

Council OKs increase in water rates

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

The average water user in the city of Brandon will begin seeing a \$1.40 increase in their monthly utility bills next month.

The Brandon City Council approved new, tiered water rates at its Jan. 6 meeting. The rates will go into effect in February.

Brandon's average water consumer uses 4,000 gallons per month, according to Miranda Kleven with AE2S. Kleven presented her firm's recommendations for the new water rates to the council at

Monday's meeting.

Brandon utility customers currently pay a fixed monthly rate per 1,000 gallons of water used.

With the new rate system, single-family residential customers who use up to 12,000 gallons per month will pay \$4.59 per 1,000 gallons. There are four tiers, with the highest users – 36,001 gallons or more – paying \$10.04 per 1,000 gallons.

AE2S's recommendation for new water rates is part of a water study the firm completed for the city in 2019. The increase will help the city pay for upcoming water

infrastructure projects, Kleven explained, including the expansion of Brandon's water treatment plant, development of well 8 and construction of a new water tower.

Kleven also recommended the city consider adopting a fixed debt surcharge with its water rates in 2021.

"I think these rates are very reasonable, and we have a good plan moving forward," said mayor Paul Lundberg.

The city council also approved a motion to seek an RFP for preliminary design of the water treatment plant expansion.

Development of well 8 is expected to cost approximately \$1.3 million, water tower construction is estimated at \$5 million and expansion of the water treatment plant, which will double the facility's size, at \$15 million to \$25 million.

The city will disseminate more information about the new tiered water rate structure in the coming weeks.

The city council also heard from Troy Larson, executive director of Lewis & Clark Rural Water Systems. Larson spoke briefly about Lewis & Clark's plan to serve water customers in the distant future,

beyond the current guaranteed 45 million gallons per day, which the water system is calling "Lewis & Clark 2."

Brandon isn't a Lewis & Clark customer, but the city could be part of Lewis & Clark 2, Larson said.

He doesn't know what that phase will look like yet, but he estimated it to be 20 years in the future, after Lewis & Clark has expanded its 45 million gallons per day to 60 million.

"If this ever comes to fruition, we want to make sure Brandon is part of the discussion all the way through," Larson said.

Wilkes to lead start-up of new WELS congregation

Jill Meier
Journal editor

If someone had asked Craig Wilke and his wife, Christina, where they wanted to make their home as newlyweds, Brandon, S.D., may not have made the list.

But the Wilkes weren't given a choice. Instead, administrators of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church hand-picked Brandon for the Wilkes, who have begun the process of planting a new church here, Sure Foundation Lutheran Church.



Christine and Craig Wilke

"I didn't know anything about Brandon, S.D.," Pastor Wilke said. "But the

people who assigned me here, they knew my gifts and they knew Brandon's and said, 'You'll fit here.' So, in a way, it's a trusting way to say I trust God to send me where he's going to send me."

Since arriving in Brandon this past fall, Wilke said they've found the community to be very welcoming.

"People are so friendly here and it's similar size to the town I grew up in, so I find a lot of similarities. South Dakota and Wisconsin obviously have a little difference in their cultures,

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Hoopin' it up



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Brandon Valley's Jackson Hilton was a crowd-pleaser Jan. 2 when the junior took it to the hoop against the Mitchell Kernels. It was an exciting finish for the Lynx, who cashed in a 3-pointer at the buzzer to defeat the Kernels 51-48. BV begins a three-game road schedule Friday when they travel to Brookings. For more on the win over Mitchell, see page 10.

Lundberg shares 2020 mayoral outlook

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Mayor Paul Lundberg would like 2019 to be remembered as the year Brandon started getting things done – and for 2020 to pick up right where last year's progress left off.

"Just like 2019, we have a ton of projects on the books, and it's going to take a lot of good weather and a lot of hard work to get all of these projects done," Lundberg said.

He's taking an optimistic approach to an ambitious lineup of infrastructure needs to tackle this year.

"That's my personality; I want to get a lot of things done in as short a period of time as we can, and we're continuing with that mode in 2020," Lundberg said.

The city accomplished a long checklist of infrastructure improvements in 2019 and embarked on several more.

First, the city replaced the water treatment plant's greensand filter media with IMAR, completed water looping projects on Redwood and Aspen boulevards, finished Redwood Boulevard storm sewer improvements and wrapped up the final phase of water, sewer, storm sewer and street improvements to the Brandon Park Addition.

The city also resurfaced Sunrise Park with synthetic turf, installed new fence safety tubing at Aspen Park, resurfaced the tennis courts there to create a pickleball playing surface, and completed annual street maintenance and slurry seal installation.

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Journal Viewpoints

You belong to God

Need a mantra for 2020? How about this chorus from one of my favorite song writers, John Darnielle of the band the Mountain Goats:

FROM THE PULPIT

Associate Pastor Dan Nelson
Brandon & Spittrock Lutheran Churches



"I am going to make it through this year, if it kills me."
It's a bleak mantra, I'm aware. Sometimes that's about how it feels though. Depending on the year that has just passed, how your life is going, the concerns that you carry, the burdens that weigh you down, it may feel realistic than "living your best life."

Yes, sometimes all that positivity of fresh starts, new beginnings can make some of us a bit cynical and, in the worst cases, even a bit hopeless.

Reflect for a moment. What was hard about the past year? Economic trouble? Failing health? Loss of loved ones? Injustice for you or those you know? A troubled spirit? Did you just barely make it through?

First, I hope your year wasn't like that at all. But as someone who is called to minister to the people of my congregation and those around me ... I've seen my fair share of all of the above in this past year spread across all types of households and lives. I've seen divorces, funerals, job-loss, addiction, illness, you name it ... yes, some days, "I am going to make through this year, if it kills me" was my mantra in the moments of frustration – but it wasn't my only mantra.

"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:7-8).

The promise for us is that in all things, we belong to God. In all things God is with you. This is the reason that Jesus came to earth in a messy, humble way and died a death of torture and humiliation; God enters into all that stuff that hurts us the most to redeem it, to bring life from death.

This year might kill you, it might kill me, metaphorically or otherwise! We never do know what tomorrow might bring; no one is guaranteed tomorrow. But what we are guaranteed is that God goes with us with a love and grace that nothing can separate us from.

May you know God's presence in this new year. I hope it is a happy one! But if it is a little more complicated than you would have hoped, filled with struggles and pain, remember you are not alone. You belong to God. You are loved. And God goes with you into whatever tomorrow brings.

God's peace, and have a blessed 2020.

SOUNDING OFF

The results of *Brandon Valley Journal's* online polls:

- A.) Red light - 95%
- B.) Be wrong - 5%

Website poll

Do you make New Year's resolutions?

- A.) Always - 0%
- B.) Sometimes - 60%
- C.) Never - 40%

Wednesday
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Live to play again

JILL'S JOURNAL

Jill Meier | Editor



I'm a die-hard Minnesota Vikings fan. Always have been, always will be. And as you know, my fellow – and female – fans and I have been disappointed in the post-season more times than I can count on my 10 fingers and 10 toes combined.

That's a lot of disappointment for any fan of the purple and gold. Or any team colors, for that matter.

But year after year, we keep coming back with high hopes that this will be the year ...

This year, just may be that year.

Although the Vikes didn't turn in the best ending to their regular-season schedule by suffering losses to Green Bay and the Chicago Bears, heading into Sunday's Wild Card win-or-go-home game against New Orleans, I had a feeling this was going to be a

good day for the Vikings and Vikings fans alike.

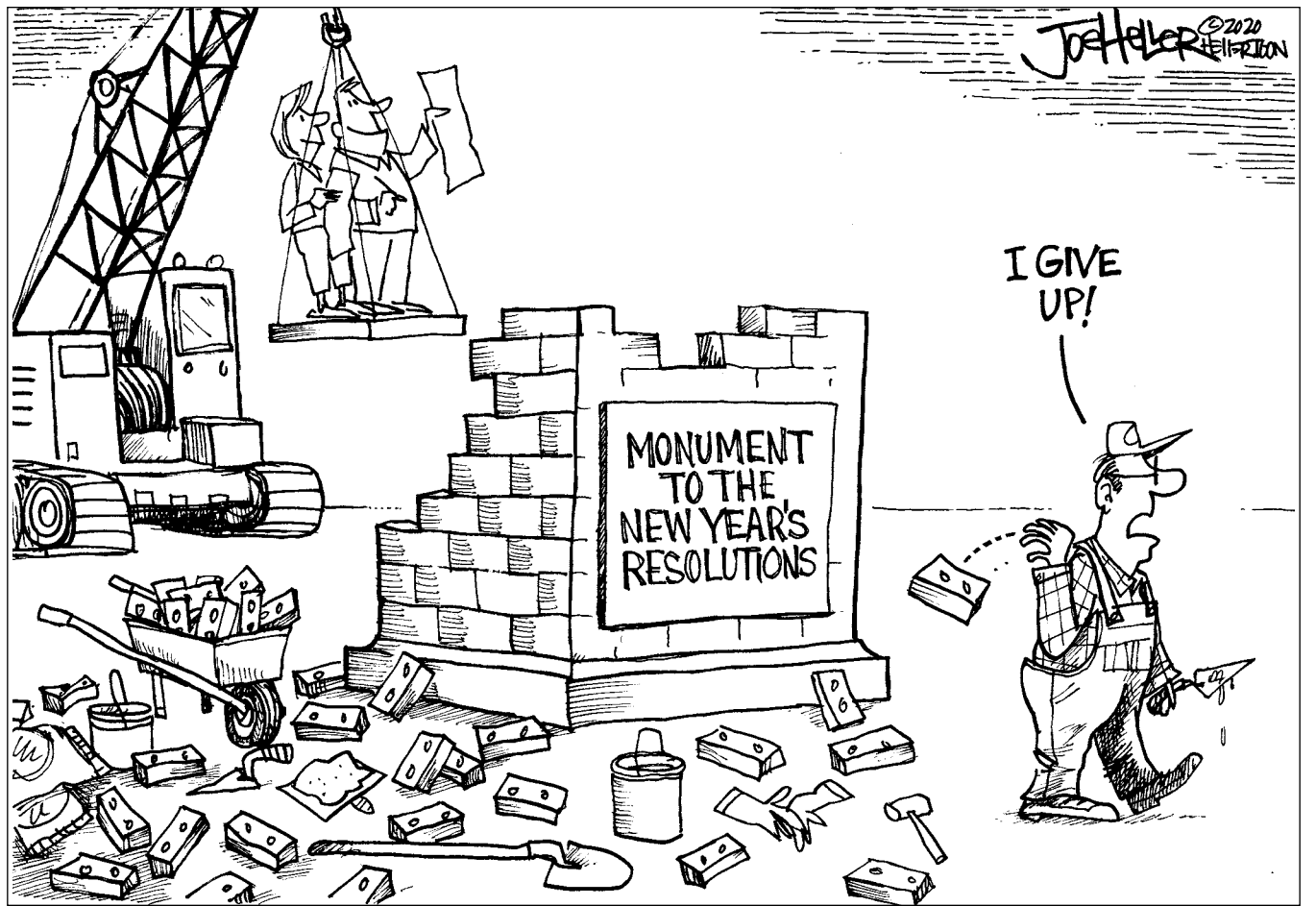
And I was spot on, as Minnesota played like a championship team should play. My neighbors may tell you they heard a little hooting and hollering coming from apartment 2. (I offer my apologies to the neighbors).

Of course, the Vikes had a few hiccups along the way – think fumble on the first possession – but they surely made up for it as the game wore on and into overtime. And they did it on the Saints' turf to boot, a tough place for any visiting team to play.

I'd be lying if I told you that I wasn't sad to see New Orleans and New England both axed from the post-season. Actually, I smiled – a lot. (I offer my apologies to Saints and Patriot fans both).

The road doesn't get any easier this week when Minnesota heads to sunny California to take on the San Francisco 49er's Saturday afternoon.

But once again, I have a feeling that Saturday's going to be a good day for the Vikings and Vikings fans alike. And I, for one, plan to be front and center – of my TV – to root for the coveted purple and gold. And it's possible, no, more likely than naught, my neighbors are sure to hear a little more hooting and hollering coming from apartment 2.



Deadlines, registrations and dates to note

The elementary schools of the Brandon Valley School District are accepting registrations for kindergarten screening. A child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 to be eligible to start kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. Please, contact your respective elementary attendance center for more information and to register for kindergarten screening.

Parents and guardians can support their child's kindergarten readiness by reading to their child daily, working on letter, number, and color recognition, and engaging in activities that promote fine and gross motor skill development.

SUPE'S ON

Dr. Jarod Larson
BVSD Superintendent



Additionally, working on social skills and how to follow two or three step directions is also critical. Most importantly, keep your kindergarten readiness activities fun. With fun practice, you can help prepare your child for their elementary school debut.

Last call! The deadline to get your child's semester 2 bus pass is Jan. 10. The deadline must be met for your child to be able to continue riding the bus for

semester 2. We greatly appreciate your timely cooperation with our Transportation Department, as we work to efficiently and effectively transport nearly 2,300 students daily.

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- Friday, Jan. 10 – Bus pass purchase deadline
- Friday, Jan. 10 – No school (In-service)
- Monday, Jan. 20 – No school (In-service)
- Friday, Feb. 14 – No school
- Monday, Feb. 17 – No school (President's Day)
- Go, Lynx!

Connecting South Dakota

We have it pretty good in South Dakota. From beautifully laid and intricate landscapes, to revitalized hometown main streets and top-ranked higher education, there is so much that makes South Dakota special. But as the saying goes, "there is so much more."

I've heard it said that 65 percent of children in elementary school today will work in jobs that don't even exist yet. These jobs will undoubtedly require access to technology, particularly the internet. But today, widespread broadband access in South Dakota isn't as widespread as we may think. In fact, about 88,000 South Dakotans lack high-speed internet access. These people cannot launch an online business or take advanced classes that require

extensive uploading or downloading. Producers in these areas may not be able to use cutting-edge technology that requires online components.

As businesspeople, a gap in broadband internet is a failure to remain competitive. A failure to remain competitive threatens a cut in profit. A cut in profit may force a business to close. And when a business closes, jobs, sales tax income, school enrollment, and community reinvestment suffers, too. The internet - or lack thereof - connects us to more than just what we see on the screen. It connects us to our neighbors locally and our business potential globally.

I tasked the Governor's

FROM THE CAPITOL

Gov. Kristi Noem



Office of Economic Development (GOED) with spearheading this broadband challenge. I'm grateful for the partnership of the Legislature as we approved \$5 million in grant money to launch our broadband development program, Connect South Dakota. And I'm proud of the private-public partnerships that were forged throughout this process. The eight projects awarded grant money will be incredibly influential in bringing internet access to underserved parts of South Dakota.

Like Ross Petrick, Alliance Communications

General Manager said: "Many students in this area [northeast Minnehaha and southeastern Moody counties] struggle to complete homework at home due to the broadband gap, and one large dairy operation is struggling with no broadband capability. A fiber-optic broadband infrastructure will help farming and dairy operations run more efficiently and provide new educational opportunities and telecommuting employment options."

Collectively, these eight projects will connect about 4,800 unserved and underserved households and more than 100 South Dakota businesses by the end of 2019, and they're optimistic about the results they will produce.

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BVHS to graduate 11 at midyear ceremony

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“Pomp and Circumstance” is coming a semester ahead of schedule for 11 Brandon Valley High School seniors next week.

Starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, midyear graduation will take place in the Performing Arts Center.

Eleven students will be awarded diplomas – and all for different reasons. Most are graduating a semester ahead of their classmates, often eager to get a jumpstart on their college, military or workforce careers. Still others finish high school mid-year to move with their families, or they took an extra semester to finish their coursework.

“It’s a wide range, which makes the ceremony unique and neat,” said BVHS principal Mark Schlekeway. “They get a graduation ceremony that can maybe be personalized to them a little bit.”

Like many high school graduates, Anissa Robinson simply doesn’t have the resources to attend

a traditional, four-year college.

Robinson, who turns 18 three days after she’ll graduate, is frank about her situation.

“I grew up in a home where nothing’s handed to me. I have to make money in order to go to college,” she said. “So for me, graduating early gives me the opportunity to save some money up to get my future on track. Nobody’s going to do it for me, so this is what I have to do in order to get the things I want in life.”

Robinson has found a way to earn money while continuing her education. After graduating next Wednesday, she’s bound for Job Corps, a free, residential education and job training program for young adults, where she plans on earning a nursing license in a year and a half.

“It’s basically like a job and a school at the same time,” she explained.

Natalie Brekhus has an altogether different plan for herself post-high school, though hers is equally mapped out. Twelve days after graduating, she’ll start Marine Corps boot camp in South Carolina.

“I talked to all the branches, and the Marine

Corps seemed more like a family,” she said. “I decided to graduate early and leave in advance because I’ll have more job opportunities in the beginning of the year, and it’s a lot better leaving for South Carolina and boot camp in the winter.”

BVHS doesn’t hold a midyear graduation with every class; typically, there needs to be at least five students to warrant the event. The school had seven students collect their diplomas midyear in 2018 and none in 2019. Each class averages three to 10 midyear grads, Schlekeway said. This year, a commencement speaker has been tapped to deliver a “short message of inspiration” to the 11 midyear grads.

“It’s a different ceremony than when you’re graduating 250 in one day,” Schlekeway said.

Approximately 240 BVHS seniors will collect their diplomas May 17, and will be one of the smallest graduating classes in recent years. Next fall, they’ll be replenished by around 340 incoming freshmen, upping the high school’s population by 100 students.

TALK of the TOWN

BV Optimist Wild Game Feed is Monday

The doors open at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 for the 12th annual Brandon Valley Optimists’ Wild Game Feed. The event is held at 212° The Boiling Point in Brandon. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. There is a \$50 fee to reserve a table. The night will feature exotic dishes, raffles and more.

Proceeds from the event is filtered to fund family and youth events.

To learn more, contact 212° The Boiling Point at (605) 582-3531.

Brandon Area Women’s Connection meets Jan. 13

All area women are invited to the next event for Brandon Area Women’s Connection at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at a new location, Sioux Valley Energy Community Room, 108 N. Heritage Road, Brandon.

The special feature will be Kimberly Kettermann, representing Sanford Profile with tips on healthy eating. Music will be provided by Anjelic, and the speaker is Kris Roberts with the topic, “Taking a Step Out in Trust”.

Tickets are \$8 and reservations are not required. Snacks will be provided.

For questions or more information, please call 605-376-1572.

BAFP’s January needs

The needs for January at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are Cup O’ Noodles, Banquet Complete Meals, Ro-tel tomatoes, beef stew, Miracle Whip, mayonnaise, hard shell taco shells. The BAFP continues to have an ample supply of canned vegetables, fruits and soups.

Before donating food items, please check expiration dates and that cans are not bulging from age and/or freezing. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

The BAFP also accepts used eye glasses and hearing aids on behalf of the Brandon Lions Club.

The BAFP is open 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 406 Main Ave. To learn more, call 605-582-7001.

Coffee with the Council

Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing the first “Coffee with the Council” from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at Kingbird Coffee, 509 N. Splitrock Blvd. A few council members will be on hand to talk with residents about ideas, concerns, etc.

Bingo at the VFW

Proceeds from Bingo Night at the Brandon VFW on Saturday, Jan. 25 will go to Brandon Valley’s eighth grade Washington, D.C., trip. Bingo will be played from 7-10 p.m.

Optimists’ Wild Game Feed set for Monday

Annual all-you-can-eat affair pared down to one night, benefits community

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Though the event has been pared down from two nights to one and includes mandatory admission this year, the Brandon Valley Optimists’ 12th annual Wild Game Feed Monday night promises plenty of exotic dishes for even the most adventurous palate.

Set to start at 4 p.m. Jan. 13 at 212° The Boiling Point, the game feed will feature around 50 dishes incorporating 12 different animals, said 212° owner-chef Kyle Thill.

Game feed organizers decided to add a \$10 admission for adults and \$5 for kids this year rather than relying strictly on donations, as the event has in previous years. A fundraiser for the BV Optimists, the feed brought in more than \$20,000 last year, Thill said.

“Some people donate generously; some don’t. The group thought \$10 was more than fair for unlimited food,” he said.

Last year was Thill’s first time hosting the game feed since taking over 212° from former owner Mark Fonder. Thill invested \$3,000 in the event himself to cover all the ingredients, sauces, seasonings and extras used in the dishes.

Monday’s menu is expected to feature two first-time dishes: smoked mountain lion and fried porcupine. The first, Thill said, tastes similar to pork loin, and the latter will be smoked in smaller quantities.

“I’m praying we’ll get the porcupine in, because I’d love to try it,”



Jill Meier/File photo

Folks fill their plates at last year’s Wild Game Feed fundraiser for the BV Optimist Club. The 2019 event, which was held over two nights, raised more than \$20,000 in donations.

he said.

The menu will also include wild game standards like alligator, bear, deer, elk, fish, moose, pheasant, racoon, wild boar and even a smoked pig.

Josh Buhman is chairing the Optimists’ event this year. The club channels all the money raised back into the community, primarily to help fund family and youth events.

“The game feed is a fun way for people to try new things, meet new people and help the Optimist Club

raise money for the community,” Buhman said. “We hope to raise money for the club and for people to have a fun time and try something new.”

Prepping for the wild game feed starts four days prior to the event with thawing. On Sunday, workers begin cleaning and cutting the game before launching into the actual cooking, which is typically an all-day affair. Thill cooked 24 hours straight for last year’s feed.

“It’s a lot of preparation,” he ad-

mitted.

Food will be brought out fresh until 8 p.m., and Thill expects to serve between 250 and 350 people.

“It could be chaos this year,” he predicts. “Come early.”

Ten guns and 10 Big Frig coolers will also be raffled off, along with an assortment of miscellaneous items.

Reservations are being accepted for \$50, including the \$10 admission, by calling 212° at 605-582-3531.

Coughlin honored with tree stewardship award

Staff report

Brandon resident Mike Coughlin was recognized for his stewardship of nature in Hamlin County.

Coughlin was named the 2019 winner of the Tree

Stewardship Award, an honor given by the Hamlin Conservation District. The award was presented Jan. 3 at the organization’s annual appreciation dinner.

Each year, the Hamlin Conservation District looks for tree sites in the county that have been well planned, planted and cared for. Stewardship reflects good management of the natural resources of soil, water and air, and planning and caring for field, farm or feedlot windbreaks helps to conserve these natural resources.

Coughlin was recognized for his sustainable practices. He has been planting trees since 1996, and since that time has planted approximately 43 acres, which include 13,170 trees and shrubs. Fabric has been applied to almost 21 miles of trees.

All of the plantings were intended for field windbreaks, farmstead shelterbelts and to



Submitted photo

Mike Coughlin was presented the Tree Care Award by Jared Namken, chairman of the Hamlin Conservation District, at the organization’s annual dinner on Jan. 3.

create habitat for wildlife.

In addition to his stewardship efforts in Hamlin County where he has a farm, Coughlin is a member of Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever Wildlife Federation-Izaak

Walton League, serves on the South Dakota State McCrory Gardens Board of Directors, has associations with the Arbor Day Foundation and the Nature Conservancy Foundation and more.

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AREA DEATH NOTICES

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Bryan Boelman, 62, Sioux Falls
Glenn Kasten, 68, Parker
Dorothy McFarland, 96, Flandreau
Karla Parsons, 82, Hurley
Marvin L. Sopko, 73, Sioux Falls
Michael Sundberg, 52, Sioux Falls
Roger Timmer, 77, Strawberry, Ariz.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Jim Anderson, 86, Lake Benton, Minn.
Willard J. Bishop, 79, Sioux Falls
Tressa Bloemendaal, 86, Doon, Iowa
Pansy W. Gross, 92, Huron
Rosemary Kadinger-Vander-Schaaf, 97, Sioux Falls
Larry Miller, 77, Yankton
Jerald Neugebauer, 69, Scotland
Howard "Stub" Reynolds, 98, Pipestone, Minn.
Anna Sproul, 87, Sioux Falls
Connie Sturzenbecker, 72, Mitchell
John Tschetter, 76, Bridge-water

Friday, Jan. 3

Alan Ackerman, 55, Sioux Falls
Duane Dalton, 56, Sioux Falls
Howard Dodd, 89, Sioux Falls
Kevin Doscher, 55, Brookings
Russell Evans, 74, Gregory
Joanne Ginsbach, 74, Hartford
Thomas Graham, 69, Sioux Falls
Janice Hedeon, 79, Beresford
Robert Hesse, 62, Volga
Elizabeth Hinricher, 94, Flandreau
Roger Iverson, 87, Canton
Karleen Josephson, 80, Sioux Falls
April Croushore Keefe, newborn, Sioux Falls
Janice M. Lehr, 82, Menno
Joyce E. Lundquist, 96, Beresford
Ninabelle Moore, 96, Pipestone, Minn.
John Mulligan, 81, Phoenix, Ariz.
Rosalene Pesicka, 86, Lake Andes
Harlan Rausch, 84, Tolstoy
Marge Sippel, 89, Beresford
Michael Sundberg, 52, Sioux Falls
Norman Thuringer, 88, Mitchell
Tom Tobin, 74, Winner
Laura Warner, 93, Sioux Falls
Phyllis Werly, 82, Brandon
Loren Wipf, 19, Lake Benton, Minn.

Saturday, Jan. 4

Rebecca Armstrong, 67, Sioux Falls
Maxine Bunker, 93, Pipestone, Minn.
Jean Deutsch, 91, Ellsworth
Karen Gill, 65, Martin, Tenn.
Betty May Grause, 76, Vermillion
Mary Kaye Jensen, 72, Sioux Falls
Myron Lippert, 80, Mitchell
Michael Otten, 62, Tea
Lenore Schamp, 90, Sioux Falls
Jeffrey Stork, 62, Mitchell

Sunday, Jan. 5

Harland C. Danielsen, 74, Mesa, Ariz.
William Fisher, 72, Sioux Falls
Deserae Honkamp, 35, Sioux Falls
Roger Iverson, 87, Harrisburg
Mary Jensen, 72, Sioux Falls
Robert Johns, 82, Canistota
Karleen Josephson, 80, Lake City
Ronald Lee, 73, Rapid City
Nick Timmins Nordstrom, 39, Sioux Falls
Karla Parsons, 82, Hurley
Lois Reade, 87, Yankton
Doris Salem, 97, Sioux Falls
Helen Smith, 85, Sioux Falls
Andy Spaans, 77, Mitchell
Alice Sturzenbecker, 82, Sioux Falls
Josh Verley, 37, Sioux Falls

Monday, Jan. 6

Linda Bolyard, 71, Sheldon, Iowa
Thomas Egan, 88, Sioux Falls
Jonquil B. Haberer, 80, Yankton
Ronald Quall, 78, Jefferson
Diane Rebnord, 80, Sioux Falls

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Werly, 82



Memorial services for Phyllis Werly, 82, of Brandon and formerly of Wessington Springs, were held Sunday, Jan. 5, at George Boom Funeral Chapel in Brandon.

Mrs. Werly died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at Bethany Home in Brandon.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna (Tom) Worth of Brandon; granddaughter, Kylie (Rasheed Sr.) Hodge of Brandon; five great-grandchildren, Brittany, Rasheed Jr., Dreavin, Keanin, and Zeadin; brother, Roger (Deb) Thompson of Shakopee, Minn.; and nieces, Megan and Alex.

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

William Fisher, 72



William "Bill" Lee Fisher, 72, formerly of Sioux Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019, in Howard. A memorial visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory in Sioux Falls.

He is survived by two sons, Paul (Melissa) Fisher, Aberdeen, and Jeff (Heidi) Fisher, Warner; six grandchildren, Aiden, Austin, Creighton, Kason, Bryce and Peyton; four siblings, Tim (Jalaine Everhart) Fisher, Renner, Stephen (Holly James) Fisher, Sioux Falls, Patricia (David) Beuckens, Brandon, and Mary (Ron Lillegaard) Neisteadt, Windom, Minn.; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

Diane Rebnord, 80

Funeral services for Diane R. Rebnord, 80, of Sioux Falls, were held Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at Miller Funeral Home - Westside Chapel, also in Sioux Falls. Interment was in the St. Michael Cemetery, Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Rebnord died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at Ava's Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

She is survived by her children, Cathy Perryman of Tea, David (Marilyn) Rebnord of Buffalo Grove, Ill., and Sandy Cummings of Brandon; nine grandchildren, Eric, Nicholas, Daniel, Jacob, Diana, Danielle, Dereck, Christina and Brenna; eight great-grandchildren, Andrew, Matt, Austin, Chase, Dylan, William, Kennedy and Samantha; three great-great-grandchildren, Korbin, McKenna and Chaplin; sisters, Linda (Gale) Berven of Sioux Falls and Mary (Michael) Messerli of Gilbert, Ariz.

For online condolences, visit millerfh.com.

Mauritz L. Granberg, 95



Funeral services for Mauritz Leland Granberg, Richfield, Minn., will begin at 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel, 1 Tower Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Visitation will be held one hour prior. Interment will be in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

He passed away Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019.

Mauritz Leland Granberg was born July 18, 1924 in Valley Springs, S.D., to Mauritz and Minnie Granberg. Leland served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught physics and math at Sioux Falls College and served on the Board of Trustees. He held several engineering and managerial positions at Univac.

Leland was a hardcore fisherman, avid photographer, inventor, patent holder, engineer, clarinet player, and so much more.

He is survived by his children, Esther (Barry) Katz, Anne (David) Goetz, and Margaret (Todd) Brelje; grandchildren, Michelle (Jason) Balota, Kim (Jon) Mailander, Jeremy and Carissa Nelson, and Grace Brelje; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Amber Balota, Sarai Abron Nelson, and Colton Mailander; and sister, Janet Granberg Scott.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Alvina; and brother, Vernon Granberg.

Memorials may be made to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

April Hope Croushore-Keefe, newborn

April Hope Croushore-Keefe, infant daughter of Tyler Croushore and Kathleen "Kattie" Keefe, was born too beautiful for earth on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory in Sioux Falls, followed by graveside services at St. Martin Cemetery in Huron.

April is survived by her parents; maternal great-great grandmother, Beulah Parkinson of Brandon; maternal great-grandmother, MaryAnne Keefe of Huron; maternal great-grandparents, Helen and Wayne Paulson of Sinai; maternal grandparents, Daniel and Karla Keefe of Colton, Joline and James Clark of Portland, Ore.; paternal grandparents, Linda Marie and Tom Croushore of Sioux Falls; four aunts, Anna (Spencer Boyd) Keefe of Mitchell, Jennifer (Kori Seegrist) Keefe, Cassandra Bronemann, and Rebecca Croushore, all of Sioux Falls, SD; uncle, Devin (Hannah Hilger) Bobeldyke of Norfolk, Neb.; and a host of other relatives.

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

- Check well-being of subject at Splitrock and E. Holly boulevards, unable to locate.
- Report of a suspicious vehicle in 1400 block of E. Aspen Blvd., checked OK.
- Tagged abandoned vehicle in 1400 block of E. Aspen Blvd., checked OK.
- Tagged abandoned vehicle in 1500 block of E. Cedar Circle.
- Amna Philip Malat, 33, arrested for warrant service in 1500 block of E. Cedar Circle.
- Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave.
- Child custody dispute in 1100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., civil matter, advised.
- Sariah Morgan Nelson, 22, arrested for warrant service at 482nd and Corson St.
- Check well-being of subject at E. Augusta St. and Chestnut Blvd., checked OK.
- Larry Wayne Alver, 43, arrested for warrant service in 1200 block of E. Keystone Place.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

- Report of fireworks at E. Holly Blvd. and S. Main Ave.
- Lomboor Gatluak Gatnoor, 20, arrested for aggravated assault and robbery in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.
- Parking violation at E. Aspen and S. Kirkwood boulevards, advised.
- Jacob Daniel Galbavy, 38, arrested for possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, open container, no insurance and speeding.
- Child custody dispute in 100 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., advised.
- Two-vehicle accident at Splitrock and E. Holly boulevards, \$1,250.

BRANDON POLICE REPORT

- Jesse Alan Hollenbeck, 36, arrested for possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and no valid license.
- Suspicious vehicle in 1600 block of E. Sylvan Circle, checked OK.
- Teresa Ann Marie Boyum, 38, arrested for driving while suspended, possession of suspended license at E. Redwood Blvd. and N. Ninth Ave.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

- Medical emergency in 100 block of S. Main Ave., turned over to MED-Star.
- Smoke investigation in 200 block of W. Park St., checked OK.
- Juvenile delinquency in 300 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., advised.
- Fraud reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.
- Check well-being of subjects in 1200 block of E. Redwood Blvd., checked OK.
- Public assists in 600 block of E. Holly Blvd., 300 block of S. Main Ave., 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd. and 300 block of S. Yellowstone Dr.
- Found child in 1200 block of E. Keystone Place, returned to parent.
- Car-deer accident in 2100 block of E. Aspen Blvd., \$900.
- Suspicious vehicles in 700 block of E. Redwood Blvd. and at N. Ninth Ave. and E. Birch St., checked OK.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

- Report of a suspicious vehicle in 200 block of E.

- Holly Blvd., checked OK.
- Parking complaint in 1500 block of E. Cedar Circle, vehicle was towed.
- Juvenile delinquency in 8600 block of E. Hidden Valley road, juvenile taken into custody.
- Riley Tate Siebenahler, 18, arrested for possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, underage alcohol, zero tolerance and speeding at E. Holly Blvd. and Cardinal Dr.
- Sandra Rose Mander-scheid, 19, arrested for underage alcohol at E. Holly Blvd. and Cardinal Dr.
- Matthew Peter Renken, 18, arrested for underage alcohol at E. Holly Blvd. and Cardinal Dr.
- Juvenile arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in 2000 block of S. Splitrock Blvd.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

- Public assist in 500 block of E. Holly Blvd.
- Car-deer accident at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Nelson Lane, \$500.
- One-vehicle accident in 1100 block of E. Lark St., \$200.
- Disorderly telephone calls reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.
- Motorist assist at W. Chapelwood Dr. and S. Lakota Ave.
- Suspicious activity in 600 block of N. Oak Ridge Road, checked OK, advised.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

- Check well-being of subject in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
- Medical emergency in 2800 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., turned over to MED-Star.
- Assist Brandon Fire Department with a carbon mon-

- oxide alarm in 400 block of S. Nelson Lane.
- Disorderly telephone calls reported in 300 block of S. Sixth Ave., advised.
- Disorderly subject in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., civil matter, advised.
- Hannah Paige Blake, 18, arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia at E. Aspen Blvd. and McHardy Road.
- Family dispute in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., advised.

MONDAY, JAN. 6

- Late report of two-vehicle accident in 3000 block of E. Augustana Place, \$1,050.
- Derek Brent Laverdure, 27, arrested for protection order violation in 1200 block of E. Redwood Blvd.
- Suspicious vehicle in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.
- Noise disturbance in 100 block of S. Teton Dr., checked OK, advised.
- Car-deer accident on W. Redwood Blvd., \$600.
- Suspicious activity in 800 block of N. Snowberry Circle, checked OK.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

- Barking dog in 700 block of S. Eighth Ave.
- Stray dog in 300 block of S. Seventh Ave.
- Stray dog in 500 block of S. Palmer Dr.
- Lost dog reported in 200 block of N. Cardinal Dr.
- Stray dog in 200 block of E. Tabor Ct.
- Check well-being of dog in 300 block of S. Eighth Ave.
- Dog bite reported in 700 block of E. Magnolia Dr

Thompson to celebrate 90 years

Rita Thompson will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, in the community room at Bethany Meadows in Brandon.

No gifts, please.

Greetings may be sent to 405 S. Nelson Lane, Brandon, SD 57005.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from Dec. 20, 2019 to Jan. 3, 2020 on record in the Minnehaha County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded.

- 900 E. Conifer St., Brandon, from Dennis Neuman to Brian and Beth Reid, \$250,000.
- 1916 W. Tyler Circle, Brandon, from Paul D. and Julie A. Darrington to Darin and Sarah Docter, \$465,000.
- 119 Lynx St., Valley Springs, from Brianna Severtson FKA Brianna L. Scadden to Shane Scadden, \$210,000.
- 1616 S. Parkview Blvd., Brandon, from Nichole Mohning Living Trust to Ronald and Jeanne Nelsen, \$335,000.
- 26426 484th Ave., Valley Springs, from Russel J. Roth Estate by Carol A. Egert, personal representative, to Carol A. Egert, \$128,000.
- 201 E. Holly Blvd., from Twyla and Jeff Voldseth to Hayley E. Heimes, \$250,000.
- 605 Southside Ave., Valley Springs, from Mark E. Brown to Carl B. and Darcie L. Johnson, \$5,000.
- 401 Sunnyside Ave., Valley Springs, from Ryan J. Buck to John Hurney, \$118,000.
- 507 Mae Rose Dr., Valley Springs, from Sean L. and Kristin N. Gerber to Dennis D. Engbrecht and Jodi Stykel, \$215,500.
- 25541 475th Ave., Renner, from Belva J. Gulbrandson to Richard H. and Barbara J. Masterson, \$240,000.
- 48698 265th St. Valley Springs, from Dennis D. and Sue A. Brunsting to Josh O. and Molla A. Kuehl, \$450,000.

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"With higher speeds and more broadband capacity, the residents of Kranzburg and rural Codington County will no longer have to make do with sub-standard service," said Scott Bostrom, General Manager of RC Technologies. Mona Thompson, General Manager of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority said that "bringing fast, reliable, high-capacity broadband service to Timber Lake will greatly enhance all aspects of community life."

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Brandon sees commercial building boost in 2019

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

While residential building experienced a bit of a lag in Brandon in 2019, commercial building was on the rise.

The city issued 375 building permits last year at a total valuation of \$12.17 million, compared to the prior year's 432 permits valued at \$15.5 million.

Construction of single-family homes in 2019 was on par with previous years, while the city saw no new multi-family dwellings

rise from the ground up.

Brandon issued 36 residential building permits, compared to 49 in 2018. All went to single-family homes, for a total valuation of approximately \$6 million.

Forty new single-family homes were permitted in 2017, during which residential construction totaled \$8.2 million, and 48 in 2016, for a total of \$13.2 million.

Residential expansion lots are available in The Bluffs and the new Twin Rivers Crossing and Aspen

Harbor developments, noted Paul Clarke, city building inspector.

On the commercial building front, Brandon issued 44 permits in 2019 for a total valuation of nearly \$4 million, compared to 35 commercial permits in 2018, which ironically matched 2019's \$4 million mark.

Clarke called last year's commercial boost "very positive for the Brandon community."

"Even though the number of new single-family home permits in 2019 was lower than in 2018, those



Commercial building permits in Brandon were on the rise in 2019, including several new businesses, additions and signage at First National Bank. **Jill Meier/File photo**

the new post office at Alliance Plaza; the conversion of the former post office on East Holly Boulevard into an eye clinic, set to open in 2020; and Beautique's warehouse in the industrial park.

Commercial building permits were also issued last year to Agassiz Seed Company, Bridger Steel, The Drop Zone, Kingbird Coffee and Obbink Insurance Agency, among others.

In 2017, Brandon saw 49 commercial permits at \$8.7 million.

new businesses will bring in new residents in the coming years, and we anticipate a spike in 2020 for new single family home permits,"

he said. Among new commercial builds in 2019 were Alliance Communications, which broke ground next to

Locals give new smoking law mixed reviews

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

The new federal ban on selling tobacco products to anyone under 21 years of age has some folks confused as to how the nation is defining an "adult" and why it's permitting certain privileges while denying others.

Following a rash of reports in 2019 of teenagers becoming addicted to and sick from smoking e-cigarettes, President Donald Trump signed a federal bill into law Dec. 20 raising the minimum age to use tobacco products from 18 to 21.

Nineteen states had already upped the smoking age to 21. The new law raises it to 21 nationwide, but not until mid-2020, technically.

That's one point of confusion surrounding the spending package, which also raises soldiers' wages, gives federal workers 12 weeks of parental leave and allocates \$1.4 billion for a wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

While the legislation, as a whole, doesn't kick in until midyear, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a statement on its website following Trump's signing that the 21-and-up tobacco law goes into effect immediately.

Raising the smoking age has many supporters and research showing it can delay or altogether prevent teens from becoming smokers, vapers or chewers. A 2015 report from the Institute of Medicine found raising the smoking age to 21 could prevent approximately 223,000 premature deaths among Americans born between 2000 and 2019.



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Splitrock C-Store is one of several Brandon gas stations that has signs posted notifying the public of the FDA's new minimum age law for the sale of tobacco products. (Below) All of Juul's e-cigarette flavors but traditional tobacco and menthol were unavailable at the convenience store last week.

Still others feel the new law sends a confused message as to what age an individual is considered an adult.

Stefanie Halvorson, a cashier at Splitrock C-Store in Brandon, said the under-21 crowd seems to be more accepting of the new law than older folks. Younger smokers who come in and are turned away, she said, are simply leaving without argument. Middle-aged folks, however, aren't as likely to hold their tongues on the matter.

"The younger kids are like, 'Aw, man, that's already in effect?' and they just walk out," Halvorson said. "It's the older people. One guy - he's a vet - he came in and said, 'We'll send them over there,



give them an AK47, but they can't have a g**damn cigarette?' And that's what everybody says."

"That's what the big complaint is," agreed Scott Moe. "If you

can't smoke a cigarette and you can't drink, you shouldn't be adult enough to have to go to war."

Splitrock C-Store received a forwarded email from Farner-Bocken, a convenience store products distributor, with the FDA's new guidelines.

"And the FDA guidelines say 'effective immediately,'" Halvorson said. "So, we just did it right away. The FDA is the one who controls your license."

The Coffee Cup received a letter from the South Dakota Retailer's Association urging them to comply with the new tobacco guidelines, and most of the other convenience stores in Brandon have signs posted on their cigarette displays, doors

and cash registers reiterating the new law.

"A lot of people don't like it," said Kelli Klaassen, assistant manager at Casey's in Brandon.

The main change she's seeing since the FDA's announcement isn't among the smoking or non-smoking customers, however, but with her own staff.

"Now we're carding them much more," Klaassen said. "If they look 40 or younger, we have to see ID."

Some nicotine companies are even pulling certain products that might be considered more kid-friendly. Halvorson said Splitrock C-Store can no longer stock Juul's flavored e-cigarettes, for instance; the racks are bare of juices like coffee, peppermint and mocha, leaving only tobacco- and menthol-flavored.

Blaine's doesn't sell vaping products, but owner Tony Ingles estimates that about one-third of the store's tobacco customers have traditionally been the under-21 crowd.

Ingles echoed the confusion many have voiced about the new law.

"If they can get drafted and fight for their country, why can't they smoke in it?" he said.

Halvorson doesn't personally see the reason for the age change, either. She's more likely to agree with her customers.

"If you can go to prison as an adult and die for your country as an adult, you should be able to make adult decisions," she said. "But it's out of our hands. There's nothing we can do except follow the law."

Haggar announces candidacy for Minnehaha County State's Attorney

Staff report

Daniel Haggar wants to be Minnehaha County's next State's Attorney.

Haggar, who announced his candidacy Monday, wants to work to enforce laws in a way that promotes justice.

"I will provide fresh, hard-working leadership for the office and our communities.

Keeping where we live safe is my top priority and essential for the continued growth of our county," he said. "My wife, Jennifer, and I were raised in Minnehaha County and we have chosen to raise our three young children here. I am invested in ensuring this a great place to live and raise a family."

Haggar boasts extensive legal experience in the public sector, having served as public defender, state's attorney, and city attorney.

"I prosecuted and defended criminal cases from arrest to trial. This helps me to understand the impact the criminal justice system has on individuals and our communities," he said.

Haggar believes Minnehaha County deserves a leader with a fresh perspective, who values being present and working hard.



Daniel Haggar

"There are many passionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated employees in the State's Attorney Office who are currently doing excellent work. These employees deserve a working environment that fosters integrity and furthers justice. By serving alongside these employees I will improve the efficiency and organization of the office," he said.

Haggar also promises to collaborate with stakeholders to fight violent crime, find lasting ways to halt the current crime trends, and reduce the number of repeat offenders.

"I will find solutions which prioritize our communities, but also benefit our State," he said. His experience in the legislative process, he adds, when appropriate, will allow him to provide leadership when legislative questions arise.

"The chief prosecutor in the most populous county in South Dakota needs to be a visible leader focused on safety, integrity and justice," he said. "As Minnehaha County State's Attorney I will be that leader."

To learn more about Haggar, call (605) 610-9338, email haggarforstateattorney@gmail.com or visit his website, danielhaggar.com.

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MAYORAL OUTLOOK cont. from page 1

Administratively in 2019, Brandon revamped its website and utility bill design, implemented park shelter reservations online, began offering city pet licenses, launched a water conservation rebate program, replaced more than 300 aging water meters and hired a social media consultant.

The city also refinanced its Brandon Fire Station bonds, lowering yearly payments and interest rates for a savings of \$100,000, hired a police chief, welcomed three new officers and completed key studies that identified alternate water sources and expansion options for Aspen Park.

In addition, Brandon embarked on several projects in 2019 that will carry over into 2020.

Work will continue this year on the Main Avenue Interceptor Sewer Project, which is around one-third complete; development and installation of well 8; and improvements to the intersection of Holly and Sioux boulevards, which are about 60 percent complete.

Still, more projects are in the works for 2020, too.

In February, the city will bid out phase

one of the Core Area Replacement Project, along with a joint repair and crosswalk safety project along Holly Boulevard.

The Core Area Project, Lundberg described as “very bold, very forward-thinking and very big.”

“It’s quite an undertaking ... It’s bigger than anything the city of Brandon has ever taken on. Unfortunately, there’s going to be a little pain, as with anything,” he said. “But the end result will be very, very nice for the entire community.”

Also on tap for 2020 are the first phase of street reconstruction in the Rushmore Drive area, coordinating with the Metropolitan Planning Organization on bike and transportation plans, preliminary work on an eastside trunk sewer extension and, this fall, preliminary work to bring \$1.6 million in improvements to the Brandon City Pool, including a splash pad.

And this fall, the city will bid out construction of a 1.25-million gallon water tower in east Brandon.

Plans for 2020 don’t include unforeseen construction delays due to Mother Nature, Lundberg acknowledged, and he’s mindful



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Mayor Paul Lundberg adjourns the Jan. 13 meeting of the Brandon City Council.

that those hiccups can and likely will come along.

“Continuing in 2020, we’ll also be very continued and very watchful of flooding. We’re almost guaranteed to have to deal with that again, unfortunately,” he said.

Moreover, the city is anticipating even

more 2019 sales tax revenue than it had anticipated – \$3.3 million, compared to \$2.9 million that was budgeted.

Above all, Lundberg said he plans to dedicate 2020 to “continuing to work hard for the city” to the best of his ability.

Getting your ‘dancers in a row’



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Just For Kix dancers between the ages of 3 and 5 entertained during halftime of the Brandon Valley and Mitchell Kernel boys last week. Director Alyssa Howe does her best to line the tiny dancers up, but as you can see, the youngsters aren’t fully cooperating.

STATE BRIEFS

New year of sobriety checkpoints underway

PIERRE, S.D. – Another year of sobriety checkpoints are underway throughout South Dakota in January.

The checkpoints are done each month in different counties as a way to discourage drivers from drinking and then driving.

In 2019, there were 158 checkpoints conducted statewide. That included 12,710 vehicles checked, 169 DUI arrests made and 84 alcohol citations issued.

Counties that have checkpoints scheduled for January are Beadle, Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Codington, Day, Fall River, Hughes, Kingsbury, Lincoln, Lyman, McCook, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Stanley, Walworth, and Yankton.

Placing excess snow on highway right-of-way is illegal

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public and commercial snow removal operators that it is illegal to place or

dump excess snow on highway right of way, which includes driving surfaces, shoulders and ditches.

“The state saw some significant snowfall in many areas and as folks continue to clean up, we are seeing more and more snow being placed in the state right of way,” said Kristi Sandal, public information officer. “Piling snow in the state right of way can be very dangerous for motorists by restricting sight distance or creating an extreme hazard if a vehicle leaves the roadway.”

Violation of the anti-dumping law is a Class 1 misdemeanor, with a penalty of up to one year in jail, \$2,000 in fines, or both. It is the policy of the SDDOT to remove snow that has been illegally piled within the highway right of way that may be a safety hazard. In addition, violators will be billed for the costs of removing illegally dumped snow.

“The space within the right of way needs to be reserved for future snowfall so the department’s plow operators have a place to put that snow. If the ditches are full of snow dumped by private and commercial entities, it severely hampers the department’s ability to clear roadways and make

them safe for travel,” says Sandal.

Snow piles that remain adjacent to the road may cause additional drifting and visibility problems posing more safety hazards to travelers, as well as additional expenses for manpower and equipment to remove the illegally dumped snow. Property owners and access users are reminded it is their responsibility to remove snow from the ends of driveways and around their own mailboxes. The department asks landowners and commercial snow-removal operators to keep excess snow on private property or haul it to legal dumping sites.

DPS to implement Capitol security measures Jan. 13

PIERRE, S.D. – New safety measures that include a security screening process at the South Dakota State Capitol Building will begin Monday, Jan. 13.

“The new safety measures we’re implementing are proactive steps to protecting the Capitol and everyone who uses it,” said Department of Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Craig Price.

Frequent visitors to the South Dakota State Cap-

itol can apply for an access pass through the South Dakota Highway Patrol. The application process, which is available at no cost, will take about five business days to process and includes a state background check.

Applications for the Capitol Access Pass are available at the South Dakota Highway Patrol Office at 118 W. Capital Ave. in Pierre, the Highway Patrol Capitol Security office at the north entrance of the state Capitol or on the Bureau of Administration website at <https://boa.sd.gov/capitol/default.aspx>.

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SD Dept. of Ag seeks summer interns

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture is seeking to fill several paid internships for the summer of 2020.

“An internship with the Department of Ag is a great opportunity for students to receive practical experience to add to their resume,” said SDDA Secretary Kim Vanneman. “Consider applying today!”

The Department is offering internships with the following programs and locations:

- Forestry Health, two positions, located in Rapid City;
- State Fair, Marketing/Events, located in Huron;
- Plant Pest Survey Specialist, three positions, Statewide; and
- Office of the Secretary, Communications and Special Projects, located in Pierre.

Applicants must be enrolled in secondary education and have completed a minimum of two years, or one year for Vocational Technical Institutes. An agricultural science background is preferred for some positions. All positions require good oral and written communication skills, and the ability to work cooperatively with private land and business owners, and the general public.

To learn more, contact the South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources at <https://bhr.sd.gov/>, or call (605) 773-3148.

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Commission hears of \$21M TIF district request

Dave Baumeister
County correspondent

SIOUX FALLS – Dustin Powers, urban planner for the city of Sioux Falls, reviewed information for a proposed Tax Increment Funding district with Minnehaha County Commissioners at their final meeting of 2019 on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Powers was joined by Jake Quasney, executive vice president for development with Lloyd Companies, about plans for the Sioux Steel property near Fifth and Phillips in Sioux Falls.

Although Tuesday's appearance was just a briefing and no action was taken, Lloyd Co. will eventually be requesting the area to become a TIF district to the tune of \$21.5 million for that proposed development.

As Commissioner Dean Karsky explained, a TIF district "isn't a hand-out."

"TIF's are broadly misunderstood," he said. "These taxes are (still) going to be paid, and once that TIF is paid off, then the full community – county and city – get the full tax advantage."

According to citylab.com and other sources, the way tax increment financing works, the amount of property taxes collected in the TIF district are earmarked specifically for improvements, infrastructure and the like, in that district, as opposed to being spread throughout the area governed.

This system is currently



An artist's conception of what the Lloyd Companies Sioux Steel development will look like when completed shows the facilities built along the bank of the Big Sioux River between Sixth Street and the Falls.

used for economic development in all states, except Arizona.

Karsky's comments about the benefits of a TIF district, seem to be aimed at city government after the Sioux Falls City Council majority agreed to spend more than \$20 million for a parking ramp with the now-defunct "Village on the River" project. Sioux Falls Council recently approved additional funding to complete the project.

The project, which was pushed for by former Mayor Mike Huether and approved by the city council in December 2017, was designed not as a TIF, but as joint public and private venture.

However, last spring, the city announced that the Village River Group was in default of their contract and the city's involvement with the project would be terminated.



Dave Baumeister/For the Journal Minnehaha Court Services Administrator Karl Thoennes talks to county commissioners about \$355,000 needed to supplement that budget at the end of 2019.

Lloyd Co.'s plans for the Sioux Steel property include many of the same amenities, but will be done without the use of public money.

Quasney's presentation showed the plans for a retail

shopping area surrounding their parking structure, and that the ramp would connect to a hotel, offices, apartments and a convention center via a skywalk.

He also said that the parking ramp, although privately owned, would follow city guidelines for the available parking spots to be free and open to the public during evenings and weekends, which he claimed would be especially desirable during summer Levitt at the Falls concerts.

Quasney estimated the overall project at more than \$186 million.

In 2019, the property tax bill on that land – as is – amounted to just under \$57,000, but by 2040, the estimated tax bill with the development on that same land would reach \$2.5 million.

Commissioners expressed

support for the future development, but because this was only an informational briefing, no action was taken.

The next step for the project is a public hearing at an upcoming Sioux Falls Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioners also voted to supplement and credit specific department budgets.

The major "sticking point" came from court services, which was asking for a supplement of \$335,000 to their budget for additional costs during 2019.

Karl Thoennes with that department explained that their largest overrun came with court-appointed attorneys, but county commissioners asked Thoennes for more oversight during the year, and especially during the budgeting process.

As they pointed out, court services had asked for more

money as a supplement every year since 2010.

While Thoennes said the department was always submitting "hopeful" budgets, Commission chair Jean Bender said, "I don't understand 'hopeful.' Budgeting is budgeting."

She pointed out that even while they were allocated a major increase in their budget in 2016, they still came in with a "shortfall" that year.

Commissioner Jeff Barth echoed the sentiments of increasing the budget to a higher amount, as it seems when court services gets more, they still find ways to use more.

He likened that to a sailor going on shore leave knowing he had a lot of money in his pocket.

But in making a motion to supplement the request, Commissioner Gerald Benigna said, "I agree with all of the comments, but the bottom line is that we have no choice at this point in time. ... This is why we strain during the budgeting process, and we need to remember this conversation when we do it in June."

The motion passed 5-0.

The Minnehaha Commission has its regular meetings each Tuesday at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the county administration building at Sixth and Minnesota in Sioux Falls.

These meetings are open to the all, and public comment is always encouraged.

Dakota, Lakota traditional games resource guide available

BROOKINGS, S.D. - SDSU Extension recently released a resource guide on traditional Dakota and Lakota games. The free, downloadable guide contains six traditional Dakota games and six traditional Lakota games, including photos, instructions on how to play and how to craft the game pieces.

"The resource is easy-to-use and promotes physical activities for families, teachers in classrooms, tribal programs, and museum presenters, among others," said Prairey Walking, SDSU Extension Family and Community Health Field Specialist.

Content was provided by Jeremy Red Eagle, member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate who is currently employed at the Sisseton Wahpeton College as an apprentice learning the Dakota Language, and Mike Marshall, a Lakota artist of the Sicangu Lakota. The project was coordinated by Walking.

A partner in these efforts is the International Traditional Games Society of Montana, which aims to recover, restore and re-introduce traditional games. The games were once taught for survival, but today are often

played for fun.

"Within SDSU Extension's Healthy Food, Families & Communities project, we are using traditional games as a strategy to increase physical activity in communities that are high-risk for chronic diseases related to obesity," Walking said.

Bringing back traditional games helps restore cultural capital to indigenous peoples. The First Peoples of the Americas had thousands of diverse games, some of which were the foundation of modern games including baseball, cricket, hockey and soccer.

"Traditional games offer mental, physical and spiritual benefits. They are also very versatile, as many game pieces come from nature, allowing them to be implemented with minimal resources and played any time of the year," Walking said.

The Dakota and Lakota Traditional Games Resource can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/dakota-lakota-traditional-games-resource>. For more information, contact Prairey Walking at prairey.walking@sdstate.edu or at 605-394-1772.

Sioux Falls MPO kicks off Go Sioux Falls 2045

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Plan Organization (MPO) will kick off Go Sioux Falls 2045, the MPO's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, with an open house from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Downtown Library, 200 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls. Go Sioux Falls 2045 will establish the goals and priorities that guide the region's future transportation investments that help shape the region's transportation network through the year 2045. The open house will include information about existing infrastructure, draft plan goals and objectives, and prior market research input for all forms of transportation including streets and highways, transit, bicycling, pedestrians, freight, rail, and air. The public is encouraged to provide input at this open house through various activities. A brief project overview presentation will be provided at approximately 5:15 p.m. Input may also be submitted through the project website at www.go-siouxfalls2045.com.

Participants of the Sioux Falls MPO include the cities of Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, and Tea; Lincoln and

Minnehaha counties; the South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG); the South Dakota Department of Transportation; the Federal Highway Administration; and the Federal Transit Administration.

Upon request, accommodations for this meeting will be provided for persons with disabilities. Contact SECOG at 605-681-8175, or Relay 1-800-877-1113 ext. 681-8175, during regular business hours at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

What is a long-range transportation plan?

A Long-Range Transportation Plan is a type of federally required plan that sets forth a direction and strategies to help shape a region's transportation network. It considers all modes—driving, walking, bicycling, transit, rail, air—to help set priorities for the future and must be updated every five years. The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization is updating its plan to meet new requirements, address changes in the transportation system, and consider current goals and objectives. The current regional plan, Go Sioux Falls, was adopted in 2015.

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Journal Sports

Lynx boys 'pop' Kernels on buzzer shot

Jill Meier
Journal editor

You can't script edge-of-your-seat endings any better than what unfolded in the final 2.4 seconds of Thursday's Eastern South Dakota Conference tilt between the Brandon Valley Lynx and Mitchell Kernel boys.

With the game knotted at 48-all, 11 ticks on the clock and the ball in Mitchell's possession, BV's glue-like defense forced the visitors to turn the ball over with 2.4 ticks left on the clock.

BV's Aydin Lloyd in-bounded the ball to an on-the-run Jackson Hilton, who immediately pushed it forward to an unguarded Joe Kolbeck in the left wing. Without hesitation, the Lynx junior, who finished the night with 10 points, took aim and as the horn sounded, and the 3-point shot swished through the hoop to preserve a memorable 51-48 Eastern South Dakota Conference win.

Then, the Lynx celebrated by pouncing on the game hero.

BV head coach Brent Deckert said that's exactly the game plan drawn up in the timeout.

"In that situation, I really wanted Joe to take the last shot, and we just got lucky that Joe's guy left him," Deckert said. "Out of all of the good shots that we took – and we took a bunch of good shots that didn't go in – Joe took one, just kind of flicked it up there from 23 feet, and it goes in."

Mitchell came out strong at the start on Thursday, popping in the first four points before Kolbeck connected for BV's first two of the game. The Kernels' Caden Hinker dropped one in from long range to give his team the 7-2 edge.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Payton Tietjen works his way around Mitchell defender Zane Alm in Thursday's exciting 51-48 ESD Conference win. The 5-1 Lynx boys began a three-game road schedule Friday when they travel to Brookings.

Gavin Terhark dumped in the next five points for BV, the first off of an assist by Jaksen Deckert, and the second from the perimeter to knot the game at 7-all. The two teams traded shots the rest of the way, and by the quarter's end, BV trailed 13-11.

The Lynx out-scored their guests 18-9 in the second quarter, and gott the job done through a variety of sources. Jaxon LaBrie opened the quarter with a 3-pointer, and Terhark reeled off BV's next four points followed by a layup from Hilton to make it a 20-16 game. Following a bucket by Terhark, Hilton delighted the hometown crowd with a dunk and followed up by answering Ben Helleloid's tre with a 3-pointer. LaBrie stole the ball on Mitchell's next possession and took it the distance for a lay-up. Mitchell closed out the quarter with a basket by Carter Jacobsen, and by the half, the Lynx held a slight 29-22 advantage.

The Lynx kept Mitchell at a minimal spread in the third. Zane Alm opened the second half with a quick two, but Kolbeck charged back with a 3-pointer from the key. A dunk by Hilton in front of BV's student fan section electrified the Lynx gym for a second time and that was followed by a Terhark block. The Kernels, however, didn't fold, and by the quarter's end, BV's lead had been trimmed to five, 42-37.

The Kernels regained the lead (42-43) with 5 minutes, 28 seconds to play in the fourth on a hook shot by Hinker, and Alm upped the spread to three with a follow-up basket. BV's first bucket of the quarter came at the 3-minute mark, and was scored by Terhark. The senior post took

the ball away on Mitchell's ensuing possession and Kolbeck weaved his way through traffic for a determined two to give the Lynx the 46-45 edge. A 3-pointer by Helleloid gave Mitchell the lead again before Hilton dropped one in to make it a 48-48 game with 39 seconds to play.

With the game clock down to 11 seconds, the Kernels called a timeout to draw up a game-winning scheme. Mitchell came out of the break with a plan to put the ball in Jacobsen's hands at the top of the key. Instead, it glanced off the senior's foot when he turned to dribble, which set up BV's exciting finish.

"It's a crazy game," Deckert said, "because we out-played them most the game, not at the beginning, but then we certainly did in the middle, and in the fourth quarter, we just couldn't get off of 42 or 43 points, or whatever we were sitting at."

Despite coming away with the victory, the Lynx coach said there's still room for improvement in the yet young season.

"We'd call timeouts and we'd try to say, 'Hey, we're going to run this' and we come out of the huddle and they would not even be ready to run what we're trying to execute," he said.

Following Thursday's win, the Lynx began a seven-day break, which Deckert said is needed to get his team healthy.

"I think some things caught up with us: a really good game against DeLaSalle, some lethargic practices, and the fact that we had six kids gone from school today (Friday, due to influenza), so this seven-day break is coming at a

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LYNX PAWS Haflett named assistant soccer coach for USF

University of Sioux Falls Soccer head coach Britany Domino has named Brandon native Ashley Haflett assistant coach for the USF soccer program. Haflett comes to USF with NCAA DII coaching and playing experience. "I am really excited to add Ashley to our staff here at USF," said Domino, a fifth-year head coach at USF.



Ashley Haflett

"She has great experience both playing and coaching within the NSIC on teams that have proven records of success in the conference. Her enthusiasm for coaching and getting back to the Sioux Falls community helped her stand out during the interview process. Ashley has already brought forward great ideas on how to continue to grow the soccer program both on and off the field and we can't wait to get started," Domino said. A native of Brandon, Haflett joins USF after serving as the top assistant at Missouri Western State in St. Joseph, Mo., since 2018. Prior to working at MWSU, she was the assistant coach at the University of Mary in 2017. At UMary, Haflett earned a Master's degree in Kinesiology in 2019. As a student-athlete at Augustana, she was an All-NSIC goalie for the Vikings. Additionally, she has coaching experience working with youth boys and girls' teams through Dakota Alliance

Soccer Club and Brandon Valley High School. As the first-ever assistant at MWSU, she helped guide the Griffon teams to a cumulative 16-18-3 mark over two seasons. She was highly involved in all aspects of the program, which included 11 Griffons earning All-MIAA honors in 2018 (eight) and in 2019 (three). While she was at MWSU, the soccer team earned a 3.5 cumulative GPA and completed more than 1,300 hours of community service. She also organized a donation drive for the St. Joseph YMCA and with the Sports Bra Project. At MWSU, she helped with the program's involvement in Team IMPACT, which is a national program pairing children who have chronic and severe illnesses with college athletics teams. She was also responsible for goalkeeper training with MWSU where goalkeepers in 2018

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Journal Sports

Lady Lynx light it up for 74 points in ESD win

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Playing on the road and down two starters didn't seem to faze the Lady Lynx Friday, as they coasted to a well-deserved 74-33 victory over the host Mitchell Kernels.

Starters Hannah Behrens and India Bradfield were out due to injury and illness, respectively, along with two of its reserves. Despite dressing 10 players instead of 14, Brandon Valley coach Mike Zerr was tickled pink with how well his team performed.

"I'm extremely proud of our effort against Mitchell," Zerr said. "Our kids really stepped up and played well together."

Minus Behrens and Bradfield, Olivia Klumper and Kylie Foss stepped into the starting lineup – a role both are unfamiliar with – and according to Zerr, they performed at the top of their game.

"That's not an easy thing to do," the coach adds.

The Kernels had the momentum to start, rolling to a 5-0 lead before BV's Sydney Thue, who came off the bench and finished the game with 18 points, snagged a pair of free throws. BV's next points also came at the charity stripe, this time from the lone senior, Mara Schaap, and that brought the Lynx within one, 4-5, at the midway point of the quarter.

BV gained the lead for good when Schaap canned a 3-pointer and Jarovski followed with a lay-up to make it an 8-5 game with 3:21 to play. Mitchell closed out the quarter with a bucket by Haley Hohn and a free throw by Camryn Krogman, while the Lynx cashed in on a free throw by Thue and the second of Jarovski's four 3-pointers on the night. After a quarter of play, BV led 12-8.

The Lynx defense kept Mitchell off-balance by deflecting entry passes and stealing the ball for easy transition layups.

Hoping to ease the pain the Lynx were dishing out, the Kernels switched to a zone defense in the second quarter, but changed back after a few minutes, as the Lynx shot 5-for-13 from 3-point range to neutralize it, while carving through Mitchell's press.

Offensively, the second quarter belonged to Hilary Behrens and Jarovski, as both dropped in eight points, and at the half, the

Lady Lynx upped the spread, 35-12.

"Hilary and Emma really led us in our spurt in the second quarter," Zerr said. "Both are playing really well defensively to get themselves in a rhythm and create some easy opportunities to knock in some shots for us. Defensively as a team, we did a great job limiting Mitchell's easy baskets, contesting everything they shot, and finishing possessions with a rebound that created offense for us. We were able to ramp up the pressure a little bit and create some turnovers, which was good to see our girls be able to play at that tempo and adjust."

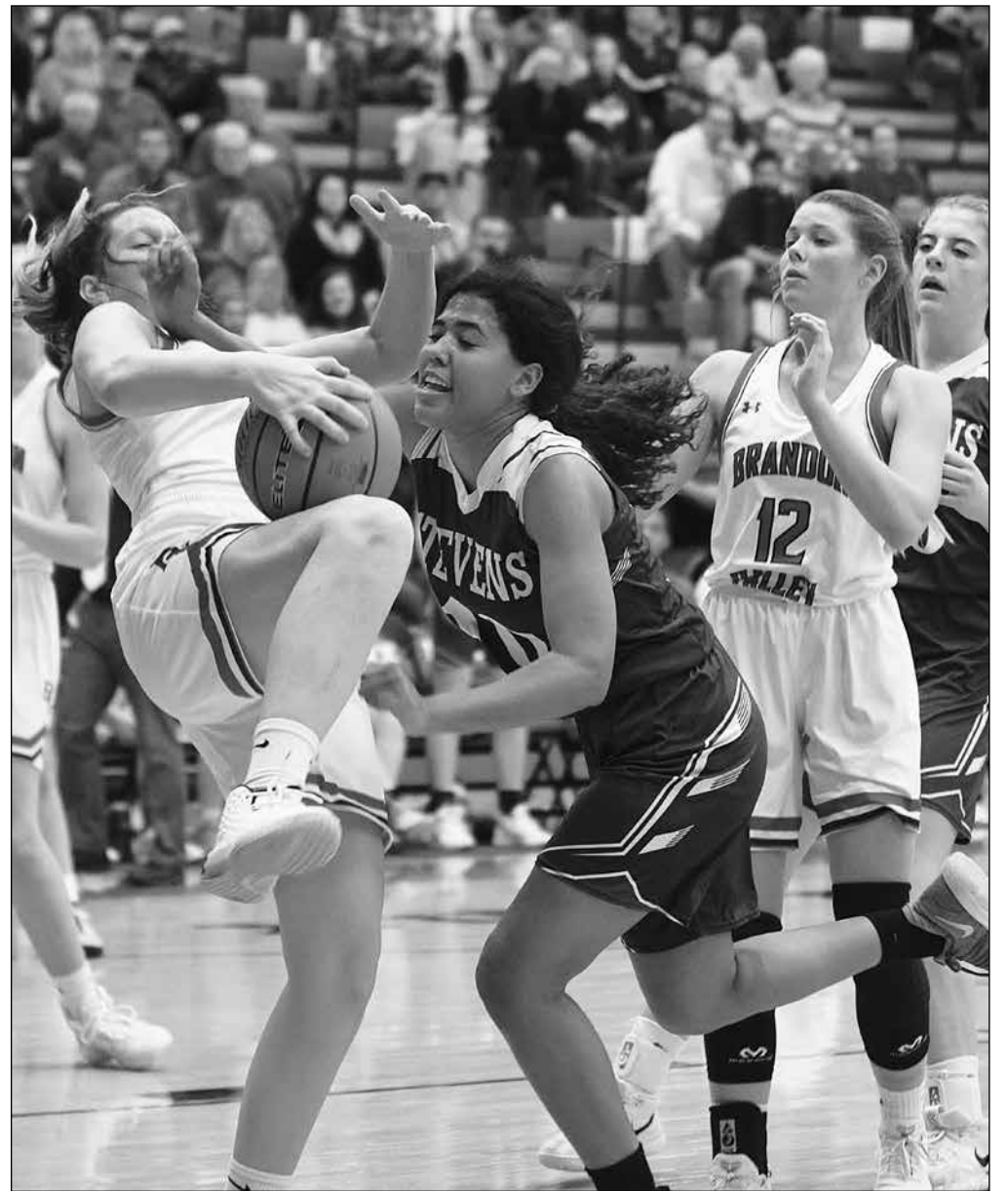
Hohn opened the second half with a quick bucket, which was answered by a Schaap 3-pointer and a 2-point bucket by Behrens. Krogman plugged Mitchell's first 3-pointer at the 5:06 mark of the third quarter to make it a 40-17 game. But Behrens continued to play stellar defense, snagging the ball away from Mitchell on their next two possessions and cashing them in for three points. After gaining contributions from Thue, Grace Gerken and Kennedy Safar, the Lynx had built a 55-24 lead over their hosts. With just a few ticks on the second-quarter clock, an on-the-run Adaya Plastow cashed in a 3-pointer at the top of the key to make it a 55-27 game at the end of the third.

Zerr was more than complimentary for the effort he got from his reserves: Thue, Gerken, Kennedy Neubel, Safar and Aneesha Scott.

Thue continued to dominate in the fourth quarter, delivering nine points in the stanza. Scott popped in a 3-pointer at the start of the quarter and dropped in a bucket midway through the quarter. The Lynx also got help from Schaap and Klumper, both aiding with timely baskets to give BV the 74-33 Eastern South Dakota Conference win.

"We got great efforts off the bench from Sidney in the scoring department, Grace and Kennedy Nuebel defensively, and from Kennedy Safar and Aneesha, two kids who show up every single day and work their tails off doing the right things," Zerr said. "It showed in their ability to step on the floor and perform well for our team in that game."

BV worked the glass for 26 rebounds, with Thue and Jarovski each clamping



Jill Meier/BV Journal file photo

Olivia Klumper played some quality minutes for the Lady Lynx Friday in the team's 74-33 trouncing of the Kernels. The Lynx return to their home floor Friday to take on the Brookings Bobcats. The game tips off at 7 p.m.

onto six. Klumper aided with five. Grace Gerken (five) and Behrens (three) accounted for eight of the team's 16 total assists, while Behrens was a beast in the steals department. The freshman picked off eight of BV's 17 total; Jarovski had three to her credit and the team's lone blocked shot.

For Mitchell, Hohn scored a team-high eight points.

The Lynx were charged with 17 fouls and 10 turnovers. Mitchell had 14 turnovers in the loss.

Again, Zerr had high praise for his short-handed team.

"I thought we were really together as a team and showed enthusiasm and energy throughout the game. Those are a few of the little things we preach each and every day to all levels in our program to help accom-

plish big things and respond to adversity to let it be a growing opportunity and a positive for our team," he said.

The Lady Lynx return to action Friday when they host Brookings and Sioux Falls Roosevelt pays a visit on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

Brandon Valley Mitchell 12 35 55 74
8 12 27 33

Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): Kennedy Nuebel 0-1 0-2 0-0 0; Kennedy Safar 2-2 0-1 0-2 4; Mara Schaap 2-2 1-5 2-2 9; Kylie Foss 0-2 0-0 0-0 0; Emma Jarovski 2-6 4-4 0-0 16; Hilary Behrens 7-10 0-1 5-8 19; Grace Gerken 1-4 0-1 0-0 2; Olivia Klumper 1-5 0-0 0-0 2; Sidney Thue 7-7 0-0 4-6 18; Aneesha Scott 1-1 0-0 0-0 2. **Totals:** 23-42 5-16 11-17 74.

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perfect time, because if it wasn't coming now, we might have to skip playing a certain level of basketball," he said.

Deckert said Mitchell, which lists just one senior this year, is well-improved over last year.

"They're not an accident," he said. "Their guards struggled a little bit, but they've got two very good bigs that are going to be able to match up with any other bigs in the state. And when they're shooting it in and hitting tough shots, which is what they were doing last night, they're a pretty good team, and they're a team that has to execute in order for them to be successful and they're doing a really good job of that. We, on the other hand, need to get healthy, and once we get healthy, then maybe we'll be a little bit better where we can get after each other again."

Absent from Thursday's lineup was BV senior Thomas Scholten.

"When you take a look at the stat sheet, you'll think Thomas hasn't brought us anything," Deckert said. "But what he does bring is a calm, athletic demeanor to the floor when he's out there, and when he's not out there, then we have to screw with our lineup a little bit, and that's harder than what



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Brandon Valley senior Cole Sylliaasen dishes off the ball to a teammate during play of Thursday's home game against the Mitchell Kernels. Sylliaasen and the Lynx head for Brookings this Friday and will play at Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Jan. 14.

people think it is."

A trio of Lynx finished the night in double figures. Terhark led the way with 17, followed by Hilton's 15 and 10 from Kolbeck. LaBrie tossed in five. The Lynx shot 74 percent from two-point range, 17-23, and 33 percent from beyond the arc, 5-15. They had minimal opportunities at the free throw line, where they cashed in 2-of-4.

Two Mitchell players – Hinker and Jacobsen – scored 12 points each. Alm tossed in eight, and Gavyn Degen and Helleloid both dropped in seven.

The teams matched up well on the boards Thursday night, with both squads hauling down 19. BV's charge was led by Terhark's seven and five from Hilton. Jacobsen led Mitchell's effort on the glass with seven.

The Lynx and Kernels also matched up with 10 assists each. Jaksen Deckert accounted for three and Jaxon LaBrie was credited with two. For Mitchell, Helleloid and Hinker both dished off three.

Terhark picked off four of the team's 11 total steals; Deckert had two. Mitchell registered a half-dozen steals, two of which were the work of Jacobsen.

BV was charged with 11 turnovers and nine fouls. Mitchell committed just six fouls and turned the ball over on 15 occasions.

The 5-1 Lynx – now ranked first in the Class AA media poll – begin a three-game road schedule this Friday when they head to Brookings. BV is also scheduled to play at Sioux Falls Roosevelt on Jan. 14 and will make the haul to Watertown on Jan. 16. All three games tip-off at 7 p.m.

Mitchell 13 22 37 48
Brandon Valley 11 29 42 51

Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): Jaxon LaBrie 1-4 1-4 0-0 5; Jackson Hilton 1-2 0-2 0-0 2; Joe Kolbeck 2-2 2-5 0-0 10; Aydin Lloyd 1-1 0-0 0-0 2; Payton Tietjen 0-1 0-0 0-2 0; Jackson Hilton 6-6 1-3 0-0 15; Gavin Terhark 6-7 1-1 2-2 17. **Totals:** 17-23 5-15 2-4 51.

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and 2019 earned All-MIAA honors.

In 2017, Haflett helped guide UMary to a 12-5-2 overall record and a 9-4-2 in the NSIC. She was part of a staff that directed the Marauders to the No. 5 seed in the NSIC Conference Tournament and advanced to the semi-finals. At UMary, Haflett worked directly with the goalkeepers and helped improve the goals allowed average from 2.53 to 1.16 and the total goals allowed dropped from 43 to 22.

Haflett (previously Ashley Limmer) was the starting goalkeeper at Augustana from 2012-14, and earned All-NSIC second team honors in her final year while setting season and career records for the Vikings in wins. As a senior, she helped the Vikings reach the NCAA regional tournament and finished the season with a record of 14-6, a .814 save percentage and a goals-against average of 1.02 while posting six shutouts.

A 2015 graduate of Augustana with a degree in Biology, she began her soccer coaching career while still in college. She served as an assistant boy's and girl's coach from 2013-15 at her former high school, Brandon Valley. In 2015 she started coaching youth soccer in Sioux Falls where she was the Dakota Alliance U15 girls' team assistant coach from 2015-16 and the U11 girls team head coach from 2016-17.

She and her husband, Bryce will live in Sioux Falls.

Lynx boys rise to top of AA media poll
Week of Jan. 6. First-place votes are listed in parentheses.

- Class AA Boys**
1. Brandon Valley (13) 5-1 84. 3
 2. Yankton (2) 4-2. 69. 1
 3. Huron (3) 4-1 63 4
 4. Roosevelt (2) 41 57 2
 5. O'Gorman (2) 3-2 37. RV

Receiving votes: Washington 13, Aberdeen Central 4, Lincoln 3

- Class AA Girls**
1. O'Gorman (21) 4-0 109 1
 2. RC Stevens (1) 6-0 89 2
 3. Harrisburg 6-0 56 T-3
 4. Washington 4-1 52 T-3
 5. Lincoln 3-2 20 5
- Receiving votes:** Aberdeen Central 4.

Bowling match with Brookings rescheduled to Jan. 13

Friday's match between Brandon Valley and Brookings club bowling teams has been rescheduled to Monday, Jan. 13. The match was postponed due to slippery road conditions.

This week, starting at 4 p.m., the Lynx kegglers take on the O'Gorman Knights at Empire Bowl in Sioux Falls. And on Jan. 17, the Lynx bowlers will travel to Canton's Town & Contry Lanes for a 4 p.m. match against the Canton C-Hawks.

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but it's a very minor difference. It's still a hard-working Midwestern town," he said.

The church was named in November, and Wilke said the community itself had a role in its naming.

"We went out into the community, knocked on doors and offered free coffee to anybody who would answer our survey, which was really short. Basically, we asked what name do you like the best, and why?" Wilke shared.

Narrowed down to five names, church leaders wanted a name that best reflected Brandon.

"Sure Foundation seemed the best because there's a lot of building going on in Brandon, and when you drive into Brandon, there is a 'Building a Better Life' right on the sign, which connects to the sure foundation you find in the Bible and with Jesus," he said.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is a national church body that was founded in the mid-1800s. At one point, Wilke explains it was in fellowship with the Missouri Synod, which dates back to the early 1900s. The WELS has been planting missions around the United States for decades, and this year, Brandon is one of three communities selected.

"They saw Brandon as this growing community that needs to hear about Jesus, and we can be a contributor to that, too," he said.

The Brandon congregation will be supported by three neighboring congregations in Sioux Falls and Luverne, Minn. In Sioux Falls, Bethel is located on the west side of the city, and Good Shepherd is positioned in the southeast area of the city. Bethany Lutheran is in Luverne.

"They have partnered to find this middle spot in Brandon, because there's people that live in Brandon that are commuting to church," Wilke said, estimating that number at 50. "Identifying Brandon as a growing community that builds 40 to 60 homes a year, that's pretty steady growth and it doesn't look like it's stopping, and new businesses are coming in all of the time. We live out in the apartments in front of The Bluffs and I feel like there's foundations being dug every day, in the summer especially, it seems like at least one or two a week."

WELS church planners did their homework before settling on Brandon. A 2017 survey, based

on weekly worship attendance and membership numbers of each church, indicates that half of the city's 10,000 residents either attend church in Sioux Falls or do not have a church home. The numbers, Wilke said, opens the door for the Wisconsin Synod church.

Sure Foundation Lutheran will officially begin weekly worship services with their Sept. 20 launch. And like other churches in Brandon, they will likely worship in the commons of a Brandon Valley school. While no contract has been signed, Wilke said Robert Bennis Elementary is the likely choice.

Presently, the Wilkes are hosting Wednesday evening Bible studies twice a month in their home.

"It's a close, intimate setting," he assured.

For their first studies, Wilke said members had to bring their camping chairs.

"We didn't have any furniture because I had just graduated and we're working on getting furniture," he said.

In time, the church members will have their own worship space, and Wilke estimates that home will be constructed in five to eight years.

"I would say five years is an aggressive goal, so eight years is probably more likely. But only the Lord knows what's going to happen to us in the future here," he said.

Wilke said his mission is not to raise funds for the future building. For now, Sure Foundation is supported financially by the Synod.

"When some churches start, their first step is to go and fund-raise, which is a step we don't have to take because our Synod does that for us so we can focus on outreach and talking to people about Jesus. As far as the money concern is, we teach that offerings come from the heart and come from a heart that wants to give back to Jesus and trust that that's His anyways," he said. "The gospel is the main thing and that's what we want to be all about is the gospel giving confidence and clarity. All of these other things are fruits of faith. They come from a heart of faith, not from obligation or from us saying, 'We need more money.'"

In December, Sure Foundation held a Christmas party, inviting people from the community to the gathering space at Sioux Valley Energy. As a way to reach out to the community, attendees wrote

ABOUT SURE FOUNDATION LUTHERAN

Pastor Craig Wilke, wife Christina
Email: pastor@surechurch.com
Website: surechurch.com
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wednesdays, two times a month.
Contact Pastor Wilke for location.

Christmas cards to veterans and then delivered them to the local VFW to be dispersed.

Wilke said they are also planning an event geared to kids this summer, possibly partnering with a local business.

"Obviously, kids are a big part of this community and the schools are the central focus, so we're trying to find our niche there," he said. "In this new year, we're looking at more ways to get connected into Brandon. With small groups, you've got to pick and choose what you're able to do and what the gifts of your people are to serve in Brandon, but we're just trying to make those community connections as much as we can building up to our launch."

Going door to door, Wilke said he found residents to be receptive as he knocked on doors.

"We don't go to doors necessarily trying to jump into a deep spiritual conversation right away," he explained. "We're more about finding out about the community and its people. We want to hear from people what they think about Brandon, what the strengths are, what the weaknesses are, why they moved here, when they moved here, that kind of thing, because I'm not from Brandon, and some of our people aren't either. So, it's a learning experience for us to hear what Brandon is all about, and that helps in my preaching and how we choose to serve and where we find our niche to serve in the community," he said.

Wilke said he learned that residents here truly do love their community.

"I guess it's not surprising now that I know a little bit about Brandon, but there was really nothing negative about Brandon, which was great. It was a positive response from almost everyone," he said. "Maybe the most surprising thing is how many people I talked to that just moved here two or three years ago, which maybe that's not surprising when you look at the statistics. If you're out on the east side specifically, they've been there for two years, three years, and then you get to talk to them

about why they came here, so it's fun to talk to a diversity of people that some have been here for their whole lives and some have just moved here, but there's always positive things to say about Brandon. It's growing. It's a bigger city for South Dakota, but it still has that small-town feel, which is kind of cool."

The long-term goal, Wilke said, is to develop a holistic, multi-generational ministry.

"For now, we have people that are really excited and pumped up about this. We want to do these things as soon as we can, but the reality is, we're a small group right now, and so our goal will be to focus on one thing and do it well, and then work on adding another thing, and little by little we'll hopefully add all those aspects," Wilke said.

Meet Pastor Wilke

Pastor Wilke said ministry was not his initial career interest, that was until two pastors at two different times in his young life encouraged him to consider ministry. He was first encouraged by a pastor leading confirmation classes during his seventh and eighth grade years in school. The second came a few years later.

"When I was in high school, I had another pastor that that told me I could skip school and go shadow another pastor, which was really appealing for a high schooler, and so I did. We got to go visit somebody in the hospital when I was shadowing that pastor and read a Psalm to him. I got to learn about how he writes his sermons and I got to spend the day with him and ask him questions about ministry, about being a pastor. After that, I kind of thought I might want to give this a shot," Wilke recalls.

To be an ordained pastor in the WELS, it's an eight-year process, he said.

He attended Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn., and completed his seminary at Wisconsin Lutheran in Mecklen, Wis.

"As I was going to MLC, I fell more in love with ministry and what I was learning about and

doing," he said. "So, there wasn't one defining moment, but a lot of positive influences in my life."

The 27-year-old native of Fort Atkinson, Wis., met his wife, Christina at MLC in 2015, the same year he graduated from there. In 2017, just before he began his third year – also deemed his vicar year – the Wilkes were married and then moved to Austin, Texas. There, he served as a vicar for a year at Holy Word Lutheran.

"That's the biggest city I've ever lived in," he said. "I learned a lot of things from that church and that experience."

The Wilkes then returned to Mecklen for his final year of seminary.

He well remembers the day he was assigned to plant a church in Brandon.

"For seminary graduates, they assign you. So, we sat in this big church service, and right after the sermon got done, they tell you where you're going to go. They decide ahead of time what congregations need a pastor. They know your gifts and they know what your interests are. A lot of my classmates went to established churches. Me and two of my other classmates went to new missions. And so we heard 'Craig Wilke, Brandon, South Dakota, new mission start.' That's how that works."

Christina has secured part-time work at Anytime Fitness in Brandon. She gained the job after the couple joined the 24/7 gym and got to know owner Jayme Smid. Christina graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in rehab psychology. She plans to return to school to obtain her master's.

"She's been just great in the sense that she said, 'We're going to get married and I'm going to follow you around for a few years. She kind of sacrificed and put her career on hold so we can do this ministry thing,'" he said.

The pastor's wife, he adds, has an instrumental role in the church planting process.

"She does a lot of things behind the scenes that nobody sees, and since we host a lot of things, on top of that, she's my musician. She plays she plays piano, violin and cello. She's very accomplished in her music, and I'm not. Right now, we don't have many people that can play instruments in our church, so she's going to be our one-woman band," he said.

Statewide homeless count underway in January

South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium on Jan. 28 will conduct its annual statewide point-in-time (PIT) homeless count.

The PIT homeless county is a critical source of annual data, providing characteristics of people who are experiencing homelessness. Data from the annual PIT homeless count is used to measure homelessness on local, state and national levels. PIT county data helps policy mak-

ers and communities measure progress, identify strengths and gaps in services, increases public awareness of homelessness, and enhances system planning and responses.

With the help of volunteers across the state, SDHHC will conduct a count of homeless persons with the geographic area of South Dakota. To be effective SDHHC divides the states into six count areas. There are coordinators in each area

who will work with agencies and volunteers to on conduct the count. Minnehaha residents should contact Arleen Weerheim with Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership at (605) 256-6518 or email aweerheim@interlakescap.com or Tammie Denning at (605) 334-2808 or tdenning@interlakescap.com. The Sioux Falls contact is Suzanne Smith, Augustana Research Institute, (605) 274-5010 or Suzanne.smith@ugie.edu.

Deffenbauch is new education coordinator for SECT

Jordan Deffenbauch is the new Educational Coordinator for the Sioux Empire Community Theatre. In this new position, he hopes to bring his expertise from the world of professional theatre and film to inspire the next generation of theatre participants and cultural change-makers.

"In my years of being involved with education and the theatre arts, I have been shown the truly transformative power that theatre can have on the

young mind and spirit," Deffenbauch said.

Born and raised just outside of Sioux Falls, Deffenbauch spent most of my time fixing computers, participating in Destination Imagination competitions, and making dumb kung-fu videos with friends. Since leaving Sioux Falls, he has assumed many roles, including but not limited to, theatre director, artistic director, creative director, film director,

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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS			
	General Fund	Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance	114,822.01		114,822.01
Revenues and Other Sources:			
Taxes:			
Property Taxes	171,188.67		171,188.67
Airflight Property Tax			0.00
General Sales and Use Taxes	104,008.60		104,008.60
Gross Receipts Business Taxes			0.00
Amusement Taxes	72.00		72.00
Excise Tax			0.00
Tax Deed Revenue			0.00
Penalties and Interest on			
Delinquent Taxes	376.03		376.03
Licenses and Permits	6,543.04		6,543.04
Intergovernmental Revenues:			
Federal Grants			0.00
Federal Shared Revenue			0.00
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes			0.00
State Grants	36,321.96		36,321.96
State Shared Revenue	27,829.76		27,829.76
State Payments in Lieu of Taxes			0.00
County Shared Revenue:	1,221.83		1,221.83
Other Intergovernmental Revenue			0.00
Charges for Goods and Services:			
General Government	80.00		80.00
Public Safety			0.00
Highways and Streets			0.00
Sanitation			0.00
Health			0.00
Culture and Recreation			0.00
Ambulance			0.00
Cemetery			0.00
Other			0.00
Fines and Forfeits			
Court Fines and Forfeits	50.00		50.00
Animal Control Fines			0.00
Parking Meter Fines			0.00
Library			0.00
Other			0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:			
Investment Earnings	586.82		586.82
Rentals			0.00
Special Assessments	7,333.65		7,333.65
Maintenance Assessments			0.00
Contributions and Donations from Private Sources	15,421.55		15,421.55
Liquor Operating Agreement Income			0.00
Other Revenues	4,091.32		4,091.32
Sale of Municipal Property			0.00
Compensation for Loss or Damage to Capital Assets			0.00
Long Term Debt Issued			0.00
Total Revenue and Other Sources	375,125.23	0.00	375,125.23
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
Legislative	13,442.05		13,442.05
Executive			0.00
Elections	102.43		102.43
Financial Administration	66,335.46		66,335.46
Other General Government	12,416.58		12,416.58
Police	37,912.16		37,912.16
Fire	29,871.77		29,871.77
Protective Inspection			0.00
Other Protection	3,859.01		3,859.01
Highways and Streets	153,328.60		153,328.60
Sanitation	6,073.46		6,073.46
Water			0.00
Electricity			0.00
Airport			0.00
Parking Facilities			0.00
Cemeteries			0.00
Natural Gas			0.00
Transit			0.00
Health	1,354.10		1,354.10
Home Health			0.00
Mental Health Centers			0.00
Humane Society	593.85		593.85
Drug Education			0.00
Ambulance			0.00
Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Rest Homes			0.00
Other Health and Welfare			0.00
Recreation	1,622.08		1,622.08
Parks	34,654.51		34,654.51
Libraries			0.00
Auditorium			0.00
Historical Preservation			0.00
Museums			0.00
Urban Redevelopment and Housing			0.00
Economic Development and Assistance (Industrial Development)	2,965.00		2,965.00
Economic Opportunity			0.00
Debt Service	30,123.15		30,123.15
Intergovernmental Expenditures			0.00
Capital Outlay			0.00
Judgments and Losses			0.00
Other Expenditures			0.00
Liquor Operating Agreements			0.00
Discount on Bonds Issued			0.00
Payments to Refunded Debt			0.00
Escrow Agent			0.00
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	394,654.21	0.00	394,654.21
Transfers In (Out)			0.00
Special Item (specify)			0.00
Extraordinary Item (specify)			0.00
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	-19,528.98	0.00	-19,528.98
Ending Balance:			
Nonspendable			0.00
Restricted			0.00
Committed			0.00
Assigned			0.00
Unassigned	95,293.03		95,293.03
Governmental Long-term Debt			169,162.57

PROPRIETARY FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS		
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Beginning Balance	276,147.85	349,295.59
Revenues	230,399.80	132,094.64
Expenses	126,535.02	159,856.50
Transfers In (Out)		
Ending Balance:		
Restricted for _____		
Unrestricted	380,012.63	321,533.73
Long-term Debt	93,079.12	56,291.00

The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the municipal finance officer at 605-757-6555.

Municipal funds are deposited as follows:

Depository	Amount
The First National Bank in Sioux Falls	795,484.33

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**ORDINANCE # 346
CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS
2019 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

PART I

Be it ordained by the City of Valley Springs that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

	101 GENERAL FUND
Governmental Funds	
431 Highway and Street	
431 Highway and Street	\$ 13,000.00
Total Highway and Street	\$ 13,000.00
422 Fire	\$ 2,000.00
422.9 Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 2,000.00
Total Fire	
452 Park Areas	\$ -
452 Park Areas	\$ 9,000.00
Total Park Area	\$ 9,000.00
446 Ambulance Services	\$ 5,000.00
Total Ambulance Services	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 29,000.00

PART II - SOURCES OF FUNDING

Funds are provided for from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance:	\$ 19,950.00
General Funds Donations:	\$ 9,050.00
	\$ 29,000.00

Carl Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hunnel, Finance Officer

First Reading : December 10, 2019
Second Reading: December 26, 2019
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CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS

**MINUTES
CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL END OF YEAR
BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 26, 2019
CALL TO ORDER**

The Commissioners of the City of Valley Springs met in regular session on Thursday, December 26, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the City Finance Office. Mayor Carl Moss presided. Answering roll call were Commissioners Lance Bauske, Dean Helgeson, and Brian Staefler. Lynn Schmidt was absent with notice. Also present was City Maintenance Ryan Nussbaum, Jamie Hult from the Brandon Valley Journal, and Finance Officer Linda Hunnel.

Motion by Bauske to approve the December 26, 2019 Posted Agenda. Helgeson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Staefler to approve the December 10, 2019 Minutes. Bauske seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
Motion by Staefler to approve December 26, 2019 Claims in the amount of \$56,504.59. Bauske seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no one present for open public speaking.
NEW BUSINESS
SDPAA 2020 Intergovernmental Contract

Helgeson made a motion to approve the 2020 SDPAA Intergovernmental Contract. Staefler seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

2020 Newspaper Designation (SDCL 9-12-6)

Bauske made a motion to designate the Brandon Valley Journal as the 2020 official newspaper of the City of Valley Springs. Helgeson seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Action Electric Donation
The Mayor and Commission extended a sincere thank you to Action Electric for their donation of supplies and labor to the Legion Field scoreboard project.

OLD BUSINESS
ORD 346 2020 Supplemental Budget

Mayor Moss gave the second reading of Ordinance 346, an ordinance supplementing the 2020 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$29,000. Motion by Helgeson to approve Ordinance 346. Staefler seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

2017 Annual Report
The Mayor and Commission reviewed the 2017 Annual Report, completed by Don Finstad, CPA. Bauske made a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Report. Staefler seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. Finstad will begin work on the 2018 Annual Report.

COMMISSION REPORTS
Commission Bauske had commented on vehicles parked on city streets for long periods of times at the December 10th meeting. FO Hunnel reviewed city ordinances and did not find any specific regulations on this, other than for snow alerts. Hunnel suggested that this be addressed when the municipal ordinance is revised.

ADJOURN
There being no further business before the Commission, Helgeson made a motion to adjourn at 5:48 PM. Bauske seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye. The next regular meeting of the Valley Springs City Commis-

sion will be January 14, 2020 at 6 pm in the Valley Springs Finance Office.

Linda D. Hunnel, Finance Officer

Carl Moss, Mayor
DECEMBER 26, 2019 END OF YEAR CLAIMS

Description
EFTPS - U. S. DEPT OF TREASURY, \$1,263.80, DEC 19 PR TAXES; MARV'S SANITARY, INC., \$56.00, DEC GARBAGE SERVICE; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, \$441.79, POS PURCHASES DEC; COMMISSIONER BRIAN STAEFLER, \$263.20, 4TH QTR PR; MAYOR CARL MOSS, \$311.68, 4TH QTR PR; COMMISSIONER DEAN HELGESON, \$263.20, 4TH QTR PR; LUNSTRA, JAY, \$479.83, 12/19/19 PR; JULIE KIRBY, \$199.78, 12/19 PR; COMMISSIONER LANCE BAUSKE, \$263.20, 4TH QTR PR; LINDA HUNNEL, \$1,190.60, 12/19 PR; COMMISSIONER LYNN G SCHMIDT, \$143.15, 4TH QTR PR; NUSSBAUM, RYAN, \$1,548.62, 12/19/2019 PR; NAMANNY, SANDRA, \$195.01, 12/19/19 PR; BRANDON ACE HARDWARE, \$20.38, WATER/FO MAINT; DONALD E FINSTAD, \$2,880.00, 2017 ANNUAL REPORT; ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, \$1,207.80, DECEMBER CC PURCH; EQUIPMENT BLADES, INC, \$749.84, STREET MAINTENANCE; FIRST RATE EXCAVATE, INC., \$35,900.00, INSTALL WATER MAIN; GCC TECHNOLOGIES OF SD, \$69.00, DEC I.T. SERVICES; HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT, \$1,492.60, WATER PURIFICATION; MCCLURE PLUMBING & HEATING INC, \$1,458.25, LEGION FIELD SPRINKLER REPAIR; MEIERHENRY SARGENT, LLP, \$408.00, NOVEMBER LEGALSERVICES; MENARDS, \$22.51, WATER UTIL MAINT; SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, \$41.00, DEC WATER TESTING; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, \$875.14, DEC RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION; SD WATER AND WASTE-WATER ASSOC, \$10.00, 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES; SECOG, \$1,271.00, 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES; SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY, \$3,479.21, DECEMBER ELECTRICITY; \$56,504.59;

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CITY OF BRANDON

**MINUTES
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

The Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on November 21, 2019 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.

Roll call was taken. Members present were Commissioners Brian Heidbrink, Brookes Noem, Rob Schoeneman, Jim Starzl and Alicia Thiele. Also present were Alderman Chuck Parsons, Building Official Paul Clarke and City Engineer Tami Jansma. Absent were Commissioner Paul Bosch, City Administrator Bryan Read and Mayor Paul Lundberg.

Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Noem seconded to approve the consent calendar which contained the following items: a plat of The Bluffs Addition Lot 1 Block 9; a plat of Heartland Business Park Addition Lots 2B, 3A & 4A Block 2; a plat of The Original Town of Brandon Lot 1A Block 3; a plat of Nelson's Addition Tract 3A & 3B; a plat

of Nelson's Addition Tract 1A, 1B & 8 and a plat of Sweetman Addition Tract 1. Motion carried.

Commissioner Starzl moved Commissioner Schoeneman seconded to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Home Occupation Permit Application for 409 N. Sunday Drive. Applicant Mandi Kriech was present. Mandi wants to open a home salon in the attached garage of her home. Commissioner Thiele moved Commissioner Starzl seconded to approve the application as presented. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a Re-Zone Application for 800 N. Splitrock Blvd. Applicant, Faith United Church, is requesting to change the zoning from NRC to IN-Institutional Zone. Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Thiele seconded to approve the application as presented and made recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

Building permits for October were presented: #20190304 - #20190340. No action required.

At 6:40 p.m. having no further business, Commissioner Heidbrink moved Commissioner Noem seconded to adjourn the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Labahn
Recording Clerk
Tami Jansma
City Engineer
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MINNEHAHA COUNTY

**MINUTES
THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 A.M. December 31, 2019, pursuant to adjournment on December 17, 2019. Commissioners present were: Barth, Bender, Beninga, Heiberger, and Karsky. Also present were: Olivia Larson, Commission Recorder, and Margaret Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.**

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Barth, to approve the agenda. 5 ayes. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to approve the December 17, 2019, Commission Minutes. 5 ayes.

VOUCHERS TO BE PAID
MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to approve the following bills totaling \$3,229,953.50. 5 ayes.

A&B Business Lease-Rental Agmt 236.91, A&B Business Maint Contracts 432.52, Active Generations Advertising 47.00, Advanced Pest Maint Contracts 70.00, Airway Svc Equip/Small Equip 106.68, Airway Svc Gas Oil & Diesel 172.35, Anderson, Jennifer Bd Evals Minnehaha 4,530.00, Angel, Edward P Attorney Fees 3,012.05, Appera Prog Activities 44.26, Argus Leader Media Misc Revenue 65.75, Argus Leader Media Publishing Fees 2,434.27, Armor Correctional Contract Svcs 202,312.41, AT&T Safety & Rescue Equip 43.23, Automatic Building Jail Rprs & Maint 483.67, Automatic Security Building Rprs & Maint 1,950.00, Avera McKennan Hospitals 197,194.28, Avera McKennan Insurance-Other Costs 7,711.50, Avera McKennan Other Medical Svcs 3,009.31, Avera McKennan Physicians 674.21, Avera Queen Of Peace Hospitals 7,052.57, Avera St Mary's

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Hos Hospitals 1,548.36, Axis Forensic Toxicology Lab Costs 675.00, Baum, Michael A Right Of Way 25,981.67, Beacon Hill Welfare Rent 600.00, Blue Earth County MacArthur SJC Grant 184.90, Bob Barker Company Child Care Items 212.18, Bob Barker Company Child Care Uniforms 644.73, Bob Barker Company Inmate Sup 4,211.04, Book Bridge Press Store Inventory 3,800.00, Boyd, Michelle MacArthur SJC Grant 71.71, Boyer Ford Trucks Truck Rprs & Maint 91.21, Bradfeldt, Becky Business Travel 123.90, Braun, Mason Investigators Exps 92.40, Brentwood Apts Welfare Rent 700.00, Bristol Court Welfare Rent 800.00, Builders Supply Building Rprs & Maint 972.00, Burns, Jason Investigators Exps 50.82, Campbell Supply Truck Rprs & Maint 14.08, Canfield Business Furniture & Office Equip 861.64, Canterbury Apts Welfare Rent 225.00, Carroll Institute Miscellaneous Exp 4,777.94, Cave Enterprises Misc Revenue 300.00, Century Business Lease-Rental Agmt 189.84, Century Business Maint Contracts 293.71, Centurylink Telephone 55.29, Centurylink Long Telephone 169.46, Certified Languages Interpreters 85.80, Chris Cam Inmate Sup 64.86, Clark Engineering Architects & Engineers 3,496.27, Cleveland Center Apt Welfare Rent 500.00, Coffee King Prog Activities 65.00, Cogent Professional Svcs 3,600.00, Columbia Dam Welfare Rent 481.00, Concrete Materials Road Material Inventory 21,896.91, Constellation Natural Gas 16,215.94, Country View Mhc Welfare Rent 800.00, Crc Prop /Syc Oak/Ba Welfare Rent 2,600.00, Dakota Law Attorney Fees 484.50, Dakota Lettering Uniform Allowance 910.55, Dakotaland Autoglass Auto/Small Equip 29.99, Davison Cnty SD Board of Prisoners-Housing 95.00, Deans Distributing Gas Oil & Diesel 212.70, Deans Distributing Small Tools & Shop Sup 277.98, Decastro Law Child Defense Attorney 1,368.00, Double H Paving Snow Removal 10,248.75, Dust Tex Svc Janitorial Chemical Sup 40.60, Eastgate Towing Auto/Small Equip 1,031.00, Eastgate Towing Investigators Exps 110.00, EH Hospitality Motels 1,150.00, Engbrecht, Roger Welfare Rent 500.00, Fleetpride Parts Inventory 102.58, Fleetpride Truck Rprs & Maint 104.32, Fox & Youngberg Attorney Fees 1,419.89, Gaylord Bros Prog Activities 651.53, George, Aaron Welfare Rent 1,475.00, Geotek Engineering Architects & Engineers 255.00, Glader, David Welfare Rent 500.00, Goebel Printing Bd Exp Fees Minnehaha 63.05, Goebel Printing Printing/Forms 281.67, Gourley Properties Welfare Rent 765.00, Graham Tire Dmnt Auto/Small Equip 155.77, Graham Tire Dmnt Gas Oil & Diesel 38.45, Graham Tire Auto/Small Equip 1,824.96, Griese Law Attorney Fees 874.00, Guzman, Sandra V Interpreters 75.00, H21 Group Inmate Sup 8,420.00, Harms Oil Company Gas Oil & Diesel 36,520.03, Hartford's Best Pain Auto/Small Equip 45.10, Heart Hosp Of SD Hospitals 111,633.43, Heidepriem Purtell Attorney Fees 1,741.75, Helseth, Ramona G Bd Exp Fees Minnehaha 64.00, Hughes, Stuart Attorney Fees 2,147.00, Humboldt Fire & Ambulance Svcs 25,000.00, HyVee MacArthur SJC Grant 87.79, HyVee Prog Activities 41.51, I State Truck

Center Parts Inventory 9.69, I State Truck Center Truck Rprs & Maint 475.46, Ideal Yardware Small Equip Purchases 1,043.92, Integrated Tech Lease-Rental Agmt 909.00, Interim Healthcare Professional Svcs 1,973.00, Interstate Office Furniture & Office Equip 546.65, Interstate Office Office Sup 2,016.28, Iosty, James Bd Exp Fees Minnehaha 161.50, JCL Solutions Janitorial Chemical Sup 88.25, JE Dunn Construct Jail Expansion Construct 1,143,968.00, Jefferson Partners Transportation 2,422.20, Jellis, Nancy Louise Right Of Way 5,060.85, JLG Architects Jail Expansion Prof Svcs 33,106.48, John Merrill Or Ashl Misc Revenue 150.00, Johnson, Richard L Attorney Fees 324.90, Katterhagen, Mark Bd Exp Fees Yankton 45.00, Kirkwood Apts Welfare Rent 500.00, Kyra Enterprises Motels 650.00, Kyra Enterprises Welfare Rent 550.00, Lacey, Richard Right Of Way 11,689.80, Lacroix Law Attorney Fees 719.95, Larons II Power Eq Building Rprs & Maint 139.98, Larons II Power Eq Motor/Machine/Equip Rpr 69.99, Laughlin Law Child Defense Attorney 10,629.75, Lawson Products Small Tools & Shop Sup 71.99, Leaf Capital Funding Office Sup 137.02, Lewis Drugs Pharmacies 1,241.59, Lewno Law Bd Exp Fees Yankton 498.00, Libengood, Anny Business Travel 13.86, Lift Pro Equip Prog Activities 761.00, Light And Siren Vehicle Equip 13,685.00, Lockwood, Darcy Bd Exp Fees Yankton 45.00, Lurken, Billy Prog Activities 150.00, Lutheran Social Svcs Diversion Progs 2,337.19, Lutheran Social Svcs Evening Report Center 8,330.44, Lutheran Social Svcs Shelter Care/Rept Cntr 74,445.20, Mccook County Hwy Road Maint & Material 2,470.35, Meierhenry Sargent Attorney Fees 361.00, Menard Building Rprs & Maint 96.26, Menard Exhibit Materials 125.62, Menard Park & Recreation Material 183.26, Menard Road Material Inventory 754.11, Metro Coms Clinics Auxiliary Svcs 200.00, Metro Coms Miscellaneous Exp 224,307.40, Midamerica Energy Natural Gas 5,479.47, Midcontingent Com Telephone 85.00, Midwest Alarm Data Processing Sup 986.00, Midwest Alarm Maint Contracts 914.76, Midwest Alarm Professional Svcs 914.76, Midwest Ear Nose Physicians 625.17, Midwest Wellness Professional Svcs 3,200.00, Minnehaha County Prisoner/Bond Accounts 320.00, Monarch Sales Miscellaneous Exp 2,489.74, Monroe Systems Furniture & Office Equip 363.56, Monterey Apts Welfare Rent 571.00, Morrigan Crapsler Prog Activities 75.00, Motorola Solutions Safety & Rescue Equip 441.75, Multicultural Center Interpreters 178.75, Murray Properties Welfare Rent 350.00, Myers & Billion Attorney Fees 6,999.00, Napa Auto Parts Small Tools & Shop Sup 9.44, Nebraska Salt & Gr Road Material Inventory 12,413.29, Nichole Carper Attorney Fees 424.40, Nielsen, James C Right Of Way 165.00, Nohava, Douglas Burials 2,000.00, North Ridge Welfare Rent 1,000.00, Northeast Investment Welfare Rent 3,720.00, Novak Office Sup 51.60, Nybergs Ace Hardware Com Equip Rpr 53.47, Ode, Jane M Right Of Way 2,495.00, One Sky Hvy Equip Rprs & Maint 127.49, Pennington County Extradition & Evidence 7,980.00, Pioneer Enterprises Burials 5,000.00, Poms Tire Svc Auto/

Small Equip 705.44, Potratz, Wendel L Right Of Way 20,058.67, Prahm Construct Contracted Construct 127,770.59, Prov 163 Small Tools & Shop Sup 112.95, Quail Hollow Town Welfare Rent 675.00, Qualified Presort Postage 125.41, Quality Efficiencies Motels 1,670.00, Ramkota Hotel Business Travel 276.00, Richmond II Welfare Rent 650.00, Right Way Auto Auto/Small Equip 566.20, Right Way Auto Gas Oil & Diesel 27.04, Risty, Maxine J Court Reporters 226.20, River Tower Apt Welfare Rent 500.00, Roberts, Ben Prog Activities 300.00, Roberts, Yvonne Welfare Rent 475.00, Rochester Armored Armored Car Svc 407.96, Rons, Norm Welfare Rent 2,400.00, Safe N Secure Com Equip Rpr 323.37, Sandal & Alemu Rent Welfare Rent 525.00, Sanford Welfare Rent 800.00, Sanford Clinic Miscellaneous Exp 47.30, Sanford Clinic Other Medical Svcs 1,164.53, Schmuck, Jan Bd Exp Fees Minnehaha 80.00, Scott, Glenn Right Of Way 8,686.69, Scott, Paul A Right Of Way 4,065.21, SD Human Svcs Clinics Auxiliary Svcs 168.60, SDMLWorkers Compen Workers Compensation 485,320.00, Sensible Properties Right Of Way 2,297.82, SHI International Data Processing Equip 266.17, SHI International Office Sup 342.75, SHI International Software 3,726.38, Short Elliott Hend Architects & Engineers 28,947.77, Sioux Falls Area Hum Miscellaneous Exp 3,601.88, Sioux Falls City Electricity 12,772.81, Sioux Falls City Water Sewer 13,754.17, Sioux Falls City Welfare Utilities 603.21, Sioux Falls Housing Welfare Rent 461.00, Sioux Falls Rubber Office Sup 10.20, Sisson Printing Printing/Forms 234.30, Smith, Eric Extradition & Evidence 178.83, Southeastern Behav Crisis Intervention Prog 6,564.91, Southeastern Behav Professional Svcs 2,050.00, Speler Prog Activities 64.95, Spring Hill Welfare Rent 38.00, Stan Houston Equip Road Maint & Material 24.75, Stan Houston Equip Small Tools & Shop Sup 135.97, State of SD Amts Held Daily Scram 2,489.00, State of SD Amts Held Remote Breath 720.00, State of SD Court Appndt Atty/PD 14,467.54, State of SD Data Coms 113.00, State of SD Outside Rpr 10.50, State of SD Professional Svcs 86.50, State of SD Telephone 24.00, Stellar Vip Limo Prog Activities 1,050.60, Summit Food Svc Child Care Food 8,521.61, Summit Food Svc Inmate Sup 330.56, Susan Fleischhacker Gas Oil & Diesel 22.94, Tegra Group Jail Expansion Prof Svcs 18,248.20, Terrones, Jared Investigators Exps 28.18, Thomson Reuters Books 122.22, Thomson Reuters Legal Research 777.21, Thomson Reuters Subscriptions 360.40, Tires Tires Tires Gas Oil & Diesel 43.41, Town Investments Welfare Rent 500.00, Transource Truck Parts Inventory 136.02, Trinity Point Welfare Rent 575.00, Tristate Garage Door Jail Rprs & Maint 734.63, True Care Family Pharmacies 65.50, Two Way Solutions Truck Rprs & Maint 1,325.00, Tzadik Welfare Rent 2,031.46, Tzadik Sioux Falls Welfare Rent 4,325.00, Ulteig Engineers Architects & Engineers 271.00, UPS Postage 23.30, University Products Office Sup 154.55, US Foods Other Sup 25.61, US Foods Professional Svcs 1,180.72, Victory Supply Inmate Sup 36,385.56, Voisin, Alexander Business Travel 30.24, VOA Wel-

fare Rent 219.00, Weerheim Law Office Bd Exp Fees Minnehaha 2,812.00, Weerheim Law Office Crisis Intervention Prog 237.50, West Twelfth Prop Welfare Rent 500.00, Williamsburg Limited Welfare Rent 682.00, Xcel Energy Electricity 47,991.81, Xcel Energy Welfare Utilities 1,448.58.

REPORTS

The November 2019 Juvenile Detention Center Report was received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office.

PERSONNEL

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to approve the following personnel changes. 5 ayes.

New Hires

1. Dylan Westerbur, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$23.71/hour (17/1) effective 12/30/19.
2. Cody Parker, Road Maintenance Team Member for the Highway, at \$18.52/hour (12/1) effective 12/30/19.
3. Amanda Wells, variable hour Legal Office Assistant for the Public Defender's Office, at \$15.50/hour effective 1/2/20.

Promotions

1. Riley Collins, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$18.90/hour (13/1) effective 11/5/19.

Step Increases

1. Maria Cabrera, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$25.54/hour (17/4) effective 12/16/19.
2. Daniel Christiansen, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$28.90/hour (17/9) effective 12/27/19.
3. Travis Stauffacher, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$31.12/hour (17/12) effective 12/27/19.
4. Scott Dubbe, Sergeant for the Sheriff's Office, at \$34.34/hour (20/10) effective 12/31/19.
5. Nikki Pederson, Administrative Clerk for the Sheriff's Office, at \$22.58/hour (9/15) effective 12/27/19.
6. Mary Yu, Administrative Secretary for the Sheriff's Office, at \$24.31/hour (10/16) effective 12/27/19.
7. Corey DeGroot, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$20.96/hour (13/4) effective 1/2/20.
8. Jena Naber, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$20.46/hour (13/3) effective 12/28/19.
9. Joshua Fischer, Groundskeeper for Facilities, at \$18.99/hour (9/8) effective 12/17/19.
10. Brian Moncur, Assistant Director of Facilities for Facilities, at \$36.09/hour (18/16) effective 12/23/19.
11. Julie Hofer, Public Advocate for the Public Advocate's Office, at \$4,285.60/biweekly (25/8) effective 12/17/19.
12. Heidi Heskiv, Legal Office Assistant for the Public Defender's Office, at \$18.07/hour (10/4) effective 12/28/19.
13. Natalie Surkalovic, Paralegal for the Public Defender's Office, at \$30.36/hour (16/13) effective 12/27/19.
14. Traci Smith, Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office, at \$5,093.60/biweekly (26/11) effective 12/27/19.
15. Duane King, Appraiser for Equalization, at \$26.83/hour (15/10) effective 1/6/20.
16. Emmanuel Gutierrez, Case-worker for Human Services, at \$30.36/hour (16/13) effective 12/26/19.

17. Duane Buthe, Highway Superintendent for the Highway, at \$4,264.80/biweekly (25/9) effective 12/27/19.
18. Randy Fods, Highway Maintenance Team Member for the Highway, at \$26.18/hour (12/15) effective 12/27/19.
19. Scott Berg, Highway Maintenance Team Member for the Highway, at \$23.71/hour (12/11) effective 1/4/20.
20. Samantha Kastner, Legal Office Assistant for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$17.21/hour (10/2) effective 12/19/19.
21. Miranda Petersen, Paralegal for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$30.36/hour (16/13) effective 12/27/19.
22. Colleen Albrecht, Paralegal for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$26.18/hour (16/7) effective 12/18/19.
23. Thomas Rabb, Investigator for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$31.90/hour (16/15) effective 12/24/19.
24. Jason Toering, Computer Support Technician for Information Technology, at \$30.36/hour (16/13) effective 12/27/19.
25. Patricia Henry, Accountant for the Treasurer, at \$28.90/hour (16/11) effective 12/28/19.

LIEN COMPROMISE

Melinda Storley, Commission Assistant, gave a briefing on an application for a compromise of the lien for DPNO 40767 in the amount of \$2,417.61. The lien represents Public Defender, Public Advocate, and Poor Relief services provided to the applicant's ex-spouse between June 2007 and May 2018. A \$99.32 fee recorded on the lien in 1999 was paid by the applicant on December 20, 2019, due to the fee being recorded during the applicant's marriage. In August 2005, the applicant and her ex-spouse divorced. The applicant is in the process of selling her property with a closing date scheduled for January 7, 2020. The lien is still attached to the property. The compromise request is to release the lien in full with no payment only as it applies to the real property. **MOTION** by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to approve Resolution MC19-62. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC19-62

WHEREAS, a County Aid Lien in the amount of \$2,417.61, purports to exist in favor of Minnehaha County and against DPNO 40767 as Lienee, and

WHEREAS, said lienee's ex-spouse made a payment of \$99.32 on December 20, 2019, and has filed an application with the County Auditor stating such facts as provided for by Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that after due consideration of the circumstances the Board of County Commissioners finds it advisable and proper to authorize the Chair of the County Board and the County Auditor to execute the following:

Release from DPNO 40767 with no payment, the real property legally described as Lot 7 in Block 4 of Silver Valley, an Addition to the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, According to the Recorded Plat Thereof; located at 6205 W Coughran Court, Sioux Falls.

Leave DPNO 40767 in the name of the Lienee in the full amount of \$2,417.61.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 31st day of December, 2019.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender
Chair
ATTEST:
Olivia Larson
Deputy Auditor
BRIEFING
Dustin Powers, City of Sioux Falls Planning & Development Services, and Jake Quasney, Lloyd Companies Executive Vice President of Development, gave a briefing on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #22 Application for C.R. Lloyd Associates Inc.'s Sioux Steel Project.

HEARING FOR BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS

Vicki Huit, Accounting Manager, was present and gave a briefing for the public hearing on various supplements to the FY2019 budget. Karl Thoennes, Circuit Court Administrator, spoke on the Court System's budget and the requested supplements. No one from the public spoke in opposition. **MOTION** by Beninga, seconded by Heiberger, to approve Resolution MC19-63, For Supplemental Budget. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC19-63

FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

WHEREAS it is necessary to supplement the 2019 Annual Budgets in order to carry on the indispensable functions of Minnehaha County; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed Supplemental Budget was duly considered by the Minnehaha County Commission on the 31st day of December, 2019, at 9:15 a.m., in the Commission Meeting Room, pursuant to due notice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Minnehaha County Commission that the following Supplemental Budget be, and the same is, hereby approved for the purpose of providing budget to conduct the indispensable functions of Government, to-wit:

From the General Fund to the following budgets:

- 1310000-422000, Courts-Commitment-HSC, \$30,000
- 1310000-422060, Courts-Attorney Fees, \$75,000
- 1310000-422155, Courts-Child Defense Attorneys, \$250,000
- 2151000-422275, Juvenile Alternatives-Shelter Care, \$120,000
- 4410000-422095, Mental Illness-Hospital, \$35,000
- Total General Fund, \$510,000

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION:

Cindy Heiberger
Gerald Beninga
Jeff Barth
Dean Karsky
Jean Bender
ATTEST:
Olivia Larson
Deputy Auditor
SUPPLEMENTS

Joe Bosman, Deputy Sheriff Captain, was present to request supplements to various expenditure accounts for reimbursement of funds to the Sheriff's Office and Jail. **MOTION** by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to supplement from the General Fund to the following expenditures in the Sheriff's Budget and Jail Budget: Account 2111000/429837, \$43,045.00, Byrne/JAG Grant - 2019 Byrne/JAG Allocation; Account 2110000/429845, \$22,193.41, HIDTA Grant - equipment, training, supplies; Account 2110000/411000,

Surprise inspections part of oversight reforms for S.D. youth homes

Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

For the first time in South Dakota, unannounced surprise inspections would be conducted at private youth treatment centers as part of a sweeping oversight reform package being pushed by Gov. Kristi Noem.

Noem has proposed a major overhaul to how South Dakota oversees, inspects and updates the public about conditions in privately run youth homes across the state.

Under the proposal, youth treatment facilities in South Dakota would be subjected to far greater state scrutiny and oversight, and public access to inspection and complaint information would be heightened.

Among the proposals: more independent, non-agency inspectors would be hired; regular inspections would double in frequency and some additional inspections would be unannounced; and a full-time, independent monitor would be hired solely to hear and review complaints of abuse from facility residents.

At present, administrators of private youth homes are told in advance when inspections will be held and

public access to records is limited.

"The health and safety of the next generation is our top priority. We cannot let kids fall through the cracks," Noem said in a December news release announcing the proposed reforms.

In June 2019, Noem ordered the state Department of Social Services to undergo a full review of licensing and inspection practices of all privately run youth facilities in the state.

The review was ordered shortly after the publication in early June of an investigation by South Dakota News Watch that uncovered a pattern of abuse of children, questionable abuse reporting practices and lax state oversight at the private Aurora Plains Academy intensive residential treatment facility in Plankinton, S.D.

The resulting 48-page report, published in December by DSS Secretary Laurie Gill, included involvement of six state agencies and was ordered by Noem in response to "recent scrutiny" and "several media and public information requests."

The report makes 10 recommendations, some of which may require legislative approval but all of



Photo: News Watch file

Residents of Aurora Plains Academy walk from one building to another on the locked campus in Plankinton, S.D. In December, 2019, Gov. Kristi Noem proposed reforms that would significantly increase state oversight of privately run youth treatment facilities in the state.

which are intended to improve the safety of children and youths in the state treatment system that is largely privatized.

"I've tasked my Department of Social Services with improving the well-being of kids and youth placed in treatment facilities across the state. In the 2020 [legislative] session, I will bring legislation that prioritizes the safety of at-risk kids," Noem said.

The News Watch investigation showed that over a

period of years, numerous residents of Aurora Plains had been physically, mentally and sexually abused or tormented by employees of the academy, which operates mostly on federal Medicaid funding but is overseen by the state. The News Watch investigation also uncovered that all state inspections are pre-announced, that public access to information about the facilities and any problems is highly limited, and that employees at the academy sometimes

pressured colleagues to minimize or alter reports on incidents in which children were harmed.

Aurora Plains is one of eight residential youth treatment centers in South Dakota, but is the only intensive treatment facility.

The News Watch report was published four months after a tragedy at another private youth home, the Black Hills Children's Home in Rockerville, where a 9-year-old girl walked away in February and has

never been found.

In the days after the News Watch articles were published, Noem said in a statement that, "As a mom, it deeply saddens me to read the stories of these kids. Regardless of whether a situation happened 10 years, 10 months or 10 days ago, abuse is never OK. I hope we can learn and take corrective action where it is needed to protect our most vulnerable population."

The DSS review focused on the licensing, accreditation and certification process of youth homes; the complaint and investigative processes; corrective action plans; and transparency and confidentiality of investigations.

Major recommendations from the report include:

- Increasing on-site licensing inspections from annually to twice per year. Beyond the scheduled bi-annual inspections, state regulators for the first time would make unannounced inspection visits throughout the year. Facilities under a corrective plan would be inspected quarterly.
- Hiring additional independent, contracted inspectors to increase and improve inspection of facilities, and to "provide an independent investigation which will al-

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\$36,723.01, HIDTA Grant – personnel cost reimbursements; Account 2120000/429800, \$71,384.00, SCAAP Grant – 2017 & 2018 Awards; Account 2110000/411000, \$26,110.65, Domestic Violence Grant – personnel costs reimbursement; Account 2110000/434400, \$26,483.25, Automobiles – Patrol – insurance payment from accident; Account 2110000/429050, \$6,000.00, Tea-Ellis Range – outside agency contributions; Account 2110000/434320, \$1,640.06, Safety & Rescue Equipment – Sioux Falls Police Department's portion of Mobile Command Post; Account 2110000/427000, \$4,351.24, Business Travel – reimbursement from State for ICAC training; Account 2110000/429125, \$2,500.00, Donation Fund – funds received; Account 2110000/425055, \$5,810.22, Automotive/Small Equipment-Patrol – insurance payments from accidents; Account 2110000/425055, \$804.50, Automotive/Small Equipment Patrol – vehicle recall reimbursements; Account 2120000/434400, \$11,085.60, Automobiles-Jail – insurance payment from vehicle damage; Account 2110000/411000, \$15,039.31, COPS CAMP Grant – personnel costs reimbursement; Account 2110000/426065, \$800.00, COPS CAMP Grant – ballistic vest reimbursement; Account 2110000/411005, \$37,157.00, USM Overtime – US Marshall Task Force Reimbursement; Account 2110000/411005, \$8,552.97, Highway Safety Overtime – Highway Safety Grant reimbursement-patrol; Account 2160000/411000, \$47,315.00, Air Guard Security – due to contract amendment for additional positions; Account 2160000/426065, \$30,000.00, Air Guard Security – due to contract amendment for additional positions; Account 2160000/434320, \$2,500.00, Air Guard Security – due to contract amendment for additional positions; Account 2110000/422075, \$1,832.62, Unclaimed currency – reimburse investigations expenses. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Joe Bosman, Deputy Sheriff Captain, was present to request supplements to various expenditure accounts for reimbursement of funds to the Emergency Management budget as part of various grant programs and donations received. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to supplement from the General Fund to the following expenditures in the Emergency Management Budget: Account 2220000/429850, \$45,177.00, Homeland Security Grant – Fusion Center; Account 2220000/429850, \$86,000.00, Homeland Security Grant – X-Ray System; Account 2220000/429850, \$2,000.00, Homeland Security Grant – NTOA Negotiations Conference; Account 2220000/429850, \$19,125.00, Homeland Security Grant – NTOA Less Lethal; Account 2220000/429850, \$2,250.00, Homeland Security Grant – SWAT Training (MSTOA); Account 2220000/429850, \$32,393.32, Homeland Security Grant – LRAD; Account 2220000/429850, \$3,401.90, Homeland Security Grant – SWAT Conference; Account 2220000/429850, \$358,496.00, Homeland Security Grant – Bear Cat; Account 2220000/429850, \$17,400.00, Homeland Security Grant – Stop The Bleed Kits; Account 2220000/429850, \$35,639.69,

Homeland Security Grant – In car radios; Account 2220000/429850, \$3,310.00, Homeland Security Grant – Basic SWAT; Account 2220000/429235, \$60.00, Police Reserve Donations – funds received; Account 2220000/429240, \$2,000.00, Rescue Squad Donations – donations received. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Vicki Huit, Accounting Manager, presented budget supplements needed to close out the year for various items which are reimbursements and pass-through dollars. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Barth, to approve the following supplements: From the General Fund to the Commission budget, Account 1110000/429865, Crisis Response State Grant, \$7,446.66 representing grant funds received from the South Dakota Department of Social Services for the implementation of a triage center. From the General Fund to the Commission budget, Account 1110000/429870, MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Private Grant, \$228,000.00 representing University of South Dakota contract services, equipment, travel, and meetings. From the General Fund to the Pretrial Services budget, Account 1320000/411000, MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Private Grant, \$35,000.00 representing funding for 0.25 FTE in Pretrial Services. From the General Fund to the Pretrial Services budget, Account 1320000/411000, Lincoln County reimbursement, \$17,500.00 representing funding for 0.25 FTE in Pretrial Services. From the General Fund to the Human Services budget, Account 4110000/429075, Donations, \$2,000.00 representing donations to Human Services. From the General Fund to the Human Services budget, Account 4110000/429070, Bus Passes, \$1,375.00 representing reimbursement from various organizations for printing bus passes. From the General Fund to the Human Services budget, Account 4110000/429080, Exercise Account, \$210.01 representing reimbursement from the employees' share of vending machines. From the General Fund to the Safe Home budget, Account 4350000/429085, Donations, \$500.00 representing donations to Safe Home. From the General Fund to the Juvenile Alternatives budget, Account 2151000/425055, Auto/Small Equipment, \$4,895.43 representing insurance proceeds for tornado damage. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to approve the following supplement from the Pass-Thru Grants Fund to the Pass-Thru Grants budget: Account 1490000/429820, ICWA Grant, \$109,900.00 representing Federal and State grant awards to provide expert witness services. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

PRESENTATION
Cindy Dannenbring, Executive Director of Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnerships, gave a presentation on the range of programs and services offered to assist participants working to reach and maintain a good level of self-sufficiency. A Heartland House Fundraiser will take place on February 13, 2020.

CHANGE ORDERS
DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, gave a briefing on Change Order #1 to the contract with Prahm Construction for the replacement of

Structures 50-072-100 and 50-070-098, Project #MC16-02. The change order includes a time extension, an increase of \$46,800.00 for clay backfill, and an increase of \$500.00 for drive sheet pile, pump, and removal of an existing structure. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Heiberger, to authorize the Chair to sign Change Order #1 to the contract with Prahm Construction for the replacement of Structures 50-072-100 and 50-070-098, Project #MC16-02, for a new contract amount of \$1,602,675.55. 5 ayes.

DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, gave a briefing on Change Order #1 to the contract with Highway Improvement Inc for Project #MC18-1110000/429865, Crisis Response State Grant, \$7,446.66 representing grant funds received from the South Dakota Department of Social Services for the implementation of a triage center. From the General Fund to the Commission budget, Account 1110000/429870, MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Private Grant, \$228,000.00 representing University of South Dakota contract services, equipment, travel, and meetings. From the General Fund to the Pretrial Services budget, Account 1320000/411000, MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Private Grant, \$35,000.00 representing funding for 0.25 FTE in Pretrial Services. From the General Fund to the Pretrial Services budget, Account 1320000/411000, Lincoln County reimbursement, \$17,500.00 representing funding for 0.25 FTE in Pretrial Services. From the General Fund to the Human Services budget, Account 4110000/429075, Donations, \$2,000.00 representing donations to Human Services. From the General Fund to the Human Services budget, Account 4110000/429070, Bus Passes, \$1,375.00 representing reimbursement from various organizations for printing bus passes. From the General Fund to the Human Services budget, Account 4110000/429080, Exercise Account, \$210.01 representing reimbursement from the employees' share of vending machines. From the General Fund to the Safe Home budget, Account 4350000/429085, Donations, \$500.00 representing donations to Safe Home. From the General Fund to the Juvenile Alternatives budget, Account 2151000/425055, Auto/Small Equipment, \$4,895.43 representing insurance proceeds for tornado damage. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Beninga, to approve the following supplement from the Pass-Thru Grants Fund to the Pass-Thru Grants budget: Account 1490000/429820, ICWA Grant, \$109,900.00 representing Federal and State grant awards to provide expert witness services. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

AGREEMENTS
DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, presented a Professional Services Agreement between Minnehaha County and Civil Design Inc. for Project MC18-10, Structures 50-198-085 and 50-245-050 Replacements. Civil Design Inc. will provide construction administration at a cost not to exceed \$78,774.00. The work is expected to begin in the Spring of 2020 and will be completed by November 1, 2020. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to authorize the Chair to sign the Professional Services Agreement between Minnehaha County and Civil Design Inc. for Project MC18-10, Structures 50-198-085 and 50-245-050 Replacements, construction administration at a cost not to exceed \$78,774.00. 5 ayes.

DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, presented nine (9) Right-Of-Way Purchase Agreements for property owned by Thomas H. Van Asselt, the Thomas Van Asselt Living Trust, and the Van Duyn Living Trust. In conjunction with JSA Engineers, the Highway Department is rebuilding County Highway 149 from County Highway 122 five and a quarter miles north to the Colton city limits. In order to meet safety standards, additional right-of-way is required. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Barth, to approve the following Right-Of-Way Purchase Agreements:

1) The Thomas H. Van Asselt land will be purchased for the amount of \$2,146.50, is a total of 0.265 acres, and is legally described as The North Half Of The Southeast Quarter, Of Section 03, Township 103 North, Range 51, West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

2) The Thomas H. Van Asselt land will be purchased for the amount of \$1,628.10, is a total of 0.201 acres, and is legally described as The Southwest Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter, Of Section 35, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, Except Van Asselt's Tract No. 1, Except The East Half Of The East Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter.

3) The Thomas Van Asselt Living Trust land will be purchased for the

amount of \$2,065.50, is a total of 0.255 acres, and is legally described as The North Half Of The Northwest Quarter, Of Section 2, Township 103 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, Except Tract 1 Of Van Asselt's Addition, And Except Co. Aud. Lots H-1 And H-3 Contained Therein.

4) The Thomas Van Asselt Living Trust land will be purchased for the amount of \$638.00, is a total of 0.055 acres, and is legally described as Van Asselt's Tract No. 1, In The Southwest Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter, Of Section 35, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

5) Van Duyn Living Trust land will be purchased for the amount of \$8,278.20, is a total of 1.022 acres, and is legally described as The Southeast Quarter, Except The West 564.95 Feet Of The East 1773.51 Feet Of The South 686.17 Feet, In Section 34, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

6) Van Duyn Living Trust land will be purchased for the amount of \$2,154.60, is a total of 0.266 acres, and is legally described as The West Half Of The Northwest Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter, In Section 35, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

7) Van Duyn Living Trust land will be purchased for the amount of \$4,244.40, is a total of 0.524 acres, and is legally described as The Northwest Quarter, Of Section 35, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, Except Co. Aud. Lot H-1 Contained Therein, And Except The North 160 Feet Of The West 200 Feet.

8) Van Duyn Living Trust land will be purchased for the amount of \$210.60, is a total of 0.026 acres, and is legally described as The North 160 Feet And The West 200 Feet Of The Northwest Quarter, In Section 35, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

9) Van Duyn Living Trust land will be purchased for the amount of \$2,089.80, is a total of 0.258 acres, and is legally described as The Southwest Quarter Of The Southwest Quarter, Except Co. Aud. Lot H-1, In Section 26, Township 104 North, Range 51 West Of The 5th P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

VOTE ON MOTION: 5 ayes.

BID AWARD
DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, reported on the December 18, 2019, bid opening for Bid #19-17, Project MC18-07, HWY 110 Culvert Replacement. Six bids were received from the following companies: Midwest Contracting, LLC, \$371,309.00; Riley Bros. Construction, Inc., \$398,932.00; Soukup Construction, Inc., \$402,509.95; First Rate Excavate, Inc., \$419,445.00; Nolz Dragline and Construction, Inc., \$540,828.10; and H&W Contracting, LLC, \$630,066.00. Staff recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder, Midwest Contracting, LLC. The engineer's estimate was \$426,135.00. MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to award Bid #19-17, Project MC18-07, HWY 110 Culvert Replacement to Midwest Contracting, LLC in the amount of

\$371,309.00, and to authorize the Chair to sign the contractor contract. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

PURCHASE
DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, requested approval for the purchase of one Chevrolet Colorado, Crew-cab, Short-box with four-wheel drive off a national procurement contract through Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance), Contract #120716-NAF, awarded to National Auto Fleet Group out of Watsonville, CA, at a cost of \$39,516.44. The vehicle will replace Truck #0307, which will be surplus in 2020. The purchase is part of the 5-year plan. MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to approve the purchase of one Chevrolet Colorado, Crew-cab, Short-box with four-wheel drive off of Sourcewell, Contract #120716-NAF, from National Auto Fleet Group, 490 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA, at a total cost of \$39,516.44. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. Upon the request of Commissioner Barth, Mr. Buthe spoke on the recent snow event, the road conditions, and the work done by the Highway Department throughout the event.

AGREEMENTS & CONTRACTS

Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, presented the 2020 contract among Minnehaha County, Sanford Health Pathology Clinic, and Dr. Kenneth S. Snell (an employee of Sanford Clinic), for Coroner and Medical Examiner Services. Under the terms of the contract, Dr. Snell will receive \$6,000 per month for coroner duties, and a flat rate of \$19,180.73 per month for medical examiner duties. Lab fees, ambulance transports, and monthly cell phone/electronic communication costs will be paid separately from the FY 2020 Coroner/Medical Examiner Budget. These fees are estimated at \$68,858.24 for 2020. MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2020 Coroner/Medical Examiner Services Contract among Minnehaha County, Sanford Clinic dba Sanford Health Pathology Clinic, and Dr. Kenneth S. Snell beginning January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. 5 ayes.

Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, gave a briefing on an agreement between Minnehaha County and Dr. Jeff Luther to perform the services of Quality Assurance Director for the rural ambulance quality assurance program in accordance with county ordinance. Under the terms of the contract, Dr. Luther will receive \$30,000 payable in twelve (12) equal monthly installments. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to approve the 2020 Independent Contractor Agreement for Quality Assurance Director for Rural Ambulance Service between Minnehaha County and LuDoc, LLC, Dr. Jeff Luther, at a cost of \$30,000 beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020. 5 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to recess the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting at 10:14 a.m. 5 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to reconvene the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting at 10:27 a.m. 5 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Beninga, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3) and (4). 5 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by

Karsky, to adjourn. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender
Chair
ATTEST:
Olivia Larson
Deputy Auditor
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SPLIT ROCK TOWNSHIP

NOTICE
NOTICE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR SPLIT ROCK TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to SDCL 8-3-1.3, the elected positions of Treasurer, Clerk, and one seat on the Board of Supervisors will be voted upon at the 2020

Annual Meeting of the Electors of Split Rock Township in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. Nominating Petitions may be obtained from the Township clerk at 8101 E. 38th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57110. A nominating petition must be circulated no sooner than 45 days prior to the annual meeting, or, no sooner than Saturday, January 18 2020 and must contain the signatures of at least ten qualified electors of the Township as required by SDCL 8-3-1.2, and must be completed and filed with Pam Kolseth, Township Clerk, 8101 E. 38th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57110, no later than 5 o'clock p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020.

The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Split Rock Township Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station located at 7201 East Arrowhead Parkway in Split Rock Township.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2020.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

- BVACC Board meeting, Chamber office, 8 a.m.
- BVHS semester tests
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 201 Elm St., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

- End of second semester at Brandon Valley Schools
- BVHS semester tests
- BV 7-8th grade boys' (A, B) basketball at Brookings, 4 p.m.
- BV 7-8th grade boys' (C, D) basketball hosts Brookings, 4 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 201 Elm St., 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

- No classes at Brandon Valley Schools – staff workshop/in-service
- Chamber Member Brew Crew, Scooter's Coffee, 8 a.m.
- Lunchtime Yoga @ Circuit, 11:30 a.m.
- BVHS bowling vs. O'Gorman, Empire Bowl, 4 p.m.
- BVHS wrestling hosts Huron, 7 p.m.
- BVHS girls' basketball hosts Brookings, 7 p.m.
- BVHS boys' basketball at Brookings, 7 p.m.

- Brandon Edge meeting, Pizza Ranch, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

- BVHS Oral Interp, TBD
- Free Saturday Workout, Circuit, 8-9 a.m.
- BVHS wrestling hosts Lynx Invite, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 201 Elm St., 4 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 13

- Empower Brandon Strategic Plan Core Team meeting, Council Chambers, 11:30 a.m.
- BV Optimist Club Wild Game Feed, 212° The Boiling Point, 4 p.m.
- BV 7-9th grade wrestling at S.F. Washington, 6 p.m.
- Brandon Valley Board of Education meeting, BVHS Community Room, 6:30 p.m.
- BV Intermediate School PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 201 Elm St., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

- BVHS SALSA meeting, 7 a.m.
- Minnehaha Coun-

ty Commission meeting, County Administration Building, 9 a.m.

- BV 8th grade boys' (A-C) basketball at S.F. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- BV 7th grade girls (A-C) basketball hosts S.F. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- BVHS Fine Arts Booster Club meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Valley Springs City Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Brandon VFW Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- BVHS girls' basketball hosts S.F. Roosevelt, 7 p.m.
- BVHS boys' basketball at S.F. Roosevelt, 7 p.m.
- Trivia Tuesday @ 212 Boiling Point, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

- BVACC Special Events Committee meeting, Chamber office, 8 a.m.
- Brandon Park Committee meeting, Council Chambers, 5:15 p.m.
- BVHS Mid-Year Graduation, Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 201 Elm St., 8 p.m.

YOUTH HOMES

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low for further objectivity.”

– Hiring a “grievance monitor” to provide an entity outside state agency control to receive, review and monitor grievances directly from children and youths.

– Making available to the public a “central repository” of DSS inspection reports, and revising corrective action plans — documents that outline violations and require improvements — to heighten state monitoring of compliance and to make the reports easier for the public to access and understand.

– Producing an annual online report by the Child Protective Services division of DSS of allegations of child abuse or neglect and resolving any investigations into those claims.

“I have asked [DSS] Secretary Gill to develop a work plan to implement the comprehensive list of recommendations included in the report,” Noem said in the December news release.

In the summary of her report, Gill wrote, “The state must clearly maintain its focus on ensuring children and youth placed in treatment facilities across the state are safe. There are areas needing attention and support to improve procedures and practices.”

DEFFENBAUGH

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marketing director, actor, movement coach, fight choreographer (certified through the Society of American Fight Directors), dance choreographer, sound designer, set designer, light designer, videographer, playwright, screenwriter, youth instructor, open-source technology researcher, STEAM educator, and community organizer.

“Having worked all over the country and the world, I approach every task from a global perspective,” he said.

His first project for SECT is to direct Alice in Wonderland. He previously directed the sho in Lincoln, Neb. And Phoenix, Ariz., but said he has his own adaptation in his back pocket.

“It is a timeless story, a blank canvas to explore the unlimited possibilities of theatre. We are already hard at work on the technical side, with a team that includes a puppeteer, a sculptor, and a technologist. Heck, we are going to get crazy and light the whole thing with flashlights – it’s going to be one for the books,” he said.

With this production, SEC will be going full gear into the realm of the experimental, all while engaging kids directly in the process of the production. Participants will be fully integrated in the creation of the technical

elements and as I am a huge advocate of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics), they will be learning pragmatic lessons beyond the realm of a typical theatre class along the way,” he said.

To learn more, visit siouxfalls-theatre.com/alice-wonderland/

How to be a sword fighter

As a certified actor combatant in the Society of American Fight Directors with all eight weapons (unarmed, knife, single sword, rapier/dagger, broadsword, sword/shield, quarterstaff, and small sword) and a fire-arm wrangling permit, Deffenbaugh traveled the world learning from Fight Masters, gathering a litany of experiences from a multitude of different combat styles and weapons techniques.

“I chose the route of education, as I believe this art form allows people, especially youth, to connect to an ethereal space where violence is regarded with respect and understanding, much like the discipline that martial arts take,” he said.

Deffenbaugh hopes to create a “family fight” in Sioux Falls. The first step is a class. To register, visit siouxfalls-theatre.com/how-to-be-a-sword-fighter-a-stage-combat-class/

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BVHA returns to home ice on Hockey Day in SD

Staff report

September's flood waters haven't dampened the spirits – and the mission – of the Brandon Valley Hockey Association. On Saturday, which was deemed 2020 Hockey Day in South Dakota, the BV IceCats took the day to heart with a busy schedule of games on the home ice and away, too.

For the first time this season, the BV IceCats hosted two matches on the ice at their McHardy Park rink.

In Brandon, BV's IceCats Squirt Majors lost a 7-6 squeaker to Watertown and followed up with a 4-2 loss to Oahe.

That same day at the IcePlex in Sioux Falls, BV's PeeWee C team face Rapid City Thunder, the Bantams took on Yankton and the IceCats JV team went up against Brookings.

After the flood waters dismantled the rink and damaged equipment last fall, BVHA members worked

tirelessly to put the pieces back together for Saturday's 2020 season debut.

There's still plenty of action scheduled for Brandon's hockey rink this season. The Squirt Majors will face Sioux City and Aberdeen at 9 a.m. and noon, respectively, on Sunday, Jan. 19. The Squirt Minors take the ice against Brookings and Aberdeen, respectively, also at 9 a.m. and noon this Saturday, Jan. 11.

PeeWees (12U) hosts Sioux Center at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

And the Geriatric Hockey League, an adult league, mans the ice on Wednesdays starting at 7:30 p.m.

For a complete schedule of BVHA team practices and game schedules, visit brandonvalleyhockey.com.

Now in their second year of fundraising for an indoor facility at the recently expanded Aspen Park, the BVHA has made progress. In recent months, the Association hired Great Plains Sponsorships, a Sioux Falls-based

firm that helped to secure naming rights to the Midco Aquatics Center, a variety of naming rights of Sioux Falls venues, including the Denny Sanford Premier Center, the Washington Pavilion and the State Theatre.

In recent weeks, a 10-year partnership with Coca-Cola has been secured. The bottling company will be the exclusive soft drink provider and also signed on as a naming rights partner to the planned 5,000 square-foot mezzanine.

The indoor rink is planned for the southern edge of Aspen Park. Renderings of the planned facility are the work of Todd Stone of Stone Group Architects. Stone has been a highly involved member of the BVHA and its push for an indoor rink. The renderings call for one sheet of ice with spectator seating for 500. In all total, the 37,000 square-foot facility is being designed with infrastructure that will allow for future expansion.



Justin Pederso of the BV IceCats' Squirt Majors team, maneuvers the puck away from his Oahe defender Saturday. (Below, right, top photo): Quinn Reinwald fights for possession of the puck.



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Max Miller keeps his stick slightly ahead of his Oahe defender Saturday on the ice in Brandon. (At right) Nathan Fogarty leads line of Oahe players down the ice. The BV IceCats Squirt Majors lost both games Saturday by tight margins. They lost 7-6 to Watertown and 4-2 to Oahe. The Squirt Majors return to the Brandon ice Jan. 19 for games at 9 a.m. and noon.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Jorey Sorenson

Jorey Sorenson

It's very likely that you'll find football cleats, wrestling and track shoes in Jorey Sorenson's closet.

And rightly so, as this 2020 Brandon Valley High School senior has excelled in all three sports.

The son of Jeff and Siri Sorenson plans to attend Augustana University to major in exercise science in preparation for a career in physical therapy.

Along with his involve-

ment in Lynx sports, Jorey is a member of his church youth group.

If possible, he chooses to have lunch with retired NFL punter Pat McAfee, because in his view, "He is a hilarious guy and would be fun to hang out with."

Among Jorey's list of favorites are pizza crunchers,

his top pick from the school lunch room, the Green Bay Packers, the color white and TV show *The Family Guy*, and rapper Travis Scott.

To date, his fondest memory of Brandon Valley High School is wrestling in the finals of the Floyd Farrand Invite and a friendly game of rock, paper, scissors.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

HANNAH BEHRENS Girls' Basketball | Senior

Hannah Behrens is one of the best defensive basketball players Mike Zerr has ever coached.

He backs that up by saying Hannah understands the program's principles and sets the tone and tempo on the floor to establish Brandon Valley's identity as a basketball team.

"She works her tail off to be relentless on the glass as a rebounder and finish possessions for us," Zerr says of the 5-foot-11 forward. "People that play against us know that when they come into the paint they are going to have to bring something special to finish over her."

Zerr compliments Hannah's hard work to define her offensive game along with developing a greater range as a scorer for the Lady Lynx this season.

"As a team, we have adjusted some things within our schemes to make sure the ball plays through her on offense because of her skill set she has now," Zerr said. "Hannah is a winner, she doesn't care how it gets done, she just wants to get the best out of those around her and see them have success and be a part of that. Because of this, she brings a higher level of confidence to those on the floor with her."

As one of just two seniors on the roster of Class AA's state reigning champs, Hannah is unquestionable the vocal leader of the team this season.

"Between her and her fellow senior Mara Schapp, they have established a groundwork for our culture in our program. As a first-year head coach, it is invaluable to have a couple of young ladies like these two to work with and have set the standard for others," Zerr said. "Hannah would hate that she would be getting any attention for her play or any of this because of how selfless she is. She is not afraid to hold others accountable because her standard of work ethic and enthusiasm is incredibly high. She sets a great example that any person should follow. She's a special athlete and leader!"

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