Silva were inducted into the Lake Preston High School National Honor Society last week. They join other members Ava Malone, left, Gretta Larson, Faith Steffensen, Riley Casper and Jake Larson. (Submitted photos)





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Lake Preston

LOOKING BACK

1998: Group goes to commissioners to raise taxes

10 YEARS AGO
April 10, 2013

While it was an easy job getting people to provide stories for the Lake Whitewood Rough Writers new book, it wasn't an easy task to sort through the stories and compile them into a book. **Phyllis Nelson** and **Barb Jessen** edited the book that came out last month, "Around the Dining Room Table with the Whitewood Rough Writers," a collection of first-person stories that grew out of the group formed in 1998. It has been well received by the community.

Trish Andersen is Lake Preston's new postmaster, having transferred from Badger.

"The hours there were just four hours, and I needed to go where I could have full time," she said.

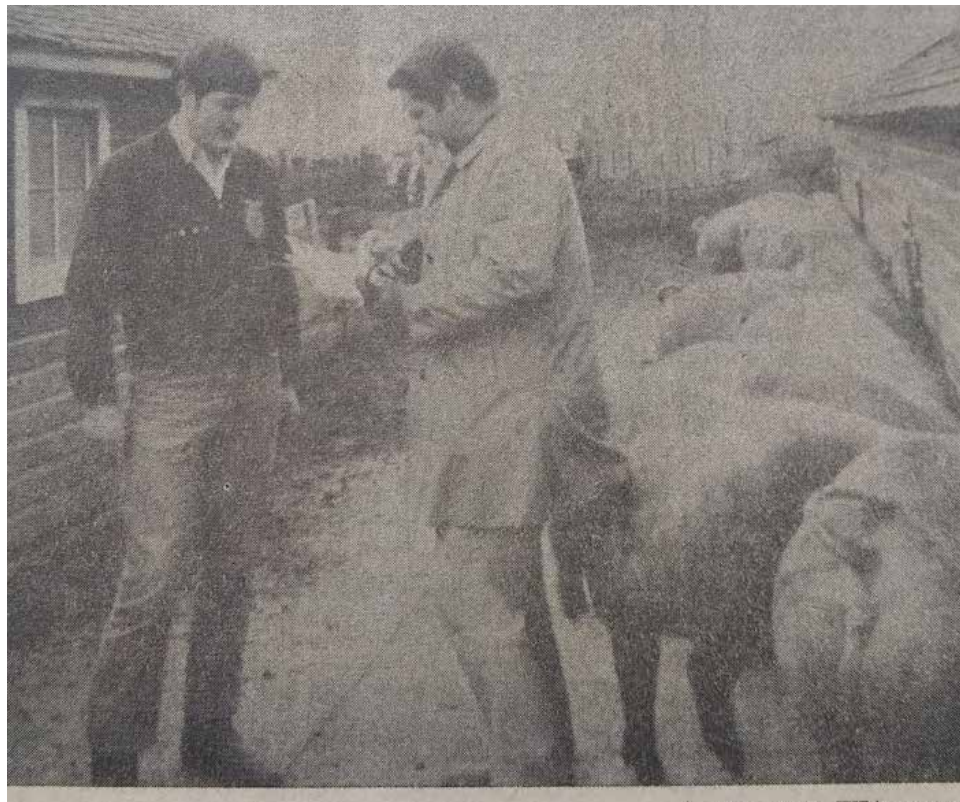
She has worked as a postmaster for 15 years and 22 with the postal service. Andersen is married to **Elden Andersen**, a farmer.

Winter storm Walda swooped into the area early Tuesday, bringing with it the promise of ice and snow until at least Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Forecasters predict that the area could receive as much as 10"-15" of snow in addition to freezing rain. In addition to snow, winds were gusting 25-40 miles per hour on Tuesday and expected to continue into Wednesday.

Bruce Beckman was named District 6 Legionnaire of the Year on April 5 at the district meeting in De Smet. Beckman is a member of Lake Preston American Legion Post #63.

25 YEARS AGO
April 9, 1998

Kingsbury County Commissioners Monday heard something elected officials rarely hear - a group asking for their taxes to be raised. Approximately 60 people from all corners of the county said they want the commissioners to opt out of the state-imposed tax freeze to renovate county roads. **Dave Sorenson**, highway superinten-



FIFTY YEARS AGO: It was an eventful honor-laden week for Randy Odegaard and his fellow FFA Chapter members at LPHS. Randy is shown being interviewed by Ronald Miller, representing the National Future Farmers magazine published in Alexandria, Va. Randy is the first LPHS member to win the top designation.

dent, said the county currently has 67 miles of road in need of improvement. His budget is not enough to repair roads that are in bad shape.

Adam Sorenson, a senior at Lake Preston High School, is among the students recognized in this year's Tandy Technology Scholars Program. Students who earn the recognition are in the top two percent of graduating seniors. He is the son of **Wally and Kathy Sorenson**.

The winners of the Americanism Essay contest sponsored by the Lake Preston and Erwin Legion Auxiliary are **Danny McLaughlin, Ryan Kazmerzak, Angie Noem, Cathy Zecek, Dustin Jones, Tom Penn and Ty Eschenbaum**.

Attendance was up at last weekend's Lake Thompson Wildlife Festival, and artists say they'll be back

next year. The festival has about 700 visitors and 21 artists, in addition to information booths and other displays. The proceeds are used to improve the Lake Thompson Watershed project.

50 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1973

Mike Koch, LPHS wrestling mainstay the past three years, last Saturday won third place in the state Wrestling Coaches Association tournament, which picks high school team members to compete in Mexico this summer. Young Koch is second

alternate for the trip, which would include several dual meets as well as the Mexican National tournament.

Keith Goodhope has been named manager of the insurance department of NW National Bank - Lake Preston branch. Goodhope joined the staff over a year ago as assistant manager, and during his service, has attended several short courses and seminars in his field.

Margaret Odden was selected as March student of the month. She is an active musician, being a member of band, chorus, girls glee and All State Choir. She is an FHA officer, has been in many school plays, was Girl's State representative and is on the Blue & Gold staff.

75 YEARS AGO
April 8, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Thomas, formerly of Flandreau, have purchased the Gamble Store and plan to open Thurs., April 8. They are now residing in the Phinney building.

Miss Gay Strande, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Strande**, was notified that she had won first prize with her accordion in a talent show in Huron last Saturday. She took home \$5 for her showing.

100 YEARS AGO
April 12, 1923

We understand that the contract for grading the Black and Yellow trail from Lake Preston to De Smet will soon be let and the work started within a very short time. That stretch will complete the grading of the trail through Kingsbury County, but there will remain the graveling from Lake Preston to Iroquois. The road from De Smet to Iroquois, which was graded last year, will no doubt be the first to receive a coat of gravel.

The Lake Preston Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

Monday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. | New Horizon Lounge

Lake Preston Water & Wastewater Improvements Phase 2A (2A-1 & 2A-2)

Public Meeting

April 19 • 6:00 p.m.

Lake Preston Community Room

If anyone has questions about Phase 1 & 2, please come to the meeting!

The City, Banner and Rounds will be at the meeting to discuss and address questions regarding the project.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND



Annual Athletic Banquet

THURSDAY, APRIL 13
LAKE PRESTON GYM • 6:30

Meal will be served!

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring *Ashlyn DeKnikker* bride-to-be of Tanner Lemme

April 22, 2023 • 10 a.m.

UCC-UMC Church - Main Street Lake Preston
Please bring a recipe to share with the bride-to-be
The couple is registered at Amazon, Target & Pampered Chef



Bridal Shower
Join us as we honor *Grace Cilbrecht*
bride-to-be of Kadyn Nolz
April 29 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | De Smet Event Center
The couple is registered at Prairie Town Gifts,
De Smet Flowers & Gifts, Amazon, Target and
Pampered Chef.
*Please bring your favorite recipe with a signature
on back for the bride-to-be.*

COMMISSION: Hwy 81 work coming

FROM FRONT PAGE

Jensen informed the commissioners they will also need to have another conditional use hearing for GEVO to have nine more towers than previously requested. GEVO realized more energy than they had previously thought will be needed. They have also decided to use towers with smaller turbines, which are more efficient. GEVO will be going from 20 towers to 29 towers.

HIGHWAY 81 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Sheriff Steve Strande went over the upcoming Highway 81 construction project with commissioners. The plan is to try to straighten the road where the two lanes are, like it used to be. The plan also calls for a better turning lane to help prevent accidents.

The project will close one side of the two-lane road at a time, with traffic moving over to the other two lanes. Strande suggested they lower the speed limit to 45 miles per hour in the construction zone; he is hopeful that they can avoid having to cause delays in traffic by having to use a pilot car.

Construction on Highway 81 is set to begin on April 10, continuing throughout the summer.

LAKE THOMPSON WATER DISTRICT

States Attorney Gary Schumacher and Echo Steffensen covered details of the Lake Thompson Water District – Joint Powers Agreement with the commissioners. Schumacher also suggested a few minor edits to the agreement that was presented to them.

After a brief discussion, the agreement with the edits from Schumacher was approved by all the commissioners.

The election date was set for May 23, 2023, at the Kingsbury County Courthouse. Since only people registered to vote who reside inside of the water district can vote, they believe there will only be around 52 possible eligible voters.

Schumacher will draft the ballot and have it ready by the end of the week, so it is available for the required amount of time before the election for absentee voting.

There will be no cost to the county once this election is complete.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Natalie Remund, Human Resources, went over the 2023 highway department's contract with the changes she had made after negotiations with the union. Most of the contract changes were to align the union contract with the new county employee

handbook.

Some of the changes that were made to the contract:

- Allowing employees in probationary status to join the union
- Juneteenth was added to holidays
- Vacation leave starts to accrue at hire date, but can't be used until probationary period ends
- Allos up to 40 hours of time off for funeral of immediate family member
- Family insurance changed to match county, with the county paying 80 percent of the coverage.
- Commissioners agreed to the new contract with the changes made, and it was signed. The contract will be given to the union to sign.
- Commissioners thanked Remund for all her hard work completing the union contract for them.

OTHER

• The ALICE (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training was postponed because of the weather and will be rescheduled later.

• Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, informed commissioners that the new pickup was inspected by Palmlund Automotive and passed all the major inspections but asked for approval to replace three belts that were cracking and the rear shocks since one was leaking. The commissioners approved the repairs for a total of \$619.03.

• Echo Steffensen read Ordinance 66 for the first time during the meeting, which allows the county to conduct state and federal criminal background checks of applicants who fall into certain categories of employment, such as working with money. The second reading will be held at the next scheduled commissioners meeting April 18.

• David Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, informed the commissioners that one of the doors on the shop needs to be replaced. Schubloom Construction gave him a bid of about \$11,000. Doug Kazmerzak asked Sorenson to get other bids for comparison.

• Sorenson presented the commissioners with an overweight request for Kingston LLC. Although the commissioners appreciated Kingston providing a detailed schedule of the concrete they were requesting to haul in, they were concerned with the potential damage that could be caused on the soft gravel roads. After some discussion, the commissioners all agreed to deny the request.

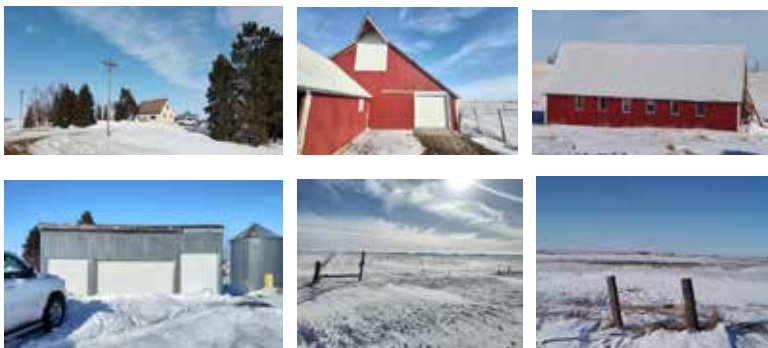
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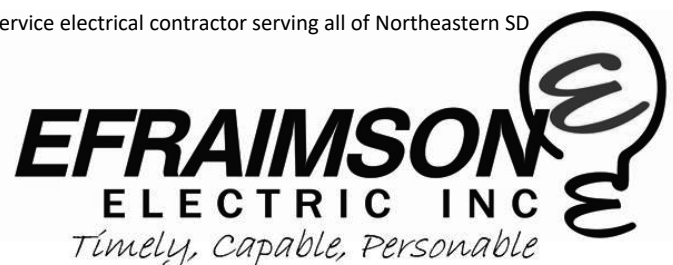
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LPHS SENIOR FEATURE: Garrett Kruger

Written By: Jonah Denison

This week's senior feature is Garrett Kruger. His parents are Made Wisnumurti and Heather Kruger. He lives with his mother, Heather, her boyfriend Paul, and his sister Dani. His father lives in Bali, Indonesia, with his other sisters, Shita, Risa, and Arshia, and his baby brother Naya. He also has four pets. His dogs' names are Lily, Dory, and Blue, and his cat's name is Shadow. Garrett has been involved in many activities throughout high school including basketball, football, choir, show choir, All-State show choir, All-State choir, One-Act play, All-School musical and marching band.

Five words to describe him would be outgoing, spontaneous, active, ambitious, and dedicated. Garrett's favorite teacher would have to be Mrs. Erstad, because "she was super welcoming and is always open to talk." If he could take any teacher to college with him it would also be Mrs. E., because she's someone he can talk to if he needs help in life. His favorite class is U.S. Government as he enjoys learning about the laws we have to abide by and how the House of Representatives functions. Out of all the many different lunches at school, the orange chicken would have to be his favorite. His favorite school memory is the time in elementary when the class had an argument about apple sauce. His favorite year of high school has been his senior year, because it's been the easiest year so far. A social trend that Garrett is embarrassed to be apart of would have to be Tik Tok dances.

Garrett's senior quote is "Only those who have suffered long, can see the light within the shadows" by Roronoa Zoro. His plans for the future are undecided at this time, although he is thinking about attending a program to learn about HVAC. In the future, Garrett hopes to be successful, and hopes for future high schoolers at LPHS to "enjoy their time here before they graduate."



THE WAFFLE

By: Trinity Pirlet

Breakfast. Whether you start the morning with a good bowl of cereal, a cheesy omelet, or a deliciously sweet piece of French toast, it is a meal that everyone can appreciate. But there is one food in the realm of breakfast foods that stands out to many: the waffle. Waffles are a common food in many American households, but there is a lot of history that comes with this delicious food.

Waffles have been around since over 4,000 years ago when the hotcakes were cooked on heated stones and flipped so both sides cooked evenly. Some time during the Iron Age came griddles and iron plates.

In ancient Greece and in the later Middle Ages, variations of these cakes were made, and were called obleios (wafers). The first true waffle recipe was not made until the 14th century, but it was only a waffle in name. These 14th century waffles were missing something that today's waffles include: a leavening agent. A leavening agent wasn't added until the 15th century, where the classic food began to get its classic grid shape.

Waffles first came to America with Dutch immigrants who settled in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania in the 17th Century. The word waffle was first used within the English language in 1725, and its various recipes spread throughout England and America. So, whether you eat a pancake, a waffle, or a bagel for breakfast, we can all remember and be grateful for the creation of the waffle.



More photos of the SDSU Indoor Track Meet from last week!

- Top Left: Senior Bergen Woodcock
- Top Right: Senior Stella DeKnikker
- Bottom Left: Freshman Peyton Hope
- Bottom Right: Senior Arthur Silva

A look into the week ahead..

- April 16:
 - State FFA Convention
- April 17:
 - JH Track @ Estelline; 3:00
 - MS SDMEA Festival @ Mitchell
 - State FFA Convention
- April 18:
 - HS Track @ Howard; 2:00
 - V/JV Golf Chester Invite; 10:00
 - State FFA Convention
- April 19:
 - NSU Math Contest @ Aberdeen
- April 21:
 - 2PM DISMISSAL (PROM)
 - Banquet; 6:00
 - Grand March; 7:00
 - JH Golf @ White; 12:00

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Sophomores: Trinity Pirlet
Freshmen: Lorick Pirlet, Hadlee Holt
7th Grade: Lucas Flegel, Rhyann McGuire

"Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future."
-Robert H. Schuller

CARTHAGE NEWS

1983: Spring activities around Carthage

BY LORELEE NELSON

The Prairie Lutheran Parish returns to the spring rotation April 15, with Trinity Lutheran at Carthage at 8 a.m., Immanuel Lutheran of rural Iroquois at 9:30 a.m., and First Lutheran at Artesian at 11 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Sunday School is Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. at Lorelee Nelson's. WELCA will meet Thurs., April 20 at 2 p.m. at Lorelee Nelson's.

Family and friends gathered for the funeral of Gladys Button on Monday afternoon at Trinity Lutheran, postponed from Saturday because of the weather.

Mark and Lisa Hinkley, De Smet, were Sunday and Thursday visitors with Harriet Hattervig.

SPRING ACTIVITIES

(According to The Carthage Newspapers from 1983)

A carnival was sponsored by the Loyal Ladies with the usual games and fun, plus new features of Squirt the Candle and Goofy Golf. Proceeds went to the city library.

A spaghetti supper was hosted by the Rodeo Club, including home-made ice cream and pies.

The Vials of Life were distributed at the Legion Hall.

The Nazarene Church welcomed their new pastor, Reverend Royal Archer and his wife and family.

The Farmers State Bank bowling team came home with the first-place trophy from the Howard Women's City Bowling Tournament. Members of the team were Florence Carman, Colette Anderson, Hilda Hamro, Alma Sneesby and Lenora Barrick.

Due to inclement weather, the annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at the auditorium with 50 children participating. The event was sponsored by the Carthage Community Club and Modern Woodmen of America.

The Carthage Art Club was represented at the Huron College Centennial Art in the Park with a booth.

The Carthage Auxiliary hosted their annual Gold Star Mother's Tea. Jennie Schnee, Freda Gillam and Hattie Tracewell were the Gold Star Mothers attending.

BANCROFT NEWS

What have your children taught you?

BY ROSE GROTHE

Stewart (Woodie) Laurer was the speaker at church on Easter. He spoke on the seventh chapter of the book of Daniel in the Old Testament and on Matthew 28 in the New Testament, telling of Jesus' crucifixion and His resurrection, as well as how He was given dominion over everything at that time, by God, His Father. He has also commissioned us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Laurer, an Orthodox Presbyterian missionary to Japan, gave a slide presentation of his work after the service. Thank you for an interesting sermon, as well as an informative preview of the work in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Richie, Abbi and Emily and Mr. and Mrs. Vin Perry, Tate, Wyatt and Kileigh Winn were Easter guests of Linda Perry. Wyatt and Kileigh spent the weekend with the Vin Perrys.

Janice White, Brookings, accompanied her mother Rose Grothe to church, and then they went on to Huron for dinner.

Thursday, I was treated to a very spectacular ride coming into De Smet from the east. They had had more ice covering than we had here, and with the late afternoon sun shining on grasses, stubble, deciduous trees, highline wires, fenceposts, weeds and even the snowbanks alongside the road, everything was sparkling like diamonds. It was absolutely stunning, mile after mile, breath-taking beauty like I'd never seen before in all of my

'winter ... almost spring.'

As I read Prairie Tracks last week, two articles particularly were interesting to me, the one about words and the one about rainfall. I agreed with what the writer said about words being negative or positive. I had written my thoughts out years ago, made a copy and hung it on the bulletin board of a diner, expressing that words can be VERY hurtful, especially when used with a certain tone of voice or threatening body language.

A patron came in right after I'd hung it up, paused to see what was on the bulletin board, took down my write-up about words and threw it in the trash. I told the owner. She got the paper out of the garbage, hung it up again and said, "It's my bulletin board, and I'll put whatever I want on it."

Mr. Glanzer's article telling how one person had to have more rain in his rain gauge than anyone else, reminded me of another person who had to have the most.

We had a large rain, something like five inches or so, and the guy said it filled up a five-gallon bucket before it stopped raining. He then added that when he went to tip the bucket over to empty it, there was no bottom in it. How's that for a little bit of exaggeration?

HISTORY (CONT. FROM LAST WEEK)

While waiting to have my order filled, I reached over and picked up a magazine. On the cover was a beautiful Powers model. Looking more closely, I discovered that it was our old friend Betty. Paging back to the

story behind the picture, I found that Betty worked for Power Model Agency in the daytime and as a chorus girl in a night club in New York in the evening.

Seeing that the time was slipping away, I hurried home to rest for a while before a very important engagement in the evening, dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria and then a show.

Settling back for a short nap, I was roused by an insistent ringing of my doorbell. Imagine my surprise, on opening the door, to find John, a representative of the Fuller Brush Company. He had been canvassing the apartments in the section of the city where I lived. Seeing that I wasn't so interested in his products, he hastened to give me a free gift, a toenail brush.

Sitting down to visit with me for a while, he told me that Don was still a bachelor and a very competent milkman back home in Osceola; though it appears he has a few matrimonial ideas from his frequent visits to see the housekeeper at Rev. Jack's house. (Continued next week)

THINGS MY CHILDREN TAUGHT ME

1. If you spray hairspray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
2. A three-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
3. You should not toss baseballs when the ceiling fan is on.
4. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a lo-o-o-ng way.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS

SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Maundy Thursday Service was held at Lake Gospel, Willow Lake with Sader Supper and Service.

Good Friday Services were held at Spirit Lake

On Palm Sunday, Confirmation was held at Spirit Lake. Those being confirmed were Hadley Glanzer, Calla Larson, Ava Fox, Seth Poppen, Ryder LaMont and Gatlin Wienk. A dinner reception was held at the Spirit Lake Church fellowship hall for Seth Poppen, Hadley Glanzer and Ryder

LaMont. A dinner was held for Calla Larson at the home of her parents, Derick Larsons, with family and friends attending.

PARKVIEW ASSISTED LIVING

On Thursday, Sue Holiday visited her mother, Delores Barker.

On Friday, the Dean Steevers called Bingo.

On Saturday, the Catholic church of Bryant furnished fish suppers for the residents.

A grandson and his children visited Janice Eframson.


On Palm Sunday, Cork and Ildena

Poppen attended church services at Spirit Lake for Confirmation. They were guests of Seth Poppen for dinner after services.

On Wednesday, Parkview had a power outage that lasted over six hours. We missed the big blizzard but got icy conditions.

Hope you all had a blessed Easter. A reminder of our Risen Lord. Residents have been receiving Easter plastic eggs each day in their baskets, filled with colored jellybeans telling the Easter story of Jesus. These were provided by Janice Stoebner of Sioux Falls.

— ILLDENA POPPEN



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ESMOND NEWS

1916: To incorporate or not to incorporate the town

BY MARLIN CLENDENING

The Clendenings had as visitors for Easter, Roy Clendenning, Baylee and Abby Clendenning from Belle Fourche, Taylor Clendenning and Damian from Watertown.

The Craig and Katee Olinger family from Woonsocket came for Easter services in Esmond followed by fellowship, an Easter egg hunt, the annual scavenger hunt, the Clendenings' Easter dinner in Carthage and a visit to Grandma Jeanette in Mitchell.

The Steve DeJungs spent Easter with their daughter Haley and husband of Blainville, Minn.

Adaline Reilley was a guest of the Dean Reilley family for Easter dinner in Iroquois.

Mark and Kara Aughenbaugh hosted for Easter dinner, Rick and Vicky Aughenbaugh and Kara's family, the

Nielsens from Brandt, S.D.

Annette and Charemon Dunham attended the Iroquois American Legion meeting in Iroquois last week; Leo and Selma were home for Easter.

Curt, Lori, Hannah and Rosalie Wehlander visited Mike and Dianne (Wehlander) Ray at Bella Vista, Ark., over the Easter weekend.

Lori Wehlander has been in Pierre this week on a business trip.

Travis and Michele Bornitz family had as guests Saturday, Michele's mother and brother's family from the Sioux Falls and Harrisburg areas.

Richard and Nancy Bornitz had as Easter guests, the Travis and Michele Bornitz family and Kim Sherman and girls.

Remember, at Easter, there's "no gloom in the tomb."

Joanne Schlueter and Marilyn Skyberg visited the Jeff DeBenedettis

in Tracy, Calif. While there, they enjoyed watching Kimball High School's presentation of the stage show "Oklahoma." Schlueter's granddaughter Caitlyn was stage manager of the production. She is a junior and has had stage manager duties on several major presentations during her three years at Kimball High. They also watched Joanne's grandson Tristen play in a basketball tournament.

Joanne Schlueter was in Canton, Ohio, this past week, where she coached the Jazz Dolls baton twirling corp. The group are national champions and will be representing the United States in world competition held in Liverpool, England, in August.

The Gene Schlueters, Rita Anderson and Glenda Haines were Easter dinner guests of the Gordie Skyberg's in De Smet.

HISTORY NOTE

1916: There was a move on foot to incorporate the town of Esmond. Meetings were held at the Esmond State Bank concerning this. On July 25, an election was held as to incorporation, with 36 voting in favor and 14 against. Incorporation was complete in September, and the first town officers were Lou Wigton, C.R. Boyd, C.O. Watts, Jas. Patton, E.B. Grotta and W.F. Scofield.

The county commissioners divided the property of Esmond township after Esmond was incorporated. The new town received \$200 in cash, an eight-foot road grader, the 1913 code of South Dakota law, the 1915 session law of the State of South Dakota and the artesian well located on the business street of the town of Esmond.

IROQUOIS NEWS

1933: No lights to be on

April 10, 1913

While returning home from hunting in Indiana the other day, a man found his neighbor leaving the house. Being of a jealous disposition, the hunter drew his gun and filled the other fellow's legs with fine shot. A lawsuit followed, and it was learned that the neighbor was there to borrow the local paper. The lawsuit cost \$75; the doctor bill was \$25, whereas \$1.50 would have saved the whole trouble.

The eastbound morning passenger train that leaves Iroquois at 9 a.m. jumped the track Saturday morning between Arlington and Volga, the engine, tender, mail, baggage car and smoker going into the ditch, the chair car turning crosswise of the track and only the sleeper remaining on the rails.

Engineer **Neil McKay** was badly scalded and had one shoulder dislocated, and while his injuries are painful, he will recover. Fireman Claude Oviatt escaped with a few bruises, being thrown entirely clear of the wreck. The baggageman was slightly injured, and the passengers escaped with nothing more serious than a few bruises.

The train was running downgrade and went off the track at a sharp curve. The engine plowed its nose into the ground, and the tender sailed over and beyond it nearly one hundred feet. The baggage car went to the north, the mail car to the south, and all the equipment was badly wrecked. It is almost a miracle that no lives were lost.

The train was in the charge of Conductor **Dan Glennon**. The injured people were put into the sleeper and taken to Huron as soon as another engine could be run to the place of the accident, and the wrecking crew cleared up the track so that trains were running that night.

Henry C. Strub, one of our prosper-

ous farmers, has made the purchase of a Fisher & Greer, a 35 horsepower Studebaker automobile. This is the 1913 model, with the latest devices such as electric self-starter, lights and extra seats.

April 13, 1933

After the city council, at its regular April meeting, voted down the proposition to turn on the streetlights at the reduced offer of approximately \$10 a month and laid the light question on the table for a period of thirty days, a petition was circulated requesting the council to rescind its action.

The petition signed by 57 resident voters requested that the streetlights be turned on in order to avoid the putting into effect of the increased rate on individual electricity patrons, the service company having agreed that the increase rate to private users would be cancelled if street lighting was resumed.

Mayor Irvin declined to call a special meeting in compliance with the wishes of the petitioners on the grounds that the subject had been disposed.

The meeting, however, was called for Friday night by the city auditor on authority of **Alderman Stoner**. At this meeting the petition was placed on file, but its requests ignored. No motion was made to comply with the request, and the council adjourned without taking any action, leaving the street lighting subject unchanged and tabled for 30 days from April 3. The increased rate on private users is therefore in effect.

At this writing the situation has not changed except that considerably more than the amount of money previously paid for streetlights has been shifted to the individual patrons, and yet we have no streetlights. In other words, it is costing us more without streetlights than it did when we had the lights, which is a peculiar and novel way of saving money.

SENIOR FEATURE: KASEY BURMEISTER

Don't procrastinate

Kasey Burmeister, the daughter of Melissa Burmeister and James Burmeister, has attended Iroquois for much of her school career.

Kasey has participated in band, jazz band, chorus, HOSA, FCCLA, drama and One-Act play. She has been selected as a Student of the Month and was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Kasey is unsure of her plans after graduation but does want to attend college eventually.

She would like to advise underclassmen not to procrastinate. If you have time to do the schoolwork, get it done. If possible, even work ahead because you never know when one teacher will decide to have either a test or a project to do along with your other work due from the other classes.

Junior prom is Kasey's best memory. She liked setting up with all her classmates and enjoyed participating in activities together with the class.

Her motto is "take life one step at a time. Life is going to throw some stones and boulders at you, but if you take one step at a time, you will overcome them."



What Kasey is going to miss the most is the structure of school.

"I always knew that when I woke up in the morning, I would go to school, and during the summer, I always knew I would go back to school," said Kasey. "It's going to be weird that when I graduate, I won't be returning to Iroquois school when my summer is over. I am going to miss all the friends that I made along the way in this crazy journey we've taken, which is coming to an end."

SENIOR FEATURE: SKYLAR OWENS

Change accompanied by discomfort is okay

Skylar Owens is the daughter of Crystal Owens. She has participated at Iroquois School from the beginning of kindergarten.

Skylar plans on taking time to work for a year or two and then attend college.

She has participated in FFA, FCCLA and HOSA.

One outstanding memory is winning first place in HOSA at state and then winning third place at nationals.

Her motto: "Any change, even change for the better, is always accompanied by discomfort." - Arnold Bennett.

Skylar will miss everyone, seeing her friends and sharing the day-to-day basics with everyone. She is going to miss how her friends have helped her



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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
** UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES**
DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 4, 2023**

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Walls, Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde, Doug Kazmerzak and Corey Lundquist present. Chairman Kazmerzak presided.

Attending via Zoom were Michelle Longville – Treasurer, Tammy Anderson – Director of Equalization, Steve Strande - Sheriff, Cindy Bau – Emergency Management, Amy Halverson – Kingsbury Journal, and Natalie Remund – MultiBusiness Solutions/Human Resources.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, requested to add a discussion of vehicle repairs to the agenda.

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, informed the Board under the discussion of the Joint Powers Agreement with DANR for the Lake Thompson Water Project District setting an election date needed to be added to the agenda.

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

MINUTES

The date for ALICE training in the March 21, 2023, minutes was listed as April 14, 2023 and should be April 4, 2023.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023, with the correction of the date. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Kazmerzak asked for public comment. There was none.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Remund presented and reviewed the 2023 highway Union contract to the Board for approval and signature.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to accept the 2023 Union Contract and have the Chairman sign said contract contingent on final approval from AFSCME Local 169. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Per the 2023 Union Contract the wage scale for the highway is as follows:

Highway Workers- \$14.32/hr. (1), \$15.50/hr. (1), \$21.00/hr. (1), \$21.32/hr. (1), \$21.82/hr. (1), \$22.93/hr. (2), \$23.03/hr. (1), \$23.86/hr. (1).

HIGHWAY

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

Sorenson presented the contracts for bids that were accepted on March 7, 2023 for Chairman Kazmerzak to sign

Sorenson informed the Board that a door on the highway building had been damaged and presented an estimate for the repair.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the matter until Sorenson collects other estimates.

Sorenson requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:03 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from executive session. Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out at 9:53 A.M.

Sorenson presented an overweight request for Kingston LLC. It was the consensus of the Board to decline the request.

ORDINANCE 66

Steffensen read the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE #66

AN ORDINANCE FOR STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT

PURSUANT to SDCL 7-18A-37 and consistent with legislative intent permitting Counties to conduct state and federal criminal background checks on applicants for county employment;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KINGSBURY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the authorization to conduct such background checks is set forth herein:

Section 1:

Kingsbury County may require any applicant for employment who is over eighteen years of age to submit to a state and federal criminal background investigation by means of fingerprint checks by the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation. This may include applicants for any budgeted, non-elected position (part-time and full-time) as well as any part-time or temporary positions where the applicant would have the opportunity for theft or would work in close proximity to children. Failure to submit or cooperate with the criminal background investigation is grounds for denial of employment.

The Board set the date for the second reading on April 18, 2023.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning at 10:13 A.M.

Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out of Planning and Zoning at 10:24 A.M.

Steffensen read the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION # 2023-5

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Board met to review the Plat of Lots 1 and 2, Wollschlager Addition being a Replat of Hauck Lot 2, A Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Township 111 North, Range 55 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota on April 4, 2023; 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 Lots 1 and 2, Wollschlager Addition being a Replat of Hauck Lot 2, A Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Township 111 North, Range 55 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Motioned by Kyle Lee and seconded by Steven Spilde All present voting via roll call:

Lee - Aye, Spilde - Aye, Kazmerzak Aye, Lundquist - Aye, Walls -Aye

Dated this 4th day of April 2023 at Kingsbury County, SD.

Doug Kazmerzak, Chairperson
ATTEST:

Echo Steffensen
(SEAL)
County Auditor

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to accept and adopt Resolution 2023-5 and for Chairman Kazmerzak to sign the same. All present voting via roll call. Kazmerzak – aye, Lee – aye, Walls – aye, Lundquist – aye and Spilde – aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2023-6

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Board met to review the Plat of Lots 3 Wollschlager Addition A Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Township 111 North, Range 55 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota on April 4, 2023; 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 Lot 3, Wollschlager Addition A Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Township 111 North, Range 55 West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Motioned by Roger Walls and seconded by Corey Lundquist All present voting via roll call:

Lee - Aye, Spilde - Aye, Kazmerzak Aye, Lundquist - Aye, Walls -Aye

Dated this 4th day of April 2023 at Kingsbury County, SD.

Doug Kazmerzak, Chairperson
ATTEST:

Echo Steffensen
(SEAL)
County Auditor

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to accept and adopt Resolution 2023-6 and for Chairman Kazmerzak to sign the same. All present voting via roll call. Kazmerzak – aye, Lee – aye, Walls – aye, Lundquist – aye and Spilde – aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR/STATES ATTORNEY
Gary Schumacher, States Attorney, joined the meeting.

Steffensen and Schumacher presented for approval and signature the following Joint Powers Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Kingsbury County Auditor by and through the Kingsbury County Commission.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE KINGSBURY COUNTY AUDITOR BY AND THROUGH THE KINGSBURY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Joint Powers Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2023, by and between the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue,

Pierre, SD 57501- DANR) and the Kingsbury County Auditor by and through the Kingsbury County Commissioners, PO Box 196, De Smet, SD 57231 (the Auditor (Collectively the Parties hereinafter) pursuant to the authority in SDCL Chapter 1-24. WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources has the authority pursuant to SDCL chapter 46A-18 to review initiating petitions and conduct elections for the creation of water project districts and for the election of the initial board of directors for such districts, and DANR serves as staff for the Board in reviewing such petitions and conducting such elections; and WHEREAS, DANR has the authority to enter this agreement pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-24; and WHEREAS, the Kingsbury County Commissioners (Commissioners) are authorized to enter this agreements pursuant to SDCL 1-24, SDCL Title 7 and its obligation to review initiating petitions and conduct elections for the creation of water project districts and for the election of the initial board of directors for such districts pursuant to SDCL 6-16. WHEREAS, SDCL 46A-18-15 provides that the Board of Water and Natural Resources is to perform the duties of the county auditor under SDCL 6-16-4 through 6-16-6, inclusive in conducting elections for conducting the formation election for the proposed Lake Thompson Water Project District, as well as the possible subsequent election of the initial board of directors of such district, but DANR desires to utilize the expertise of the Auditor in undertaking such duties on behalf of the Board; WHEREAS, DANR and the Auditor believes it is a more efficient use of scarce state and local resources to enter into this joint undertaking for the review of the initiating petitions and for conducting the formation election for the proposed Lake Thompson Water Project District, as well as the possible subsequent election of the initial board of directors of such district; and believe that such an agreement is to their mutual benefit and, WHEREAS, in a show of support for the formation of the Lake Thompson Water Project District, the Commissioners have submitted a letter to the Board of Water and Natural Resources indicating the deposit or payment requirement for the publication and election cost as set forth in SDCL 6-12-2 will be waived.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. JOINT UNDERTAKING:
 - a. The Auditor and DANR shall jointly undertake the verification of the initiating petitions to verify that the petition complies with the statutory requirements and contains the valid signatures of the required number of registered voters. The Auditor shall report such findings to the Commissioners and DANR shall make its recommendation to the Board of Water and Natural Resources for its findings pursuant to SDCL 46A-18-13 and SDCL 46A-18-14.
 - b. If the Board of Water and Natural Resources determines that the petition complies with the statutory requirements and the project is feasible and conforms to the public convenience and welfare, DANR and the Auditor will cooperate in selecting a date for the election on the creation of the water project district. The Auditor agrees to cause the appropriate notices to be published for the election and agrees to conduct the election in accordance with the applicable requirements of SDCL chapter 6-16.

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c. The Auditor and DANR agree that as per the desire of the Commissioners the costs of conducting the election will be waived.

d. Upon completion of the canvass of the election results by the Commissioners, the Auditor will certify the election results to the Board of Water and Natural Resources.

2. FUNDING OUT: This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature and from the federal government for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature or the federal government fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority, or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, then this Agreement, or the extent of access granted hereunder, may be 3 terminated by either party. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by either party nor does it give rise to a claim against either party.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Agreement shall commence upon the execution hereof effective the day and year above first written and continue for one year unless amended or terminated or extended pursuant to the terms hereof.

4. ASSIGNMENT AND AMENDMENT: This Agreement may not be assigned without the express prior written consent of the parties. This Agreement may not be amended except in writing, which writing shall be expressly identified as a part hereof and be signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

5. ASSIGNMENT AND AMENDMENT: This Agreement can be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice by either party and may be terminated for cause by either party at any time with or without notice.

6. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES: The rights and remedies herein conferred shall be cumulative and not alternative and shall be in addition and not in substitution of or in derogation of rights and remedies conferred by any other agreements between the parties hereto or by any applicable law. The failure of a party to enforce strict performance of any covenant, promise, term, or condition herein contained, shall not operate as a hereof be strictly performed.

7. ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT: The parties acknowledge that no separate entity as contemplated in SDCL 1-24-4 is being created to implement this Agreement, and that the cooperative undertakings herein described shall be administered by the Secretary of DANR for DANR, and the Kingsbury County Auditor for the Auditor, or their designees as contemplated in SDCL 1-24-5. The approval of the Secretary of DANR, for DANR, and the Kingsbury County Auditor for the Auditor, as required by SDCL 1-24-6, is signified by their execution 4 of this Agreement. The parties acknowledge that DANR will file a true copy of this Agreement with the Office of Attorney General and the Legislative Research Council within 14 days of the execution hereof, as required by SDCL 1-24-6.1.

8. NOTICES: Any notice or other communication required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent to the address set forth above. Notices shall be given by and to Mike Perkovich on behalf of DANR, and _____ on behalf of the Auditor, or such authorized designees as either party may from time to time designate in writing. Notices or communications to or between the parties shall be deemed to have been delivered when mailed by first class mail or, if personally delivered,

when received by such party.

9. TERMINATION: In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

10. MERGER: All other prior discussions, communications and representations concerning the subject matter of this Agreement are superseded by the terms of this Agreement, and except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, without regard to any conflicts of law principles, decisional law, or statutory provision which would require or permit the application of another or affecting this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.

12. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY: Nothing in this Agreement is intended to waive the immunity of the State of South Dakota, including DANR, or its officers, agents and employees. The State and DANR fully retain all immunities and 5 defenses provided by law with regard to any action based on this Agreement.

13. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: This Agreement is intended only to govern the rights and interests of the parties named herein. It is not intended to, does not and may not be relied upon to create any rights, substantial or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party in any matters, civil or criminal.

14. NECESSARY APPROVALS: By the signature of their representative below, DANR and the Commissioners certify that approval of this Agreement has been obtained by that governmental entity's governing body or officer pursuant to SDCL 1-24-3 and 1-24-6 by ordinance, resolution or other appropriate means, and that the representative is authorized to sign on the party's behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands effective on the day and year first written.

Schumacher provided an explanation of the document and edits that were needed. The edits included inserting Echo Steffensen's name in item 8; changing "Sixth" to "Third" and "Hughes" to "Kingsbury" in item 11.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with edits and for Chairman Kazmerzak to sign the same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen requested the Board set the election date for the Lake Thompson Water Project District on May 23, 2023 at the Kingsbury County Courthouse.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Lee to set May 23, 2023 as the election date for the Lake Thompson Water Project District.

SHERIFF
Sheriff Strande met with the Board to provide information on the Highway 81 project through Arlington.

Strande requested travel approval for himself and the office manager to travel to Deadwood for the Sheriff's conference on April 10, 2023.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to approve travel for Sheriff Strande and the office manager to Deadwood for the Sheriff's conference on April 10, 2023.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION
Anderson met with the Board per SDCL 10-3-14 in reference to the director's duties and the Board of Equalization.

Anderson requested approval to have the following repairs made to the County vehicle used by her office:
3 belts replaced @ \$349.49.
Rear shocks @ 269.54

Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to approve the repairs at a total cost of \$619.03. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson requested travel approval for herself and the Deputy Director of Equalization to travel to Brookings on 4/27 for a District Meeting, to Sioux Falls 6/13-16, 2023 for Annual Conference and 9/18-22,2023 to Rapid City for school.

Motion by Spilde to approve the travel request to Brookings on 4/27 for a District Meeting, to Sioux Falls 6/13-16, 2023 for Annual Conference and 9/18-22,2023 to Rapid City for school. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Cindy Bau, Emergency Manager, requested travel to Mitchell on 4/11-12, 2023 for the Region meeting.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to approve the travel request to Mitchell on 4/11-12, 2023 for the Region meeting. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Bau informed the Board the ALICE training scheduled for 3:00 P.M. has been postponed due to weather conditions.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS
3D SECURITY INC 460.00 REPAIRS, TAMMY ANDERSON 52.76 TRAVEL, APPEARA 76.58 SUPPLIES, AT&T 113.45 UTILITIES, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-MI 84.00 PROFESSIONAL SERV, BADGER OIL COMPANY 11927.30 SUPPLIES/FUEL/UTILITIES, BEADLE COUNTY AUDITOR 4000.00 VICTIM WITNESS COORD., BOB BODE CONSTRUCTION 4553.07 REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 6704.68 REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 685.41 PROFESSIONAL SERV, CITY OF DESMET 155.42 UTILITIES, CIVIL DESIGN INC. 915.00 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, COAST TO COAST 381.50 SUPPLIES, COLES PETROLEUM 18765.87 FUEL, SMITH'S LUMBER 65.47 REPAIRS, AVERA DESMET HOSPITAL 54.00 PROFESSIONAL SERV, DE SMET WELDING 261.06 REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, BRANDON DUFFY 139.00 MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT, GREG DUFFY 124.48 WEED BOARD TRAVEL, FEDEX 37.68 PROFESSIONAL SER, CITY OF HURON 3899.19 911 SURCHARGE 1/2023, INTERSTATE BATTERY 410.85 SUPPLIES, DOUG KAZMERZAK 80.58 TRAVEL, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 40.80 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 674.68 REPAIRS, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 46.09 PUBLISHINGS, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 593.74 PUBLISHINGS, KYLE LEE 12.24 TRAVEL, LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 168.50 SUPPLIES, COREY LUNDQUIST 164.22 TRAVEL, MAYNARD'S FOOD CENTER 59.98 SUPPLIES, MULTI BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC 2150.00 PROFESSIONAL SERV, EASTLINE

SUPPLY 45.93 SUPPLIES, NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP 241.40 SUPPLIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 608.23 SUPPLIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 43.40 REPAIRS, OFFICE PEEPS INC 512.66 SUPPLIES, RYAN OLSON 117.34 WEED BOARD TRAVEL, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 12906.99 FUEL/UTILITIES, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 61.33 REPAIRS, REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY 314.16 SUPPLIES, RFD NEWS GROUP 56.00 PUBLISHINGS, RFD NEWS GROUP 1088.40 PUBLISHINGS, ROLLING PRAIRIE GRAIN CO, INC 2564.96 SUPPLIES, RUNNING SUPPLY INC. 333.37 SUPPLIES, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 939.23 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, SDACC 665.00 FEES, SDACO 198.00 MP&R FEES 3/2023, SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO LLC 49.18 SUPPLIES, STEVEN L. SPILDE 136.68 TRAVEL, STEVE STRANDE 300.92 PRISONER CARE, SHELLEY STRANDE 37.38 MATRON DUTY-PRISONER CARE, TRANSOURCE 2907.34 SUPPLIES, TRUENORTH STEEL 4933.04 SUPPLIES, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 12.48 SUPPLIES, US POSTAL SERVICE 4.65 SUPPLIES, VERIZON 453.63 UTILITIES, VISA 109.03 SUPPLIES, ROGER WALLS 230.56 TRAVEL, ERLAND WEERTS 121.42 WEED BOARD TRAVEL, KRISTIN A. WOODALL, RPR, CRR, 18.00 COURT REPORTER FEES, YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE 100.00 BMI, ZELL MANUFACTURING 500.52 REPAIRS,

END OF MONTH
COURTHOUSE SALARIES \$60,983.19
HIGHWAY SALARIES 33,902.33

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS
Wellmark Health Plan 31,770.82
Three Fivers Benefits 5,976.16
AFLAC 1,487.84
AFLAC 286.74
Reliance Life Insurance 172.18
Aflac Dental 2,870.94
Beam Vision 255.16
SD Retirement Supplement Pretax 225.00
SD Retirement System 14,385.84
SD Retirement Supplement 740.00
AFSCME 93.04
Kingsbury County 28,613.43

OFFICE REPORTS The Register of Deeds, Sheriff's and Director of Equalization's Reports of Fees Collected during the month of December 2022 were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde that the Auditor's report with the Treasurer as of the close of business March 31, 2023, be accepted as follows. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cash on Hand	\$ 2,300.82
Checks in Treas. Possession	
less than 3 days	20,189.63
Credit Card	2,762.77
Cash Short	0.00
Cash Long-ISF Check	0.00
Demand Deposits	110,832.72
Savings Account	2,456,186.50
Revolving Loan Fund	296,548.71
Big Ditch MM	345,658.75
Time Deposits	1,657,523.80
TOTAL	4,892,003.70

BREAKDOWN OF MONEY BY FUNDS
County General Fund 2,416,172.91
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) 1,473,731.31
Drainage Ditch #4 165,746.79
Drainage Ditch Debt
Service Cash 17,177.64
Amount held for School Dist. 627,654.86
Amount held for Townships 176,835.19
Amount held for Cities 111,303.30
Amount held for East Dakota Water Dist. 2,435.34
State Remittance 204,298.94

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 Amount held for others 100,861.86
 TOTAL \$5,296,218.14

AUDITOR
 Steffensen requested a partial release of a county lien by resolution for Case #2023-1 on the property described as:

The South Ninety-Nine Feet (S99') of the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Twelve (12) and the South Ninety-Nine Feet (S99') of Lot Thirteen (13), Block Seventeen (17), Brown's Addition to the City of De Smet Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE LIEN (#2023-4)

WHEREAS, the records of the Kingsbury County Register of Deeds and the Kingsbury County Auditor show a County Lien against Tim LeRoy Perry in the amount of \$369.98, and

WHEREAS, such lien does appear on The South Ninety-Nine Feet (S99') of the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Twelve (12) and the South Ninety-Nine Feet (S 99') of Lot Thirteen (13), Block Seventeen (17), Brown's Addition to the City of De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

BE IT RESOLVED that such lien be released against the above-described property, and
 BE IT FURTHER RELSOLVED that the balance of the County Lien in the amount of \$4,058.51 to remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 4th of April 2023

Doug Kazmerzak, Chairman of the Board
 ATTEST:

Echo Steffensen, Auditor
 Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to accept and adopt Resolution 2023-4. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen requested clarification on vacation carryover for an employee with 85.47 hours over the current 80 hr. carryover policy which was extended through March 31, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 11:42 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to adjourn from executive session. Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board out at 12:50 P.M.

STATES ATTORNEY
 Schumacher, States Attorney requested travel to Sioux Falls on May 2-5, 2023 for the States Attorney Conference.

AUDITOR
 Steffensen requested travel for the Welfare Director to travel to Pierre April 11-13, 2023 for the Welfare Director Workshop.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to approve travel to Pierre for the Welfare Director Workshop on April 11-13, 2023. All present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Steffensen informed the Board the final dollars of an error on the Refuge Revenue distribution that occurred in 2004-2009 had been received back from the townships and the amount of \$50,0057.16 would be correctly distributed to the schools.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
 Doug Kazmerzak, Chairman

ATTEST _____
 Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council of the, City of De Smet, 106 Calumet Ave SE, De Smet, South Dakota, 57231, at the office of the City Finance Officer of said City until 3:00 p.m. (local time) on the 3rd day of May, 2023, and then be publicly opened and read, for furnishing all equipment, labor, and materials as set forth in the specifications and performing all work, incidental there-to for Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS III-P), Wilder Field, De Smet, South Dakota.

Base Bid
 Primary Work: Approximately 370 Ft of Trenching and Backfilling or Plowing for Conduit, 370 Ft of Non-Encased, Electrical Conduit, 2-Inch, Type I, Sch. 40 PVC in Trench or SDR 13 HDPE Plowed, 1900 Ft of 1/C No. 4 Cu AWG, 600V, THWN-2, Installed in Conduit, 950 Ft of 1/C No. 8 Cu AWG, 600V (GND), THWN-2, Installed in Conduit, 580 Ft of Non-Encased, Electrical Conduit, 2-Inch, Type III, Sch. 80 PVC or SDR 11 HDPE Bored, 2 Each of Cable Markers, 4 Each of L-867B (12"), Class 1, Junction Box with Flat Blank Steel Cover, 1 Each of L-810 LED Double, Airport Obstruction Light, in Place, AWOS III-P System, Complete and Commissioned, Terminal Building Work, 900 Ft of High Flow Silt Fence, and other items of related construction.

Plans and Specifications: Copies of the Plans and Specifications are available for inspection at:

Office of the City of De Smet, South Dakota, or at the Office of Helms and Associates, 416 Production Street N, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained, at the Office of the latter, upon payment to Helms and Associates for shipping and handling in the amount of \$100 for an 11" x 17" size set of plans and specifications.

Plans and Specifications may be retrieved by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.helms-engineering.com/biddocs.html>. Following registration, complete sets of Plans and Specifications may be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files. Users who have downloaded the Plans and Specifications will be mailed an invoice of \$20.00. All payments are non-refundable.

Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

2. Bid Guarantee: Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid, and drawn on a solvent State or National Bank, or a ten percent (10%) Bid Bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and payable to the City of De Smet, South Dakota.

3. Contract Bonds: Separate Payment and Performance Bonds guaranteeing faithful performance of the Contract and payment of all labor, materials, rentals, etc., will be required for an

amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the Contract. All bonds must be issued or co-signed by a licensed resident agent of South Dakota.

4. Commencement and Completion: The Engineer will set the beginning date in a written "Notice to Proceed with Construction". The Contractor shall begin the work within ten (10) days of the date set forth in the written "Notice to Proceed" and shall complete the work within the number of calendar days, working days, or completion date or dates as shown in the Specifications.

5. Title VI: The City of De Smet, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

6. Minimum Wage Rates: The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Labor Laws, including the minimum wage rates decision of the United States Department of Labor.

7. Affirmative Action: A Contractor who may be awarded a contract of \$10,000 or more and subcontractors who may be awarded a subcontract of \$10,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the advertised specifications.

8. Award of Contract: The right is reserved, as the interest of the City of De Smet, South Dakota, may require, to reject any and all bids, to waive informality in bids received, and to accept or reject any items of any bid, unless such bid is qualified by specific limitation.

9. The contractor will certify that he and any of his subcontractors meet the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 29, regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion as further described in these specifications.

10. The contractor will certify that he and his subcontractors will comply with the 49 CFR, 30.17, regarding Foreign Trade Restrictions as further noted in project specifications.

11. The contractor will certify that he and his subcontractors will comply with "BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION (JAN. 1991)" as further noted in project specifications.

12. The contractor will comply with "BUY AMERICAN-STEEL AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (JAN. 1991)" as further described in project specifications.

13. If an applicant (corporation) has either unpaid Federal tax liability or has been convicted of a criminal violation under any Federal law within the preceding 24 months, the applicant is ineligible to receive an award unless the sponsor has received notification from the agency suspension and debarment official (SDO) that the SDO has considered suspension or debarment and determined that further action is not required to protect the Government's interests.

CITY OF DE SMET, SOUTH DAKOTA
 BY /s/ Tracey Larson
 Finance Officer, Title

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CITY OF OLDHAM COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 3, 2023

PRESENT: Jim Eykamp, Chandra Waikel, Roger Eide, Gary Krogman, Maintenance-Glenn Albers; Finance Barb Rybak. C. Begg also attended.

Meeting called to order by Krogman. Motion by Eide; seconded by Waikel to approve the agenda. Motion by Eykamp; seconded by Eide to approve the minutes. Motion by Waikel; second by Eykamp to approve the financials.

No residents attended the equalization meeting.

C. Begg joined the meeting to inquire about any planning for future improvements; such as upkeep of buildings and social events for the public. He addressed perhaps blacktopping side streets; at this time it seems to be cost prohibitive. Discussion regarding preliminary plans to build a new picnic shelter for the park; including electric and water. Also addressed some of the buildings that are beyond repair to be taken care of. We appreciate citizens being involved and offer suggestions for the good of Oldham.

Glenn Albers gave his maintenance report.

Council went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. and dismissed at 7:51 p.m.

Bills: Cook's Waste \$1,551.67; Kingsbury Journal \$20.44; Northwestern Energy \$222.74; Kingbrook Rural Water \$136.80; Otter Tail Power Co \$949.65; Dawson Const. \$724.18; Rural Development \$426.00; Maintenance \$1,356.43; Finance \$507.93.

Eide made motion to adjourn; Waikel seconded.

Next meeting will be May 8, 2023.

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 City of Oldham SD

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MINUTES FOR TOWN OF ERWIN

Meeting for the Town of Erwin was called to order by Sherry Bell on April 3, 2023. Roll call was taken, members present were Sherry Bell, Myrna Knadle, Crystal Penn, and Jerry Popkes. Guest Bert Anderson, Kim Martens, and Sue Christoffer.

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

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

Knadle read the expenses. Otter Tail Power \$239.25, KRWS \$36.00, Badger Oil \$75.10 (Gas), Paul Jennings Construction \$480.00 (snow removal) and Kingsbury Journal \$13.00. Penn made a motion to pay and Popkes 2nd.

Sue Christoffer and Kim Martens shared concerns regarding the bark-
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ing dogs, dogs not leashed and property clean-up.

The board also discussed delinquent sewer payments, unsupervised children in the streets and street maintenance this summer.

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

The next meeting will be held May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

Myrna Knadle
Finance Officer

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF KINGSBURY
ESTATE OF
FRED WESLEY CARY, AKA.,
FRED W. CARY, AKA.,
IN CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PRO. NO. 23-003
FRED CARY, DECEASED.**

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

Notice is given that on March 27, 2023, James L. Cary, whose address is 44819 - 212th Street, Arlington, South Dakota 57212, South Dakota, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Fred Wesley Cary.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that 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 this 20th day of January, 2023.

/s/ James L. Cary
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DE SMET EDUCATION FOUNDATION would like to thank the following for their donations: David and Abi Van Regenmorter in memory of Audrey Penny, Audrey Lembke and Jason and Tristin Gruenhagen in memory of Ron Lembke, Roger and dVal Pirlet in memory of Ross Purintun.

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I can see clearly now

JOHNNY NASH MAY HAVE started his song with “I can see clearly now, the rain has gone,” but what about someone with cataracts? They cannot easily see “all the obstacles in their way,” and there are not “dark clouds that make you blind” like in the song, but cataracts do cause vision clouding.



THE PRAIRIE DOC

JILL KRUSE, D.O.

Cataracts is the name given to the clouding of the lenses in the eyes. These lenses allow light to pass through the eye to the retina, where the signal is sent to the brain so we can perceive the world around us. Common symptoms of cataracts include blurred, clouded or dimmed vision. They can also make it more difficult to see at night or cause “halos” around lights.

While anyone can develop cataracts, it is most common as people age, with over 50 percent of people over the age of 80 having cataracts. However, there are some infants who are born with cataracts due to genetic issues, trauma or infection prior to birth. Most commonly, cataracts develop due to age-related changes as the proteins and fibers that create the lenses of the eye break down or clump together, causing clouding of the lenses.

Because cataracts typically develop slowly over time, the effects may not be obvious until the progression is advanced. While it is common for cataracts to affect both eyes, often one eye progresses faster or is worse than the other. Cataracts can also affect different areas of the eyes. The area affected will result in different problems with vision.

Cataracts affecting the center of the lenses may cause issues with reading or yellowing of vision, while cataracts at the edges of the lenses cause issues with judging distance, differentiating colors and triggering double vision in the affected eye.

The last type of cataract is when the back of the lenses is affected, reducing vision in bright light and making reading difficult. This type also tends to be faster growing than other types of cataracts.

Factors that can increase the

risk of developing cataracts include modifiable and unmodifiable things. Factors that you can change include excessive exposure to bright sunlight, excessive alcohol use, smoking, obesity and prolonged use of corticosteroid medications. Age is the only truly unmodifiable factor; diabetes, previous eye injuries or surgeries and high blood pressure can be controlled.

The most common treatment for cataracts is surgery. This surgery involves removing the clouded lens and replacing it with a clear, artificial lens. Once placed, these lenses are permanently left in the eye.

This is generally an outpatient surgery, meaning you do not need to spend the night in the hospital. The procedure is relatively quick, with low risk of complications. Most people heal within a few weeks. Afterward, you can enjoy “that rainbow that you’ve been praying for” and every “bright, bright, sunny day.”

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ROAD WORK

Reconstruction project near Arlington to begin

A reconstruction project is scheduled to begin on U.S. Highway 14/U.S. Highway 81 south of Arlington. On Mon., April 10, 2023, the contractor plans to implement two-way traffic controls.

Two-way traffic will be maintained on the eastbound lanes of Highway 14/81 for the first half of the project. Once grading and surfacing are complete in the westbound lanes, two-way traffic will switch to the westbound lanes.

When the westbound lanes are finished, realignment of Highway 81 and the reconstruction of the eastbound lanes on Highway 14 will begin.

Bowes Construction of Brookings, S.D., is the prime contractor for the \$7.5 million construction project. The overall project is scheduled to be complete by Nov. 1, 2023.

Find additional information about this project on the South Dakota Department of Transportation website at <https://dot.sd.gov/arlington-pcn-05hu>.

SPORT CALENDARS

De Smet Bulldogs

APRIL 13 — Track @ Menno

APRIL 13 — Golf @ De Smet-CANCELLED

APRIL 15 — Track @ Elkton-CANCELLED

APRIL 17 — Golf @ White-CANCELLED

APRIL 18 — Track @ Howard

APRIL 18 — Golf @ Madison/Chester Invite

Iroquois/Lake Preston Sharks

APRIL 18 — Track @ Howard

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Is spring here?

These common merganser ducks finally found some open water at Lake Carthage on Monday. The part that looks like a cloudy sky is actually some remaining ice, but the ducks didn't seem to mind. Lots of water birds coming through. (Photo by Donna Palmlund)

LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT



Open water walleyes

Cody Magnuson (left) of Madison and Rich Waldner of Huron got in on some warmer-weather fishing over the weekend. Lake Francis Case is open from the dam down to several miles south of Chamberlain. Minnows are bringing a premium price at many of the bait shops on the river, and it would be advantageous to purchase bait before departing as some shops have run out over the weekend. Winterkill in small ponds has caused a temporary shortage of bait. (Photo by Jim Girard)

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