

Chamber launches ‘Coffee with the Council’

First monthly meeting with city leaders set for Saturday at Kingbird Coffee

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

There’s a new venue for Brandon residents to make their voices heard: Coffee with the Council.

The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the monthly gatherings, which start Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9-11 a.m. at Kingbird Coffee.

Coffee with the Council will feature two to three Brandon City Council members each session

available to chat with residents about whatever’s on their minds.

Alderman Tim Jorgenson pitched the idea, and he hopes the sessions will prove effective and draw residents who aren’t necessarily able to attend council meetings.

“It’s face-to-face discussions, rather than phone calls, emails or text messages,” Jorgenson said. “It’s my attempt to engage the public, to get people to buy into a sense of community.”

Each Coffee with the Council



will be held on the Saturday morning prior to the second bimonthly

council meeting. Council members will likely have the upcoming meeting’s agenda on hand, Jorgenson added.

City government laws don’t allow more than three council members to meet without calling a quorum, or official meeting, which has to be publicly announced. So, Brandon’s six council members will rotate Saturdays.

Chamber director Rachael Neiman sees Coffee with the Council as a chance for residents to get to

know their city representatives and find common ground.

“City council members are real people,” Neiman noted. “It’s an informal opportunity to get to know them.”

“I’m hoping it can help get some conversation going,” Jorgenson added.

All Coffee with the Council gatherings will be held 9-11 a.m. at Kingbird Coffee, 509 N. Splitrock Blvd.

Volunteers build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Everyone deserves a restful night of sleep. And a warm and comfortable bed to do so.

That’s where a group of volunteers from Faith United Church in Brandon enter the picture.

With encouragement from John Smithback, family and youth director at the church, and church member Michael Westphalen, about 30 volunteers gathered Saturday to build 20 single and bunk beds for youngsters in need.

The volunteers followed the template designed by Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a program first organized in Idaho. According to the SHP website, their mission is to provide a bed for every child between the ages of 3 and 17 that does not have a comfortable place to lay their head. Without a bed, children are often sleeping on

couches, blankets and even floors. SHP clearly believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional and mental support that every child should have.

Smithback learned about the program from friends that live in Worland, Wyo., who were involved with SHP. “I thought it was kind of something cool to see, so that’s how we got started,” said Smithback, who soon enlisted the help of Westphalen, a church member and friend.

“John had been wanting to do something with the community but wasn’t really sure how to do it,” Westphalen said. “Then he heard about SHP and ‘returning the favor’ ... and so we started looking into it.”

Westphalen said they initially planned to organize a build in Sioux Falls, but soon learned that the metro city lacked an SHP

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Jill Meier/BV Journal

Congregation members - young and old alike – gathered Saturday morning to build 20 beds for kids in the Sioux Empire area that do not have a bed. The project was done through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization that Faith United family and youth director John Smithback learned about from friends in Wyoming who are involved with the program. They used an assembly-line process that included sanding, pre-drilling, building, staining and branding.

Gypsy Trading Co. to close doors Feb. 29

Jill Meier
Journal editor

Ellison Cutrer hesitated before posting the news on Facebook last week that Gypsy Trading Company will be ceasing operation as of Feb. 29.

Then she took a deep breath and watched the comments pour in.

“I wasn’t sad until I read all the comments online yesterday,” she said. “I know people like the store. I got a lot of personal messages from people that I’ve helped over the past couple of years restore pieces and did custom jobs for and they messaged me with how much it meant to them.”

Multiple reasons led Cutrer and husband, Billy, who opened Kingbird Coffee Jan. 1 on the opposite end of Brandon Retail Center along Splitrock Boulevard, to close the store after nearly five years in business

Family and her health top the list.

“It will give me a chance to be with my kids,” she said. “They’re in sports, plus I’m excited about getting involved in the (Brandon Valley Area Chamber’s) special events committee. I’m just taking a different route for a little while, and I figured if I’m going to go out, to go out on a high note.”

Cutrer says she’ll “be a

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Mental health, education are expected hot topics in SD’s 2020 legislative session

Jill Meier
Journal editor

District 10 State Representative Doug Barthel is eager and ready to roll up his sleeves, dig in and get to work in Pierre this week.

And so are his District 10 and 25 peers, who represent constituents from the Brandon and Valley Springs area in Pierre.

State legislators convened Tuesday for the 37-day session. Projected hot topics this year are mental health, meth prevention and treatment services, industrial hemp and the legalization of marijuana, the latter which will be on the November ballot. And fund-

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH DISTRICT 10, 25 LEGISLATORS

Residents who live in Districts 10 and 25 have several opportunities to meet face to face with the state legislators who represent them. The Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce will host two Legislative Coffees starting at 9 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 22, in the Community Room at Bethany Meadows.

Brandon Day at the Legislature is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 29. The BVACC’s Issues Management Council organizes a full day at the State Capitol in Pierre. A chartered bus will transport BDAL participants (Chamber members and the general public alike) to and from the Capitol. In addition, Brandon Valley High School will also bring 35 of its students to Pierre. That day, BDAL participants will attend committee hearings, interact with state legislators and officials throughout the day, take in House and Senate debates on the floor of their respective Chambers, and enjoy a box lunch with District 10 and 25 legislators. The day also includes a Q&A with the Department of Transportation.

ing for education is always a topic of discussion. This year should be no exception with Governor Kristi Noem encouraging a 2.5 percent increase rather than the state-mandated 3 percent or cost of inflation.

“I know budgets are tight, but we need to make this

funding a priority. Saying that and getting there are two different things, but I’m hopeful that our appropriators can secure some funding for education and get us off the current zero growth proposal,” Barthel said.

District 10 Senator Maggie Sutton’s main focus

in the 94th session of the South Dakota Legislature will be her duties as an appropriator.

“My main focus as an appropriator is to not only balance our state budget, but also to do it as efficiently and effectively as possible,”

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Taking your best friend to the vet? Check two things off your list.

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Journal Viewpoints

JOURNAL EDITORIAL

Commissioners again recognize importance of an informed public

WOW! It's likely not a "good thing" when a newspaper is at a loss for words, but "WOW!" is the first thing that comes to mind.

Again, this year, the Minnehaha County Commission voted unanimously to name four newspapers as their "official publications." Why is this such a big deal? The county has gone beyond state requirements, which stipulates that a county only has to name three newspapers as "legal publications."

So once again this year, the *Brandon Valley Journal* will be publishing all county public notices for our readers (as will the *Garretson Gazette*, *Minnehaha Messenger* and the *Sioux Falls Argus Leader*).

In a time when so many people believe the only news is what they find on the Internet, and in a time when people are learning that much of what they see on the Internet can fall into the category of "fake news," our county commissioners are leading the way in seeing that Minnehaha citizens are kept informed.

In the *Journal*, readers will find the exact minutes of the meetings, learn about land and surplus property

auctions, legal disputes, and more.

Also, we have a correspondent who attends weekly meetings and presents our readers with "the highlights" of county issues that may affect them.

As a case in point, at the Jan. 7 Minnehaha County meeting, commissioners were asked to become the "official" government entity on record so a group at Wall Lake could start applying for grants in the hopes of building a walking/biking trail around the lake.

A Wall Lake resident spoke up about work she had done to show that 47 Wall Lake area residents were totally against the trail, and she claimed that at least one of those people had never heard anything about the proposal.

If this is true, that person only had to look as far as his local newspaper, the *Minnehaha Messenger* in Harford, to be informed. Two extensive articles on the project were written and printed, in addition to a photograph showing the area under consideration for the trail.

If the public only hears from someone who is against the project, it would be fair

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Things I love about Brandon

JILL'S JOURNAL

Jill Meier | Editor



Wild Game Feed, which by the way is Saturday, Feb. 1 (a shameless plug).

- Opportunities for the elderly population at Bethany Meadows and Helping Hands.
- Locally-owned small businesses who care about their customers.
- Having the ability to snap pictures of cute kids at cute events like visits from Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny at the library.
- Lynx sports.
- The "newness" of our town.
- Forward-thinking city and school

leaders.

- A wealth of churches.
- Kids. Lots of them.
- Willing volunteers to help out when the call goes out.
- Our military-related organizations, Three Rivers VFW Post 4726 and American Legion Post 318.
- Our proximity to the "bigger" town to the west of us.
- Small talk at the grocery store with people you know.
- And lastly, Cheryl Erickson at Great Western Bank who called as I was in the midst of compiling my list. We always make for a "great" team at the Chamber's annual golf tournament, which is sure to result in a wealth of fun that I just love to have in a town that I've come to love and call "home."



What are city property and sales taxes used for?

Property taxes are one source of revenue that support the day to day operations of your City. Minnehaha County Auditor's Office collects all property taxes and then distributes the taxes to the appropriate entity. The City of Brandon receives about 22 percent of an owner-occupied residential property tax bill and in 2019 that totaled to about \$2.7 million. Property tax revenue is a general fund revenue supporting police, fire, streets, snow removal, parks, pool and more. Property tax is one of the major sources of revenue for any city and without this we could not run your city.

INSIDE CITY HALL

Christina Smith | Finance officer



sound like a lot, the City of Brandon brought in over \$3.3 million in 2019. Sales tax pays for debt, projects and equipment in the General Fund. Currently, we do not have a lot of debt, which will change in the next few years as we tackle some big projects. We have seen a continued increase in sales tax over the years with the help of new businesses coming to town and the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce doing some great campaigns such as "Buy Brandon" and the "\$5 Challenge". We encourage you to continue challenging yourself to shop Brandon, as every dollar you spend helps improve Brandon. To make sure your tax dollars are going to Brandon, shop local.

Visit our website at cityofbrandon.org/taxes for more information. If you have any questions please contact the City of Brandon's Finance Officer, Christina Smith at csmith@cityofbrandon.org or (605) 582-6515.

Safety measures are serious business at BVSD

The safety and welfare of our students is our No. 1 priority. On Friday, Jan. 10, the Brandon Valley School District Safety Committee conducted a district-wide safety training for all staff. All buildings and departments of the Brandon Valley School District participated in the school safety training.

The training included multiple components involving a variety of topics related to school safety, which included:

- Stop The Bleed – Presented by First Responders/Healthcare Providers

The United States Department of Homeland Security has endorsed Stop The Bleed as a national campaign and call-to-action. Stop The Bleed provided participants

the primary principles of immediate response to a hemorrhaging wound and the ABCs of bleeding. I would especially like to thank Brian Christianson of Sioux Falls Fire and Rescue for coordination and all of the trainers for their time and expertise in the delivering the program.

- Situational Supervision – Presented by Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Federal Bureau of Investigation provided staff training on the situational supervision of our children during an emergency involving violence. The safest place for a child in school is behind a locked classroom

SUPE'S ON

Dr. Jarod Larson
BVSD Superintendent



door. However, the school day involves transitions and commons areas. Empowering our staff through appropriate situational supervision training helps promote student safety. I would like to thank Brandon Police Chief Joe Weir for his efforts in coordinating the valuable training and the FBI agent presenters.

- Teen Substance Use & Social Media Trends – Presented by Carroll Institute

A current school district partner, Carroll Institute, provided training on adolescent trends in social media

and substance use. The training session delivered information to school staff that will aid in the identification of devices and support staff understanding of social media applications that may be used by kids. We greatly appreciate our partnership and working relationship with Carroll Institute.

The most critical element of school safety is the positive professional relationships that staff establish and maintain with kids. It is important that students have a trusted adult within the school. In addition to technical school safety training, we emphasize and stress the critical importance of developing positive professional relationships with our kids.

Go Lynx!

Epiphanies

FROM THE PULPIT

Associate Pastor Dan Nelson
Brandon & Spillrock Lutheran Churches



What have you learned recently? There must be something, if you aren't continuing to learn then I would ask how well are you living?

Full disclosure, I come from a household of educators so the idea that a person should be learning everyday was one that was modeled, talked about, and engrained in me since birth. But after college and grad school, I must admit I became a bit education weary.

Now I love classes, lectures, discussion groups, writing, reading, etc. but once you do that for the first three decades of your life you start to miss those experiences that God gives you

that teach you things in a more organic way. Those instances when an experience strikes you and you understand who you are, what you are doing (or should be doing), who God is, something foundational about life, in a new way. Those moments of epiphany.

We in the church calendar are now in the season of Epiphany. This past Sunday many of you heard the story of Jesus being baptized and the crowds

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GYPSY

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fixture there (Kingbird Coffee) for a little while, helping him (Billy) get stuff going.”

She said the idea to close Gypsy Trading Co. first surfaced a few months ago.

“Then it went on the back burner,” Cutrer said. “I honestly didn’t even know I was going to go through with it until I hit ‘send.’”

Cutrer started Gypsy Trading Co. out of their home before moving the business into its first storefront in the Cedar Plaza. In 2017, they moved the business to Brandon Retail Center, which is also an endeavor of the entrepreneurial couple.

Since the announcement was made, Cutrer said vendors have been very understanding.

“I’ve referred a lot of them to other stores and hopefully they can go there and have as much success as they’ve had with us,” she said.

Once Gypsy Trading Co. vacates the space, it may not be sitting empty long. Cutrer already has interest from two separate parties.

“It would be nice to have either one of them here,” she assured. “I hadn’t even gone public with it yet, and I had one person approach me and then once it went public, I had another person approach me.”

Sentimental by nature, Cutrer said she couldn’t stand seeing “stuff going to the dump,” and that’s what led her to the business. She also relied on the carpentry talents Billy possesses.

“I’m a borderline hoarder,” she confesses.

Cutrer says now it’s time for Billy to have the limelight.

“Billy has supported me in literally everything since the day we met. He moved here so I could be with my family. He supported me through my job prior to Gypsy and supported me 100 percent through Gypsy, and so it’s just time for him to get the support and to have the limelight,” she said.

Although she’s ceasing business, McHardy Market will continue on. Cutrer is moving it back from late April to the first weekend in May this year.

“The weather’s too iffy. Mother Nature was way too kind to us last year and I don’t really want to test my luck with her, so we’re going to go a little bit safer and go to May, and then hopefully we won’t have big icebergs in front of the park.”

Cutrer said prices will be slashed starting in February on items. This month, she’s asking vendors to remove their wares.

“Once the vendors get their stuff out, I’ll clean out the backroom and I’ll clean out my building at home, so people have a chance to buy up all my project pieces,” she said.

As Cutrer looks forward to being on the sidelines of her children’s lives, she confesses that she will miss her customers the most.

“I met some awesome people, so yeah, it’ll be bittersweet, but hopefully I’ll still see them at the coffee shop, I’m not leaving,” she said. “I’m still going to be right here, so hopefully I’ll still run into them and see them at school events.”

Bauer named city golf course manager

Staff report

The Brandon City Council approved several agenda items at its first meeting of 2020 that will impact various departments throughout the city.

Several action items concerned personnel. Andrew Bauer, who has acted as interim manager at the Brandon Golf Course since Zane Swenson’s resignation last year, was officially appointed course manager at the Jan. 6 meeting. He will be paid an annual salary of \$51,979.

The council also approved

a job description for a new lead position within the public works department. The lead will fill in for the foreman when the foreman isn’t present, city administrator Bryan Read said, and the position will be filled by existing staff.

The council spent much of 2019 looking at a revision of Brandon’s current ambulance ordinance. The revised ordinance clarifies the staffing level of service for 9-1-1 calls, specifying in what cases an EMT or paramedic should be dispatched, and how many.

Alderwomen Dana Clark

and Vickie David favored passing the ordinance that night, stating there had been enough “stalling,” but their council peers agreed with Read’s suggestion to schedule a work session with MED-Star owner Jay Masur to “work out differences” in the language. A motion to pass the amended ordinance 598 failed by a 4-2 vote.

“To me, it doesn’t make much sense to pass an ordinance that you intend to change in a month or two,” Read said.

The council also heard from parks superintendent Devin Coughlin on tackling

the removal of ash trees in Brandon.

“We’re coming up with a plan to deal with the ash borer that’s in Sioux Falls and more than likely coming this way,” Coughlin said.

The city began removing ash trees from city parks this winter, and that will be ongoing for a few years, he said. Once more details are known, he said, residents will have the option of treating ash trees themselves, though “most will be removed and replaced.”

The council adjourned until its next regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20.

TALK of the TOWN

Offut Brass coming to Brandon

Looking for a brief respite from the bleakness of winter? It’s coming.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Brandon Valley High School Performing Arts Center, the Offutt Brass, a seven-member brass, vocal and percussion ensemble from the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band, will present a free community concert featuring patriotic music.

Titled “Celebrate the American Spirit,” the program encompasses a variety of familiar Broadway and classical selections.

Free tickets are now available at the Brandon Valley Journal, 1404 E. Cedar St., or online at Eventbrite....

General admission seating begins at 1:30 p.m. All unclaimed seats will be available to non-ticket holders 15 minutes prior to the performance.

BAFP’s January needs

The needs for January at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are Cup O’ Noodles, Banquet Complete, Rotel tomatoes, beef stew, Miracle Whip, mayonnaise, hard shell tacos. We continue to have an ample supply of canned vegetables, fruits and soups.

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.

Brandon Senior Citizens

The Brandon Senior Citizens meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the VFW for Bingo and cards. All are welcome. The group also lunches together on the third Thursday of each month, with a noon meal catered by Tony’s. To reserve a spot, call 605-582-3838.

BVSD Kindergarten registration

Brandon Valley School District is now accepting registrations for the 2020-21 kindergarten screening process. Any family who has a child that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020, is eligible to start kindergarten next fall.

To schedule a screening appointment, call the attendance center your child will attend: Brandon Elementary, 582-6315; Fred Assam Elementary, 582-1500; Robert Bennis Elementary, 582-8010; and Valley Springs Elementary, 582-2948.

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.

For the kids



Jill Meier/BV Journal

The BV Optimist Club presented its annual donation to the Brandon Valley School District during halftime of the Lady Lynx and Brookings Bobcats basketball game Friday. Optimist members (from left) Josh Buhman, Blake Walden, Todd Winkel and Jeremy Risty presented \$17,000 to BVHS principal Mark Schlekeway, which was generated from the Club’s annual wild game feed at 212° The Boiling Point. The funds are used to pay off negative lunch balances and provides angel funds at each Brandon Valley school. The angel fund covers needs such as clothing, bus passes and other materials. Over the last five years, the BV Optimist Club has donated more than \$55,000 to the school district. The BV Optimist Club is a non-profit organization that focuses on improving the lives of local youth.

Neiman, Polan lead BVACC into 2020

Staff report

Rachael Neiman is the interim executive director of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. She joined the staff last fall as the membership manager and this month stepped into the director role.

“I’m very excited for this opportunity,” said Neiman, a former banker who moved to Brandon in 2011 with her husband and two children. “We have a lot of ideas for new and creative events – new ways to engage current members and give back.”

She fills the role of former Chamber director Kim



Rachael Neiman



Rachel Polan

Cerwick, who resigned in December to focus on her family business. Neiman formerly worked as a real estate loan officer in Sioux Falls.

Assisting her in the new role is Rachel Polan, who

was also recently promoted. Polan joined the staff last July as the administrative assistant and immediately began helping with marketing duties, where her expertise lies. She’s now assistant director under Neiman, though

she’ll continue her duties as communications coordinator.

“I’m really excited to take on more job responsibilities and expand my duties here,” Polan added.

Neiman hopes to build on the Chamber’s success under Cerwick and former membership manager Brandon Lane.

“Giving back to the community makes Brandon residents happy and creates a community atmosphere where people want to stay here, which in turn helps our realtors, mortgage lenders and growth,” she said.



Journey with the Journal

Braxton Saxer was extra sure his family packed the *Brandon Valley Journal* for their trip to Cairo, Egypt over the Christmas holidays. The Saxers are pictured in front of the Sphinx on Dec. 26, 2019. The *BV Journal* was packed by CEO Braxton Saxer of Braxton’s Bubble Company. The Saxer family toured Egypt for eight days and report that it was an incredible adventure. While there, they met Braxton’s aunt, Penny Lorente, who is a Major in the U.S. Army and serving in Africa. She took her holiday break to meet them in Egypt.

Submitted photo

AREA DEATH NOTICES

Tuesday, Jan. 7
Richard Ageton, 83, Sioux Falls
Linda Bolyard, 71, Sheldon, Iowa
Norma Jean DeBoer, 88, Tea
Kay Gross, 77, Carpenter
Jonquil B. Haberer, 80, Yankton
Ardys Hinseth, 93, Rapid City
Mary Jensen, 72, Sioux Falls
Rodney Johnson, 82, Flandreau
Robert Kogel, 73, Sioux Falls
Kasper Malsam, 60, Renner
Kelly Jean Ode, 54, Sioux Falls
Helen Smith, 85, Sioux Falls
Thomas Egan, 88, Sioux Falls

Wednesday, Jan. 8
Lucille Belau, 89, Pipestone, Minn.
Todd Dykstra, 52, Spirit Lake, Iowa
Dennis Halseth, 77, Sioux Falls
Aydin Paul Hard Heart, 2 days, Flandreau
Patricia Hendricks, 91, Sioux Falls
Marvin Kemnitz, 77, Marshall, Minn.
Marcella Lechner, 80, Sioux Falls
Frank Orr, 76, Vermillion
Ronald Roth, 74, Fulton
Doris Salem, 97, Sioux Falls
Geraldine Schulz, 90, Phoenix, Ariz.
Carla Scott, 71, Sioux Falls
Delores Staebell, 96, Sioux Falls
Robert Wesselink, 75, Sioux Falls

Thursday, Jan. 9
Ronald Breske, 70, Sioux Falls
Ardis Hagedorn, 88, Sioux Falls
Norma Iverson, 83, Yankton
Marilyn Kepplinger, 86, Scotland
Marvin Kroontje, 77, Madison
Jon Mathison, 60, Sioux Falls
Matt Metli, 48, Sioux Falls
William Millman, 94, Flandreau
Harvey Nelson, 94, Sioux Falls
Rose Petzoldt, 90, Scotland
Gerrit VanHolland, 82, Rock Valley, Iowa

Friday, Jan. 10
Betty Armstrong, 86, Flandreau
Wanda Dede, 90, Sioux Falls
Audrey Gabrielson, 94, Luverne
Jackie Mitrevics, 71, Sioux Falls
Boyd "Bud" Steensland, 94, Canton
Melvin Wilson, 71, Sioux Falls
Lynda Wuebben, 72, Sioux Falls

Saturday, Dec. 11
Ardell Lewin, 91, Hartford
Jamie Mohr, 59, Sioux Falls
Rodney "Rod" Noble, 63, Pipestone, Minn.
Sharon Oines, 79, Madison
John E. Schoep, 87, Luverne, Minn.
LaVay M. Tobin, 84, Menno

Sunday, Dec. 12
Oscar A. Anderson, Alcester
Sam T. Courey Jr., 88, Golden Valley, Minn.
Margaret DeRuyter, 84, Holland, Minn.
Charlotte Hinricher, 92, Dell Rapids
Linda Houser-Marko, 49, Oak Park, Ill., formerly Columbia, Mo., and Sioux Falls
Dan Hurley, 65, Harrisburg
Jerome Kapperman, 91, Sioux Falls
Lucille M. Kascoutas, 101, Sioux Falls
Mary Krell, 95, Sioux Falls
Robert Larson, 92, Sioux Falls
Ardell Lewin, 91, Hartford
Jon "Bonz" Mathison, 60, Sioux Falls
Geneva Mattson, 89, Arlington
Harvey Nelson, 94, Sioux Falls
Mary Ellen (McLaughlin) Novetzke, 84, Sioux Falls
Elmer "Don" Oyen, 83, Sioux Falls
Margaret O'Connor Reardon, 98, Sioux Falls
Clayton Reinicke, 86, Arlington
Jacob W. Rus, 94, Rock valley, Iowa
Edward Sessler, 80, Fort Collins, Colo.
Boyd C. "Bud" Steensland, 94, Canton

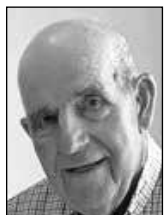
Dennis Halseth, 77



Dennis Halseth, 77, of Brandon, passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls after a short illness. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, at Brandon Lutheran Church in Brandon. Visitation was held Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, Sioux Falls. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Brandon Valley Special Olympics or the Brandon Valley Middle School Angel Fund.

Denny was born to Ervin and Alice Halseth on Nov. 23, 1942, in Madison, S.D. Denny's lifelong love of sports started at Madison High School where he excelled in football, basketball, and track. As student body president, he had the priv-

Gerrit Van Holland, 82



Funeral services for Gerrit H. Van Holland, 82, of Rock Valley, Iowa, were held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, at First Reformed Church of Rock Valley, Iowa. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery of Rock Valley.

Mr. Van Holland died Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at Fellowship Village in Inwood, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife of 60

Cynthia Wollmann, 57



Cynthia Marie Wollmann, 57, of Sioux Falls, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2020, at home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford. Memorial services begin at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 17, at the church.

She is survived by her hus-

Chikako (Chiko) Carsrud, 66



Chiko Carsrud, 66, of Canton, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at the Sanford USD Medical Center, after a short illness.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Heartland Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Swedona Covenant Church

ilege of giving a welcome speech at his future wife's eighth-grade graduation ceremony. During his time in school, he also served as president of the MHS chess club where he developed an interest that became a lifelong hobby that he recently began to share with his grandson, Jake. Following graduation in 1961, Denny attended General Beadle State Teachers College, now Dakota State University, where he earned a degree in education. While in college he concentrated on the sport of football.

Following graduation Denny took his first teaching and coaching position at Lake Norden, S.D., where he and his wife, Mary, spent two years before taking a position in Estelline, S.D. During this time, he completed a master's degree in education at South Dakota State University. His degree led to a position of Director of Physical Education in Richland Center, Wis. During his time in Wisconsin, he developed

years, Marilyn; son, David (Nancy) Van Holland of Sioux Center, Iowa; daughter, Donna (Dave) Johnson of Rapid City, South Dakota; seven grandchildre; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Jacobsma of Brandon; two brothers, Dick (Ruth) Van Holland and Joe (Gerry) Van Holland, both of Sioux Falls; and Marilyn's siblings, Emilene Kruid of Hudson, Phyllis (Cornie) Schelling of Jefferson, Iowa, and Bill (Mary) Schoep of Sioux Falls.

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band, Lance Wollmann, Hartford; step-daughter Angie (Matt) McPherson; her mother, Ramona Moe, Sioux Falls; five siblings, Pam (Ron) German, Howard, Doug (Jane) Moe, Brandon, Carol (Johnny) Grimsrud, Andover, Diana (Wayne) Shotwell, Sioux Falls, and Lyndsey (Judy) Wollmann, Brookings; 13 nieces, nephews; and 18 great-nieces and nephews.

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Cemetery.

Chiko is survived by two children, Dana Carsrud, Purcellville, Va., and Aaron (Glenda) Carsrud, Watertown; one granddaughter, Kristen; sister-in-law, Cheryl (Rich) Erickson, Brandon; four siblings, Hitoshi, Kiko, Kotoko, Tetsu, all of Okinawa, Japan; and many nieces and nephews.

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his lifelong passion as a Green Bay Packers fan. Choosing to return to South Dakota to be near family and friends, he taught American history and coached football at West Central High School in Hartford. His son, Eric, became an expected sight at school events, and his son Broc was born on a Friday game day. Sports became a family affair.

Denny made a move to Brandon Valley where he spent a long career teaching eighth grade history at Brandon Valley Middle School and coaching wrestling and football at Brandon Valley High School.

He treasured the relationships he had with students, athletes and staff who will remember him for his wit and sense of humor and may have a favorite Denny story to share.

Denny was especially proud of his two grandchildren, Anna and Jake, and enjoyed spending time with them fishing and netting frogs in the pond, going on Gator rides, and at-

tending their activities and school events. He also loved hunting and spending time outdoors. He especially looked forward to an annual West River deer hunt with his sons, Eric and Broc.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Mary Palm Halseth; his son and daughter-in-law, Broc and Krista Halseth, Sioux Falls; grandchildren, Anna and Jake Halseth; sister, Barbara Johnson, Madison, S.D.; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bette Johnson and Nick Van Lith, Lakeland, Fla.; brother-in-law, Denny Dossett, Sioux Falls; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Denny was preceded in death by his son, Eric; his parents, Ervin and Alice Halseth; a sister, Reda Rae Dossett his in-laws; Leonard and Mildred Palm; and his brother-in-law, Norman Johnson.

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

Benjamin Nelson, 26



Benjamin Charles Nelson, 26, Tempe, Ariz., formerly of Brandon, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at First Lutheran Church, 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, with funeral services at 1 p.m. A reception to celebrate Ben's life will be held at the Valley Springs American Legion following the ser-

vice. Interment will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Valley Springs.

Ben is survived by his parents, Dawn Nelson (Gran), Tom Nelson, and Daniel Johnson; sisters, Jessica (Kris) Robbins and Emily (Shawn) Kuhnert, both of Brandon, and Hailley (Tony) Dvoracek, Sioux Falls; brother, Zach (Taylor) Nelson, Sioux Falls; great-grandmother, Crystal Johnson; grandparents, Charles and Esther Nelson; and extended family and friends.

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Betty A. Armstrong, 86



Funeral services for Betty A. Armstrong, 86, of Flandreau, were held Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Flandreau. Burial was in the Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Armstrong died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 at Avera Flandreau Hospital.

She is survived by seven children, Carol Pitts (Lyle Venhui-

zen), Brookings; Douglas (Jackie), Miles City, Mont.; Betty Ann (Michael) Brubaker, Rapid City; Elaine (Sam) Flinders, Sutherland, Iowa; Kenneth, Piedmont; Jan Zephier, Flandreau; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Ann Nelson, Brandon, and Linda Sietsema, Luverne, Minn.; and two brothers, Robert (Karon), Vermillion, and Donald Fuller, Flandreau.

For online condolences, visit skrochfc.com.

Richard 'Dick' Ageton, 83



Memorial services for Richard L. "Dick" Ageton, 83, of Sioux Falls, were held Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, Sioux Falls.

Mr. Ageton died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

He is survived by three children, Tim (Cheryl) Ageton and Rev. Kathy Ageton, both of Sioux Falls, and Lee (Teri) Ageton, Brandon; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

For online condolences, visit georgeboom.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

- Report of an abandoned vehicle in 600 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., gone on officer's arrival.
- Medical emergency in 300 block of S. Sixth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.

- Assist Sheriff's office with disorderly subjects, occurred in county.
- Fraud reported in 500 block of S. Fourth Ave., advised.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

- Medical emergency in 100 block of W. Elm St., turned over to MED-Star.
- One-vehicle accident at MM406 on I-90, \$2,000.
- Tabitha Jo Tisland, 33, arrested for DUI-2nd, careless driving, controlled substance at E. Ash St. and N. Splitrock Blvd.

- Family dispute calls in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., advised.
- Motorist assist at E. Aspen Blvd. and S. Splitrock Blvd.
- Check well-being of juvenile in 400 block of E. Elm St., checked OK.
- Intentional damage to property reported in 300 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., under investigation.
- Assist Brandon Fire De-

partment with an alarm in 700 block of N. Copper Ave.

- Suspicious activity at S. Chestnut Blvd. and E. Hogan Lane, checked OK.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

- Accident reported in 2700 block of E. Sunrise Ct., \$600.
- Family disputes reported at E. Cedar St. and S. Kirkwood Blvd. and 500 block of E. Meadowlark Ct., advised.

- Medical emergencies in 100 block of E. Glenwood Dr. and 400 block of N. Crestview Dr., turned over to MED-Star.
- Motorist assist at E. Redwood Blvd. and N. Ninth Ave.
- Traffic hazard at E. Redwood Blvd. and N. Chestnut Blvd., advised.

- Check well-being of subject in 400 block of N. Ninth Ave., unable to locate.
- Warrant service in 100 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., unable to locate.
- Theft reported in 1200 block of E. Holly Blvd., under investigation.

- Check well-being of subject in 100 block of S. Teton Dr., advised.
- Theft reported in 100 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
- Juvenile delinquency reported in 1300 block of E. Syl-

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van Circle, advised, sent on way.

- Missing person reported in 1000 block of E. Teakwood St., located in 900 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., advised.
- Disorderly subject in 1500 block of E. Cedar St., advised.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

- Public assists in 300 block of S. Main Ave., 1600 block of E. Sylvan Circle and 600 block of E. Holly Blvd.

- Narcotics violation reported in 3000 block of E. Aspen Blvd., under investigation.

- Medical emergency in 300 block of S. Nelson Lane, turned over to MED-Star.

- Two-vehicle accident in 100 block of E. Holly Blvd., \$1,600.

- Check well-being of subject walking in 2100 block of E. Aspen Blvd., checked OK.

- Check well-being of subject in 600 block of N. Teton Dr., checked OK.

- Family dispute in 100 block of W. Hackberry St., civil matter, advised.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

- Suspicious subjects in 200 block of S. Splitrock Blvd., juveniles cited for curfew and turned over to parents.

- Medical emergency in 900 block of N. Joslyn Dr., turned over to MED-Star.

- Jamison Kirk Lawrence, 23, arrested for warrant service in 100 block of S. Yellowstone Dr.

- Citizen complaint reported in 300 block of S. Main Ave., advised.

- Brent Logan Zephier, 26, arrested for driving while suspended, contributing to delinquency of a minor.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

- Suspicious vehicle in 1000 block of N. Splitrock Blvd., checked OK.

- Medical emergencies in 600 block of E. Holly Blvd. and 100 block of E. Robin Place, turned over to MED-Star.

- Assist Brandon Fire Department with an alarm in 500 block of N. Maple Ave.

- Check well-being of subject in 200 block of S. Seventh Ave., checked OK.

- One-vehicle accident at Holly and Sioux boulevards, \$1,000.

- Juvenile delinquency re-

ported in 100 block of S. Fifth Ave., advised.

- Public assist in 300 block of S. Main Ave.

- Intoxicated subject in 100 block of E. Robin Place, lodged at Detox.

- Assist Sheriff's office with a family dispute, occurred in county.

- Juvenile delinquency reported in 300 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., advised.

- CHINS reported in 300 block of S. Yellowstone Dr., advised.

- Jamison Kirk Lawrence, 23, arrested for possession of controlled substance, marijuana, paraphernalia, driving while suspended, possession of suspended license, intent to distribute.

MONDAY, JAN. 13

- Check well-being of subject in 800 block of E. Magnolia Dr., checked OK.

- Medical emergency in 300 block of N. Ninth Ave., turned over to MED-Star.

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

- Barking dog in 1200 block of S. Lakota Ave.

- Lost dog reported in 300 block of W. Evergreen Dr.

- Barking dogs in 1200 block of E. Lark St.

Nation readies for 2020 head count

Staff report

As the nation settles into the new year, the U.S. Census Bureau projects the U.S. population to be 330,222,422.

The nation starts the new decade with an increase of 1,991,085 people, or 0.61 percent, from New Year's Day 2019. Since Census Day (April 1) 2010, the population has grown by 21,476,884, or 6.96 percent.

Locally, Brandon will officially cross the 10,000 population threshold for the time this decade.

City Hall keeps a rough population estimate based on annual building permits. Brandon's 2019 population is estimated at 10,082, said city administrator Bryan Read.

While that won't bump the city into a new class – all South Dakota cities with more than 5,000 people are considered "first class" – hitting and surpassing the 10,000 mark will likely bring Brandon at least one more liquor license, Read said.

"Lots of retailers look at that 10,000 mark as something," he added.

The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually for community programs and services, such as education programs, housing and community development, health care services for the elderly and job training.

In 2010, the city of Brandon contracted with the South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG) to redraw its voting precinct boundaries, which have to remain roughly the same size.



File photo

Brandon is expected to surpass the 10,000 population mark for the first time in the 2020 census.

"The biggest impact for us is our voting precincts," Read said. "We need an accurate count ... We'll probably contract with SECOG again."

According to census.gov, all households will receive information to participate in the 2020 census by April 1,

2020.

Residents will receive letters in the mail this spring inviting them to respond online or by mail. Every household that doesn't respond will receive reminders in the mail and, eventually, a paper questionnaire will be mailed. If no response is received by the end of April, a census worker will follow up in person.

The enumeration period will end in July. The census bureau will begin transmitting population totals in 2020.

More interesting facts from the United States Census Bureau include:

- The projected world population as of Jan. 1, 2020, is 7,621,018,958, an increase of 77,684,873, or 1.03 percent, from New Year's Day 2019. During January 2020, 4.3 births and 1.9 deaths are expected worldwide every second.

- In January 2020, the United States is expected to experience one birth every eight seconds and one death every 11 seconds.

- Net international migration is expected to add one person to the U.S. population every 34 seconds. The combination of births, deaths and net international migration will increase the U.S. population by one person every 19 seconds.

- As of July 2019, South Dakota's population is estimated at 884,659, compared to 814,180 in April 2010 following the 2010 census.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Census Bureau is ramping up its national recruiting efforts to fill up to 500,000 temporary, part-

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Speaking Lynx honored



Submitted photo

Several Brandon Valley High School oral interpretation students brought home honors from the Lincoln Silver Bowl tournament Jan. 10-11. Pictured are (front, from left) Katherine Watkins, fourth place, Humorous Interp; Amina Koch, fifth place, Informative Speaking; Ellen Joseph, second place, Dramatic Interp; Grace Lamberty, fourth place, Original Oratory Honor Finals; (at top) Cal Shaykett, second place, Program of Oral Interp. Ari Omine (not pictured) took fifth place in Drama Honor Finals.

Duct Tape Killer authors to give Q&A, sign books at Brandon library Jan. 23

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Authors Phil and Sandy Hamman are making the rounds with their latest true crime thriller, *Duct Tape Killer*, and they're bringing their presentation to the Brandon Community Library at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23.

The Hammans will give a presentation on the novel, which is the true story of Robert Leroy Anderson, a Sioux Falls man who was sentenced to death for the murders of Larissa Dumansky and Piper Streyle in the 1990s.

"One could say it's the biggest crime story to come out of that area, followed by more people and impacting more people," Phil Hamman said.

The Hammans previously co-authored *Gitchie Girl* and *Gitchie Girl Uncovered*, both of which became No. 1 bestsellers.

"We had an excellent turnout for our presentation in Brandon when we last visited and have had numerous contacts



Phil and Sandy Hamman

from your community on social media requesting our return for *Duct Tape Killer*," Hamman said.

Duct Tape Killer reveals more about how Anderson operated, planned his crimes and targeted other women than what was revealed at the time of the crimes, Hamman said.



"True crime is human nature and human drama at its highest; it sparks extreme human interest," he said. "People want to know what makes a

killer tick."

A book signing will follow the presentation, with copies available for purchase. Attendees will be also able to view a display board containing actual items used and possessed by Anderson.

Former South Dakota Attorney General and prosecutor Larry Long advised on the book.

Found guilty, Anderson was eventually sentenced to the death penalty, but committed suicide in prison in 2003.

Duct Tape Killer is also available for purchase on Amazon.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Brandon area property transfers from Jan. 3-10, 2020 on record in the Minnehaha County Equalization office are as follows. Dollar amounts are rounded.

- 101 E. Conifer St., Brandon, from Lisa Tschetter to Haley B. and Travis JR Park, \$204,500.
- 201 E. Seth St., Brandon, from Doris A. Miller to Ruth L. and David Baer, \$255,000.
- 517 N. Oak Ridge Road, Brandon, from Dean and Etal Helgeson to Rachel Leigh Halverson and Larry Dean Halverson, \$220,000.
- 329 Main Ave., Garretson, from T&L Investments LLC to Wendy Solheim, \$173,000.

Kindergarten registration now open

Brandon Valley School District is now accepting registrations for the 2020-21 kindergarten screening process. Families who have a child that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020, is eligible to enroll

next fall. To schedule a screening appointment, call the attendance center your child will attend: Brandon Elementary, 582-6315; Fred Assam, 582-1500; Robert Bennis, 582-8010; and Valley Springs, 582-2948.

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Commissioners retain Bender as chair, approve 4 legal newspapers

Dave Baumeister
County correspondent

SIOUX FALLS – For the second consecutive year, Jean Bender was unanimously voted as chairperson of the Minnehaha County Commission at their annual re-organization meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

But more notable, also for the second year in a row, the commission named four legal newspapers for the county. This is significant because South Dakota state law requires that a county commission publish public notices

in all newspapers within a county, but the law limits it to just three.

According to the South Dakota Newspaper Association directory, only eight counties have more than three newspapers, and more than two papers in at least five of those counties, some of those papers are owned by the same company.

Minnehaha County, with seven newspapers, is the only county with more than four.

Representatives of three legal papers in the county, Garrick Morritz, publisher of the Garretson Gazette, Jill Meier, publisher of the Brandon Valley Journal, and Lisa Miller, general manager of New Century Press, which prints the Minnehaha

Messenger, all thanked the county officials for its past business and looked forward to keeping people informed about future business in the county.

New Century Press also publishes the Dell Rapids City Journal and agreed to publish county public notices in that publication at no extra charge, bringing the total number of papers printing legal notices in Minnehaha County to five.

While the Sioux Falls Argus Leader was also named, no one from the daily paper or parent company Gannett was present at the meeting.

Two other newspapers, the Brandon Valley Challenger and the Dell Rapids Tribune, also owned by Gannett, were not selected as legal newspapers.

When he made the motion to again select four official newspapers, Commissioner Jeff Barth cited the importance of getting information out to the public.

Barth's motion was seconded by Commissioner Gerald Beninga and unanimously approved.

The meeting, itself, lasted almost two hours and saw

a variety of other "house-keeping" business taken care of, including: naming Dean Karsky as the commission vice-chair, re-appointing the non-elected department heads, including county coroner Dr. Kenneth Snell.

Commissioners voted themselves pay raise going from \$28,100 in 2019 to \$29,181 in 2020.

While this is approximately a 3.85 percent raise over last year, according to county administrator Carol Muller, it represents an annual increase of 1.75 percent per year since 2014.

Despite the annual "house-keeping" measures the commission handles, the meeting room was surprisingly full of people, and most were present for the agenda item, proposed bike trail around Wall Lake.

Tessa Schwans with the Friends of Wall Lake Trail returned to the commission to seek county approval to be the government entity associated with the project, allowing them to apply for grants.

However, a number of Wall Lake area residents

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used this opportunity to speak against the project.

The main person to speak against the trail was Peggy Bevier of 46271 Wall Lake Place, Hartford.

Bevier has prepared a packet for commissioners dealing with information she had compiled which indicated that 47 of the people she contacted were completely against the project.

She said this was based on door to door visits and postcards returned to her that she "placed in mailboxes," even though putting anything in a person's mailbox.

She also received 10 responses from people in favor of the project "with certain conditions," noting availability of parking, arrangements for sanitation, etc.

Bevier added that she had no responses from anyone who was unconditionally in favor of the project.

Bill Huffman and John Merrill also spoke on misgivings they had with the project.

"I know they have a lot of concerns, which is why we wanted to start the process of having communication," Schwans responded.

She did go on to say that prior to a public meeting in October, the Friends of Wall Lake group mailed out 214 letters to all residents within one-mile area of Wall Lake encouraging them to attend the meeting.

Fifty-two people attended the Oct. 28, 2019 meeting, where some concerns were expressed, but no one voiced that they were completely against the project.

Both during and after the recent meeting, county commissioners said they were taken aback by the opposition, because prior to this, no one had expressed any opposition or concerns about the project to them.

But Karsky said that this move was, indeed, to start a conversation, and their request before the county was not to approve anything or start construction.

In fact, the motion made by Com-



Dave Baumeister/For the Journal

Betty Oldenkamp and Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen of Lutheran Social Services briefed commissioners on their program to relocate refugees.

missioner Cindy Heiberger, herself a rural Hartford resident, was to accept a resolution that specifically said the county would have no "obligation for funding the project," but that the relationship with the county was needed to seek funding and grant opportunities.

That resolution passed 5-0.

Refugees on the way?

Betty Oldenkamp and Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen of Lutheran Social Services briefed commissioners on their program to relocate refugees, and informed them that due to an executive order by President Donald Trump last year, commissioners would have to sign a letter of consent to continue to accept refugees into the community.

Kiesow-Knudsen explained the process for obtaining refugee status and how people seeking refugee status are vetted before going to the various countries that accept them.

"While all refugees are immigrants, not all immigrants are refugees," she said.

Kiesow-Knudsen said that the international definition of a "refugee" is a person unable to return to his or her home country for "a well-founded fear of being persecuted for race,

religion, nationality or membership in a particular social or political group." She added that people fleeing their home countries – refugees – are first located in a United Nations camp where they begin the security screening process, which can take 18 months to two years and involves biometric background checks against the FBI, DHS and Dept. of State databases.

Following those steps, refugees are sent to different countries for permanent relocation, and the United States is one of 30 countries that accepts refugees. All refugees who settle in the United States have legal status (not citizenship) and are eligible to work as soon as they arrive.

Refugee resettlement is a federal program, and the money for that comes from the federal government. For 2020, the Trump administration has capped the number of refugees the country will accept at 18,000.

Also, in September, Pres. Trump signed an executive order requiring any states and local governments where refugees would be accepted to sign an agreement. In South Dakota, Gov. Kristi Noem has already signed such an agreement, but since it is expected 60 to 100 refugees would come to Minnehaha County and

Sioux Falls, both the county commission and the city council need to sign similar agreements.

Kiesow-Knudsen said Aberdeen and Huron also regularly accept refugees, those cities, and their respective county commissions would also have to sign off on accepting them.

In the chart Kiesow-Knudsen showed, it listed 2012 as the high year when South Dakota accepted 649 refugees.

The low year in her figures was the 130 accepted last year.

Karsky thanked Kiesow-Knudsen for her presentation, and said, "Hopefully, people will take the time to understand this, because I think it would clear up a lot of misconceptions."

Beninga added that he had talked with many employers who said that with refugees, they were some of the best entry-level employees their businesses ever had.

"Frankly, if that process was in effect when we were talking about Norwegians and Germans, probably none of us would be here today," Beninga quipped.

Barth said that when people hear 400,000 people being murdered and raped, it is just a big number, but when they see a koala bear on fire on TV, "that really is rough!"

"If we shut the door on these people, they are going to be on fire, they are going to be murdered, and I don't want that on my conscience," he said.

While there was no agreement to be signed at the Jan. 7 meeting, this item was expected to be this week's agenda.

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.

CENSUS

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time census takers positions needed to conduct the 2020 Census. The census bureau is recruiting in communities across the country to reach its goal of more than 2 million applicants.

This month the U.S. Census Bureau unveils its national advertising and outreach campaign for the 2020 census. The preview event will show the census bureau's commitment to reach all audiences, including those that are hard-to-count, with more than 1,000 advertisements in English and 12 other languages, and to encourage participation in the 2020 Census.

According to prb.org, there are six key areas where the information collected in the 2020 Census will help drive policymaking and shape the future of the United States:

1.) Apportionment. State population counts from the decennial census are used to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

2.) Redistricting. State and local officials use decennial census results to help redraw congressional, state, and local district boundaries to contain roughly equal numbers of people to ensure each person's voting power is closely equivalent.

3.) Money to States and Localities. Census totals help determine the amount of funding that state governments and local communities receive from the federal government for the next decade.

4.) Planning. Data from the census inform a wide range of government, business, and nonprofit decision-making.

5.) Emergency Response. Detailed population information is critical for emergency response in the wake of disasters.

6.) A Base for Federal Surveys. Decennial census data provide a population base for dozens of federal surveys.

For more information, visit census.gov.



Megan Bassett

Valley Springs native to student teach at Brandon Valley

State University student **Megan Bassett** is student teaching K-5 SPED and second-grade general education during the spring 2020 semester in the Brandon Valley School District. Bassett is an elementary education/special education major from Valley Springs.

THE LYNX WAY

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Schunke brothers help lead Lynx on mats in '19-'20

No. 1 ranked wrestlers all about healthy competition, mutual support

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Brandon Valley High's wrestling squad has had generations of siblings come through its ranks over the years. In fact, this year, there are three sets of siblings, including Damion and Navarro Schunke, perhaps the team's most dynamic duo.

Damion, 16, fills the 182-pound slot for the Lynx, while younger brother, Navarro, 14, takes the mat at 220. Navarro is younger only chronologically, as he actually has an estimated four inches on his "big" brother.

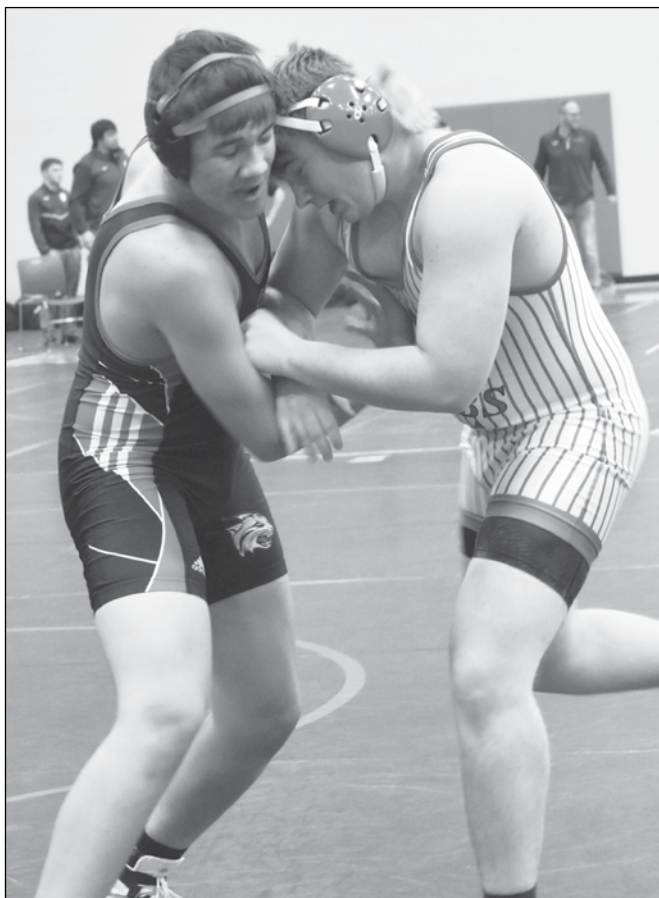
This is Navarro's first year as a varsity wrestler, and he's only an eighth-grader. Damion, a sophomore, also joined the Lynx varsity as an eighth-grader, and captured third place at state that year.

The younger Schunke is taking aim at his first state title this year, and Damion is looking to repeat. Both brothers are currently ranked at the top of their respective weight classes.

If you ask the Schunkes who's the better wrestler, they disagree. Each will tell you he's the better wrestler.

"You can have 60 pounds on me, and I'd still beat you," Damion told his little brother, to which Navarro shook his head and smiled.

Until recently, Navar-



Navarro Schunke works over the opposition at Brandon Valley's home meet Jan. 11. He went on to place first in the 220 class, while his older brother, Damion, was first at 182.

ro actually had even more weight on his big brother. In November, as the Lynx grapplers were readying to start the season, Navarro qualified as a heavyweight. It wasn't until the team learned senior Sam Lembcke, who mans the 285-pound weight class, was returning that Navarro shed 30 pounds to compete at 220.

The Schunke boys don't

compete against each other, though.

"We will, every now and then, if we're told to, but we don't choose it," Damion explained.

"One time, I was supposed to wrestle Damion, and I was terrified," Navarro confessed. "When we were little-little."

Navarro was about 4, and Damion was 6. Navarro bowed out.

"I said I wasn't going to wrestle, because he was actually better than me," the younger Schunke recalled.

Each has his own unique style and skill set on the mat, according to Lynx head coach, Derek Outland – but they both love to compete.

"Damion has a relentless pace that will often wear out his opponents in matches. He has some explosive offense with leg attacks and upper body throws," Outland said. "Navarro also keeps a high pace in his matches, especially for a 220-pounder. Navarro can also hit attacks both upper and lower body. His composure in big matches is impressive for an eighth-grader."

While it's likely that Damion and Navarro will never agree who's the better wrestler, they concur that Damion is more passionate about the sport. Navarro says he likes wrestling and football equally. Both brothers suited up for Lynx football at the varsity level in BV's 2019 state runner-up season.



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Damion and Navarro Schunke are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes. The brothers are one of three sets of siblings on the BVHS wrestling team.



Damion Schunke subdues Garretson opponent at the Dan Pansch/Jesse James Invitational Saturday at Brandon Valley High School.

In the off-season, all three Schunke boys – Damion, Navarro and 12-year-old brother, Elijah – spend most of their free time training, traveling and competing at Legends of Gold in Beresford.

Both Damion and Navarro traveled to Amsterdam last year to wrestle internationally through Legends of Gold.

"This year, the club is going back to the Netherlands, but we are not," Damion said.

The eldest Schunke has been wrestling since he was about 5.

"I don't remember it, but from what I'm told, my dad would bring me into the high school wrestling room every now and then, and I'd run around with his wrestlers," Damion said.

Their dad then founded a club, which is where his sons got their official starts.

Both still have their first trophies.

Navarro remembers traveling to Tulsa, Okla., with

Damion and their dad, Tony, when he was small.

The Schunkes moved to Brandon four years ago from Colorado. Tony, a former collegiate wrestling coach, was the boys' first coach, and he continues to coach yet today at Legends of Gold.

But their dad is quick to credit Jen, their mother, for their athleticism. Jen Schunke had a successful collegiate softball career.

"They get a lot of their mental toughness from her," the eldest Schunke says.

He coached Damion eight years and Navarro for about six, then decided to turn over the reins.

"Then we moved here, which is a great move for us – obviously, academically, because Brandon Valley is a great academic school, and it's just a nice way of life," Tony said. "And it also gave my sons chances to have other coaches ... That way I can be Dad and still help a little bit."

In addition to the Schun-

kes, BV's wrestling program boasts two more sets of brothers – twins Trason and Jordon Oehme, and Sabren and Grayson Bortnem.

Having multiple sets of brothers isn't unusual in the wrestling world, Outland said.

"That relationship between brothers is usually a good thing, as they tend to push and support each other," he said.

Damion and Navarro remain nonchalant about being ranked at the top of their respective weight classes in the AA ranks, and they look forward to what the rest of this promising season for the Lynx brings.

And between the two, it's a sure bet there will always be a healthy level of competition.

"I just know that I want to compete better than him, and I want to beat him," Navarro said.

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Journal Sports

Lynx girls claw out ESD win over Bobcats

Jill Meier
Journal editor

“There are no nights off in AA basketball,” Lady Lynx head coach Mike Zerr said of his team’s 57-43 victory over the visiting 0-7 Brookings Bobcats Friday night. “And records don’t matter.”

Essentially, what Brandon Valley’s victory came down to was sheer determination to overcome the Bobcats’ height advantage with BV’s signature quickness, pressure defense and a much-needed spark supplied by the Lynx bench.

“We knew that Brookings was going to challenge us physically,” Zerr said. “So, it was great to see our kids respond to that test of how we need to pressure the ball and how that makes it easier on the girls trying to defend those bigs.”

Despite Emma Jarovski putting up the first two points of the night, nothing fell easy for BV’s starter-sout of the gate, which allowed Brookings to keep pace with their hosts. At the buzzer, the Bobcats held a slight 8-7 advantage.

Zerr looked to his bench in the second when BV’s starters weren’t playing with their usual energy. And the decision proved to be a fruitful one.

“Our bench really stepped up and gave us a boost to get us a lead we never relinquished,” he said.

Trailing 13-10 with 5:24



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Mara Schaap drives the lane during play of Friday’s home contest against the Brookings Bobcats. The Lady Lynx, now 3-3 on the year, handed the Bobcats a 57-43 loss.

to play, Kylie Foss came off the bench, picked off a steal and took it to right to the hoop. BV also got scoring production from Olivia Klumper and Grace Gerken, who netted a 3-pointer, then picked off a steal, made good on the layup and drew the foul, too, for another 3-point play. That effort gave the Lynx the lead the rest of the way. Jarovski closed out the half with her second of four three’s on the night, giving BV a 23-17 advantage heading into the break.

Jarovski started the third the same way she left off in the second by popping in a 3-pointer, widening the gap to nine. A Hilary Behrens steal set up a bucket for elder sister Hannah, who converted for two to make it a 28-17 game. The Bobcats then went on a 10-7 run to get within five of the Lynx, 32-27. Brookings got scoring production from Haley Sampson and Landree Wilson on back-to-back 3’s and a basket by Regan Weisbeck.

The scoring tightened up for both teams the remainder of the third, but by the quarter’s end, the Bobcats had clawed their way back, trailing by just three, 35-32.

That served as a wake-up call for the Lady Lynx.

“You could see our team be more physically ready to handle finishing the game because of the contributions of our bench early on,”

Zerr said. “That’s a credit to our girls being selfless with playing time and the uniqueness of our basketball team that has many girls with different skills on it that contribute depending upon what is needed each night.”

India Bradfield and Hannah Behrens swished back-to-back three’s and Hilary Behrens snatched the ball right out of Brookings’ hands and cashed in a bucket on an assist from Bradfield. Within the first two minutes of the fourth, the Lynx had widened the spread to nine, 43-32.

Brookings’ Allie Clark came off the bench and dropped in a 3-pointer, but that was quickly answered by Sidney Thue’s 3-point play. Thue hit a short jumper and drew the foul, and with 5:35 to play, BV led 45-35.

Johanna Miller, who finished with 15 points for Brookings, scored all but two of her team’s 11 quarter points. Meanwhile, the Lynx were cashing in seven points at the free throw line en route to preserving the 57-43 ESD Conference win.

For Brookings, Johanna Miller was the only Bobcat to net double figures. The 6-foot-3 senior accounted for a third of her team’s 43 points with 15. Allie Clark aided with eight, while Haley Sampson dropped in six.

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Journal Sports

BV falls to Canton in home invite

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

The Brandon Valley High School wrestling team defeated Huron 55-9 in a Jan. 10 home dual and captured second out of 16 teams at the Dan Pansch/Jesse James Invitational the following day.

The Lynx generated 192 points for the runner-up placing. Canton proved to be the superior team on the Lynx mats, taking the tourney title with 250 points.

Lynx senior Jack Smith (18-3) controlled his weight class, winning the championship of 160-pound division.

BV sophomore Damion Schunke (18-1) had “an impressive finals performance,” noted head coach Derek Outland, defeating class B’s top-ranked Josh Crownover 17-6 to take the 182-pound class title.

Dominic Tucker (18-3) avenged an early season loss on Saturday to JT Panning from Tea. Tucker fell behind early in the match before rallying back to win the match by a 7-5 overtime decision to take third on the day at 195.

Eighth-grader Navarro Schunke (16-0) got the best of Marshall Baldwin, racking up a 5-0 decision in the finals to take the 220-pound class prize.

And finally, Lucas Slack (14-8) “had a strong performance on the day,” Outland recognized. Slack defeating No. 4-ranked Seth Peterson from Canton in overtime at 145.

Huron dual

BV rose to the top of their Jan. 11 home dual against the short-staffed Huron Tigers with what Outland described as “a strong team effort.”

“We had some big wins and won some tough matches,” he added.

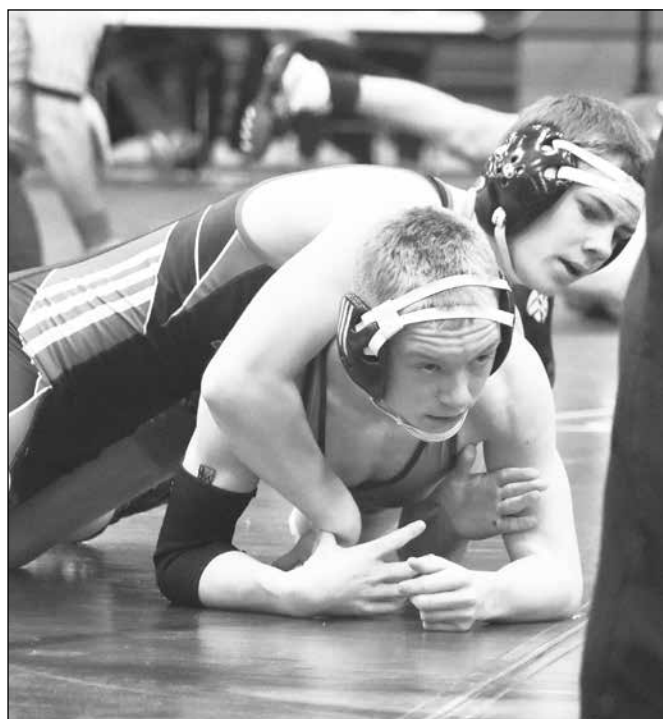
Sam Lembcke (8-5) registered a stellar win against the No. 6-ranked heavy-weight in the state, Sebastian Cardona, pinning the C-Hawk at the 1-minute, 27-second mark.

The Lynx host Aberdeen and Yankton this Friday, with wrestling action scheduled to start at 5 p.m. The Pierre Governors also pay a visit to the Lynx mats at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21.



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

Dominic Tucker battles an opponent with several inches on him in the 195-pound class Saturday.



(Above) Cayden Langenhorst wrestles in the 138-pound class. (On left) Freshman Ryan Presler (126) competes in one of his first varsity showings.

Dan Pansch/Jesse James Invitational – Jan. 11

Team scores – 1.) Canton 250; 2.) Brandon Valley 192; 3.) Chamberlain 143; 4.) Bon Homme/Scotland 130.5; 5.) Sioux Falls Roosevelt 114; 6.) Huron 111; 7.) Beresford 108; 8.) Vermillion 103.5; 9.) West Central 95; 10.) Tea 90.5; 11.) Sioux Falls O’Gorman 74; 9.) Yankton 67; 10.) Roosevelt 65; 11.) Tea 63; 12.) Mitchell 62.

Dynamite Dozen: 1.) Nash Hutmacher, Chamberlain; 2.) Lucas Anglin, Vermillion; 3.) Damion Schunke, BV; 4.) Eli Kadoun, SFR; 5.) Isaac Klinkhammer, BV; 6.) Brenden Salfrank, AC; 7.) Cooper Voorhees, RCS; 8.) Riley Hollingshead, SFR; 9.) Wyatt Jungclaus, RCC; 10.) Ty Althoff, Watertown; 11. Cael Larson, RCC; 12.) Owen Warren, Yankton.

BV Lynx in Top 8 of Class A Rankings

106: 2.) Trason Oehme; 113: 4.) Jordon Oehme; 126: HM – Caleb Klatt; 145: HM – Lucas Slack; 152: 2.) Isaac Klinkhammer; 160: 4.) Jack Smith; 170: 8.) Kobi Terpstra; 182: 1.) Damion Schunke; 195: 4.) Dominic Tucker; 220: 1.) Navarro Schunke; 285: HM-Sam Lembcke.

Lynx results

– 113: Jordon Oehme (BV) receives bye; Oehme p. Jayse Miller (Garr) 3:08; Wyatt Stuntebeck (Tea) dec. Oehme 4-0; Oehme dec. Andrew Weiland (DR) 8-2; Tucker Bahm (Yank) dec. Oehme 5-2. **120:** Kale Ask (Cant) over Jesse Johnson (BV) TF 17-1; Johnson receives bye; Nick Roob (Verm) dec. Johnson 10-5. **126:** Caleb Klatt (BV) p. Hunter Wilson (Tea) 4:53; Riley Hollingshead (SFR) p. Klatt 3:47; Klatt dec. Carson Holt (SFO) 4-3; Klatt p. Jaran Sammons (Huron) 3:48; Luke Richardson (Cant) md. Klatt 13-0; 5th place match: Jovey Christensen (Beres) dec. Klatt 8-4. **126:** Luke Richardson (Cant) p. Ryan Presler (BV) 3:39; Tyler Groenewold (TV) dec. Presler 8-4. **132:** Cayden Langenhorst (BV) p. Dominic Aviles (Huron) 2:19; Eli Leonhardt (SFR) md. Langenhorst 12-4; Langenhorst md. Ethan Yasat (Yank) 10-0; Langenhorst over Damon Crane (WC) SV-1 8-6; Jordan Rueb (BH/S) p. Langenhorst 0:43; 5th place match: Eli Leonhardt (SFR) dec. Langenhorst 7-2. **138:** Dan Motic (SFR) p. Grayson Bortnem 1:25; Tyler Lillie (Yank) p. Bortnem 0:58. **145:** Lucas Slack (BV) over Seth Peterson (Cant) TB-1 5-4; Slack p. Carson Norgaard (TV) 3:36; Logan Serck (Beres) over Slack SV-1 3-1; Seth Peterson (Cant) dec. Slack 4-2; 5th place match: Slack dec. Lucas Hofer (Huron) 4-0. **152:** Isaac Klinkhammer (BV) p. Swade Reis (Cham) 1:09; Klinkhammer p. Preston Eimers (Tea) 1:25; Klinkhammer dec. Jaden Dominisse (Cant) 1-0;

1st place match: Eli Kadoun (SFR) over Klinkhammer SV-1 3-1. **160:** Jack Smith (BV) receives bye; Smith p. Aaron Larson (Beres) 0:45; Smith p. Jordan Dahl (SFO) 1:32; 1st place match: Smith dec. Brayden Gee (DR) 6-0. **170:** Kobi Terpstra (BV) p. DJ Rueb (BH/S) 5:29; Terpstra p. Jorey Sorenson (BV) 2:40; Tyson Lien (Huron) dec. Terpstra 5-1; Terpstra dec. Noah Hutmacher (Cham) 5-0; 3rd place match: Terpstra p. Sorenson (BV) 3:51. **170:** Jorey Sorenson (BV) receives bye; Kobi Terpstra (BV) p. Sorenson 2:40; Sorenson receives bye; Sorenson p. Alex Andresen (TV) 0:28; Sorenson over Jack Kratz (Verm) med. for.; 3rd place match: Terpstra (BV) p. Sorenson 3:51. **182:** Damion Schunke (BV) receives bye; Schunke p. Aaron Foote (WC) 3:45; Schunke dec. Jasiah Thompson (Cham) 10-4; 1st place match: Schunke maj. dec. Josh Crownover (BH/S) 17-6. **195:** Dominic Tucker receives bye; Jordan Gall (BH/S) dec. Tucker 10-4; Tucker receives bye; Tucker over Owen Warren (Yank) med. for.; Tucker over JT Panning (Tea) SV-1 7-5; 3rd place match: Tucker maj. dec. Elijah Isais (Cant) 13-5. **220:** Navarro Schunke (BV) p. Gunnar Ristau (Cham) 3:28; Schunke by forfeit; Schunke maj. dec. Kobe Culver (Verm) 13-2; 1st place match: Schunke dec. Marshall Baldwin (Cant) 5-0. **285:** Sam Lembcke (BV) p. Gabe Johnson (Garr) 1:09; Nash Hutmacher (Cham) p. Lembcke 1:00; Lembcke p. Kyle Cavigielli (DR) 0:31; Ethan Nehlich (TV) p. Lembcke 2:27; 7th place match: Lembcke p. Jake Scheafer 1:18.

BV vs. Huron – Jan. 10

Team scores: 1.) Brandon Valley 55; 2.) Huron 9.

Lynx results – **106:** Trason Oehme (BV) dec. Moses Gross (Hur) 5-4. **113:** Jordon Oehme (BV) p. Colt Dunkelberger (Hur) 1:43. **120:** Jesse Johnson (BV) dec. Will Radke (Hur) 12-5. **126:** Caleb Klatt (BV) dec. Jaran Sammons (Hur) 10-4. **132:** Cayden Langenhorst (BV) by forfeit. **138:** Kaiser Ruth (Hur) p. Grayson Bortnem (BV) 1:49. **145:** Lucas Slack (BV) dec. Lucas Hofer (Hur) 4-1. **152:** Isaac Klinkhammer (BV) p. Jose Gonzales (Hur) 1:20. **160:** Jack Smith (BV) p. Cole Wolff (Hur) 1:07. **170:** Tyson Lien (Hur) dec. Kobi Terpstra (BV) 6-2. **182:** Damion Schunke (BV) md. Blake Larsen (Hur) 20-10. **195:** Dominic Tucker (BV) by forfeit. **220:** Navarro Schunke (BV) dec. Tristan Cardona (Hur) 12-5. **285:** Sam Lembcke (BV) p. Sebastian Cardona (Hur) 1:27.

LYNX PAWS

Splitrock Ladies Bowling League results

The Splitrock Ladies bowled Jan. 7 with the following results: High Team Game, JSA Engineers/Land Surveyors, 904; High Team Series, Steve’s Electric, 2,545; High Individual Game, Kathie Franz, 190; High Individual Series, Cheryl Scholl, 496.

Pat Paulsen and Julaine Walker both picked up the 4-5 split; Cheryl Scholl picked up the 3-10 split; Barb Risty picked up the 4-5 split and bowled 51 pins over her average; Joann Gundvaldson picked up the 5-7 split and bowled 54 pins over her average; Kathie Franz picked up the 3-7-10 and 3-10 splits; and Jackie Engebretson bowled 61 pins over her average.

S.D. Prep Media Basketball Polls

Week of Jan. 13. First-place

votes are listed in parentheses.

Class AA Boys

1. Brandon Valley (13) 6-1 80 1
2. Yankton (2) 6-2 64 2
3. Huron (2) 5-1 57 3
4. O’Gorman (1) 6-2 49 5
5. Roosevelt 5-2 18 4

Class AA Girls

1. O’Gorman (18) 7-0 90 1
2. Stevens 9-0 72 2
3. Harrisburg 8-0 51 3
4. Washington 4-1 37 4
5. Lincoln 4-2 20 5

Class A Wrestling Rankings

Provided by DakotaGrappler.

Team rankings: 1.) Rapid City Stevens 150; 2.) Brandon Valley 144; 3.) Watertown 123; 4.) Pierre 111; 5.) Rapid City Central 99; 6.) Sturgis 97; 7.) Chamberlain 83; 8.) Spearfish 74; 9.) Yankton 67; 10.) Roosevelt 65; 11.) Tea 63; 12.)

Shea rolls 259 game to lead Lady Lynx to victory

Staff report

Alexis Shea guided the Lady Lynx to victory Jan. 10, when they faced Sioux Falls O’Gorman at Empire Bowl. Shea tossed a 259 high game to help the Brandon Valley girls nip the Knights 28.5-21.5.

The Lynx boys didn’t come out on the victorious side. The varsity boys lost 41-9 and the junior varsity team lost 40-10.

“It was an emotional night and we fought hard. Even though the final match scores don’t show it, we bowled great tonight,” said assistant coach Corey Gunderson.

Aiding Shea’s effort was a 429 series from Briana Sheppard, which was highlighted by a 177 game. Lauren Kemner also had a good day on the lanes. She rolled a 184 high game and 511 high series. Melissa Jacobson rallied to a 186 game and 482 se-

ries, while Elise Meyers contributed a 520 high series and Brooklyn Martin’s 286 high series.

Noah Bultje’s 524 series led the Lynx boys. He got help from high series from Chance Reindl (448), Davian Gunderson (450), Jon Hubner (315) and Mason Neitzel (367).

Hunter Matthaai shot a 454 series, which was ignited by his 180 game, and Seth Waldner tallied a 419 series behind his 146 game.

Rounding out the scoring highlights for the Lynx keglers are Keaton Lehfeldt 129 high game and 327 series; a 228 game and 646 series from Phillip Harris, and Reece Vergith’s 406 series and 169 game.

BV travels to Town & Country Lanes in Canton this Friday, where bowling starts at 4 p.m.

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The Lynx shot 64 percent from the charity stripe, dropping in 16-25, while the Bobcats netted just six of its 14 opportunities (42 percent).

Despite Brookings' height advantage, the Lynx and Bobcats matched up on the boards. Brookings hauled in 28 and BV had 27. Leading the effort for the Lynx were Hannah Behrens with seven, five each from Bradfield and Hilary Behrens, and four from Thue.

Bradfield was a factor on both sides of the ball. She dished out four of the team's 11 total assists and had two steals. Hilary Behrens offered three assists and four steals to the winning cause. Jarovski got a hand on four of BV's 18 total steals; Kylie Foss and Gerken both had two, and Hannah Behrens was credited with the team's lone block.

BV also had 14 turnovers in the contest.

The Lady Lynx hosted Roosevelt Tuesday night, and Zerr anticipated the Rough Riders would present yet another test.

"They are talented, young, and adjusting to a new coach just like we are. We are really getting into



Jill Meier/BV Journal
Olivia Klumper puts up a shot over her Brookings defender in Friday's 57-43 ESD Conference win.

our first stretch of multiple games in a week for our team and our depth will be important as we manage playing games on just one day of rest. I really like how this team is adjusting to some changes we've made in how we play both offensively and defensively. It's a smart, determined group, that brings their best each and every day."

Following Tuesday's clash with Roosevelt, the Lady Lynx travel to Watertown Thursday and host Harrisburg Jan. 21.

Brandon Valley Lynx 7 23 35 57
Brookings Bobcats 8 17 32 43

Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): India Bradfield 1-2 1-3 4-4 9; Mara Schaap 0-4 0-3 0-0 0; Kylie Foss 1-3 0-0 0-0 2; Emma Jarovski 2-2 2-4 12-5 2; Hilary Behrens 2-12 0-2 4-7 8; Grace Gerken 1-1 1-1 1-1 6; Olivia Klumper 1-5 0-0 1-2 3; Hannah Behrens 4-8 1-2 3-3 14; Sidney Thue 1-1 0-0 1-3 3. **Totals:** 13-38 5-15 16-25 57.

BV's Grace Gerken came off the bench and produced six points in Brandon Valley's 57-43 victory Friday over the visiting Brookings Bobcats. The Lynx travel to Watertown Thursday for a girl-boy double header and will host Harrisburg on Jan. 21.



BV boys utilize denial defense to secure road win

Jill Meier
Journal editor

The Lynx boys took care of business Friday inside the Bob Jostad Gymnasium, where they roared to a 60-35 Eastern South Dakota Conference win over Brookings (1-6).

And while the end score was a bit lopsided, Brandon Valley coach Brent Deckert said the key to Friday's win – the team's sixth to date – was their defense.

"We got off to a hot start and we were great defensively all night," he said. "I wouldn't say that we ran away with it and I wouldn't say that we played great. I would say that we played really good defensively and we rebounded really well. I don't think we executed really well. I just think that we did some things to them defensively to get some run outs and some easy baskets, and after we got off to early start, I don't think it really mattered what they did after that, so I think the end was inevitable."

The Lynx drilled the net for 12 consecutive points late in the first quarter en route to establishing a 21-11 lead. BV's defense continued to create opportunities on the offensive end of the floor, leading the Lynx to 34-18 and 46-25 leads at halftime and after three quarters of play.

BV out-scored their hosts 15-10 in the fourth to close out the victory.

The Lynx pressure defense may have been too much for one of Brookings' main scoring threats. Deckert said he literally saw the will to play disseminate.

"I think about midway through the second quarter, maybe late in the first, just our one-on-one denial pressure (was more than enough), and he was done," Deckert said. "He was just basically, 'I'll let someone else bring it up,' and once their best player starts putting their head down a little bit, the rest of them are going to follow suit, and that's kind of what happened."

Brookings' head coach Travis Engebret-

son acknowledged BV's defensive pressure, noting the Lynx heavily dictated their offense, forcing the Bobcats into fundamental errors in passing and decision making.

The Lynx were guided offensively by Jackson Hilton, who scored 13 points. Both Jaxon LaBrie and Jaksen Deckert accounted for seven points, while Gavin Terhark and Jay Jurgens netted six points apiece.

BV shot 57 percent from the floor (21-37) and got 17 points at the free throw line out of 24 opportunities, a 71 percent performance.

The Bobcats had the edge on the boards, 42-30.

Thomas Scholten, Terhark and Jurgens all had four to their credit; Payton Tietjen latched onto three, while Hunter Marso and Aydin Lloyd both had two.

Dawson Johnson, Scholten and Joe Kolbeck were all credited with two of the team's 11 assists. Hilton and Tietjen got a hand on three and two, respectively, of BV's dozen steals. Tietjen had a hand on two blocks and Jurgens had one.

BV turned the ball over 10 times.

Brookings was 12-of-48 from the field and turned the ball over 20 times – 15 of which came on steals.

Trent Broksieck dropped in 18 points, and Deckert said the Bobcat earned every one of his points. "We made him take tough shots," he said.

Henry Hammrich scored 10 points on 3-of-4 shooting.

Brookings charted three assists, four steals, and one blocked shot.

The Lynx head into the "meat" of their season this month, and they're doing so injury- and illness-free, Deckert said.

"Right now, as far as I know, everything's good. I don't think we have any injuries or sicknesses or anything like that. We just got some kids that are mad that school's starting again because the semester tests are over so it's time to time to get to work here and get it taken care of right off the get go," he said.

After playing at Roosevelt Tuesday, the Lynx boys continue their road schedule with a girl-boy doubleheader at Watertown on Thursday. The Lynx return to their home

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Jill Meier/BV Journal file photo
BV's Joe Kolbeck passes the ball over Mitchell defenders. The Lynx took care of business Friday at Brookings, defeating the Bobcats 60-35.

United States Air Force Heartland of America Band presents OFFUT BRASS

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CITY OF BRANDON

BRIEFING MEETING — MINUTES

The Brandon City Council met in a briefing session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January, 2020 at the Council Chambers at 308 S Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota. Present were Dana Clark, Vickie David, Barb Fish, Tim Jorgenson, David Kull, Chuck Parsons and Mayor Paul Lundberg. Others present were: City Administrator, Bryan H. Read; Finance Officer, Christina Smith; City Engineer, Tami Jansma; Public Works Director, Rollie Hoeke; Park Superintendent, Devin Coughlin; Police Chief, Joe Weir; Fire Chief, Robert Dykstra and Interim Golf Manager, Andrew Bauer. Absent: None.

The Council discussed items on the agenda for the upcoming January 6, 2020 regular Council meeting. No formal action was taken.

At 6:12 p.m., hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Christina Smith
Municipal Finance Officer
Paul Lundberg
Mayor
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January 15, 2020

MINUTES

The Brandon City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on January 6, 2020 in the Council Chambers at 308 S. Main Avenue, Brandon, South Dakota. Present were Dana Clark, Vickie David, Barb Fish, Tim Jorgenson, David Kull, Chuck Parsons and Mayor Paul Lundberg. Others present were: City Administrator, Bryan Read; Finance Officer, Christina Smith; City Attorney, Lisa Marso; City Engineer, Tami Jansma; Police Chief, Joe Weir; Park Superintendent, Devin Coughlin; Golf Course Manager, Andrew Bauer and Public Works Director, Rollie Hoeke.

Alderman Kull moved Alderwoman Fish seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Alderman Clark moved Alderman Parsons seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 briefing meeting, the minutes of the December 16, 2019 regular meeting and the minutes of the December 19, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried.

Alderman Fish moved Alderman Jorgenson seconded to approve the following claims for 2019 & 2020. Motion carried.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Active Networks	Supplies	470.00
AFLAC	November Premium	1,221.19
Ambush Apparel	Supplies	2,450.50
Black Top Paving Company	Improvements	38,966.25
Blaine's Service	Hired Repairs	333.35
Border States Electric	Supplies	754.25
Brandon Ace Hardware	Various Dept. Supplies	1,143.97
Brandon Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	771.04
Brandon Plumbing & Heating	Hired Repairs	147.96
Brandon Valley School District	Fuel	3,455.48
Bushnell Outdoor Products	GC-Resale	147.51
BX Civil & Construction	Supplies	27,641.96
Callaway Golf	GC-Resale	319.00
Cardmember Services	Various Dept. Supplies	1,176.47
Carlson & Stewart Refrigeration, Inc.	Hired Repairs	1,417.85
Champion Tree Service	Professional Services	3,745.00
Cintas	Supplies	186.54
Concrete Materials	Supplies	440.25
Core & Main LP	Supplies	2,601.00
Corson Village Sanitary District	December Refund	1,033.41
Cummins Central Power, LLC	Supplies	264.80
Dakota Fluid Power, Inc.	Repairs	110.37
Dakota Supply Group	Repairs	6,882.66
DGR Engineering	Professional Services	70,582.08
DiracTV	Utilities	39.70
Ecolab	GC Rental	135.50
EnviroMaster, Inc.	Supplies	70.00
Family Floors & Furniture	Supplies	15.00
Fastenal Company	Supplies	419.74
Geotek Engineering	Professional Services	14,132.00
Glass Doctor - Sioux Falls	Hired Repairs	521.70
Hach Company	Supplies	568.77
Hawkins Water Treatment	Chemicals	1,803.76
Hoeke Companies	Supplies	600.00
Houston Radar	Equipment	12,729.00
H-Squared Communications, LLC	Professional Services	1,925.00
I & S Group, Inc.	Professional Services	16,575.00
Innovative Office Solutions, Inc.	Office Furniture	2,105.60
Inter-Lakes Community Action, Inc.	Transit	14,192.88
Jensen Electric, Inc.	Improvements	1,168.17
Larry Bixby	Reimbursement	51.40
Locators & Supplies, Inc.	Clothing/Supplies	206.95
Mills & Miller, Inc.	Supplies	3,689.16
Minnehaha Community Water Corp.	Utilities	79.75
Mobile Electronic Service, Inc.	Police Equipment	7,359.73
Northern Truck Equip. Corp.	Supplies	215.12
Palisades Oil Co.	Fuel	1,543.64
Palisades Propane, Inc.	Utilities	922.68
Performance Press	Supplies	931.71
Petro Choice	Supplies	508.75
Pizza Ranch of Brandon	GC Supplies	375.00
R & L Supply, Ltd	Repairs/Improvements	3,305.16
Sam's Club	GC-Resale	114.67
SD Dept. of Health	Professional Services	736.00
SD Dept. of Transportation	Professional Services	192.51
Sioux Falls Ford	Hired Repairs	295.33
Sioux Falls Networks	Equipment	1,145.00
Sioux Falls Utilities	Utilities	92,080.48
Sioux Valley Energy	Utilities	30,089.34
Siouxland Trailer Sales, Inc.	Equipment	6,166.22
Soukup Construction, Inc.	Improvements	19,554.88
Staples Advantage	Supplies	193.28
Stockwell Engineers, Inc.	Improvements	12,501.00
Street Smart	Equipment	5,374.00
Sturdevant's Auto Parts	Supplies	1,240.54
Sunshine	Supplies	505.02
Swier Construction, LLC	Improvements	1,263.18
Taylor Made Golf Company, Inc.	GC Resale	279.62
The Sprinkler Company	Equipment	16,772.48

son West, Books, 69.62; Titleist, GC-Resale, 127.70; Tony's Catering, Supplies, 591.25; TravisMathew, LLC, GC-Resale, 89.61; Verizon Wireless, Utilities, 627.73; Verizon Wireless, Utilities, 509.56; Vogel Motors, Repairs, 1,070.00; Xcel Energy, Utilities, 6,696.31; First National Bank, Golf Course Equip Loan, 1,124.98; Council, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 7,234.15; Mayor, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 1,933.89; City Administration, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 3,896.23; Planning & Zoning, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 774.36; Park Advisory Committee, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 554.10; Finance Officer, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 4,045.38; Govt. Bldg., December 12, 2019 Payroll, 133.91; Police, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 23,415.78; Building Inspections, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 3,314.17; Traffic Engineer, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 2,194.11; Street Department, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 5,914.07; Park Department, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 4,015.50; Water Conservation Committee, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 406.34; Water Department, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 7,718.57; Sewer Department, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 3,700.46; Golf Course Grounds, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 1,682.98; Golf Course Lounge, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 1,040.51; Golf Course Pro Shop, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 680.58; Golf Course Community Room, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 792.85; 941 Payroll Taxes, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 21,849.02; SD Retirement System Supplemental, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 700.00; Direct Pay Reimbursement, Direct Pay Reimbursement, 2,966.00; Accounts Management, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 75.00; TASC Flex Plan, December 12, 2019 Payroll, 894.95; City Administration, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 3,901.38; Finance Officer, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 4,156.43; Government Buildings, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 166.23; Police, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 21,716.61; Building Inspections, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 3,314.17; Traffic Engineer, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 2,188.48; Street Department, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 6,218.93; Park Department, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 4,004.44; Water Department, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 7,701.62; Sewer Department, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 3,151.26; Golf Course Grounds, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 1,682.98; Golf Course Lounge, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 1,204.07; Golf Course Pro Shop, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 1,165.76; Golf Course Community Room, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 633.82; 941 Payroll Taxes, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 18,850.82; Accounts Management Inc, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 75.00; SD Retirement System Supplemental, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 700.00; SD Retirement System, December Contribution, 22,296.96; TASC Flex Plan, December 26, 2019 Payroll, 896.25;

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
American Water Works Association	2020 Membership Dues	79.00
Brandon Valley Chamber of Commerce	2020 Membership Dues	300.00
Cardmember Services	2020 Dues and Conferences	300.00
Delta Dental	January Premium	2,926.90
DENR	2020 Certifications	138.00
Interlakes Community Action	January Mgmt Fee	2,608.33
IACP	2020 Membership Dues	190.00
Lacey Rentals Inc	Park Rental	150.00
Leads Online LLC	Software Renewal	1,068.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info	2020 Membership Dues	150.00
Modern Woodmen of America	January Premium	1,758.31
SESAC	GC License	702.00
Sioux Empire Wedding Network	GC Shows	1,099.00
SD Association of Code Enforcement	2020 Membership Dues	40.00
SD Building Officials' Association	2020 Membership Dues	105.00
SD City Management Association	2020 Membership Dues	150.00
SD DENR	Exam	10.00
SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources	2020 Discharge Permit	8,500.00
SD Government Finance Officers	2020 Membership Dues	40.00
SD Governmental Human Resource	2020 Membership Dues	50.00
SD Municipal League	2020 Membership Dues	4,670.23
SD Municipal Street Maintenance	2020 Membership Dues	35.00
SD Police Chiefs' Association	2020 Membership Dues	107.30
SD Retailers Association	2020 Membership Dues	315.00
SDML Workers' Compensation Fund	2020 Renewal	48,235.00
SDWVA	2020 Membership Dues	30.00
South Eastern Council of Governments	2020 Membership Dues	12,290.00
USGA	2020 Membership Dues	150.00
Wellmark BCBS	January Premium	51,212.58
First National Bank	Golf Course Equip Loan	1,124.98
US Bank Trust	Big Sioux Lift Station Bond	43,304.01
US Bank Trust	Bethany Drainage Bond	9,653.70
Stephanie McKenna	900 S. Lakota Avenue	was present to thank the City Council for the Core Area sidewalk plans.

Dianna Henson, 309 S. 3rd Avenue, was present to thank the City Council for the Core Area sidewalk plans.

PACKAGE OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a transfer of Package Off-Sale Liquor License from I-90 Fuel Service, Inc. to Holiday Stationstore, LLC. at 920 N. Splitrock Blvd. Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderman Kull seconded to approve the transfer, as presented. Motion carried.

RETAIL ON-OFF SALE MALT BEVERAGE & SD WINE LICENSE TRANSFER

A public hearing was held, as advertised, to consider a transfer of On-Off Sale Malt Beverage and South Dakota Wine License from I-90 Fuel

Service, Inc. to Holiday Stationstore, LLC. at 920 N. Splitrock Blvd. Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderman Kull seconded to approve the transfer, as presented. Motion carried.

LEWIS & CLARK REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

Troy Larson, Executive Director of Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, was present for discussion. Lewis & Clark Regional Water System is a wholesale provider of water to 20 area communities.

ORDINANCE #598

Alderman Clark moved Alderwoman David seconded to give second reading to Ordinance #598, using Option #2 as provided by Lisa Marso, Brandon City Attorney, TITLE: AMENDING CHAPTER 6-7 AMBULANCE SERVICES OF THE BRANDON CITY CODE. A roll call vote showed Clark, David aye; Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parsons nay. Motion failed. A work session will be scheduled to meet with Jay Masur, Med-Star Ambulance.

GOLF COURSE MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

The Golf Course Committee report was heard. Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve the Golf Course Manager job description as presented. Motion carried.

APPOINT ANDREW BAUER AS GOLF COURSE MANAGER

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Fish seconded to appoint Andrew Bauer as the Golf Course Manager for 2020 at the rate of \$24.99 per hour, line 35-5 on the wage scale, effective January 7, 2020. Motion carried.

ASH TREE PLAN

The Parks & Recreation Committee report was heard. Devin Coughlin, Park Superintendent, gave an update on plans for ash tree treatment/removal.

RESOLUTION #01-20

The Public Safety Committee and Administration Committee reports were heard. Alderman Kull moved Alderman Fish seconded to approve Resolution #01-20. A roll call vote showed Clark, David, Fish, Jorgenson, Kull, Parsons aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #01-20

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-14-28 requires that the governing body of every municipality shall fix and determine by ordinance or resolution, the amount of salaries and compensation of all municipal officers and the time at which the same shall be paid; and WHEREAS, the City council shall publish the salaries for compliance with the provisions of SDCL 9-14-28 and SDCL 6-1-10

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brandon City Council that the following resolution, repealing all prior salary and wage resolutions, be passed and approved. The Mayor, Council, Commissions and Committees shall be paid once a quarter and all other officers and employees shall be paid every two weeks at the following yearly salary or hourly wage for the year 2020.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR

Paul J Lundberg, Mayor, \$8,815.16 per year.

Dana Clark, Council Member, \$5,246.16 per year.

Vickie David, Council Member, \$5,246.16 per year.

Barb Fish, Council Member, \$5,246.16 per year.

Tim Jorgenson, Council Member, \$5,246.16 per year.

David Kull, Council Member, \$5,246.16 per year.

Charles Parsons, Council Member, \$5,246.16 per year.

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

Barb Fish, Park Advisory Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Mindy Hansen, Park Advisory Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Jon Jacobson, Park Advisory Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Alan Kirkeby, Park Advisory Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Adam Rothenberger, Park Advisory Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Leigh Zirbel, Park Advisory Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Paul Bosch, Planning & Zoning Commission, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Brian Heidbrink, Planning & Zoning Commission, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Charles Parsons, Planning & Zoning Commission, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Rob Schoeneman, Planning & Zoning Commission, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Jim Starzl, Planning & Zoning Commission, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Alicia Thiele, Planning & Zoning Commission, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Dana Clark, Water Conservation Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Patrick Deering, Water Conservation Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Barb Fish, Water Conservation Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Trudy Papka, Water Conservation Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Kevin Smith, Water Conservation Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

Amanda Viau, Water Conservation Committee, \$40.00 per meeting attended.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Dennis Olson, Economic Development Director, \$25.00 per hour.

Karen Keyser, Office Assistant, \$13.89 per hour.

Monique Pardee, Office Cleaning, \$20.00 per hour.

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Bryan Read, City Administrator, \$121,430.40 per year.

Christina Smith, Finance Officer, \$83,720.00 per year.

Tami Jansma, City Engineer, \$74,318.40 per year.

Paul Clarke, Building Official/Code Enforcement, \$35.20 per hour.

Melissa Labahn, Building Admin Assistant, \$21.32 per hour.

Doris Brekhus, Utility Billing Clerk, \$16.64 per hour.

Tammi VanderBeek, Payroll Clerk, \$21.32 per hour.

Devin Coughlin, Parks Superintendent, \$57,928.00 per year.

Cory Carlson, Parks Maintenance, \$23.40 per hour.

Seth Olson, Parks Maintenance, \$19.50 per hour.

Joe Weir, Police Chief, \$96,990.40 per year.

Jamie Steffel, Police Lieutenant, \$35.03 per hour.

Alex Palmer, Police Sergeant, \$30.33 per hour.

Austin Peters, Police Sergeant, \$29.88 per hour.

Andrew Bakker, Police Officer, \$22.19 per hour.

Tyler Carda, Police Officer, \$25.28 per hour.

Daniel Francis Jr, Police Officer, \$20.18 per hour.

Zach Hagstrom, Police Officer, \$23.55 per hour.

Micha Lee Henning, Police Officer, \$22.86 per hour.

Zachery Kieffer, Police Officer, \$20.18 per hour.

Anthony Lingen, Police Officer, \$23.55 per hour.

Andrew Nygaard, Police Officer, \$20.49 per hour.

Kyle Zigan, Police Officer, \$21.75 per hour.

Pam Petersen, Police Admin Assistant, \$23.30 per hour.

Rollie Hoeke, Public Works Director, \$87,380.80 per year.

Donovan Carpenter, Public Works Forman, \$30.92 per hour.

Larry Bixby, Public Works Maintenance, \$24.95 per hour.

Larry Bixby, Safety Coordinator, \$750.00 per year.

Matt Brown, Public Works Maintenance, \$20.58 per hour.

Troy Hillman, Public Works Maintenance, \$22.52 per hour.

Dale Kerber, PW Maintenance/Plumbing Inspector, \$26.83 per hour.

Jeramie Olson, Public Works Maintenance, \$19.89 per hour.

Mark Schmeling, Public Works Maintenance, \$23.19 per hour.

Brad Top, Public Works Maintenance, \$25.99 per hour.

Dustin Wagner, Public Works Maintenance, \$19.50 per hour.

Andrew Bauer, Golf Course Manager, \$51,979.20 per year.

Kerry Thill, GC Events Coordinator, \$48,859.20 per year plus commission.

Kelly Eilers, GC Grounds Superintendent, \$28.57 per hour.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2020.

Paul J Lundberg, Mayor

ATTEST: Christina Smith, Finance Officer (SEAL)

BENEFITS COMMITTEE GOALS

Alderman Clark asked for discussion as to the goals of the Benefits Committee.

AGREEMENT WITH SDPAA

Alderman Parsons moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Contract with the SD Public Assurance Alliance, as presented. Motion carried.

VFW RAFFLE REQUEST

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the raffle as presented.

KEEPING KIDS IN OUTDOOR SPORTS RAFFLE REQUEST

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the raffle as presented.

AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Recommendation will be made at the next City Council meeting.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS LEAD POSITION

The Streets Committee report was heard. Alderman Jorgenson moved Alderman Clark seconded to approve

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als will be rejected if they show any conditions or uncalled for alternate bids. All bids shall be on the basis of a 30 day cash payment account.

The City of Brandon reserves the right to delay a decision for the purchase for a period not to exceed 30 days after the date and time set for opening of the bids. The City of Brandon reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof.

Bryan H. Read
City Administrator
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January 15 & 22, 2020

CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR A ONE DAY MALT & FULL LIQUOR LICENSE #02142020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The Board of Commissioners in and for the City of Valley Springs, South Dakota, on the 11th day of February, 2020, at the hour of 6:15 pm at City Hall, 401 Broadway Ave will meet in regular session to consider the following One Day Malt & Full Liquor License to operate within the Municipality for the licensing period, which have been presented to the Board of Commissioners and filed in the Municipal Finance Officer's Office.

APPLICANTS, ADDRESS, TYPE OF LICENSE:

Shane Scadden
119 Lynx Street
Valley Springs, SD 57068
Licensed Premises:
American Legion Post 131
615 Broadway Ave
Valley Springs, SD 57068
One Day Malt & Full Liquor License

February 14th, 2020

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT any person, persons, or their attorney may appear and be heard at said scheduled Public Hearing who is interested in the approval or rejection of any such application.

Dated at Valley Springs, South Dakota, this 6th day of January, 2020.

Linda D. Hunnel
Municipal Finance Officer
Publish: January 15th, 2020
Published at the approximate cost of \$13.20

January 15, 2020

NOTICE OF VACANCY

MUNICIPALITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS

The following offices will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term or due to the resignation of office of the elective officer:

Commissioner, Five year term
Presently held by Dean Helgeson
Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2020 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 401 Broadway Ave. between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday -Friday (central time), and not later than 5:00 PM on the 28th day of February, 2020.

Linda D. Hunnel
Finance Officer
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January 15 & 22, 2020

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY BUILDING COMMITTEE CONVENED AT 7:30 A.M. January 7, 2020, pursuant to adjournment on August 6, 2019. Committee Members present were: Barth, Bender, Benninga, Heiberger, Karsky, Kriens, Litz, and Muller.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to approve the August 6, 2019, Building Committee Meeting Minutes. 8 ayes.

FACILITIES TASKFORCE
Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, and Committee Member Bender led the discussions. Mr. Dewey gave a briefing on the opportunities identified by the Facilities Taskforce to move forward with renovations and construction of County facilities. Dick Stassburg, Tegra Group, spoke on his thoughts regarding renovation/construction projects for the Highway Department, the Minnehaha County Administration Building, and the Public Safety Building; how Tegra could be involved; and potential next steps.

Committee Member Bender brought up for discussion, setting up committees for the Highway Project, the Administration Building Project, and the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Project. These committees would begin the process, start answering necessary questions to move forward with plans for renovation and/or construction, and make recommendations to the Building Committee in February.

The JDC court room renovation and sally port was discussed. Jamie Gravett, JDC Director, spoke on a report expected to be received in April 2020 regarding the court room renovations. In response to the suggestion that the JDC project be funded out of cash, Kim Adamson, Finance & Budget Officer, stated concerns with that the project is not budgeted in 2020, and there is not cash available in the Building Fund to cover the project at this time.

Commissioner Benninga noted that the Metro Communications facility should also be considered while working on these projects.

The Committee discussed land sales of the County Corrections Center (CCC) and the gravel pit as revenue sources to fund the proposed projects. Ms. Adamson, spoke on the

use of insurance proceeds from the fire at the CCC to pay off outstanding bonds on the property. DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, spoke on the current use of the gravel pit and a section of 40 acres that could be sold. Joe Bosman, Deputy Sheriff Captain, spoke on the use of the gravel pit as a shooting range.

The Committee discussed space to hold the 2020 election activities. Bob Litz, Auditor, proposed that the County owned property at 908 N West Ave, Sioux Falls, be used as a precinct. The Multi-Cultural Center and the KSFY building were discussed as potential options. Auditor Litz spoke in favor of the Multi-Cultural Center due to its location on the County Campus. Network connectivity was a primary concern regarding the location for election day activities. Monte Watembach, Information Technology Director, spoke on the different options for network connectivity between the two proposed sites. Auditor Litz also spoke on preferring to stay in the current location at the Extension Building through the Primary Election activities if possible. Committee Member Bender advised Auditor Litz and Mr. Watembach to work together to form a pro and con list regarding the best location for election day activities.

Upon the request of Committee Member Muller, Mr. Strassburg spoke on the importance of planning ahead with these three major projects.

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to adjourn. 8 ayes.

APPROVED BY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

—Jean Bender
Building Committee Chair
ATTEST:
Olivia Larson
Deputy Auditor
Published at the approximate cost of \$34.69.

January 15, 2020

FACT OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance MC54-19 An Ordinance Providing for the Adoption of the 2018 International Building Code and Amendments and Additions Thereto and for the Repeal of Ordinance MC48-16 In Conflict Therewith on December 17, 2019 for regulating the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, conversion, occupancy, equipment, use, height, area and maintenance of all buildings or structures in the unincorporated area of Minnehaha County and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore. A printed copy of such code and additions and amendments thereto is on file with the County Auditor.

Robert Litz,
County Auditor
Published twice at the approximate cost of \$14.74.

January 15 & 22, 2020

FACT OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance MC55-19 An Ordinance Providing for the Adoption of the 2018 International Residential Code and Amendments and Additions Thereto and for the Repeal of Ordinance MC49-16 In Conflict Therewith on December 17, 2020 for regulating the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, conversion, occupancy, equipment, use, height, area and maintenance of all buildings or structures in the unincorporated area of Minnehaha County and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore. A printed copy of such code and additions and amendments thereto is on file with the County Auditor.

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January 15 & 22, 2020

FACT OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance MC56-19 An Ordinance Providing for the Adoption of the 2018 International Existing Building Code and Amendments and Additions Thereto and for the Repeal of Ordinance MC50-16 In Conflict Therewith on December 17, 2020 for regulating the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, conversion, occupancy, equipment, use, height, area and maintenance of all buildings or structures in the unincorporated area of Minnehaha County and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore. A printed copy of such code and additions and amendments thereto is on file with the County Auditor.

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January 15 & 22, 2020

MINUTES

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 A.M. January 7, 2020, pursuant to adjournment on December 31, 2019. Commissioners present were: Barth, Bender, Benninga, Heiberger, and Karsky. Also present were Olivia Larson, Commission Recorder, and Margaret Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to amend the amount listed on agenda Item 10, Bills to be Paid, from \$403,652.30 to \$398,731.05. 5 ayes.

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to approve the agenda as amended. 5 ayes.

ELECTION OF 2020 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

2019 Chair Bender called for nominations for the 2020 Commission

Chair. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Heiberger, to nominate Jean Bender as Commission Chair for 2020. Roll Call Vote to elect Jean Bender as the 2020 Commission Chair. 5 ayes.

Chair Bender called for nominations for the 2020 Commission Vice Chair. MOTION by Benninga, seconded by Heiberger, to nominate Dean Karsky as Commission Vice Chair for 2020. Roll Call Vote to elect Dean Karsky as the 2020 Commission Vice Chair. 5 ayes.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, was present to report on proposals received from the Argus Leader, Brandon Valley Journal, Garretson Gazette, and the Minnehaha Messenger for designation as official county newspapers. The proposal from the Argus Leader included a rate for the Argus Leader of \$0.49 per line and rates for the Dell Rapids Tribune and Brandon Valley Challenger of \$0.28 per line for meeting minutes and \$0.32 per line for all other types of notices. The Brandon Valley Journal proposal offered a rate of \$0.307 per line. The Garretson Gazette and Minnehaha Messenger proposals offered a rate of \$0.3042 per line for meeting minutes and \$0.338 per line for other types of notices. The Minnehaha Messenger proposal included publication in the Dells City Journal free of charge. Garrick Moritz, Garretson Gazette Owner; Jill Meier, Brandon Valley Journal Publisher/General Manager; Matt Anderson, Anderson Publications Owner; and Lisa Miller, New Century Press General Manager, thanked the Commission for their interest in supporting the small town newspapers. Additionally, it was reported by Mr. Anderson and Ms. Miller that the Minnehaha Messenger was sold to New Century Press.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Benninga, to designate the Argus Leader, the Brandon Valley Journal, the Garretson Gazette, and the Minnehaha Messenger as official newspapers for Minnehaha County in 2020. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RECORD OF NON-ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS

Commissioner Bender read the list of non-elected Department Heads, as of January 1, 2020.

Carol Muller, Commission Officer
Monte Watembach, Information Technology
DJ Buthe, Highway
Jamie Gravett, Juvenile Detention Center
Mark Kriens, Facilities
Bill Hoskins, Museum
Carey Jo Deaver, Human Resources

Scott Anderson, Planning & Zoning/Parks
Julie Hofer, Public Advocate
Traci Smith, Public Defender
Kari Benz, Human Services
Chris Lilla, Equalization

The following are listed as positions of public interest and are not department head positions:

Scott McMahon, Metro Communications
Jason Gearman, Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management
Kathy Richardson, Veteran Service Officer

Charles Martinnell, 4-H Advisor
MOTION by Benninga, seconded by Barth, to establish record of non-elected department heads. 5 ayes.

CORONER APPOINTMENT

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to re-appoint Dr. Kenneth Snell as the Minnehaha County Coroner for a 1 year term beginning January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

COMMISSION SALARY

Carol Muller, Commission Administrative Officer, gave a briefing on the determination of the 2020 salary for Minnehaha County Commissioners. To accommodate the payroll system, a salary of \$29,181.60 for Commissioners and \$30,240.00 for the Chair would be a divisible number for 27 pay periods in 2020. This would be an average annual increase of 1.75% between 2014 and 2020. Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, reported on the Minnehaha County Commissioner salaries being below the market average even with the proposed increase for 2020. MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to elect a salary and to approve Resolution MC20-01. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC20-01

A RESOLUTION TO ELECT SALARY, RATHER THAN PER DIEM METHOD OF PAYMENT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND SET THE 2020 ANNUAL SALARY AT \$29,181.60 EXCEPT FOR THE SALARY OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WHICH WILL BE SET AT \$30,240.00.

WHEREAS, during the first regular business meeting of 2019 the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners, the Board considered and approved the following action regarding Commission salaries; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, pursuant to the following salaries for Commissioners: the salaries for the four part-time non-chair Commissioners will be \$29,181.60. The 2020 annual salary for the Chairperson of the Board of Commission will be \$30,240.00.

Dates this 7th Day of January, 2020
APPROVED BY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Jean Bender
Chairperson
ATTEST: Bob Litz, Auditor
Olivia Larson
Deputy Auditor
MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to approve the December 31, 2019, Commission Minutes. 5

VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Karsky, to approve the bills except a bill in the amount of \$4,921.25 for the Carroll Institute resulting in a total Bills to be Paid amount of \$398,731.05. 5 ayes.

A&B Business Maint Contracts 192.28, Aaron Larsen Proper Welfare Rent 500.00, Adam, Andrew Welfare Rent 200.00, Airgas USA Gas Oil & Diesel 56.16, Airgas USA Small Tools & Shop Sup 69.63, Airway Svc Auto/Small Equip 50.45, Anderson, Jennifer Bd Evals Minnehaha 1,942.50, Angel, Edward P Attorney Fees 456.55, Avera Health Plans Cobra Ins 689.86, Avera Health Plans Ins Admin Fee 2,674.85, Avera McKennan Hospitals 7,142.41, Avera McKennan Other Medical Svcs 1,145.62, Avera McKennan Professional Svcs 465.83, Avera St Luke's Hospitals 2,769.53, Axis Forensic Toxicol Lab Costs 295.00, Baumgartners Elec Juvenile Detention Ctr 16,530.00, Beck, Jeffrey R Attorney Fees 251.75, Bentwood Manor Apts Welfare Rent 500.00, Braun, Mason Investigators Exps 257.88, Burnside Properties Welfare Rent 275.00, Cartridge World Data Processing Sup 1,362.84, Center For Family Professional Svcs 203.74, Chagolla, Albert Interpreters 200.00, Cole Papers HHS Custodial Sup 98.95, Cole Papers Janitorial Chemical Sup 98.95, Country View MHC Welfare Rent 422.00, Dakota Fluid Power Truck Repairs & Maint 35.66, Data Systems Furniture & Office Equip 17,975.00, Decastro Law Attorney Fees 3,657.50, Decision-one Maint Contracts 168.52, Dedula, Carla F Court Reporters 747.60, Dell Marketing Data Processing Equip 298.00, Dell Marketing Office Sup 751.70, Dial, Charles Welfare Rent 500.00, DLRS Properties Welfare Rent 200.00, Doop, Michael Welfare Rent 450.00, EH Hospitality Motels 625.00, Eich Law Office Attorney Fees 1,500.00, Eich Law Office Child Defense Attorney 4,166.67, Election Systems Software/Licensing 4,428.13, English Law Attorney Fees 1,500.00, Exmachina Publishing Store Inventory 89.97, Fastenal Sign Supply Inventory 92.58, Fastenal Small Tools & Shop Sup 18.59, Fleetpride Parts Inventory 1,638.81, Force America Truck Repairs & Maint 1,021.70, Franz Data Processing Sup 80.60, Gaylord Bros Program Activities 71.14, George, Aaron Welfare Rent 1,000.00, Glory House Apt Welfare Rent 500.00, Gunner, Andrea Court Reporters 115.20, Guzman, Sandra V Interpreters 99.99, Heidepriem Purtell Attorney Fees 1,795.00, Hidden Hills Apt Welfare Rent 400.00, High Plains Tech Maint Contracts 8,444.27, Horn Law Attorney Fees 213.00, Hurlgen, Timothy T Welfare Rent 700.00, Hydraulic World Truck Repairs & Maint 8.92, HyVee Pharmacies 14.02, I State Truck Center Parts Inventory 125.60, I State Truck Center Truck Repairs & Maint 24.92, Interim Healthcare Professional Svcs 919.50, Interstate All Batte Data Processing Sup 67.20, Interstate Office Sup 64.11, ISI Interpreters 180.00, Jastram, Mark Investigators Exps 32.76, Jaymar Printing/Forms 336.00, Jb-Mmak Welfare Rent 1,000.00, Jenna Girard Business Travel 136.00, Keez Property Mgmt Welfare Rent 500.00, Kipble Equip Auto/Small Equip 38.66, Knecht, Andrew J Attorney Fees 1,500.00, Kruse Law Child Defense Attorney 4,166.67, Kull, Lisa Court Reporters 2,530.00, Lamar Texas Advertising 1,050.00, Landeen Law Attorney Fees 1,500.00, Laughlin Law Attorney Fees 1,021.00, LG Everist Road Maint & Material 321.73, Locators & Sup Truck Repairs & Maint 115.10, Loving, Philip Bd Evals Minnehaha 2,632.50, Luther, Jeff Medical Director 2,500.00, Lutheran Social Svcs Education & Training 675.00, Midamerican Energy Natural Gas 560.50, Midcontinent Com Amounts Held For Others 155.00, Monterey Apts Welfare Rent 573.00, Multicultural Center Interpreters 1,141.25, NASPPG Ins Professional Ins 2,047.00, Nebraska Salt & Gr Road Material Inventory 8,380.07, Nguyen, Lam Interpreters 100.00, North Ridge Welfare Rent 604.00, Nybergs Ace Hardware JDC Maint 156.88, Odea, Steve C Welfare Rent 750.00, Olson Law Attorney Fees 1,018.20, P&G Townhomes Welfare Rent 800.00, Peterson, Mark Welfare Rent 500.00, Quality Efficiencies Welfare Rent 500.00, Ramsey Partners Welfare Rent 110.00, RDO Construct Equip Hvy Equip Reprs & Maint 904.57, Reynolds Law Child Defense Attorney 4,166.67, Risty, Maxine J Court Reporters 72.20, Roberts, Yvonne Welfare Rent 950.00, Safe Home Misc Revenue (585.04), Safe Home Nics Rec Safe Home (3,009.05), Safe Home Rent Subsidies 12,102.00, Sams Club Memberships 42.60, Sams Club Misc Exp 106.49, Sams Club Other Sup 64.68, Sams Club Professional Svcs 1,668.44, Sams Club Safe Home Donations 122.66, Sams Club Work Mileage 42.77, Sandal & Alemu Rent Welfare Rent 525.00, Sanford Clinic Contract Svcs 25,180.73, Scentair Holdings Program Activities 84.00, Schmidt, Melissa Business Travel 136.00, SD Assoc Of County Memberships 12,387.76, SD Assoc Of Criminal Memberships 300.00, SDN Coms Data Coms 588.30, SDN Coms Telephone 1,441.60, SF Specialty Hosp Ins-Other Costs 2,447.00, SF Specialty Hosp Professional Svcs 135.00, SF Specialty Hosp Recruitment 764.00, SHI International Software/Licensing 266.17, Silverstone Group Hazard Ins Bldgs 104,465.50, Silverstone Group Property & Liability 35,707.50, Sioux Empire Fair Misc Exp 12,500.00, Sioux Falls Housing Welfare Rent 500.00, Sioux Valley Energy Electricity 138.19, Sioux Valley Energy Road Maint & Material 92.39, Sioux Valley Energy Tea-Ellis Range 256.92, Smith, Eric Extradition & Evidence 193.49, Snap-On Small Equip Purchases

3,095.00, Spring Hill Welfare Rent 233.00, State of SD Amts Held-Daily Scram 5,592.00, State of SD Amts Held-Remote Breath 1,264.00, State of SD Memberships 1,275.00, Summit Food Svc Board Of Prisoners-Meals 30,185.03, Summit Food Svc Child Care Food 2,547.21, Tally Ho Apts Welfare Rent 1,265.00, Tzadik Welfare Rent 455.00, Tzadik Sioux Falls P Welfare Rent 1,400.00, University Products Office Sup 198.40, Varitech Industries Truck Repairs & Maint 412.12, Villas At Canyon Welfare Rent 500.00, Walmart Stores Pharmacies 119.90, Weerheim Law Bd Exp Fees Minnehaha 2,764.50, Western Avenue Prop Welfare Rent 350.00, Windsor Heights Apt Welfare Rent 500.00, Xigent Solutions Software 649.35, Yankton County Return Of Svc 150.00, Yemam, Nassir Interpreters 25.00.

PERSONNEL

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

New Hires

1. Bryan Brink, variable hour Certified Civil Process Server for the Sheriff's Office, at \$21.00/hour effective 1/6/20.

2. Clayton Haan, Senior Building Facilities Maintenance Technician for Facilities, at \$26.83/hour (16/8) effective 1/8/20.

3. Selina Betancourt, variable hour Juvenile Correctional Worker for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$15.25/hour effective 1/8/20.

4. Janelle Aguirre Andrade, Juvenile Correctional Officer I for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$18.99/hour (12/2) effective 1/8/20.

5. Christopher Bryan, Road Maintenance Team Member for the Highway, at \$18.99/hour (12/2) effective 1/13/20.

Step Increases

1. Michelle Thomas, Senior Deputy Public Advocate for the Public Advocate's Office, at \$3,881.60/biweekly (22/16) effective 1/2/20.

2. Lyndee Kamrath, Senior Deputy Public Advocate for the Public Advocate's Office, at \$3,108.80/biweekly (22/7) effective 1/6/20.

3. Sara Sackmann, Paralegal for the Public Defender's Office, at \$26.83/hour (16/8) effective 1/2/20.

4. Trista Severson, Legal Office Assistant for the Public Defender's Office, at \$18.52/hour (10/5) effective 1/3/20.

5. Susan Broveak, Real Estate Specialist for the Register of Deeds, at \$28.90/hour (14/15) effective 1/8/20.

6. Miles Maas, Mechanic Team Member for the Highway, at \$22.03/hour (15/2) effective 1/2/20.

7. Darin Gonsor, Appraiser for Equalization, at \$24.92/hour (15/7) effective 1/13/20.

8. Jen Adix, Human Resources Generalist for Human Resources, at \$32.69/hour (17/14) effective 12/27/19.

9. Kimberly Mayer, Tax and License Technician for the Treasurer, at \$22.58/hour (10/13) effective 12/27/19.

10. Marlin Schlenker, Tax and License Technician for the Treasurer, at \$22.58/hour (10/13) effective 12/27/19.

11. Teresa Schafer, Juvenile Correctional Officer I for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$19.95/hour (12/4) effective 12/21/19.

12. Linc Mitchell, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$25.54/hour (17/4) effective 12/16/19.

13. Janet Buckley, Senior Accounting Technician for the Jail, at \$25.54/hour (12/14) effective 12/27/19.

14. Gregory McNamara, Investigator for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$30.36/hour (16/13) effective 12/27/19.

15. Joshua Anhalt, System Administrator for Information Technology, at \$39.83/hour (21/12) effective 1/2/20.

16. Anny Libengood, Caseworker for Human Services, at \$31.90/hour (16/15) effective 12/27/19.

17. Patricia Allen, Custodian for Facilities, at \$18.52/hour (6/13) effective 12/27/19.

Special Personnel Action

To recognize the following significant employee anniversaries for January 2020: 5 years - Gail Eiesland; 10 years - Rhett Bye, Scott Berg, Duane King, and Cara Nadolski; 15 years - Carrie Mees-Burt, Miranda Petersen, Scott Anderson, and Randy Fods; 20 years - Aaron Curry and Julie Tighe; and 25 years - Mary Baker. Scott Anderson, Planning Director, spoke on his years of service and his appreciation for working with the County staff and the public. Also in attendance were Duane King, Appraiser, and Gail Eiesland, Senior Deputy State's Attorney.

To record volunteers in County Departments for December 2019. This list is on file at Human Resources.

REZONING HEARING

David Heinold, Planner II, was present for the public hearing and gave the second reading of an amendment to Ordinance MC16-90, the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance. The amendment, Rezone #19-08, is to rezone from an A-1 Agriculture District to an I-1 Light Industrial District for the property legally described as Tract A of Lot 2, & The West 800 Feet of Lot 2 (Ex. H-1, H-3, H-4, & H-5), SE1/4 NW1/4; all in Section 27-T101N-R48W, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, located approximately 3.5 miles east of Sioux Falls at 48127 SD State Highway 42. The property is a parcel of land that is approximately 8.75 acres. The petitioner, Chris Lidel, contacted the Planning & Zoning Department on December 18, 2019, requesting a cancellation of his rezoning request. At the time of Mr. Lidel's request for cancellation, the property owners were Douglas K. Ode and Royalwood Farms who were contacted by staff and expressed the desire to proceed with the rezoning process. The subject property is identified as the Iverson's Crossing focus area in the Red Rock Corridor Plan, comprised of a large mix of land uses such as agri-

cultural, recreational, residential, and commercial. The Envision 2035 Minnehaha County Comprehensive Plan encourages commercial and industrial development near the intersection of two paved highways. The adjacent land uses to the subject property are commercial, mining, and agriculture. After a site visit on November 12, 2019, staff determined that the rezone is an appropriate change. The rezone was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on November 25, 2019, with one abstention by Planning Commissioner Ode. In response to a question from Commissioner Heiberger, Scott Anderson, Planning Director, spoke on the house on the subject property being a grandfathered use if the rezone were to be approved. The house could be renovated, but no additions or expansions could take place. In response to a question from Commissioner Heiberger, Doug Ode, 205 Pasque Flower Trail, Brandon, stated that he sold the subject property as of December 30, 2019, and no longer had legal rights to the subject property. Mr. Anderson stated he was unaware of the sale of the property and deferred to the State's Attorney's Office in response to a question regarding the legality of passing a rezoning request where the applicant has withdrawn and the property's ownership has changed. Maggie Gillespie, Senior Deputy State's Attorney, responded stating that if there is a change of ownership and the new owner of the property has not come forward, then there appears to be no applicant. Commissioner Bender inquired about the proper procedure for handling this type of situation. Mr. Anderson recommended denying the request without prejudice to allow the current owner to come forward with a rezoning request if they so desired. Commissioner Heiberger suggested taking no action. Commissioner Karsky suggested deferring the item for one week to allow the State's Attorney's Office more time to consider the situation. Mr. Anderson agreed with Commissioner Karsky and stated that it would allow staff to contact the current property owner to provide them the opportunity to consider the rezone. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Barth, to defer action on the item until the January 14, 2020, Commission Meeting. 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION

Tessa Schwans, 26526 Lakeview Place, Hartford, Friends of Wall Lake Trail Representative, requested support for the Friends of Wall Lake Trail in the form of a resolution to declare the County's support and willingness to sponsor grant applications submitted on behalf of the non-profit entity for the purpose of constructing a public recreation trail around Wall Lake. In response to a question from Commissioner Benninga, Scott Anderson, Planning Director, and Carol Muller, Commissioner Administrative Officer, spoke on how to assign any grant dollars that may be awarded for the Wall Lake Trail Project. Peggy Bevier, 46271 Wall Lake Place, Hartford, spoke in opposition of the Wall Lake Trail Project, provided a packet to the Commissioners displaying the results of a self-started vote on the project, and spoke on the way in which she solicited votes. Bill Huffman, 46270 W Shore Pl, Hartford, spoke on concerns regarding available restrooms, parking, costs, and future maintenance. John Merrow, 46230 266th Street, Hartford, spoke in opposition and brought up concerns regarding safety,

Public Notices

WHEREAS, during a regular Commission Meeting on November 12, 2019 the Commission heard from the representatives of Friends of Wall Lake Trail Project and from residents residing in the preliminary area of the envisioned project regarding the proposed construction of a public recreational trail envisioned to complete a contiguous loop around Wall Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was provided an estimate on the monies needed to begin the grant application process and to perform preliminary work for grant submission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission fully supports and recognizes the benefit of the trail project and the need to provide recreational opportunities to citizens of the community and is willing to sponsor and endorse grant applications for the trail project; therefore: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that Minnehaha County will coordinate with Friends of Wall Lake Trail to sponsor, endorse, and coordinate grant applications for the purpose of constructing a public recreational trail around the perimeter of Wall Lake and the County will accept the grant funding and comply with all grant conditions.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2020. APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender, Commission Chair
 ATTEST: Bob Litz, Auditor
 Olivia Larson, Deputy Auditor

POLLING LOCATIONS
 Bob Litz, Auditor, presented a resolution in accordance with SDCL § 12-12-1 and 12-14-1 establishing record of all designated polling places in Minnehaha County for 2020 elections. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to approve Resolution MC20-03. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC20-03
 ESTABLISH RECORD OF 2020 MINNEHAHA COUNTY DESIGNATED POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL § 12-12-1 and § 12-14-1 the County Auditor shall give notice of all designated polling places prior to any election he or she is charged with conducting, and

WHEREAS, the Minnehaha County Auditor's Office intends to make a record of all designated polling places in the County for 2020 elections, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Minnehaha County Commission that the following locations will serve as polling places in 2020:

- Precinct, Polling Place, Address
- 1-3, First Presbyterian Church, 2300 S West Ave
- 1-4, Center for Active Generations, 2300 W 46th St
- 1-5, Center for Active Generations, 2300 W 46th St
- 1-6, Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, 4801 W 41st St
- 1-9, Peace Lutheran Church, 5509 W 41st St
- 1-10, Sioux Falls First Church, 6300 W 41st St
- 1-17, Sanford Wellness Center, 8701 W 32nd St
- 2-1, Calvary Chapel Sioux Falls,

- 1605 W 51st St
- 2-2, Ronning Branch Library, 3100 E 49th St
- 2-3, Morningside Community Center, 2400 S Bahnsen Ave
- 2-6, Westminster Presbyterian, 3801 E 26th St
- 2-7, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 2600 S Sycamore Ave
- 2-8, Avera Prince of Peace Retirement Community, 4513 S Prince of Peace Pl
- 2-9, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5500 East 57th St
- 2-14, Eastside Baptist Church, 6101 E 49th St
- 3-5, 908 Building, 908 N West Ave
- 3-6, 908 Building, 908 N West Ave
- 3-9, Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons, 1101 S Marion Rd
- 3-10, Memorial Middle School, 1401 S Sertoma Ave
- 3-11, Church at the Gate, 6820 W 26th St
- 3-12, MariCar Community Center, 400 N Valley View Rd
- 3-13, Kuehn Community Center, 2801 S Valley View Rd
- 3-14, Career Technical Education, 4700 W Career Cir
- 3-15, St Michael's Catholic Church, 1600 S Marion Rd
- 3-16, Memorial Middle School, 1401 S Sertoma Ave
- 3-17, Prairie West Library, 7630 W 26th St
- 4-1, Sioux Falls Main Library, 200 N Dakota Ave
- 4-2, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1600 E 12th St
- 4-3, East Side Lutheran Church, 1300 E 10th St
- 4-4, Wesley United Methodist Church, 1700 E 6th St
- 4-5, Fire Station # 7, 1100 E. Benson Rd.
- 4-6, Faith Lutheran Church, 601 N Cliff Ave
- 4-7, Kenny Anderson Community Center, 3701 E 3rd St
- 4-8, Kenny Anderson Community Center, 3701 E 3rd St
- 4-9, Grace Lutheran Church, 3300 E 18th St
- 4-10, St Lambert's Catholic Church, 1000 S Bahnsen Ave
- 4-11, Wild Flower Presbyterian Church, 4800 E 6th St
- 4-12, Hilltop United Methodist Church, 1312 S Bahnsen Ave
- 4-13, Grace Lutheran Church, 3300 E 18th St
- 4-14, Sioux Falls Main Library, 200 N Dakota Ave
- 5-1, First Lutheran Church, 327 S Dakota Ave
- 5-2, First Lutheran Church, 327 S Dakota Ave
- 5-3, Zion Lutheran Church, 1400 S Duluth Ave
- 5-4, DakotaAbilities, 1116 S 4th Ave
- 5-6, Hope Lutheran, 1700 S Cliff Ave
- 5-7, All Souls Church, 2222 S Cliff Ave
- 5-8, Instructional Planning Center, 201 E 38th St
- 5-9, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 909 W 33rd St
- 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, 2300 S West Ave
- 5-11, Calvary Chapel Sioux Falls, 1605 W 51st St
- 5-12, Instructional Planning Center, 201 E 38th St
- 5-13, Instructional Planning Cen-

- ter, 201 E 38th St
- 5-14, USF Cleveland Professional Development Center, 1010 W 26th St
- 5-17, Asbury United Methodist Church, 2425 S Western Ave
- 5-18, Faith Family Church, 127 N Spring Ave
- 5-19, St Mark's Lutheran Church, 2001 S Elmwood Ave
- 5-20, Oyate Community Center, 2421 W 15th St
- 5-21, Trinity Baptist Church, 2400 W 18th St
- VP-1, Valley Springs American Legion Club, 615 Broadway
- VP-2, Split Rock Fire Station, 7201 E Hwy 42
- VP-3, Brandon Municipal Golf Course, 2100 E Aspen Blvd
- VP-4, Mapleton Township Hall, 47419 258th St
- VP-5, Brandon City Hall - Council Chambers, 308 S Main Ave
- VP-6, MariCar Community Center, 400 N Valley View Rd
- VP-7, Hartford City Hall, 125 N Main Ave
- VP-8, Humboldt Community Center, 118 S. Main St
- VP-9, Baltic Elementary Gymnasium, 500 3rd St
- VP-10, American Legion - Garretson, 504 N Main Ave
- VP-11, Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, 701 Orleans Ave
- VP-12, Heesch Farm, 24883 481st Ave
- VP-13, Taopi Community Hall, 102 E 3rd St
- VP-15, Brandon Fire Station, 401 Sioux Blvd
- VP-16, Crooks Community Center, 701 S West Ave
- VP-17, Wall Lake Township Hall, 26452 463rd Ave
- VP-21, Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, 701 Orleans Ave

Dated this 7th day of January, 2020. APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender, Commission Chair
 ATTEST: Bob Litz, Auditor
 Olivia Larson, Deputy Auditor

BRIEFING
 Bob Litz, Auditor, briefed the Commission on the Notice of Deadline for Filing Nominating Petitions for the Primary Election and for Filing Independent Candidate Petitions that will be published in the official County newspapers between January 15th, 2020, and January 30th, 2020, pursuant to SDCL § 12-12-1.

ELECTION PAY
 Bob Litz, Auditor, presented a resolution to set the 2020 pay schedule for election workers. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Barth, to approve Resolution MC20-04. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC20-04
 WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appoint election officials in 2020 and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11, the fee paid to election officials shall be established annually by the board of county commissioners at its first regular meeting of the year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners that for the year 2020, election officials shall be paid as follows:
 Precinct Superintendent, \$180.00 per day

Precinct Deputy, \$150.00 per day
 Absentee Precinct, Counting Center, And Precinct Assistants, \$12.00 per hour
 Precinct set up (Paid to Supt. & Deputy), \$15.00 per session
 Precinct tear down (Paid to Supt. & Deputy), \$15.00 per session
 Election School attendance paid to all attendees, \$15.00 flat rate
 Usage of Personal Cell phone at Precinct (One Individual), \$10.00 flat rate
 Rate of rent for polling locations, \$100.00 flat rate
 Date this 7th day of January, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender, Commission Chair
 ATTEST: Olivia Larson, Deputy Auditor

BOARD APPOINTMENTS
 Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, gave a briefing on applications received for appointment to the Siouxland Heritage Museum Board. Jerry Beckler, 1309 S Olive Drive, Sioux Falls, and Roger Buechler, 24798 Pine Circle, Dell Rapids, submitted applications. MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to appoint Jerry Beckler and Roger Buechler to three year terms on the Siouxland Heritage Museum Board beginning January 1, 2020. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Scott Anderson, Planning Director, gave a briefing on applications received for appointment to the Minnehaha County Planning Commission Board. The following three individuals submitted applications for appointment: Ryan VanDerVliet, 24942 459 Ave, Humboldt; Daniel Glammer, 25474 475th Ave, Baltic; and Doug Ode, 205 Pasque Flower Trail, Brandon. Mr. Glammer was present and spoke on his construction background, banking background, and reasons for wanting to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Ode was present and spoke on his previous years of service on the Planning Commission and the need for a voice from the southeastern part of the County. MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to re-appoint Ryan VanDerVliet and Doug Ode to the Minnehaha County Planning Commission for five year terms ending on December 31, 2024. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

CONTRACT
 Kari Benz, Human Services Director, presented the 2020 contract between Minnehaha County and Carroll Institute to provide housing and a low-intensity, short term residential and pre-treatment program for individuals who have been court ordered into treatment. The major provisions of the contract are as follows: Carroll Institute will provide housing for individuals in their facility at 327 S. Spring, Sioux Falls at a flat rate of \$78.54 per day/per bed on an as needed/as available basis; and the Sheriff's Office will provide transportation from the detoxification center or the jail upon a schedule determined by the Sheriff's Office. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Barth, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2020 Contract for Short-Term Residential Substance Abuse Pre-Treatment Services between Minnehaha County

and Carroll Institute beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at a flat rate of \$78.54 per day/per bed. 5 ayes.

BRIEFING
 Betty Oldenkamp, Lutheran Social Services President/CEO, and Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen, Lutheran Social Services Vice-President of Community Services, gave a briefing on South Dakota Refugee Resettlement and requested the Commission consider a formal letter of consent in response to Executive Order 13888 issued by President Trump in September 2019.

POLICY REVIEW
 Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, presented the annual review of the Minnehaha County Facility Power Outage Response Protocol that went into effect January 1, 2012. The policy has been sent to Department Heads for review and discussion with staff.

LIAISON REPORTS
 Commissioner Heiberger reported that problems with the 4-H's phone systems having been resolved.

Commissioner Karsky reported on a meeting held on January 6, 2020, to discuss the formation of a board for the Triage Center Project.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to recess the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting at 10:43 a.m. 5 ayes.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Beninga, to reconvene the Minnehaha County Commission Meeting at 10:55 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). ayes.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Barth, to adjourn. 5 ayes.

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender, Commission Chair
 ATTEST: Olivia Larson, Deputy Auditor
 Published at the approximate cost of \$330.33.
 January 15, 2020

NOTICE OF DEADLINE
 NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed. For the offices of County Treasurer, County State's Attorney, and County Commissioner (2) nominating petitions must be filed in the

office of the Minnehaha County Auditor, and nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Public Utilities Commissioner, State Senate for Legislative Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, and State Representatives (2) in each of the Legislative Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25 must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate for president in the general election is August 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by August 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed.

Nominating petitions for the offices of County Treasurer, State's Attorney, County Commissioner (2), and Statement to be filed by the person wishing to fill positions of Democratic or Republican Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman must be filed in the office of the County Auditor during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senate for Legislative Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, State Representatives (2) in each of the Legislative Districts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, and Heartland Consumer Power District Director Subdivisions 4 must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

Robert Litz, County Auditor
 Published twice at the approximate cost of \$41.76.
 January 15 & 22, 2020

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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 January 8 & 15, 2020

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she said. "I am expecting that appropriators will address funding for educators and state employees. The shortage of funding hampers sufficient funds to meet the statutory requirement for educators. With that being said, we need to look at options to fund educators and state employees."

Sutton lists mental health, department of corrections, meth prevention and treatment services and education as hot topics this session. She plans to introduce a bill regarding mental health.

Barthel said he will reintroduce a bill similar to 2019's HB 1088, which centers on distracted driving.

"We came within one vote of passing that last year, and I think we have a decent chance of getting it across the finish line this year," he said.

Barthel is presently writing a couple of other bills in the criminal justice area, but are still in the works, he said.

Legalizing industrial hemp, marijuana

Gov. Noem recently shared her "Four Guardrails" for a path forward on decriminalizing industrial hemp with legislators. She has not been a proponent of legalizing hemp.

"Last year, I vetoed a bill that didn't address concerns surrounding public safety, law enforcement, or fund-

Noem wants country to know: S.D. open for business

Dana Hess
 Community News Service

PIERRE — In a preview of her State of the State address, on Monday Gov. Kristi Noem released excerpts from her prepared remarks as well as a Facebook video declaring that South Dakota is ready to attract new businesses.

"I want you to know that my main vision for South Dakota and what I want to tell the rest of the country and the world is that our state is open for business," Noem said in the video.

Growing the economy, according to Noem, is essential for South Dakota's prosperity.

"Our economy needs to grow. Our children and grandchildren need opportunities to stay here and be successful," Noem said in the video.

Without getting into specifics in Monday's statement, Noem pledged to work to fulfill the dream of her father who wanted all of his children to be able to stay and work on the family ranch.

ing. I asked the legislature to wait until we had direction from the federal government and a plan to address those concerns. Now since that time, things have changed. Federal guidelines have been put in place, a South Dakota tribe has been given the green light on production, and other states' actions mean we need to address hemp transportation through our state. The legislative summer study also did great work, and they included some good ideas," she wrote in a letter to state leaders.

Noem's four guardrails are: Reliable enforcement

"We must ensure that every South Dakotan can build their life here and make a good living, so they can provide for their families and maintain our traditions and way of life," Noem said in her remarks.

To protect South Dakota traditions, Noem said she will rely on four pillars: keeping taxes low, limiting government spending, fighting government intrusion and keeping government open and honest.

Noem said she will tell business prospects about these characteristics of South Dakota: the work ethic and values of its people; the lack of corporate, personal and personal property taxes; a stable tax base; a balanced state budget; the state's AAA credit rating and fully funded state pension plan; a lack of red tape; and the state's outdoor opportunities.

Noem delivered her second State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature Tuesday afternoon following the Journal's press deadline. See next week's BV Journal for a recap of Gov. Noem's address.

standards; Responsible regulations regarding licensing, reporting, and inspections; An appropriate plan for safe transportation; and An adequate funding plan.

South Dakotans will decide whether to legalize recreational marijuana in November.

The South Dakota Secretary of State's Office confirmed the validated the initiated constitutional amendment earlier this month, which will appear on the 2020 ballot as Constitutional Amendment A. The office deemed more than 36,000 petition signatures valid based on a ran-

dom sample.

If passed, it would legalize marijuana and require the Legislature to pass laws regarding hemp, including laws to ensure access to marijuana for medical use, according to the Secretary of State's Office. Residents have until 5 p.m. CT Feb. 5 to challenge the ballot measure.

Voters will also decide in November whether to legalize medical marijuana in Initiated Measure 26, which was also validated. The deadline to challenge that initiated measure is 5 p.m. CT Jan. 20.

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to say opinions are formed on just one side of the issue. Looking at an issue from one side usually leads to poor decisions.

The *Journal* does not favor or oppose a bike trail on the other side of the county, but what we are talking about is that local newspapers give people the chance to be informed about what is going on in their communities.

And by their recent vote in naming legal newspapers, the Minnehaha County Commission supports opening the lines of communication, as well.

So, today, when so many look at governing bodies and scratch their heads, we get to look at the Minnehaha Commissioners and, again, say, "WOW"!

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receiving an epiphany of who this is: God's Son, the Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.

The question for us as people living in the year 2020 is what do these events of Jesus' life continue to reveal to us about who we are, what do we learn and what sort of epiphanies will take place in our life through the work of the Holy Spirit?

Pastors look for these epiphanies, too. We are often reading and study about new ways to engage congregation members, a new Bible study, a sermon series, a stewardship plan, church governance, etc. but in my experience while these things are necessary and good, it is rarely through those avenues that the epiphanies come.

Epiphany happens when you run yourself ragged chasing all those things that you think will make you more spiritual, a better Christian, a more effective minister, a better preacher and then Jesus says to you follow me.

Stop chasing the self-help and self-improvement that you think you need and follow me. Love God and love your neighbor. May we keep getting called back to that powerful truth and may it be the epiphany for us every day.

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court Jan. 23 to face Brookings for a second time.

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Brandon Valley (2PFG, 3PFG, FT, TP): Jaxon LaBrie 1-2 0-2 5-7 7; Jaksen Deckert 2-2 0-0 3-5 7; Ty Westcott 1-1

0-0 0-0 2; Nate Lear 1-2 0-0 0-0 2; Joe Kolbeck 0-0 0-0 4-6 4; Hunter Marso 1-1 0-0 1-2 3; Aydin Lloynd 1-3 1-3 0-0 5; Payton Tietjen 2-2 0-0 1-5 5; Jackson Hilton 2-4 3-6 0-0 13; Gavin Terhark 3-4 0-2 0-0 6; Jay Jurgens 3-3 0-0 0-0 6. **Totals:** 17-24 4-13 14-25 60.

Wild game feed raises \$12K for BV kids

Jamie Hult
Staff writer

Around 180 people belied up to the table for Monday's wild game feed at 212 to chow down on unique dishes and give to a worthy cause.

The Brandon Valley Optimists raised \$12,000 at their annual feed Jan. 13. About \$7,000 of that is profit, said Optimist Josh Buhman, for Brandon Valley schools' angel funds.

"It helps the kids with anything from winter coats to lunch money," said president A.J. Menden.

The Optimists sold tickets to the event for the first time this year, and the feed was pared down from two nights to one. In past years, they received free will donations.

Though attendance was down, "people gave more individually this year than they did last year," Menden said.

The all-you-can-eat feed also included several raffles of big-ticket

items, like guns and large coolers. Ace Hardware employee Alan Nedved was on hand to run background checks so the guns could be signed over to the winners that night.

"It's a great event to do every year," said Freddy Torberson with Tony's Catering. "The most exciting thing is it feeds hungry kids and stays local."

The menu included 30 to 40 different wild game dishes, including moose roast, venison BBQ meatballs, goose poppers, pepper jack deer sausage potatoes, sweet and sour pheasant, pheasant enchiladas, beer meat queso and pig.

Beaver was new this year, as was buffalo brisket.

"It's absolutely delicious. They've been out there smoking all day," Torberson said.

Jaws dropped and cell phone cameras clicked when Jesse Severson, chef at The Barrel House and Kravn, brought out the smoked boar and alligator.

Scott and Lori Skoglund came



Jamie Hult/BV Journal

People crowd around for a glimpse or photo of the smoked pig and alligator at the Brandon Optimists' wild game feed fundraiser Monday night at 212.

for a second year with their two youngsters.

"I was here last year and just

loved it," Scott said.

"I'm excited about the alliga-

tor," his wife added.

Their daughter, Karlie, decided to play it safe and stick to the tortilla chips.

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chapter.

That's when Smithback decided to grow the idea in Brandon and the surrounding area.

"He sent me a text message, asking, 'Hey, you want to drive to Idaho?'" Westphalen recalled.

The two gained their SHP training in May 2019 and since that time have organized the build of 60 beds.

The project got ample support from Lowe's, who signed on as the corporate sponsor. The large-scale retailer donated all of the tools and covered the cost of 40 beds that were constructed at their first major build in November.

On Saturday, volunteers from the church worked side by side in assembly-line fashion to build 20 beds, which were sponsored by Faith United.

"Our big thing right now is just to continue to get more businesses, more churches, more individuals involved, to donate anything from sponsoring an entire build day, sponsoring mattresses, bedding, pillows, stuff like that. We're just looking for more donations and more volunteers," Westphalen said.

The cost to build a single

bed is \$175, and bunk beds are \$350.

Each of the single beds requires an assortment of boards — one, 2x6 and two, 2x4's per headboard (there are two headboards), four 1x4's, two, 2x6 side rails, and nine, 39-inch long slats.

Every one of the boards is sanded, then handed off for pre-drilling, assembly, staining, and finally branding each headboard with the SHP logo.

Once the beds are complete, they're delivered in pieces. The end goal, Smithback explains, is to have the volunteers who have built the beds deliver them as well to "experience the whole SHP experience," he said.

Smithback and Westphalen were both surprised to learn an estimated 6,000 kids in the Sioux Empire area are sleeping on the floor, an old mattress, or do not have a bed or any sort of adequate sleeping arrangements at all.

"So that's why we're trying to get all of the communities around the area to hop on board with us to help us out," Smithback said.

Each of the 20 beds made Saturday were already spoken for, he said. On aver-



Jill Meier/BV Journal

At least one headboard is signed by volunteers at every build.

age, Smithback said, they receive a request for a bed every week.

The true reward for SHP volunteers comes when they deliver the beds.

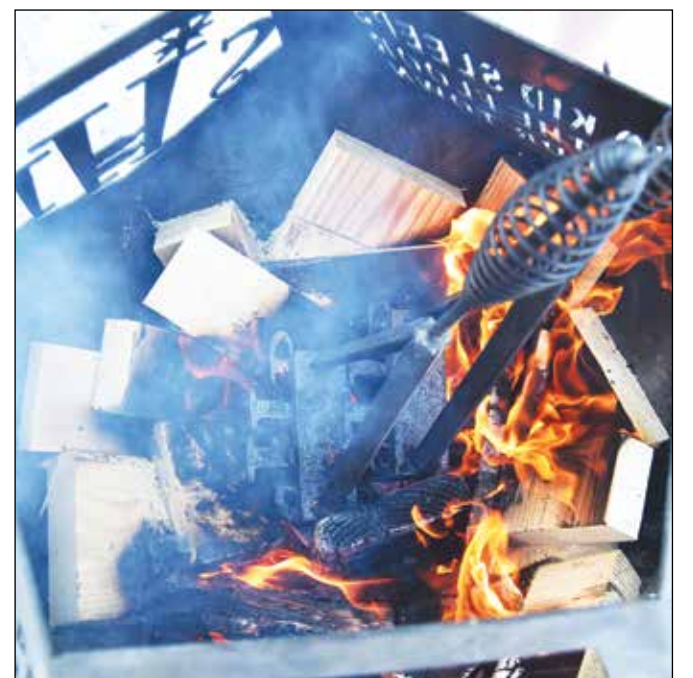
"There's nothing like it," Westphalen assures.

"It's unbelievable," adds Smithback. "A kid's face will light up pretty quick, and we always encourage them and try to help them set it up and make the beds."

The locally-based SHP chapter hopes to partner with other churches and organizations, not only for build days, but to help pro-

vide quilts, blankets, bedding, pillows and the like.

"We're trying to get some of the older generation to help make some quilts," Westphalen said. "The kids will actually like the quilts or the handmade blankets better than the bed because it's nice and they've never had anything handmade for them, especially some of the older ones; it's kind of



A branding iron heats up in a firepit made by students in Sioux Falls specifically for the SHP chapter.

like a (gift from the) grandmother they've never met before."

SHP works with several organizations in Sioux Falls and the area for referrals.

"But anybody can refer themselves or if they know somebody in need, they can go to our website at SHPbeds.org, fill out the application, and then that comes to us, and we go through our vetting process,

make phone calls and line it up," Smithback said.

Organizers are planning a future build this spring or summer.

"We'd like to do it outside next," Smithback said.

Westphalen said if other congregations want to sponsor a build day, they will bring the donated tools to the site and set it up for production. Visit SHPbeds.org to make arrangements.



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